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Some Questions About Barnett's Compensation Answered, Others Remain Unanswered

This **IS IT TRUE** was originally posted on March 11, 2010.

IS IT TRUE the publisher of the CITY COUNTY OBSERVER 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?

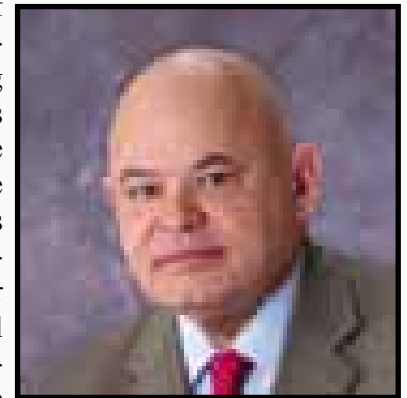
The Answer is YES, IT IS TRUE!

Since January, the staff of the City-County Observer has been listening to a few elected officials and Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville (GAGE) Board Members state facts about the organization's finances. After hearing seven people tell us that Tom Barnett, Executive Director of the Dept. of Metropolitan Development, was receiving money from GAGE in addition to his city-paid salary, questions were emailed to Barnett.

These questions were met with no response.

On March 11, 2010, the City-County Observer began running questions similar to those asked of Barnett. These questions led to reactions from readers and more information from new sources. Readers called and asked for email addresses of city council members and city leaders. They were directed to the city's website (www.evansvillegov.org). One local resident and candidate for Knight Township Trustee, Jim Braker, found the gumption to stand before the Evansville City Council on April 5, and ask them to find out if Barnett was receiving additional funds from GAGE. Councilman Dan McGinn took the issue on personally, asking for information regarding Barnett's and any other city employee's compensation above that of their normal salary.

At Monday evening's Evansville City Council meeting, City Controller Jenny Collins explained Barnett's pay. She stated that Barnett receives \$71,178 as his city-appropriated salary and \$42,643 from GAGE as a non-voting, ex-officio



**Tom Barnett, Executive
Director of DMD**

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member of the board. This brought his total salary to \$113,821. Collins then tried to explain how DMD is funded, stating that DMD only gets \$171,000 from the city, and the rest comes from the state and federal government, HUD and Community Development Block Grants.

City Attorney David Jones then pled Barnett's case, while Councilman McGinn fired the questions. He first asked who brokered the deal. Jones said that after the passing of former DMD Director Greg Lamar, Barnett applied for the position.

McGinn's next question asked who suggested Barnett be paid \$42,600. Jones replied that he did not know.

McGinn followed by questioning how the money was earmarked for Barnett's salary, which Jones and Collins stated that GAGE has a pool of money.

The next question by the councilman was "Does the city give money to GAGE?" Collins answered that money was appropriated and given to GAGE by the Evansville Bond Bank. According to Collins, GAGE received \$257,000 in 2009; \$225,000 in 2008; and \$225,000 in 2007.

McGinn then asked if Barnett's salary was the reason for the increase in payments to GAGE. This was met with uncertainty on the parts of Collins and Jones.

Next, McGinn asked for a job description regarding Barnett's position with GAGE. Jones replied with a laundry list of tasks Barnett performs which were virtually identical to his role as Executive Director of DMD.

McGinn then asked if Barnett has a contract with GAGE. Jones answered in the affirmative. McGinn followed up by asking for a copy of the contract.

"Did Mr. Lamar get any money from GAGE?" asked McGinn.

"I don't think so," said Jones.

McGinn's final question was "Why was this not brought before the salary committee?"

The first statement made by Jones was "That was not going to happen with our economy."

Questions were then raised regarding the Bond Bank.

Collins said that the Bond Bank comes from the City of Evansville. "It's not tax dollars directly. Some comes from Casino Aztar."

McGinn then asked for a statement of all money that goes to GAGE from the city. He also asked for a list of purposes for funds used by the Bond Bank.

Account and Councilman John Friend then began to ask questions. His first question was to ask Jones who does the certified audit of GAGE.

Jones responded that he did not know.

Friend asked for copies of audits, the form 990s and management letter, but he added that they may not give that.

The questions asked and answered at Monday's Evansville

City Council meeting created even more questions about Barnett's compensation, the Bond Bank and GAGE. Additional research presented many answers.

According to sources, GAGE Executive Board Members were aware of the arrangement. In fact, the motion of Barnett's compensation was voted on and ratified at the March 2008 Executive Committee meeting of GAGE. Among those reportedly present in this meeting were Mayor and Co-founder of GAGE Jonathan Weinzapfel, Ed Jones, Lloyd Winnecke, Troy Tornata, Dan Bugher and Dan Ahrens. (The minutes of which should be forthcoming, as a phone message was left for Julie Gorman, of GAGE, on Tuesday.)

In a story from the Evansville Courier and Press dated January 28, 2008, Jimmy Nesbitt wrote quoted Barnett:

"I am delighted at the prospect of serving the City of Evansville; it is a vibrant and exciting place. There are so many innovative and far-reaching projects that are planned and underway," Barnett said in the release. "I look forward to the tasks ahead and intend to work hard for the community, Mayor Weinzapfel, the staffers at the DMD, the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville (GAGE), and members of the business community."

However, the article never mentions the how or how much Barnett will be compensated. It also fails to mention a contract or what Barnett's duties will include. The story resembles the press release sent by the Mayor's office on January 28, 2008.

Follow-up questions were then sent to former GAGE CEO Joe Wallace regarding Barnett's involvement with the 501(c)-3 organization. They were as follows:

Q. Did you participate in the interview process that resulted in Tom Barnett being hired into DMD or GAGE?

A. No, I did not interview him. I did have a phone conversation with him about life in Evansville as compared to Paducah. It was all small talk.

Q. Did Tom Barnett report to you in any capacity?

A. No, I never gave Tom any assignments, nor did I contribute to his annual performance review.

Q. Are board members of GAGE paid?

A. Not in the time that I was the CEO.

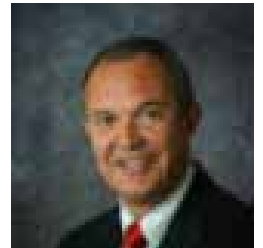
Q. Did members of the GAGE board volunteer their time?

A. Yes, we had board members who volunteered nearly as though they were on staff and we had others who we only saw for board meetings.

Q. Who was the Chairman of GAGE when you were CEO?

A. Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel was Chairman during my entire time of employment.

Q. Did you originate the idea to pay Tom Barnett through GAGE?



Joe Wallace

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A. No, I did not. I also did not write a contract for him or decide the amount of the contract.

Q. As President and CEO of GAGE, did you have a vote on board decisions?

A. No, neither did Tom as he was an ex-officio board member.

Wallace added, "The previous director of DMD did not have any outside deal that I was aware of. If he was paid 100% out of DMD funds, then there should be no legal reason that Mr. Barnett could not be paid 100% from DMD funds."

According to Indiana Code 36-4-7-3(b) –Fixing compensation of city appointive officers and employees, "Subject to the approval of the city legislative body, the city executive shall fix compensation of each appointive officer..."

According to I.C. 36-4-7-5 Salaries scheduled in state board of accounts budget classifications, "Salaries of city officers and employees shall be scheduled as provided in the budget classification prescribed by the state board of accounts."

The Indiana Code also offers statutes for the "Redevelopment of Blighted Areas." In I.C. 36-7-14-23 Duties of officer of governmental unit – No additional compensation, "An officer performing these duties is not entitled to any compensation in addition to that paid him by the unit."

On page seven of GAGE's 2008 tax return (form 990) under Part VII "Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors," the only director listed as being compensated was Joe Wallace, with a salary of \$115,023.

At the 2010 Evansville Public Improvement Bond Bank, GAGE requested \$262,000. The Bond Bank reportedly approved the request. (This was not mentioned in the meeting.)

According to a press release from Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel's Office, dated June 5, 2006, "The Evansville Bond Bank, first established by City ordinance in 1982, is designed to help finance eligible projects undertaken by local government that develop infrastructure, promote education and tourism, and assist economic development. Specifically, the Bond Bank will manage and oversee the \$15 million provided to the City of Evansville by Casino Aztar as a part of the most recent lease extension."

Those appointed to the Bond Bank Board include Bix Branson, Ron Christian, Ryan Beal, Ira Neal and Sherrienne Standley, who serves as chairperson.

According to GAGE's contract with the City of Evansville, the organization was supposed to receive \$225,000 for their duties.


According to the Vanderburgh County Clerk's Office, Barnett has no "Conflict of Interest" statement on file; yet, he is said to be a consultant for GAGE and the Executive Director

of DMD. DMD provides funds for GAGE projects, such as the Greyhound Bus Station murals. GAGE and DMD also work together on the management of Innovation Point.

On July 17, 2009, the Evansville Redevelopment Commission, a DMD board, gave GAGE a \$280,000 interest-free, unsecured loan. The only signature on the document belonged to Tom Barnett.

When asked about moving expenses or any additional compensation, Wallace stated that GAGE paid Barnett's moving expenses from Paducah, Ky., and was later reimbursed by the City of Evansville.

This begs the question: When will someone step up and ask the State Board of Accounts for an audit of GAGE and DMD?



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NEWS

Attorney General alerts consumers to risk of phony health insurance scams

INDIANAPOLIS - Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller warns Hoosiers that scam artists might defraud residents into buying phony health insurance policies by claiming the new federal health care law makes such purchases mandatory now. It does not; but misunderstanding about the new law creates an opening for scammers to exploit consumers' fears, Zoeller said.

"It comes as little surprise that the federal government's requirement that individuals buy health insurance starting in 2014 would embolden scammers to defraud people into buying it needlessly now," Zoeller said. "The Indiana Attorney General's Office has not yet received complaints of salespeople pushing dubious or phony health insurance policies onto Hoosiers. But the situation is ripe for fraudsters to sow misunderstandings among the public and then sell them worthless financial products."

On Tuesday, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius sent a letter to state attorneys general nationwide. The letter warns that HHS has received reports of scammers going door-to-door selling phony insurance policies and urging people to obtain coverage during a non-existent "limited enrollment" period they falsely claim the new law created. Sebelius' letter urges state authorities to investigate any such scams if they surface.

Zoeller said the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division stands ready to investigate scams and assist anyone who has received such unsolicited sales offers. Beyond violating Indiana's own state insurance regulations, phony health insurance offers could violate Indiana's law in other ways. Offers made through telephone solicitors or robo-calls potentially might violate some of Indiana's Telephone Privacy statutes. Hoosiers can lodge a complaint at <http://www.indianaconsumer.com/> or by calling 1.800.382.5516.

The new federal healthcare law passed in March contains a mandate that individuals who don't already have health coverage must purchase a commercial insurance product from a private company starting in 2014. That is when states will be required to start operating insurance exchanges where insurance companies will offer health policies

that uninsured individuals can purchase.

"That mandate is three years away, and while many details still are unknown, I would be extremely surprised if door-to-door salespeople would be enlisted to sell plans under this scheme," said Deputy Attorney General Abigail Kuzma, director of the Consumer Protection Division. "People who want private insurance coverage now and don't qualify for a public plan should consult with established, licensed insurance agents and obtain multiple quotes before buying any policy, even short-term."

Indiana's acting Insurance Commissioner Doug Webber stated that to sell insurance in Indiana, a company and its agents must be licensed. In addition, healthcare products must be filed with the Indiana Department of Insurance for pre-approval. Consumers can verify licensing and pre-approval by contacting the Department of Insurance website at <http://www.IN.gov/idoi> or by calling (800) 622-4461.

The individual mandate is one of the grounds for Indiana's participation in a multi-state legal challenge to the federal healthcare law. Other grounds for Indiana's joining the lawsuit are that the new law encroaches upon the state's sovereignty, by requiring state government to operate a federal insurance-exchange program. The legal challenge is filed in U.S. District Court in Florida with 16 states - including Indiana - participating as plaintiffs. Zoeller said the case ought to be heard and decided by the United States Supreme Court.

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NEWS

New Look for Arena Project Website and Logo

EVANSVILLE – A revamped website and logo for the new Evansville Arena Project were unveiled this evening at a public meeting of the Evansville Arena Project Committee. The changes are meant to make the website more user-friendly and provide complete, up-to-date information on the project.

The website, www.EvansvilleArenaProject.com, includes reports on economic impact, financing and the public process that resulted in the development of the new arena. The site also contains the latest news on the project, answers to frequently asked questions, information for vendors, and a webcam that provides images of arena construction progress. In addition, citizens can subscribe to email alerts about construction, traffic and other arena-related subjects.

“Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel appointed our Committee in part to make sure that the public was kept fully informed about this crucial step forward in the City’s future,” Committee Chair Kathy Kleindorfer said. “This site will make information about the arena project available 24 hours a day and provide a way to ask questions and express concerns.”

The website, as well as the revamped logo for the arena project, was developed by McCool Media, Inc. of Evansville. The logo combines the profile of the arena with images of celebrating fans to express excitement about the arena and the impact that it will make on downtown Evansville and the rest of our community.

“The design of the arena has brought cheers from the community,” Kleindorfer said, “and we know that the real thrills will start when the new facility opens.”

The new Evansville Arena will be the region’s center for sports and entertainment, designed to host basketball, hockey, concerts, exhibitions, and shows for audiences as large as 11,000. It is set to open in fall 2011.

First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Asking for a debate

Dear Editor,

How is it that someone can vote for a candidate (Andrew Wilson) who refuses to debate the issues?

Indiana's Republican candidate for State Senate District 49, Jim Tomes, has invited Andrew Wilson to a debate and Andrew has declined. What I know of Andrew is that he works with his family business, belongs to organizations, boards, foundations, and enjoys cycling. The issues mentioned in his website are economic development and education. I am left to wonder, what specifically has he done to affect positive change in these endeavors? While committee membership, community involvement and volunteerism are commendable, where are the results of his specific actions? What specific experience does he have that pertains to legislative matters or local government? Where does he stand on other issues such as right to life, energy independence, immigration, role of government in our lives, role of

state government as it pertains to the passage of the health care bill, 2nd amendment rights, personal liberties, taxes, labor and management?

In these times of economic turmoil, Hoosiers are looking for real depth of experience and strong convictions to tackle multiple complex issues at the state level. Jim Tomes has a proven record with actual results. He has spoken at hearings, lobbied for gun owners rights and led the charge to protect Hoosiers personal liberties. He has written laws that have been enacted and changed laws that were in place.

Voters who have researched the candidates strongly agree that this is no contest.

A debate would allow Andrew the opportunity to refute this letter and campaign on matters of substance rather than lofty ideas and good intentions. Accepting the challenge to a debate would prove Andrew's willingness to provide voters with vital information to make an informed decision on May 4.

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EDITORIAL IS IT TRUE?



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.....GAGE paid for DMD Director's moving expenses from Paducah, Ky. To Evansville, In. in order for him to accept his new job with DMD?that the city repaid GAGE at the end of the fiscal year for paying in advance for Mr. Barnett's moving expenses?

.....we are extremely proud of 1st Ward, Dan McGinn and private citizen, Jim Braker coming forward in asking the hard questions pertaining to the financial activities of the City of Evansville and GAGE?

.....we wonder what happened to the days when the employer tells a prospective employee, "we can't pay you what your worth but only can pay you what we can afford?"

.....that for the second year in a row, the publisher of the City-County Observer has had to ask the Indiana Public Access Counselor to intervene when a request for information was submitted to the Evansville Housing Authority, and this is the second year the Public Access Counselor has found in favor of the City County Observer?

..... you should read next week's City County Observer to find out what contract we requested from Evansville

Housing Authority?

.....that the City of Evansville finally voted on the 2009 Local Union contract, and now the firefighters are waiting to see if they get a contract for this year?

.....that Shawn is now the president of the Local 357 Firefighters Union, and significant and positive changes to the way the union business is handled are expected?

.....we are hearing back room talk that the powers that be may be looking into tearing the downtown Executive Inn and the adjacent parking garage and build a new?

.....our predictions over a period of months concerning Robert Stadium is going to be replaced with

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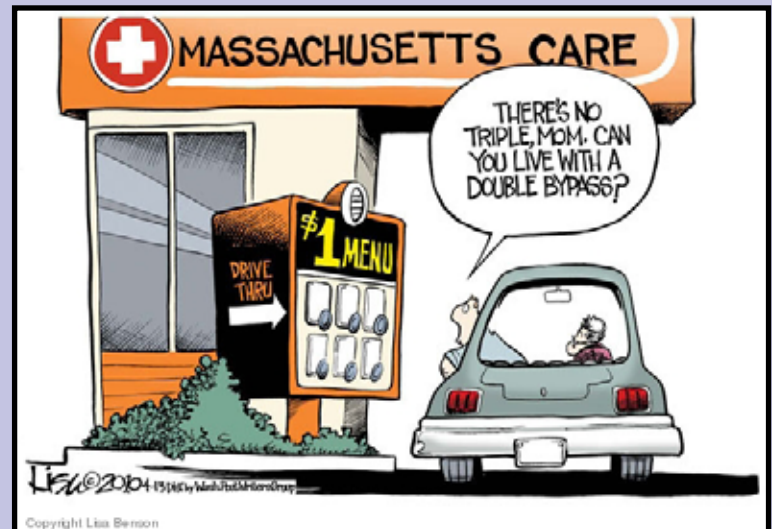
soft ball complex is correct?

.....we are hearing a group of people shall ask the Indiana Board of Accounts to review the financial activities between DMD and GAGE?

.....you shouldn't be surprised to read that former U. S. Congressmen from the 8th District shall be the Republicans primary choice for the U. S. Senate?

.....we wonder how a 8th District U S Congressional Candidate e-mail list was enhanced overnight?

..... we shouldn't be surprised if the Republican primary battle for Indiana State Senate race in the Mt. Vernon and Posey county area is decided by 200 votes or less?



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THE APPELLATE COURT IN POSEY COUNTY

By Judge James Redwine

In Indiana's original Constitution of 1816 and in our "new" and present Constitution of 1852 there were two types of courts. Circuit Courts were where citizens and attorneys could try to resolve controversies and establish responsibility for crimes. The Supreme Court heard appeals from the Circuit Courts.

Both Constitutions empowered the Legislature to create other courts, both trial level and intermediate appellate. Today's intermediate appellate courts hear most appeals. The Supreme Court hears death penalty appeals and other cases that may have an impact on larger numbers of citizens.

Indiana's Court of Appeals consists of fifteen judges who sit in five three judge panels. John Baker is the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court and Judges Melissa May and Elaine Brown serve along with Judge Baker. These three Appellate Court judges will be in the Posey Circuit Court on April 30, 2010 to hold an Oral Argument on a Vanderburgh County case that is being appealed.

When a case is appealed, the attorneys file briefs with the Appellate Court advocating for either affirming the result at trial or reversing it. In some cases the advocates are given an opportunity to further explain their positions through Oral Arguments.



The Oral Arguments are usually held in Indianapolis. But, from time to time, a three judge panel of the Court will travel to other counties to give citizens an opportunity to observe the Appellate Court. Usually, each side has twenty minutes to argue its case. During these twenty minutes the judges question the attorneys about their positions on the law and why each side should or should not prevail.

The Appellate Court does not render a decision "From the Bench", i.e., the Court will not rule immediately after the Oral Argument as a written opinion must be given of Appellate decisions. The three judges hear the Oral Argument then discuss the case in camera, privately in their chambers. One of the three is assigned to draft an opinion that is discussed by all three, often via intra-office email, but, also, at times, in person. The other two judges may agree or offer suggested changes.

Decisions of the Court of Appeals may be themselves appealed (transferred) to the Indiana Supreme Court that has one panel of five judges.

While the Oral Argument on April 30 in Posey County will be open to the public, regular courtroom decorum will be in effect. Once the Oral Argument ends, the atmosphere will be more relaxed and the Court of Appeals judges will answer questions from high school government students of Mt. Vernon, New Harmony and Poseyville.

The Oral Argument and the subsequent question and answer session will be held immediately after the High School Law Day Mock Trial. Law Day will consist of opening ceremonies at 8:30 a.m., the Mock Trial from 9:00 a.m. to about 10:30 a.m., Oral Argument before the Court of Appeals from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and a Question and Answer session from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Refreshments will be provided by the Posey County Bar Association.

This will be a rare opportunity for the students and the public to directly observe and learn about our legal system and the significance of Law Day.



EDITORIAL

***R.H. Cosby, Chairman of the Board
City-County Observer***

For some time this newspaper have been following leads on information provided to us from several sources concerning an alleged sweet heart deal brokered between the City of Evansville and Gage.

For months the City County Observer has been asking the question, IS IT TRUE that Tom Barnett received monies from Gage? On Monday evening the Evansville City Council heard a presentation from the City's legal counsel (David Jones) defending the decision of paying the Director of Department of Metropolitan Development an extra \$42,000 a year as an alleged consultant to GAGE. He tried to convince the City Council members that Tom Barnett, Director of DMD was providing and outstanding service to GAGE in order to earn this extra money from that organization. Thank goodness it didn't work because of the excellent questions posed to Mr. Jones by 1st Ward Councilman Dan McGinn and political activist, Jim Braker. In fact, the more Mr. Jones departed from his script, the more he planted seeds of doubt about he was saying. By his evasive demeanor, he let us know that it is worth the effort for us to check into the CITY'S and GAGE'S business and financial activities further!

How about this question? Did GAGE pay for Mr. Barnett's moving expenses from Paducah, KY to Evansville, IN as part of a relocation package offered to him to accept his new job with DMD? Did the city repay GAGE at the end of the fiscal year for paying Mr. Barnetts' moving expenses?

How about this question? When we called the former CEO of Gage and asked him about Barnett's employment contract with GAGE, he advised us that he "did not define the terms of Mr. Barnett's contract? He also told us that he did not interview Mr. Barnett for a position either. Mr. Wallace admitted to us that he did have a phone conversation with Mr. Barnett about living and working in Evansville.

How about this question? We ask the former CEO of GAGE, did Mr. Barnett report to you, or did you provide job assignments to him? His response was, "No, I never gave Tom any assignments, neither did I contribute to his annual performance review"!

How about this question? Was the Mayor of Evansville the Chairmen of the Board of GAGE when all the above financial agreements occurred? The answer was YES as documented in the 2009 GAGE report to the community.

How about this question? Who makes the final decisions pertaining to all activities of the city controlled departments? The answer is Mayor Weinzapfel!

How about this question? Why didn't any present or past GAGE Executive Board members bring the Barnett employment deal to public light?

How about this question? Why didn't any of our elected County or City officials have the political courage to sound the alarm about this "under the table sweetheart" deal orchestrated by the Mayor and approved by the Executive Board of GAGE?

Now we hear that the Mayor is defending giving Mr. Barnett an "under the table" \$42,000 consulting contract with GAGE, because he feels it's just like the firemen and policemen do when they take part time jobs when they are off duty. Really, our hard working, loyal and dedicated city employees have to work part time jobs because the Mayor hasn't given them a pay increase in 2 years. Also, when they do work part time, they get paid hourly and do a task to earn their money! However, according to the former CEO of GAGE, Mr. Barnett's task to earn his pay check from GAGE was not defined by GAGE. Mr. Barnett would drop by their office to pick up his check each month.

We are extremely disappointed in GAGE'S Executive Committee Board members who met in Executive Session in before Mr. Barnett was offered his job to discuss and approve the \$42,000 consulting contract with Mr. Barnett. Of course Mayor Weinzapfel as Chairman of GAGE called this meeting to order along with other elected County officials. The elected officials who attended this meeting should have been aware that there are local ordinances and State Laws that could be violated by taking this action.

WE are convinced that the elected officials that attended this closed meeting shall have to answer to the Vanderburgh County taxpayers about why they agreed to the terms of Mr. Barnett's employment contract with GAGE!

Bottom line, this employment contract is a prime example of political Malfeasance!

POLITICS

State Rep. Candidate Ellspermann Notifies of Challenger Appeal of IEC Ruling that Validated Her Candidacy

Earlier this year, Sue Ellspermann, Candidate for State Representative for District 74, had her candidacy challenged. The challenge was defeated at a hearing at the Indiana Elections Commission, clearing the way for voters to decide who to elect as their voice in District 74. Rather than accept-
mission's decision, on
was notified by certified
continues with an appeal
Marion County Superior



that, "I respect that is individual to express his continue challenging think it is a terrible waste and an unseemly way to candidate from public before, voters should who will serve as their sentative." Sue went on is to be a strong public of southwest Indiana. deserves our full atten-
tion."

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Sue Ellspermann is the founding director of the Center for Applied Research at the University of Southern Indiana. Prior to her role with USI, Sue owned a consulting firm, Ellspermann and Associates, Inc., d/b/a Basadur Applied Creativity in which she was the first colleague of Dr. Min Basadur, world-renowned applied creativity consultant and researcher. During those 20 years she has worked with hundreds of organizations ranging from companies such as Kimball International and Microsoft to rural communities training and facilitating in the areas of innovation, problem solving, strategic planning, and team building.

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Who, What, When and Where!

Compiled by Sherry Burdette

EVANSVILLE PHILHARMONIC GUILD EVENTS

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

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.

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.

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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.

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Upcoming Arts Council sponsored workshops:

"Introduction to Polymer Clay Bead Making" Workshop

- Date: Saturday, April 10th, 10 – 2pm*

*A short break for lunch will be taken around 12 noon.

Bring your own lunch OR plan a trip to Subway, just down the street.

• Cost: \$25 for Arts Council Members, \$30 for Non-Members; fee includes the cost of materials.

• Where: BSF Gallery, 318 Main Street, downtown Evansville

• RSVP: Call the Arts Council to register, 812-422-2111

• Class size: limited to 15 people

• Minimum Age: High School

• Workshop Instructor: Sarah Thomas

Sarah Thomas has been an avid artist since high school and began making jewelry in 2006. She was introduced to the art of polymer clay by an artist friend and immediately became hooked! Sarah makes and sells her own jewelry at her studio, Imagine That, in Evansville, IN. She is also a painter and incorporates many of these techniques into her beads and jewelry, for unique and stunning effects.

Here is your opportunity to have fun while exploring the exciting versatility of polymer clay. This four hour workshop is packed with experiences in basic polymer clay properties, color mixing, bead formation, and special techniques. Each student will leave this class with a completed pendant necklace and bracelet. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to learn! The only thing students need to bring with them is their enthusiasm & creativity!

Students participating in this workshop will learn the following:

~ basic polymer clay facts

~ the use of specialized tools for bead making

~ how to mix colors using blends and canes

~ how to form various shaped beads

~ how to finish beads

~ incorporate finished beads into completed jewelry, including how to wire-wrap and string your beads

Instructor will supply polymer clays, tools, rollers, ovens, molds, cord for pendants and bracelet, and printed information.

How to Photograph Your 3-D Artwork for Submission

•When: Saturday, April 17, 9am - 12 noon (CST)

•Where: BSF Gallery, 318 Main Street, downtown Evansville

•Cost: \$20 Arts Council member; \$25 non-members

• Instructor: Lenny Dowhie

•RSVP: Call the Arts Council to register, 812-422-2111

CALL FOR ENTRIES & ARTISTS

"A Fresh Perspective" 2010

The eighteenth annual juried exhibition "A Fresh Perspective" invites artists to enter their original works of art. Juror Julie Schweitzer, Director of the New Albany Bicentennial Public Arts Project will select works to be exhibited. Each artist may submit one piece of artwork, which can be two or three dimensional. Neither photographs or nudes will be accepted. Awards totaling over \$2,400 will be selected by the juror. The deadline for application and entry fee must be postmarked by March 26 to the Henderson Society of Art. Artists interested in a prospectus should contact Iris Gentry at (270) 826-9272 or email: irispaints@hotmail.com.

The prospectus can also be downloaded from the Ohio Valley Art League web site: www.ohiovalleyart.org

The exhibit "A Fresh Perspective" is sponsored by the Henderson Society of Art and co-sponsored by the Ohio Valley Art League. This exhibit is funded in part by a grant from the Henderson Area Arts Alliance.

Exhibit dates are April 15th to June 3rd, 2010

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and will be displayed in the Rotunda Gallery, Henderson County Public Library, Henderson, KY.

Call to Artists: DONATIONS NEEDED

The Warrick County Museum is again hosting its annual Dinner Auction on Thursday, July 22, 2010. Meet your Candidates at 5:00 pm and the dinner starts at 6:00 pm, with the auction beginning at 7:00 pm. We are asking for any artists to donate pieces of artwork to auction off to benefit the museum. Also, you may buy tickets at \$20 per ticket from the museum to join us. Feel free to contact us via e-mail at wcmuseum@aol.com or info@warrickcountymuseum.org.

Call to Artists: DONATIONS NEEDED

- The Vanderburgh Humane Society's "Going... Going... Gone to the Dogs!" Benefit Dinner and Auction to be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the Evansville Marriott.

- The Vanderburgh Humane Society would appreciate your contribution. A donation of a one-of-a-kind artwork or service from you would be a wonderful addition to our auction! The VHS can make arrangements to pick up your donation.

- If you are willing to donate a piece of your artwork for this great cause, please contact a VHS representative at 812-426-2563. If you have any questions, feel free to call Miranda Knight at (812) 426-2563 ext. 211 or Diane Whipkey at (812) 426-2563 ext. 218. AND REMEMBER...our four legged friends are important too!

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Downtown Evansville Farmers' Market to Include Saturday Market Fests

(EVANSVILLE, IN)- The Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville (GAGE) today is releasing

the schedule for the Downtown Evansville Farmers' Market, which will include new Saturday Market Fests in partnership with the City of Evansville's Department of Metropolitan Development, in addition to the Friday Farmers' Markets.

Starting the weekend of May 21st, farmers from around the Tri-State will sell fresh produce and plants at the corner of 2nd and Sycamore Streets, adjacent to the old Greyhound bus station.

Friday Markets Saturday Markets

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

(Events begin at 9:00 a.m.)

Dates: Every Friday from May 22nd and 29th

May 21st – October 22nd June 19th and 26th

July 17th and 24th

September 4th and 18th

October 16th and 23rd

The Farmers' Markets are sponsored by the Vanderburgh County Farm Bureau. Planned entertainment and activities for the Saturday Market Fests include yoga, tie-dying with cMoe, performances by University of Southern Indiana's Jazz Band, cooking demonstrations, skits by the Public Education Foundation, Egyptian and Pioneer outreaches by the Evansville Museum, the Rhine Valley Band, the Evansville Police and Fire Departments, pet portraits, a dunking booth, and much, much more!

Please check the following websites for updated details on the Saturday Market Fests: www.evansvillegage.com, www.evansvillegov.org, and www.evansvillearts.com

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the 2010 Farmers' Market in Downtown Evansville, please contact Abby with GAGE at (812) 401-4243 or email abby@evansvillegage.com.

Volunteer information can be obtained by contacting Lindsey at lindsey@evansvillegage.com.



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RELIGION

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

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WEDNESDAY----

WHILE THEY WATCHED, HE WAS TAKEN UP, AND A CLOUD RECEIVED HIM OUT OF THEIR SIGHT. Acts 1:9

THURSDAY----

BEWARE LEST ANY MAN SPOIL YOU THROUGH PHILOSOPHY AND VAIN DECEIT, AFTER THE TRADITION OF MEN, AFTER THE RUDIMENTS OF THE WORLD, AND NOT AFTER CHRIST! Colossians 2:8

FRIDAY-----

AND NOW I BESEECH THEE, LADY, NOT AS THOUGH I WROTE A NEW COMMANDMENT UNTO THEE, BUT THAT WHICH WE HAD FROM THE BEGINNING, THAT WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER. 1 John 1:5

SATURDAY-----

I BARE YOU ON EAGLES' WINGS, AND BROUGHT YOU UNTO MYSELF. Exodus 19:4

SUNDAY-----

BY MYSELF I HAVE SWORN, SAYS THE LORD, BECAUSE YOU HAVE DONE THIS THING...I WILL BLESS YOU...Genesis 22:16,17

MONDAY-----

WHATEVER THEY TELL YOU TO OBSERVE, THAT OBSERVE AND DO, BUT DO NOT DO ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS; FOR THEY SAY AND DO NOT DO! Matthew 23;3

TUESDAY-----

IF ANY ONE AMONG YOU THINKS HE IS RELIGIOUS, AND DOES NOT BRIDLE HIS TONGUE BUT DECEIVES HIS OWN HEART, THIS ONE'S RELIGION IS USELESS. James 1:26




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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Titus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. According to Hebrews 9, when Christ appears a second time, it will be to do what? To awake the Heavens, Start anew, Save those who look for Him, Cease all evil
 3. Where is the Codex Sinaiticus, the oldest complete Bible in existence? Smithsonian, Hall of Jerusalem, British Museum, Vatican
 4. Which hour mentioned in the Bible means the last possible moment that something can be done? First, Second, Eleventh, Twelfth
 5. From Revelation, the lion of the tribe of Judah will open which book? Life, Everlasting torment, Death, Seven Seals
 6. What Philistine city was home to Goliath? Jericho, Bethel, Gaza, Gath
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For more trivia, log on to www.TriviaGuy.com.

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Save those who look for Him; 3) British Museum; 4) Eleventh; 5) Seven Seals; 6) Gath

EDUCATION

New School Vaccine Requirements

Free clinics offered for children attending Vanderburgh County Schools

With Indiana law now requiring additional vaccines for students entering sixth through twelfth grade, the Vanderburgh County Health Department will be offering free school vaccination clinics before vaccines are mandated this fall, for the 2010-2011 school year.

New requirements include a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough) vaccine given after the tenth birthday, two chickenpox vaccines (or written date of the disease) and a meningitis vaccine.

According to Health Officer, Ray Nicholson, MD, "While children are already required to be vaccinated against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and chickenpox, the second vaccination is a booster shot for older children."

The meningitis shot was previously recommended, but is now required.

Free vaccination clinics will be held Wednesday, May 5 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 6 from

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Central High School Gymnasium located at 5400 First Avenue, for students who attend Vanderburgh County Schools in the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh grade.

Notification is being sent home with students. Students will need to be accompanied by parent or guardian and all shot records. Shot records may be obtained by calling the school the child currently attends or their healthcare provider.

Parents are encouraged to get their children vaccinated NOW to avoid the rush before school starts in August. Children may also receive vaccines at their healthcare provider or at the health department at 420 Mulberry Street by appointment by calling 435-5997 or on a walk-in basis on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Alan Cheuse is 2010 College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Scholar

Alan Cheuse is the 2010 College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Scholar. Cheuse is a fiction writer, journalist, and the book commentator for National Public Radio's "All Things Considered."

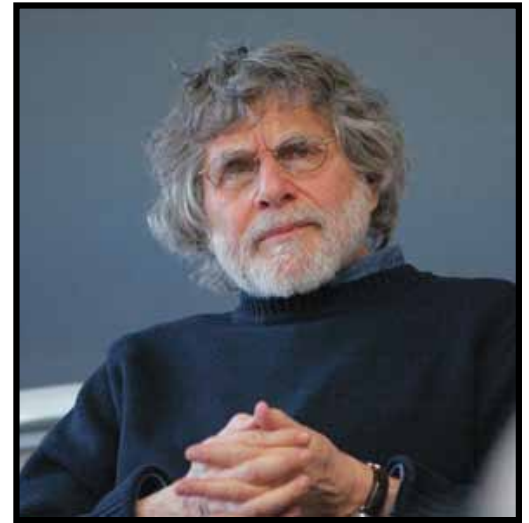
Cheuse will present "Reading to Live" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center at USI. He will discuss readings from major poets and fiction writers whose work has influenced his own, and read a new short story. The lecture is free and open to the public.

On the same day, Cheuse will present a lecture for students, "Reading and Writing in a Digital Age," at 1 p.m. in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center.

Cheuse is the author of the novels *The Grandmothers' Club* and *The Light Possessed*, the short story collections *Lost and Old Rivers* and *The Tennessee Waltz*, and a memoir, *Fall Out of Heaven*.

His latest novel, *To Catch the Lightning*, won the Grub Street National Prize for Fiction for 2009, and *A Trance After Breakfast*, a collection of travel essays, was published last June. With fellow novelist Nicholas Delbanco, he wrote the newly pub-

lished *Literature: Craft & Voice*, an introduction to college literary study. Since the late 1980s, he has taught in the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program at George Mason University and at the summer conference of the Squaw Valley Community of Writers.



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SPORTS

Softball Swings Its Way To Win Over Indiana

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.— After a 3-2 win in game one, the University of Evansville softball team couldn't catch the sweep against Indiana University, as the Aces (12-22, 5-9 MVC) dropped game two 4-0 to the Hoosiers (9-25).

Evansville 3, Indiana 2

With eight Aces posting hits, senior Jamie Lindauer led UE with two hits on the way to a team total of nine hits to defeat the Hoosier 3-2 in the first game.

Freshman Kendall Kautz (9-8) earned the win with her tenth complete game. The Colorado native allowed three hits with two walk and two strikeouts. Indiana's Sara Olson (5-11) also went the entire game with four strikeouts and two walks.

UE opened the game with a bomb, as junior Jen Stahlhut hit her third home run of the season to right field. IU answered back with Breanna Saucedo singling and stealing second before two sacrifices led her home to tie the game at 1-1.

Sophomore Amy Gaertner and freshman Alicia Betancur singled to start UE's scoring in the fourth. Illegal pitches moved the runners to third and second, respectively, before freshman Halie

Malone tabbed a hit to score Gaertner. The Hoosiers didn't let the lead last long, as Olson homered to center field for a 2-2 tie.

The Aces got things done in the seventh with junior Kelci Alsip singling and freshman Brianna Villanueva reaching on an error. Lindauer then hit one up the middle to bring in Alsip's winning run.

Indiana 4, Evansville 0

The Aces couldn't get things going in the second game against IU, as the Hoosiers took a two-run fifth inning to seal their 4-0 victory.

Betancur grabbed the Aces' two hits with a single in the fifth and a double in the seventh.

Senior Jen McKee (2-6) pitched a majority of the game, as she gave up five hits, all four runs and two strikeouts. Sophomore Maggie Little came in for one inning to record a strikeout.

The Aces return to James and Dorothy Cooper Stadium this weekend when they play host to Wichita State. Saturday's double-header begins at noon with Sunday's single game also at noon. UE will also be celebrating its Alumni Weekend at The Coop.

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SPORTS

USI sweeps weekly GLVC baseball honors

EVANSVILLE, Ind. – The University of Southern Indiana baseball team swept the GLVC weekly honors by having junior catcher Dylan Mooney (St. Charles, Missouri) named the Player of the Week and junior right-handed pitcher Taylor Dennis (Covington, Indiana) named Pitcher of the Week. Mooney is the first Screaming Eagle to earn the Player of the Week honor this year, while Dennis is the third USI Pitcher of the Week this spring.

Mooney was red hot at the plate last week, hitting .591 (13-22) with 10 runs scored, 13 RBIs, three doubles, and four home runs. The business administration major also has been on a torrid pace in the last 20 games, batting .444 (36-81) with 26 runs scored, 30 RBIs, and seven home runs.

For the season, Mooney is ninth in the GLVC and leads the team with a .404 batting average. He also leads the team and ranks third in the GLVC with 43 runs scored and 39 RBIs.

Dennis gave USI a seven-inning complete game on Saturday to help the Eagles sweep the first half of a four-game series at Rockhurst University. The communications major scattered four hits to shutout the Hawks in his only start of the week. He also struck out six batters.

For the season, Dennis is 4-1 with a 4.69 ERA and two complete games in nine starts. He also has struck out 27 batters in 48 innings of work.

As a team, the Eagles moved up to 22nd in the Collegiate Baseball/Division II Top 30 poll and 15th in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Top 25. USI was 28th last week in the Collegiate Baseball poll and 22nd in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association poll.

USI (30-8, 17-3 GLVC) resumes action Wednesday when it travels



to Northern Kentucky University for a non-conference doubleheader in Highland Heights, Kentucky. The first pitch is scheduled for 11 a.m. (CDT).

NKU (28-11, 15-5 GLVC) is 7-1 in its last eight games and is coming off a four-game sweep of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside last weekend. USI leads the all-time series with NKU, 43-39, and won all three meetings last spring.

The Eagles return to the friendly confines of the USI Baseball Field this weekend when they host Missouri University of Science and Technology April 16-18. Missouri S&T (12-25, 9-11 GLVC) starts the week fourth in the GLVC West Division.

USI leads the all-time series with Missouri S&T, 13-0.

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SPORTS

Men's golfers finish 15th at Great Lakes Regional #3

NOBLESVILLE, Ind.—The University of Southern Indiana men's golf team shot a 308 in the final round of the Great Lakes Regional #3 to finish 15th out of 22 teams Monday. The Screaming Eagles opened the two-day tournament Sunday with a 307 as they finished with a two-round 615, nine strokes out of 10th place.

Senior Aaron Anderson and junior Joel Smith each tied for 47th to lead the Eagles. Smith opened the tournament with a three-over par 75 Sunday before closing with a 79 and a two-round score of 154. Anderson shot 77 on both days as he was one of 10 players to finish 10-over-par.

The Eagles' low round came from senior Matt Hancock, who shot a two-over-par 74 in Monday's final round. He opened the tournament with an 83 as he finished with a 157 and in a tie for 68th in the 113-player field.

USI returns to action Thursday and Friday as it competes at the GLVC Championships in Columbus, Indiana.

>Senior Aaron Anderson shot 77 on Sunday and Monday to finish in a tie for 47th at 10-over-par.



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SPORTS

Baseball Rallies For Wild 20-17 Victory At Murray State

MURRAY, Ky.—The University of Evansville baseball team erupted for 16 runs from the seventh inning on Tuesday afternoon, including scoring four runs in the ninth inning and six more in the 10th to rally for a wild 20-17 victory over the host Murray State University Thoroughbreds at Reagan Field in Murray, Kentucky.

After trailing by scores of 5-0 after one inning and 10-4 after six innings, UE scored four two-out runs in the seventh, two more two-out runs in the eighth, and four runs in the ninth inning to finally grab its first lead of the contest, 14-13. After a pair of two-strike triples in the bottom of the ninth inning by Murray State sent the game to extra-innings tied at 14-14, UE erupted for six runs in the top of the 10th inning to grab a 20-14 lead. The six runs were needed, as Murray State rallied for three runs in the bottom of the 10th inning, before senior reliever Corey Davisson finally ended the game with a ground out to short to cap UE's wildest victory of the year.

"What a wild game," said UE head coach Wes Carroll. "We didn't start well, but our offense really came to life

late, and I really have to credit the guys for battling back today offensively. We were behind the eight-ball early, being down five runs in the first inning, but the offense never quit and kept battling, and we were finally able to break through and win, which is the most important thing.

"I really can't say enough about the game Greg Wallace had today. He was really locked in at the plate today and he was the difference for us. Greg really carried our offense early, and then other guys were able to step up and come through in key situations to help us pick up this win later in the game."

Wallace led UE's 23-hit attack by going 5-for-6 with two doubles, a triple, three runs scored, and five RBI. Wallace began UE's offensive attack with a three-run triple in the second inning and delivered an RBI double in UE's four-run ninth inning and an RBI single to kick-start UE's six-run 10th inning. Sophomore infielder Trent Copeland also pounded out four hits, while freshman catcher John Day, junior outfielder Nate Smith, and senior outfielder Alex Acheson all had three-hit days for

UE. All nine UE starters collected hits in the contest, with six players recording multi-hit contests. UE's 20 runs are the most scored by the Purple Aces since a 20-10 victory at Saint Louis on March 21, 2007.

For Murray State, outfielder Zach Noonan went 4-for-7 with four runs scored in the lead-off spot to ignite the Thoroughbreds' offense. Outfielder Daniel Hill and third baseman Cory Hodskins both added home runs for the Thoroughbreds, who entered the game ranked 28th nationally in scoring at over 8.5 runs per game.

With the victory, Evansville evens its record at 16-16 overall. Murray State, meanwhile, falls to 18-14 on the season with the loss. The same two teams will conclude a brief two-game home-and-home series with a 6:00 p.m. contest at UE's Charles H. Braun Stadium in Evansville on Wednesday night. Wednesday's game can be heard live on 91.5 F.M.-WUEV.

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EDUCATION

UE gets new president

The University of Evansville is proud to introduce Dr. Thomas A. Kazee as the institution's 23rd president.

Kazee, who currently serves as the Provost and Executive Vice President of Furman University, was chosen for the position after an exhaustive, nationwide search led by UE Trustees Steve Harkness and Barbara Price. The Board of Trustees elected Kazee in a formal vote this morning.

"Throughout this search process, the committee has worked with the singular focus of finding the most qualified candidate to be the next president of the University of Evansville," said Niel Ellerbrook, chair of the UE Board of Trustees. "Dr. Kazee not only understands what needs to happen to take UE to the next level – he has the knowledge, the experience, and the energy and enthusiasm that will be needed to build on the momentum of the last nine years, and to elevate the University of Evansville to an even higher standard of excellence."

Kazee will assume his duties June 1, replacing Dr. Stephen Jennings, who is retiring after nine years as UE President.

"I am extremely excited by this opportunity to lead the University of Evansville into the future," Kazee said. "Today's daunting economic climate has created a critical moment for American higher education – one that, I believe, creates a tremendous opportunity for institutions like UE, because it has underscored the critical need for students to develop the lifelong skills and breadth of understanding best nurtured through an education combining the liberal arts with practical, pre-professional programs."

"I look forward to the challenges that will come as we work to extend the reach and reputation of the University of Evansville, and to become even more effective as we compete for students and resources."

In his seven years at Furman, Kazee has been the chief academic officer, supervising the work of Vice Presidents and Directors in various offices, including Enrollment, Student Life, Computing and Information Services, Sustainability, Grants Administration, and Institutional Research. He served as Acting President during the 2006-07 academic year, and has been directly involved in fundraising for Furman's \$400

million capital campaign, "Furman Matters," which has raised \$304 million to this point. His efforts have led to substantial donations to support Furman's nationally-recognized Asian Studies program, faculty development activities, and new science technology, as well as two major new scholarship programs, including a \$14 million gift from the Duke Endowment to create the Townes Scholars program.

Under his leadership, Furman has invigorated its intellectual community by fundamentally reshaping its curriculum and academic calendar. Implemented in the 2008-09 academic year, elements of the curriculum include innovative new first-year seminars, a unique May Experience program, and substantially revised general education requirements. Tom also led the planning, assisted with fundraising, and oversaw construction of Furman's distinctive new Charles H. Townes Center for Science, dedicated in October 2008.

Prior to his arrival at Furman in 2003, Kazee served for 18 years on the faculty at Davidson College, including a decade as Chair of the Department of Political Science, and four years as Dean of the College at the University of the South (Sewanee). He received a B.A. in political science from Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, in 1974, and a Ph.D. in political science from Ohio State University in 1978.

As the author of numerous journal articles and editor of *Who Runs for Congress: Ambition, Context and Candidate Emergence*, his work has been influential in shaping an understanding of American congressional election outcomes. A passionate advocate for the liberal arts, Tom won Davidson's prestigious Hunter-Hamilton Love of Teaching Award, chaired one of Davidson's most highly regarded academic departments, and served as NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative.

Tom is married to Sharon Kazee, the Vice President for Arts and Academics and Dean at the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, who is currently completing her doctoral work at the University of South Carolina. They have two children; a daughter, Nicole, who is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Illinois-Chicago, and a son, Geoff, who will begin work this summer as a turf management specialist at Woodmont Country Club in Rockville, Maryland.





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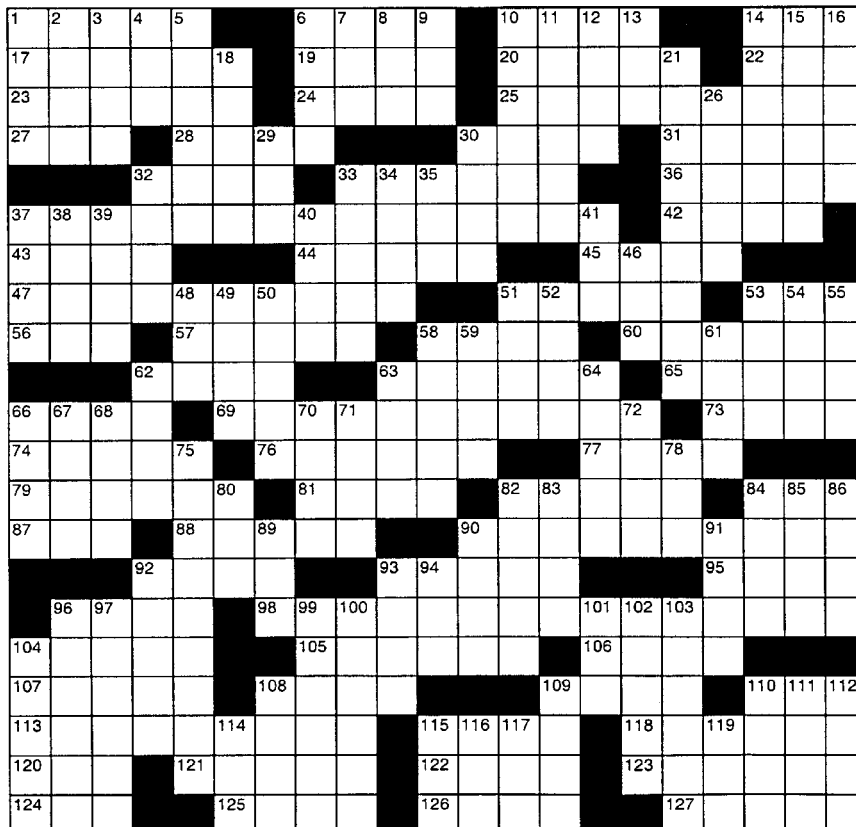
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ANSWER: Blood pressure that doesn't drop by making life changes (weight loss and diet) or by taking three or four blood pressure medicines is called resistant high blood pressure (hypertension). Your weight loss is admirable. It should have reduced your pressure.

Watching your salt intake is also important. That entails more than not using the salt shaker. It requires you to carefully look for the salt content (listed as sodium or sodium chloride) of all your foods. Commercial soups, frozen dinners, many canned goods and luncheon meats often have a high salt content. Your diet should be one of fruits, vegetables, whole grains (unrefined wheat, barley,

rye and oats) and one where meat and fats are eaten sparingly.

Increase foods with lots of potassium in them: tomatoes, potatoes, prunes, lima beans, kidney beans, navy beans, bananas, oranges and orange juice, spinach, peaches, cantaloupe and broccoli. Potassium lowers blood pressure.

Exercise for 30 minutes every day. Get your doctor's approval first, and start out modestly. Brisk walking is fine.

For resistant high blood pressure, your doctor has to look for the less-common causes of it. Sleep apnea (loud snoring with pauses when there is no breathing), adrenal gland tumors, Cushing's syndrome, narrowed kidney arteries and rare tumors such as pheochromocytoma are cases in point.

Go over your medicines. Some medicines raise pressure. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs are an example -- Aleve, Advil, Motrin, aspirin and other NSAIDs. Don't drink more than two alcohol drinks a day.

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ANSWER: If your knees are not bothering you, then knee noises usually do not indicate any serious problems. Tendons gliding over bones make snapping noises. So do bursting air bubbles in joint fluid.

No, you don't need to make a big deal of this.

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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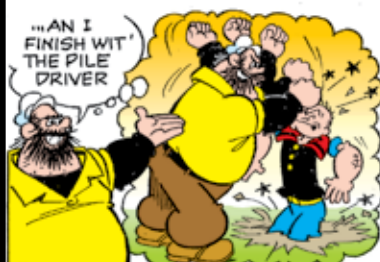
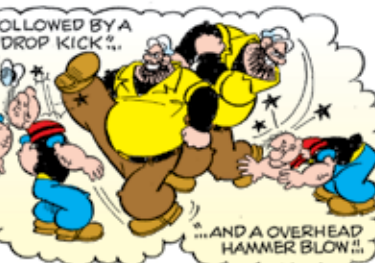
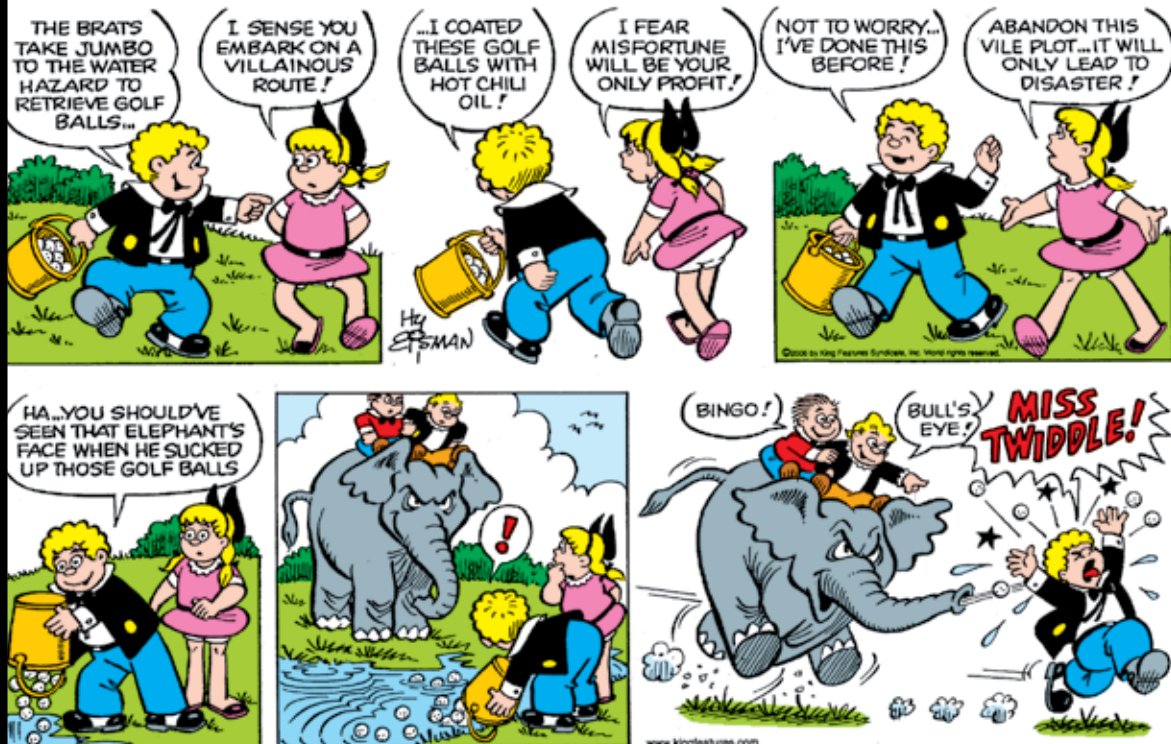
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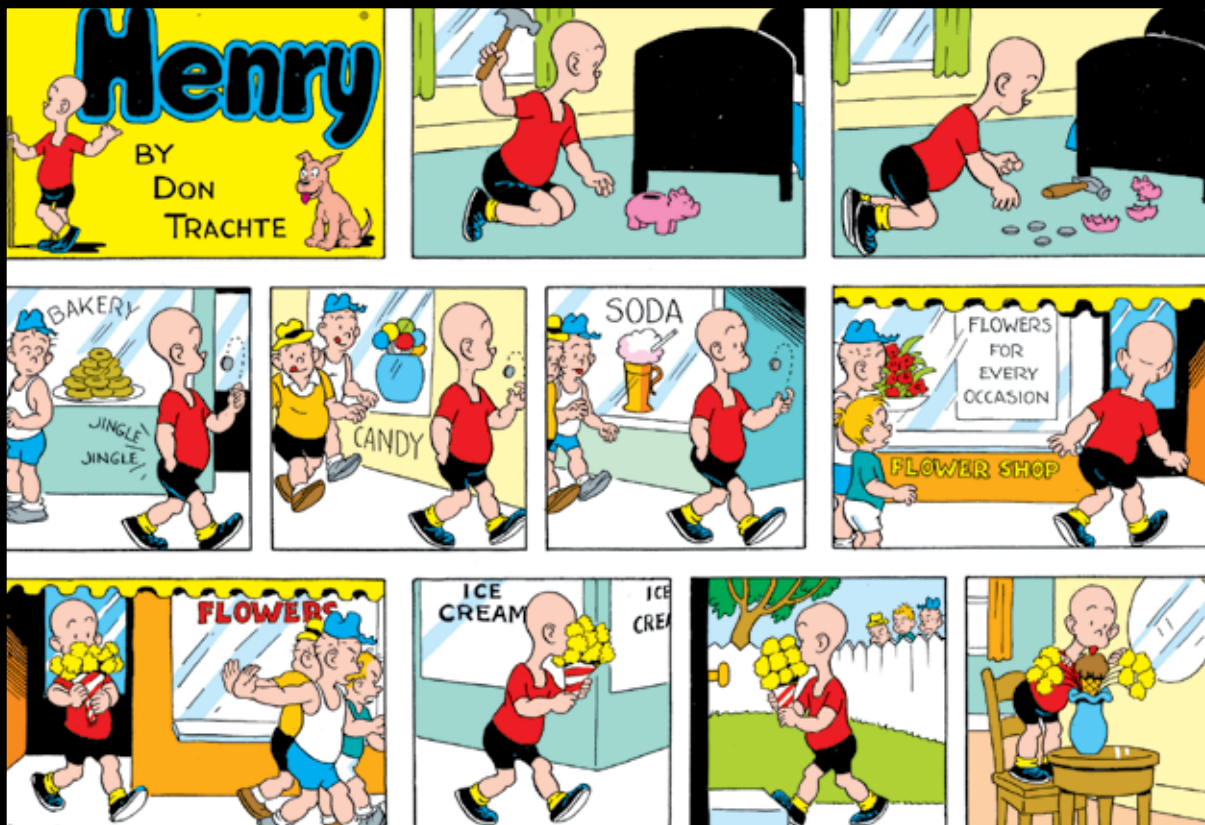
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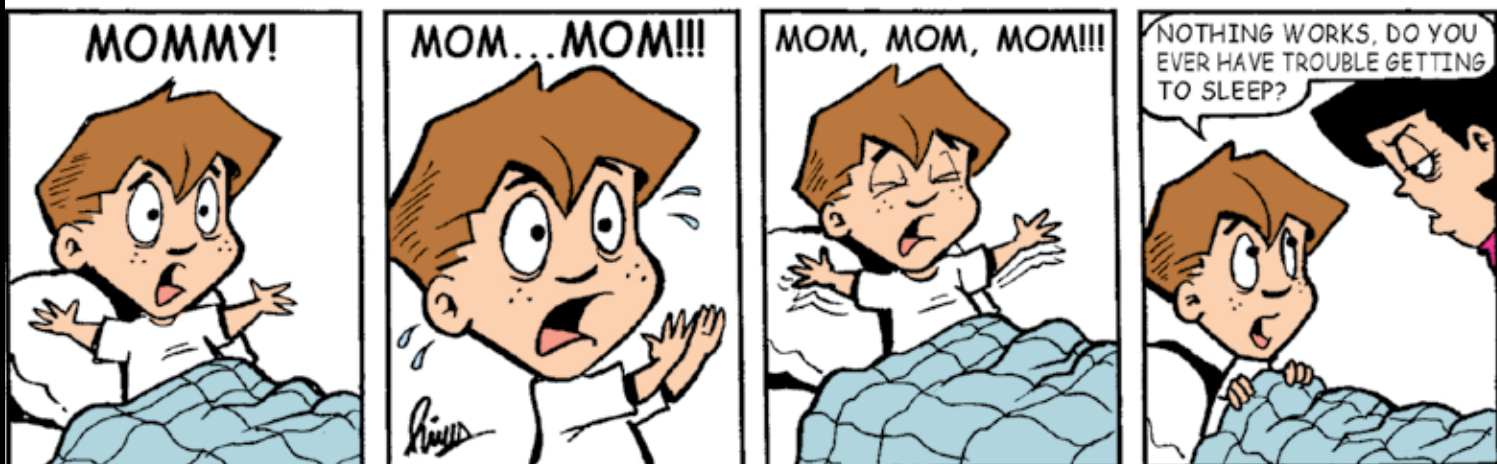
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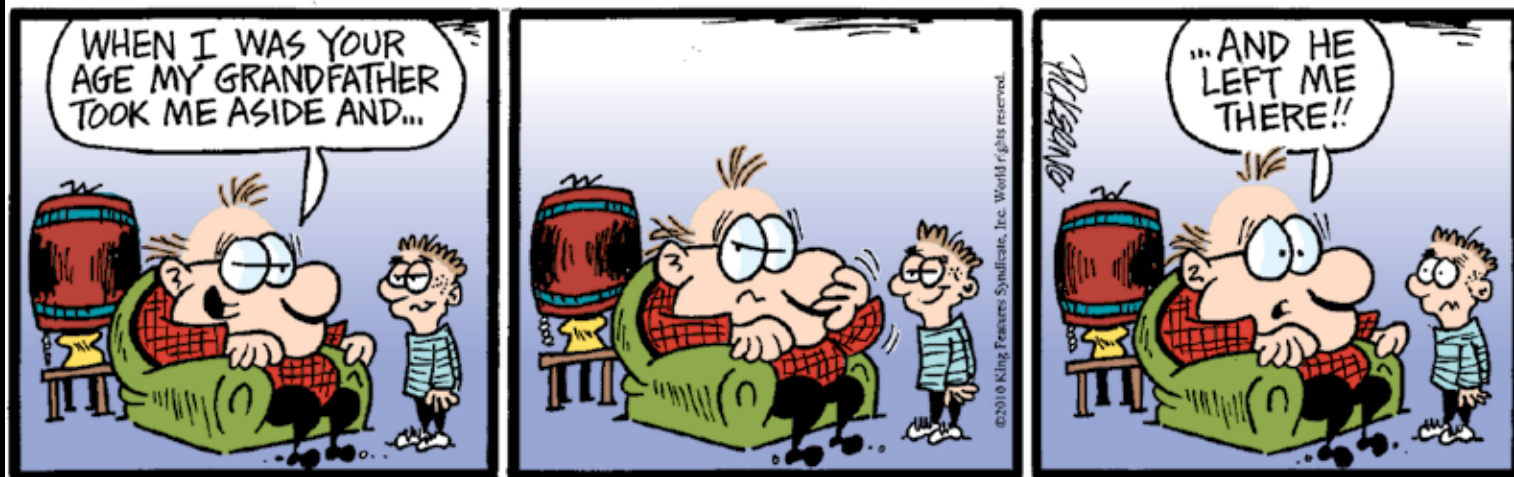
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