

THE COUNTY CONNECTION

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Charlie A. Dooley, County Executive

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**In Other Words
Winner**

Mary King (PW)



"I won again!" Mary from the Fiscal Section definitely enjoys winning contests. Last summer, she won a trip to Jamaica at *Party in the Park* and took coworker, **ELAINE GENTRY (PW)** with her. This May, Elaine won a trip to Cancun at the same event and will take Mary with her.

Mary was happy to have been randomly picked from the 49 correct entries and plans to buy something with her Schnucks gift certificate to share with her coworkers.

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CYCLING, PARKS AND CHRIS LUDWIG

by *Esley Hamilton*



Chris Ludwig was on the track and cross-country teams at Rosary High School in Spanish Lake when a neighbor suggested that he might enjoy competitive bicycling. Now thirty years later his days as one of the top 25 cyclists in the country (according to *Bicycling Magazine*) are behind him, but he has found ways to keep bikes in his life. He frequently bikes to work, a 22-mile round trip, helps a friend at Mesa Cycles and has been instrumental in raising over a million dollars for charity through cycling events. Not that Chris has ever let biking get in the way of his profession as a landscape architect. He was recruited by a college biking program in 1978, when varsity competitions were fairly rare, "but they didn't have a landscape program at that school," he recalls. He graduated from Kansas State University and joined the Department of Parks and Recreation in 1984. He has been here ever since.

In the last decade, Chris has seen his interests in bicycling and landscape design converge as the popularity of hiking and biking trails has increased exponentially. He is the project manager for Creve Coeur Park, a ten-year responsibility that has included monitoring the construction of the Page Avenue Extension and doubling the park's size into the county system's largest at 2,114 acres. (Forest Park is about 1,380 acres including Barnes Hospital Plaza.) The park plan includes several internal trails, a link to the Katy Trail across the river, and the

Centennial Trail, which will extend through Olivette and University City to Forest Park. The Centennial was initiated by Great Rivers Greenway, the regional parks taxing body, which Chris advises. He also serves on the County's Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinating Committee and the North County Neighborhood Preservation Committee.



Chris Ludwig with his special friend Kailie Rhines. In September he'll be riding to raise money once again.

Chris's parents were not enthusiastic about his biking, and with good reason. When he was 17, he was hit by a car while biking and hurled headfirst into the windshield of a second car, requiring reconstructive surgery on his face. To avoid asking his parents for help, he would bike to meets or arrange for friends to take him. His first race was at the old Northland Plaza. In 1988, he competed in the Olympic trials at Spokane, Washington.

Racing began to take a physical toll and in 1992, Chris decided to stop. He was lured back to the sport in 2000, however, when he was invited to coach for the Leukemia-Lymphoma Society.

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Your County Government

Automated External Defibrillators

By Mike Grace

It is estimated that 350,000 people in the U.S.A. die annually from sudden cardiac arrest. Unfortunately for many of these individuals, they had no previous symptoms. Studies have indicated that survival rates increase when defibrillation occurs within the first few minutes of a cardiac arrest. With the development of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Unit, you no longer have to be a medical doctor or professional emergency medical technician to provide life saving treatment. AED Units eliminate human error since the administering shocks are preprogrammed based upon an escalating sequence of events. Studies have indicated that performing CPR may not be enough. CPR combined with early defibrillation can improve chances for surviving cardiac arrest. The American Heart Association estimates that the timely use of an AED device could prevent as many as 20,000 deaths per year.

CHAIN OF SURVIVAL

1. **Contact Security Office at x58000:** inform them of your location and request assistance.
2. **Contact 911:** for additional medical assistance.
3. **Administer CPR:** If performed properly, CPR may add a few minutes prior to Security arriving and administering defibrillation. All employees are encouraged to obtain their First Aid and Adult CPR Certifications.
4. **Early Defibrillation:** Treating a patient in ventricular fibrillation, (VR) requires administering shock within minutes of VR. Each minute of delay in returning the heart to its normal pattern of beating decreases the chance of survival by 10%.
5. **Transport to the emergency room:** 911 Emergency Services will administer more advanced treatments after successful defibrillation on the way to the emergency room, such as airway control or intravenous medicine.

The County currently has AEDs stationed at each manned security station at the Clayton campus. AEDs can be a lifesaver for someone who has experienced a sudden cardiac arrest. The AED is designed to automatically interpret the patient's heart rhythm, identify ventricular fibrillation, and administer a life-saving shock. Security officers have been trained in CPR and the use of the AEDs. The voice prompts of the AED will direct the officer in this step-by-step procedure:

- Place the Electrodes
- Do Not Touch the Patient
- Analyze Rhythm
- Charge
- Press Flashing Button to Rescue

County police have AED Units at each Precinct, the County Municipal Police Academy and Spirit Airport. County Police Officers are trained in the use of AED as well as CPR.

Consistent with County Police Statement of values, the Department recognizes and respects the value and special integrity of each human life. Therefore, it is the policy of the Department to render aid and comfort, when possible, commensurate with training and experience, to the seriously sick or injured, regardless of the circumstances surrounding the illness or injury.

Currently the Department of Parks and Recreation has AED Units at each of its five Recreational complexes. All Parks special events will have one ranger team assigned with an AED Unit.

If a visitor or employee is experiencing symptoms of a heart attack, follow the steps in the *CHAIN OF SURVIVAL* box. The most important steps are to immediately call Security at 58000, provide a detailed location of where the person of need is located and call 911 for additional medical assistance.

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The first time he was asked he declined, but when he was asked a second time, he felt called to participate. Over the next five years, Chris coached 250 people, who raised an average of \$4,000 each in charity cycling events. Some were marathons and triathlons, but most popular are the so-called "Century" or 100-mile bike rides. Events take place all over the country. Chris has been to Arizona, Florida, Maryland, and mountainous Tennessee, but he says the most beautiful ride in America is the circuit of Lake Tahoe.

The Leukemia-Lymphoma Society is a great charity for St. Louisans to contribute to, Chris says, because all the money stays in St. Louis due to Washington University's commitment

to research. To provide direct assistance to families battling other cancer and blood-related diseases, Chris and friends have set up another foundation, Kares 4 Kailie (kares4kailie.org). It was inspired by Kailie Rhines, who was brought to the Society's attention when she was only 9 and died in 2004 at age 13. Chris has organized a series of 12-hour events for this fund. Contributions are tied to either the total miles covered or the speed of the first 100 miles. In four years, Chris raised \$10,000 this way.

How many bicycles does an enthusiast have? Chris was once up to ten. His favorite is a bike that can be pulled apart and packed into a suitcase for traveling. He now stables a modest

Fitness Challenge Results

The 2006 St. Louis County Fitness Challenge ran from Jan 3 - Mar 7. Final results were announced at a Apr 12th ceremony in the County Council Chambers. Overall, participants logged a total of 326,893 minutes or 5,448 hours of exercise. County Executive **CHARLIE A. DOOLEY** was on hand during the celebration to congratulate all participants. In addition to prizes for the winning teams and individuals, certificates were awarded to all who participated in the competition. New categories of gold, silver, and bronze were introduced in both the team and individual events. There was also a most weight lost category. The winner in the weight loss division was **PATRICE COLLIER (Rev)** with 23 pounds and the team weight loss winner was *Lab Rats* (Police) with an average of 7½ pounds lost per team member.

INDIVIDUALS

GOLD



- 1st: **TONYA O'CONNELL** (P&R)
 2nd: **KEN BLAKE** (Rev)
 3rd: **EVELEYN BUSH** (Plng) - in photo

SILVER



- 1st: **SIDNEY HIRSCH** (Spirit)
 2nd: **BOB VEATCH** (Rev)
 3rd: **ALBERTA ESTES** (PW)

BRONZE



- 1st: **PATRICE COLLIER** (Rev)
 2nd: **CAROLYN TINDLE** (Rev)
 3rd: **KEVIN KELLY** (Rev)

TEAMS

GOLD



- 1st: ***Out for Justice*** (JS)
 Beverly Foote, Alexis Woods,
 Glenn Taylor & Yvette Harris
 2nd: N/A
 3rd: N/A

SILVER



- 1st: ***Criminal Does It*** (Jud Admin)
 Valarie Gardner & Kameelah
 Morrow
 2nd: ***Hit the Road Jack*** (H&T)
 Myesha Walker, Vince Ogar, Dan
 Ahlvers, Rick Holesinger, Dan
 Baldenweck, Bob DeLong, & Joe
 Heenan
 3rd: ***Team Initech*** (BOE)
 Chris Court, Lori Wrobel, Rich
 Wall, Pat McCafferty & Joe
 Bennett

BRONZE



- 1st: ***Calorie Control*** (DOH)
 Kami Farrell, Becky Hauenstein,
 Chuck Colson, Joan Bradford,
 Neal Patterson, Becky Rainwater,
 Linda Tubbs & Lisa Pearse
 2nd: ***Protectors*** (Jud Admin)
 Sara Renschen, Lisa Spencer,
 JoAnne Zarky & Kim Valdez
 3rd: ***Murphy Angels*** (DOH)
 Germaine Rogers, Camille
 Simmons, Barbara Forde,
 Carmeleeta Jones, Hermena
 Murphy, Mary Beth Duncan,
 Laura Harris, Melissa Ide,
 Sharon Kowalczyk & Damita
 Williams

BOLDED
 names are
 those
 pictured.



Patrice Collier (Rev)
 celebrates her 23
 pound weight loss.

Most Weight Loss for a Team - *Lab Rats* (Police): Lisa
 Campbell, Alan Derickson, Peggy Walsh, Patty Dougherty,
 Andrew Weston, Ryan Campbell, Karlyn Rensing, Mike
 Wunderlich, Bill George & Dan Jackson

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five: two for road travel, a mountain bike for off-road biking, a fixed gear bike for winter (keeps you warm because it won't coast, forcing you to keep pedaling), and a tandem (bicycle built for two).

Chris encourages everybody to bike for their health and for the sheer joy of it. It's easier now, because increasingly public accommodations are being made for bikes. Bikes (but not the bikers) ride free on Metrolink, and you can now see bike racks on the fronts of Metro buses. May is National Bike Month, sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists. Bike-To-Work Day was May 20 this year. Maybe next year we'll see even you on wheels.



Department Notes



Police

Officer **JAMES HILDERBRAND**, Metro Air Support Unit, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by the Drug Enforcement Administration of the United States Department of Justice for his outstanding contributions in the field of drug law enforcement.

Recently, the Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy recognized Sergeant **TOM MURLEY** and Captain **THOMAS JACKSON**, Division of Criminal Investigation, for the accomplishments of the task force under their command. Over the past four years, this task force has accounted for the seizure of over 300,000 cold tablets that were going to be used in the production of methamphetamine.

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK Our Department has once again participated in National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, observed annually around the United States

during the week of April 9 through April 15, 2006. The week honored the many telecommunication professionals who aid in providing 911 emergency assistance to citizens everywhere. Our Communications Center continues to handle over one million calls for service each year and provides a vital link between the public and the police. Every day, thousands of people depend on the skill, expertise and commitment of our public safety telecommunication professionals who help save countless lives by responding to emergency calls, dispatching emergency professionals and equipment, and providing moral support to citizens in distress.

Human Services

SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Do you have a college student coming home for the summer? How about a high school student who needs community service hours before graduation? Would you like to involve your whole family in a volunteer

opportunity benefiting St. Louis County residents? The Office of Family and Community Services has numerous volunteer opportunities in the County Older Resident Programs (CORP). CORP always needs volunteer drivers to transport older adults to and from medical appointments. You might like to organize a lunch outing for a handful of older adults, or maybe a book club, card club or a Night at the Movies. There are many ways for you and your family to help St. Louis County residents over the age of 60 remain independent in their own homes. Call **TERESE LABOVITZ** at 615-4435 for more information.

Justice Services

Lt. **PHYLLIS ADAMS-CRYMES** graduated from Harris-Stowe State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Science (Criminal Justice).

KYM GRAHAM and **CRAIG MORRIS**, working with the Mental Health Court, graduated from Webster University with honors. They both received a Masters Degree in Legal Analysis and an Advanced Certification in Paralegal.

Health

FRED ROTTNEK, MD, MAHCM, medical director for corrections medicine for the Department of Health, has received the prestigious 2006 Ethical Humanist of the Year Award from the Ethical Society of St. Louis. Dr. Rottnek, who works with many organizations to provide medical care for the homeless, was nominated by the staff at Covenant House Missouri. "It's a tremendous honor and it means quite a bit to me," Dr. Rottnek said. In presenting the award, the Ethical Society said "Dr. Rottnek's life



RECORDER'S OFFICE SETS STANDARD FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE

County Executive **CHARLIE A. DOOLEY** is fond of telling a particular story lately. It is a story about a Department of Revenue employee who went out of her way to help a constituent, and in the process, touched several lives in a special way.

The call came from a social worker trying to help a housebound resident get an application for a marriage license. Making a house call is infrequent, but not that unusual for **JANICE HAMMONDS** (Rev). Since it is required that marriage licenses be applied for in person, circumstances occasionally require the Recorder's Office to go to a hospital or home to have the application completed.

Arriving at the house, Janice understood the urgency of the situation: the bride was dying and the couple wanted to be married as quickly as possible. In fact, her condition even made the customary three-day waiting period problematic. Janice contacted Judicial Administration in order to obtain a waiver of the waiting period. The bride could not appear before the judge, so Janice acted as intermediary and explained the circumstances. With waiver, marriage license and bouquet of flowers in hand, Janice again made the trip to the house. The bride's condition had worsened and the minister had already been summoned to perform the ceremony.

The obituary that appeared the next day thanked Janice personally for helping the bride and groom fulfill their dream.

integrates the practice of medicine with his love of teaching, commitment to social justice, spirituality, and theology. His patients are the homeless and those incarcerated in St. Louis County."

The Gravois Park Association Block Link recently named **HARVEY HARRIS**, Medical Assistant at the South County



Health Center, "Member of the Year". Harvey attends at least three meetings a month on committees such as Weed

and Seed, Neighborhood Watch, and the Third District advisory board. Harvey recently helped obtain musical instruments and instructors for a youth concert. He is especially proud that when the group held its first concert, every child had an adult in the audience to cheer them on.

PATRICK TAN, a medical assistant in the communicable diseases control lab, completed a 40-hour medical interpreter course offered by the Language Access Metro Project (LAMP) as part of his role as an interpreter for DOH. Patrick, who was born in Vietnam, speaks Vietnamese and Chinese and translates those languages for patients and staff as part of the department's refugee services program.

Spirit Airport

ECONOMIC IMPACT TO THE STATE OF MISSOURI - Most people in the St. Louis area do not realize the impact the Spirit of St. Louis Airport has on the area's economy. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) recently completed an economic impact study for airports in the State of Missouri. The study shows that Spirit Airport contributes about 3,000 full-time jobs with earnings of \$112.2 million. The total economic activity is estimated at \$398.1 million. With an average of 400 flight

operations per day in 2005, it is estimated that Spirit's average per day will be almost 600 by the year 2022. Spirit is the 4th busiest airport in the Central Region of the United States, and handles general aviation, corporate, and charter carrier aircraft.

Revenue

Congrats to **GERALD SMITH** (Rev) in the Recorder's Office who received a Master of Arts Degree in Legal Studies from Webster University.

Board of Elections

IT'S BUSINESS AS USUAL FOR AUGUST 8th ELECTION - it will be business as usual for voter identification requirements for the August Primary election. New statewide regulations requiring voters show a "picture ID" will not kick in until November. What



will be new for the August Primary will be the County's new voting system. With "Chad" now retired and living in Arizona, voters will cast their ballots on

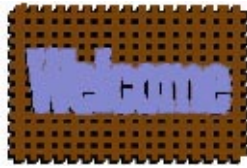
either "Opti-Scan" or "Touch-Screen". It may take some getting used to, but once you try it, you'll love it. Just be patient with our election judges, since the new equipment is new for them too. In addition to the County Election Board working with a new voting system, we have our hands full with a record number of petitions to put issues on the November ballot dealing with stem cells, medicaid reform, minimum wage, tobacco tax, eminent domain, and government spending. Poll workers are still needed for August 8 Primary. Call **LORI WROBEL** at 615-1840 or **KATHY TOTH** at 615-1965 to sign up.

Highways & Traffic / Public Works

In late May, St. Louis County's I-64 Regional Traffic Management Plan Task Force delivered its final report to County Executive **CHARLIE A.**

DOOLEY. The document recommends a traffic management / diversion plan - a 'preferred alternative' - that it believes will best serve the interests of St. Louis County residents and businesses after Missouri's Department of Transportation begins improving I-64 early next year. The chosen alternative was selected for its strong potential to help the state meet its \$535 million construction budget and four-year timeframe goals. Over the course of their five-month analysis, Task Force members studied three different traffic management scenarios, but ultimately recommended that a minimum of three lanes of I-64 traffic be left open in one direction in the project's corridor while simultaneously closing all lanes in the opposite direction. In other words, all westbound lanes would be closed and uprooted during the first phase of reconstruction while at least three eastbound lanes remained open to traffic, and vice versa for the second phase. County Executive Dooley, who appointed the Task Force last December, is expected to present the group's extremely detailed report to MoDOT, and recommend that the state and the project's contractor use the document as a guide when developing their own traffic management plan. The Department of Highways and Traffic provided strong technical and staff support to the Task Force throughout its work. Director **GARRY EARLS**, **STEPHANIE LEON STREETER**, **MIKE BARDOT**, **RICH BECKMAN**, **HANIEH HOUSHMANDI**, **JERRY LIPPOLD** and **DAVID WRONE** contributed.

KIM AKERS is the co-Departments' reigning "Employee of the Month." Kim is an Accountant I in Accounts Payable and was selected by Director **GARRY EARLS** for her diligence in guarding St. Louis County's financial resources. While working on utility invoices earlier this year, she alertly detected two different billing errors. Her tenacious follow-up work convinced a water company to reduce the amount of money it had billed St. Louis County, thereby saving taxpayers more than \$1,100.



Sherran Bernaugh (Rev), Offices Services Representative
 Vernon Bradley (Rev), Commercial Appraiser
 David Burton, (P&R), Park Ranger
 Delphine Crawford-Scott (Rev), Accounting Services Representative
 James Dale (Rev), Residential Appraiser
 Bryan Faser (P&R), Park Ranger
 Eliot Garner (P&R), Maintenance Worker I
 Karen Gibson (DHS), CORP Coordinator
 Chastity Hunt (Rev), Office Services Representative
 Russ Kohl (Rev), Residential Appraiser

Aaron Ludwig, (P&R), Park Ranger
 Cherie Luter (Pros Atty), Legal Secretary
 Angela McCauley (P&R), Building Maintenance Worker
 Sandra Nash (Pros Atty), Paralegal
 Javonda Quinn (DHS), Youth Services Specialist
 Anne Rallo (Rev), Office Services Representative
 Carol Richie (Rev), Office Services Representative
 Audra Spencer (BOE), Election Judge
 Jeanne Suntrup (BOE), Mapping Clerk
 Tony Wright (BOE), Warehouse Clerk

RETIREMENT

Ed Billo (H&T) - 21+ yrs
 Mary Blunt (Rev) - 30+ yrs
 Ron Cohen (Police) - 32+ yrs
 Rosalyn Davis (Jus Svcs) - 28+ yrs
 Jimmy Da Laet (PW) - 9+ yrs
 John De Vouton (Pros Atty) - 18+ yrs
 Dennis Dickhans (PW) - 16+ yrs
 Shirley Eisenreich (DOH) - 32+ yrs
 Mary Ekern (Rev) - 22+ yrs
 Karen Elder (Rev) - 12+ yrs
 Vernon Elliott (H&T) - 29+ yrs
 Leonard Endicott (Jud Admin) - 20+ yrs
 Steve Fine (DOH) - 26+ yrs
 Sharon Hill (DOH) - 23+ yrs
 Curley Hines (Jud Admin) - 41 yrs
 Alonzo Jackson (Jud Admin) - 14+ yrs
 Gregory Jones (Jus Svcs) - 28+ yrs

James Jones (H&T) - 30+ yrs
 Susan Kaufman (Rev) - 26+ yrs
 Randy Leavitt (Police) - 36+ yrs
 James Lefever (H&T) - 3+ yrs
 Ray McDonald (H&T) - 29+ yrs
 Susan Poling (P&R) - 26+ yrs
 Earl Reiner (Jud Admin) - 7+ yrs
 Larry Rinderknecht (H&T) - 22+ yrs
 Diana Schenck (Muni Ct) - 24+ yrs
 Jim Stafford (Police) - 29+ yrs
 Charles Stark (Police) - 37+ yrs
 Christy Stevens (PW) - 25+ yrs
 Doug Stone (H&T) - 28+ yrs
 Dennis Struckhoff (P&R) - 27+ yrs
 Sandra Travis (Hum Svcs) - 26+ yrs
 Robert Van Almsick (Police) - 33+ yrs

Gene Overall Retires



G E N E OVERALL, Sheriff of St. Louis County, announced his retirement May 9, to join the faculty of Lindenwood University as a Professor of Criminal Justice. Since January of 2000, Overall has been Sheriff. Gene was the St. Louis County Circuit Clerk from 1994 to 2000, and Assistant Director of Judicial Administration from 1983 to 1994. He was an Assistant Public Defender in St. Louis County from 1981 to 1983. From 1969 to 1977 Gene worked for the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole, first as Parole Officer and later supervising a metropolitan office with a caseload of 1,300 clients. We wish him all the best in his future job at Lindenwood. He will be missed by his employees.

Promotions

Don Gerling (P&R) - Maintenance Lead /Site Coordinator
 Sallie Lee (DHS) - Office Services Coordinator
 Jim Marshall (Spirit) - Airport Maintenance Manager
 Ted Mason (Spirit) - Airport Maintenance Worker
 Barb Milzark (P&R) - Maintenance Lead/Site Coordinator
 Nancy Montgomery (Rev) - Office Services Coordinator
 Darlene Primas (Rev) - Office Service Specialist
 Dave Schubert (Spirit) - Airport Operations Manager
 Ted Smith (P&R) - Maintenance Supervisor
 Sue Strain (Rev) - Property Tax Analyst

Wedding

Congratulations and best wishes to newlyweds **SARAH GRAY** (Rev) & Leon Waters who were married on March 25.

To: Employees In The Traditional Time Off Plan
 From: The Catastrophic Leave Committee
 Re: WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

The balance in the Catastrophic Leave bank is dangerously low! Because of the low balance in this account, employees who have requested time may not be able to benefit from the program. We are asking that you please take a moment to review your vacation, sick and comp. time balances. If you feel you can donate some time, please contact the Catastrophic Leave Coordinator, FANNIE LINDO at flindo@stlouisco.com or RUTH ROLLINS at rrollins@stlouisco.com. Even the smallest of donations will make a big difference!! Thank you.

Employee Voices

What's the most unusual thing you've seen your pet do?

"Our house is like a zoo. We have three dogs: a border-collie lab mix - Abby, a Schnauzer-Pomeranian mix - Augie and a Cairn Terrier - Bernadette. On one particular day I happened to notice Abby trying to get Augie's attention to play. She kept jumping and baiting him. Abby, who never touches a toy, calmly walked over and picked up one of Augie's toys. She sat down in front of Augie with the toy, set it down in front of her, took her paw and pushed it toward Augie. Again Abby picked the toy up in her mouth, dropped it and pushed it toward him. Stubborn little dog that Augie is, he would not give in to her invitation to play. After observing what appeared to be a carefully thought out strategy on Abby's part, no one will ever convince me that dogs do not think and just act on instinct. I am sure other dog lovers will agree with me."



JEAN HATLEY (Jus Svcs)

"The most unusual thing I've seen my dog do is, open the gate latch with her nose to go out & sometimes run off."

CYNTHIA MOSLEY (Pros Atty)

"I have a cute little one-eyed pug by the name of Pugsley, who needs no lessons in cultural diversity. In fact, a beaver moved in our back yard and is living under the shed with her babies. Pugsley never bothers small animals; he likes bigger women and has always been attracted to bigger females who won't give him the time of day. He sits by the shed and howls. It is his way of singing

and courting her. He is not interested in the babies but he really has a crush on her. Every time she comes out he follows her and tries to give her a kiss. She just runs away and he then starts whining. It is quite a scene."

ZOE CASSIN (Jus Svcs)

"I have a one-year-old Shiatsu who likes to take off running from the hallway into the front room and take a big leap for the couch. The funny part about it is he misjudges his take off and ends up flying into the oversized couch cushion with such force that he goes flying backwards. He will then shake his head and try it all over again. One day it took him four attempts to get it right. After my daughter and I stopped laughing, we congratulated him for making the leap. He still does it all the time, and sometimes he tries it with his stuffed animal in his mouth, which is even funnier."

DANIELLE THOMAS (Admin)

"I would like to enter this strange little tail (get it, tail). It just happened about a week ago. There are a lot of new noises that come with our new house and it's been making my wife and I a little paranoid. The sounds we heard last night were a little different. At about 3 AM, a loud crash came from the first floor, followed by what sounded like footsteps flying up the stairs. Needless to say I was ready for whatever was coming through that door. My worries were unwarranted because through the bedroom door entered my 185-pound Great Dane / Mastiff dog, Sarge,



slamming into everything en route to my bedside. We both woke up to find Sarge had gotten his head stuck in our trash can lid. There were some Churches chicken boxes in the trash and Mr. Sneaky waited until we went to sleep to rummage through the garbage. Apparently he is tall enough to just stick his head through the opening. The noises were a combination of him misjudging the big plastic lid he had on his head and him freaking out. I had to calm him down before he could even get the lid off."

CHARLES METTLACH III (Jus Svcs)

"My daughter has a three-foot long pet python that she keeps in a terrarium in our basement. Normally she is good about securing the lid after she cares for the snake. However, one day when she went to check on him, he was gone. She looked all over but could not locate the snake in the basement. I figured (at least I hoped) he was still in the basement. We searched for about a week with no success. One weekend, my four-year-old granddaughter and I looked for the snake. We searched the entire basement storage areas until I began probing through a stack of suitcases, and there it was. It was still alive and lying between two of the suitcases. My granddaughter was excited and ran to tell her mother that we had found the snake and placed it back in the terrarium. Thank goodness we found it before we decided to pack for our next trip, because it would have been quite a surprise for whoever was going to pack."

ROBERT JONES (Jus Svcs)

"I have 2 Pomeranians. One of them, Shadow, a black one, burps just like a human being and as loud."

DEBBIE ARMSTRONG (Rev)



If you could go back in time, what would you do differently? Submit your answer by June 26th.

Soccer Match

Can you find the two matching soccer balls? Circle them and submit your answer to the Division of Personnel by June 26th for a chance at a prize!

Name: _____

Department: _____



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 Kathy Eller & Fannie Lindo

Read MORE
 Department News,
 Employee Voices and
 employee
 achievements on the
 intranet!

In Other Words Solution

- Scintillate, scintillate, asteroid minific.
Twinkle twinkle little star.
- Members of an avian species of identical plumage congregate.
Birds of a feather flock together.
- Surveillance should precede saltation.
Look before you leap.
- Pulchritude possesses solely cutaneous profundity.
Beauty is only skin deep.
- It is fruitless to become lachrymose over precipitately departed lacteal fluid.
Don't cry over spilt milk.
- The stylus is more potent than the claymore.
The pen is mightier than the sword.
- It is fruitless to attempt to indoctrinate a superannuated canine with innovative maneuvers.
You can't teach an old dog new tricks.
- The temperature of the aqueous content of an unremittingly ogled saucepan does not reach 212 degrees F.
A watched pot never boils.
- All articles that coruscate with resplendence are not truly auriferous.
All that glitters is not gold.
- Where there are visible vapors having their provenance in ignited carbonaceous materials, there is conflagration.
Where there's smoke, there's fire.
- Sorting on the part of mendicants must be interdicted.
Beggars can't be choosers.
- A plethora of individuals with expertise in culinary techniques vitiate the potable concoction produced by steeping certain comestibles.
Too many cook spoil the broth.
- Eleemosynary deeds have their incipience intramurally.
Charity begins at home.
- Individuals who make their abode in vitreous edifices would be advised to refrain from catapulting petrous projectiles
People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.
- Exclusive dedication to necessitous chores without interludes of hedonistic diversion renders Jacques a hebetudinous fellow.
All work and not play makes Jack a dull boy.