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CALENDAR

SOUTHSIDE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Today Event
Winners Circle Men's Breakfast, 8 to 9:30 a.m., Piper's Café, 172 Melody Ave. in Greenwood, off State Road 135. Cost: \$8. Reservations: 535-5973

Meetings
Overeaters Anonymous, 10 a.m., Concordia Lutheran Church, 305 Howard Road, Greenwood
A Program For You, 11 a.m., 50 N. Home Ave., Franklin
Tara Men's Meeting, 7 p.m., Tara Treatment Center, 6231 U.S. 31 South, Franklin
United We Stand Group, 8 p.m., 50 N. Home Ave., Franklin

Sunday Meetings
JCCC 12 & 12, 1 p.m., Johnson County Community Corrections, 1071 Hospital Road, Franklin
Incarcerated Persons Support Group, 11:30 a.m., Abundant Grace Lutheran Church, 2425 S. Emerson Ave., Greenwood
Acceptance Group, 7 p.m., Johnson County Park office

Monday Meetings
Greenwood Rotary Club, noon, Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria, Main Street and Interstate 65, Greenwood
Overeaters Anonymous, 5:45 p.m., Greenwood United Methodist Church, 525 N. Madison Ave. Information: 889-0272
Johnson County Garden Club, 7 p.m., Morning Point Assisted Living, 75 S. Milford in Franklin. Clyde Wade will discuss flowers
Divorce and grief support groups, 7 p.m., Greenwood Christian Church, 2045 Averitt Road. Child care provided. Information: 881-9336
Johnson County Shrine Club, 7 p.m., 751 W. King St., Franklin
Humane Society of Johnson County, 7 p.m., Alva Neal Building, 550 E. Jefferson St., Franklin; second floor meeting room. Information: 346-7001
Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Community Hospital South, first-floor conference room, 1402 E. County Line Road, Indianapolis. Information: 257-2693
Tara Group, 8 p.m., Ann's Restaurant, 77 W. Monroe St., Franklin

Tuesday Meetings
Professional Referral Exchange of Indy South, 7 a.m., 48 N. Emerson Ave., Greenwood. Information: 902-6538
Franklin Business Networking Group, 1 p.m., Ann's Restaurant, 77 W. Monroe St., Franklin. Information: 201-4278
Clark Township Homemakers, 10 a.m., Rocklane Christian Church, 4430 E. Rocklane Road
Franklin Rotary Club, noon, Franklin College campus center
Indianapolis Midday Connection and Stonecroft Ministries, 12:15 to 1:45 p.m., Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria, Main Street and Interstate 65, Greenwood. Cost: \$11; reservations 888-6492 by Monday
Beta Sigma Pi Sorority of Whiteland, 1 p.m. Information: 535-4032
Greenwood Kiwanis Club, 6 p.m., Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria, Main Street and Interstate 65, Greenwood
Greater Whiteland Community Businesses, 6 p.m., Jessen Funeral Home, 729 U.S. 31 North, Whiteland. Information: 535-6880
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, Morgantown Fire Station, 269 N. Highland St. Information: (812) 597-1535
Alzheimer's Association support group, 6:30 p.m., Franklin Library, 401 S. State St. Information: Carrie Schroeder, 736-6141
Compulsive Eaters Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., Christ United Methodist Church Room 12, 8540 U.S. 31 South, Indianapolis. Information: 736-6234
Greenwood Night Stitchers, 6:30 p.m., Arms Building at Greenwood Village South, 295 Village Lane, Greenwood. Information: 882-7471
Emotions Anonymous, 7 p.m., Pebble Creek Community Center, 225 Pebble Creek Drive, Greenwood. Information: 859-9569
Johnson County Democratic Women's Club, 7 p.m., Christina House, 1435 Christian Blvd., Franklin. Information: 738-9305
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 7 p.m., Smith Valley Baptist Church, 4682 W. Smith Valley Road. Information: 535-7468
Bargersville Masonic Lodge 679, 7:30 p.m.
Nineveh Group, 8 p.m., Johnson County Park office
Serenity Group, 8 p.m., Johnson County Community Corrections, 1071 Hospital Road, Franklin
Chordlighters Barbershop Chorus, 7:30 p.m., practice, Grace United Methodist Church, 1300 E. Adams Drive, Franklin. Information: 888-6709

Wednesday Meetings
Greenwood-White River Rotary Club, 6:30 a.m., Piper's Café, State Road 135 and Main Street
Christian Businessmen's Committee of Greater Greenwood, 7 a.m., Denny's restaurant, Main Street and Interstate 65, Greenwood
Business and Professional Exchange, 8 to 10 a.m. Greenwood City Building lower level, 2 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood. Information: 735-2010

- **Adult & Child Mental Health Center** is seeking foster parents for children in need. Information: 736-7744
- **Adult Learning Center** is seeking volunteers to work with adults to improve and develop their reading, writing and math skills. Information: 738-4677
- **American Cancer Society**, Johnson County unit, is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help with fund-raisers, conduct public education and assist with patient services. Information: (800) 233-6303
- **American Red Cross of Johnson County** needs office-help volunteers and trained instructors of CPR, first-aid and basic-aid training, as well as individuals interested in becoming trained as disaster-team members. Information: 736-0650
- **Americare Hospice** needs volunteers to work with the terminally ill and/or their families. Training will be provided. Information: 736-6005
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana** needs volunteers. Information, call 921-2201 or visit www.bbbsci.org.
- **Breaking Free**, 3833 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, is a nonprofit organization that supports, educates and advocates for individuals and families affected by family violence and relationship abuse. Volunteers are needed to answer a phone assistance line between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. Hours are negotiable. Information: 923-5563, Ext. 4
- **Central Nine Career Center** needs volunteer teacher aides to provide teacher-directed assistance to foreign-born adults learning English. A commitment of 3½ hours a week is required. Information: Richard Stoddard at 888-4401
- **Court-Appointed Special Advocate** volunteers work with abused and neglected children of Johnson County and act as a voice for them in court. Information: Lynda McGuire at 736-3998
- **Discovery Child Care Center** needs volunteers for a few hours a week to read to and play games with children at the Discovery Child Care Center at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin. Information: Judy Nevins at 736-3362
- **Dollars for Scholars** needs volunteers to help raise funds for scholarships for area students. The Franklin chapter endows its fund through the Johnson County Community Foundation. Information or to donate: 738-2213
- **Education Support Group** needs volunteers to assist third- to eighth-grade students with homework from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Heavenly Hope Church of God in Christ, 195 Commerce Drive, Franklin. Information: 489-3835
- **Franklin United Methodist Community** needs volunteers to transport residents to events in their wheelchairs, assist with exercise groups and play cards with residents. Information: Eileen Hammond, 736-1170

- **Girls Inc.** needs volunteers to teach classes, assist with transportation and aid staff in activities. Information: Pam Janning at 736-5344
- **Girl Scouts** needs leaders and helpers in the Trafalgar and Nineveh areas. Information: Carla Schwartz at 738-4107 or Michelle Hagen at 738-0284
- **Greenwood Meals on Wheels** provides hot meals daily or weekly for elderly or disabled shut-in Greenwood residents. Distribution takes about one hour once a month. Information: 859-6834
- **Hickory Creek** at Franklin is seeking volunteers to donate one or two hours a week to work with residents. Times are flexible. Information: Vanessa Ray at 736-8214 or 736-8249
- **Homeview Center of Franklin** needs volunteers from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays for bingo. Information: Chris Wildmone, 736-6414
- **Humane Society of Johnson County** is looking for volunteers to foster pets in need of a temporary home. The humane society provides support to foster families. Information: 346-7001
- **Information and Referral Network** seeks volunteers to staff the help line. Upon completion of training, volunteers assist callers with needs such as housing, employment, health care and other social service areas. Information: 926-4357
- **IUPUI Good Friends** pairs volunteer tutors with children in kindergarten through Grade 12 in central Indiana schools for one hour each week. Information: Heather Lockett at 274-5060
- **Johnson County Citizens Against Substance Abuse** needs volunteers to work together to address problems of substance abuse in Johnson County. Meetings are at 11:30 a.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Oren Wright Building in Franklin. Information: 441-5295
- **Johnson County Senior Services** needs volunteers in the Greenwood area to help residents with errands. Hours are flexible. Information: 738-4544
- **Johnson County Special Olympics** helps physically and mentally handicapped children and adults prepare for competition. Volunteers are needed to help with sports, outreach and fund raising. Information: 738-7038
- **Johnson Memorial Hospital** needs volunteers to assist the hospital staff with patient care. Opportunities vary from direct patient care to support in nonpatient areas. Hours are flexible. Information: 736-2607
- **Kindred Hospital**, 898 E. Main St. in Greenwood, is seeking volunteers to help enrich the lives of patients during extended stays. Volunteers get a free lunch with each four-hour block of service. Information: 888-8155, Ext. 396
- **Methodist Hospital** is seeking volunteers for a variety of posi-

- tions and areas. Information: Carolyn Hickman at 929-8758
- **Odyssey Hospice** is seeking volunteers to work with terminally ill patients and their families, as well as volunteers to assist with office duties. Information: Evelyn Shaw at (800) 624-7224
- **President Benjamin Harrison Home** needs volunteers to serve as enactors, gardeners, planners and office assistants and in other capacities. Information: Jo Baize at 631-1888
- **Reach for Youth** seeks youth volunteers to distribute prevention of child abuse material to local establishments. Information: Vincent Failla at 788-4451
- **Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana** needs volunteers in various areas of the hospital. Contact: 329-2233
- **Ruth Lilly Hospice of Clarian** seeks volunteers to work with terminally ill patients and their families. Training is available. Information: 962-0277
- **St. Francis Hospice** provides services to terminally ill patients in their homes. Volunteers are needed to work a minimum of four hours a week for a period of no less than six months. Information: 865-2092
- **St. Thomas Medical Clinic** in Whiteland needs volunteers Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, social workers, diabetes educators, mental health workers and pharmacists are needed. Information: 535-8985
- **Stitches from the Heart** needs volunteers to knit, crochet or quilt blankets, sweaters and hats for babies in need. Patterns are available, and donated yarn is needed. Information: Kathy Silverton, (866) 472-6903 or stitchfromheart@aol.com
- **Teen Court** needs youth volunteers ages 11 to 17 to serve as jurors and attorneys in Reach for Youth's alternative sentencing program for first-time juvenile offenders. Information: Meresa Creekmore or Victor Watkins at 738-5433
- **Turning Point** is seeking volunteers for office help, to be court advocates and to baby-sit while parents attend support-group sessions. Other volunteer opportunities are available. Information: Lori Adams at 736-8666 or (800) 221-6311
- **Visiting Nurse Service** is seeking volunteers for its hospice program. All volunteers participate in a training program, which includes information on hospice philosophy, patient care, family dynamics, death and communication skills. Information: 722-8200
- **White River Gardens**, the sister institution to the Indianapolis Zoo, is seeking volunteers to help with the daily maintenance and upkeep. Information: 630-2041 to serve as special-events coordinators and office workers. Information: 738-3273, Ext. 202

Girl in high gear now feels stuck in park

ASTROGRAPH

DEAR ABBY: I'm 19 and dropped out of college in December 2005. After years of going through honors classes, I felt like I had nothing left. My brain was on cruise control. I was present but my mind wasn't.

My friends and family attribute it to laziness. I felt like I didn't know what I wanted to do and was wasting my father's money being there, so I left.

My father doesn't believe in doing nothing. If you're not in school, you get a job. So for the past 14 months I have had a job to fill my day.

I think I want to go back to school in August, but I also feel I'm doing it to please everyone else. Honestly, I no longer know what I want to be in life. I have no idea what I want to major in. I'm just lost. I have never dated, done drugs, drunk, partied or anything else besides go to school. And I was good at it.

I try not to look girlie or pretty because it attracts guys' attention. But now I realize that no matter what you do, they're going to notice you. I feel like my life has to change for the sake of my emotional health. I feel purposeless.

I have dreams of what I want out of life — a mansion, a nice car, money in the bank — but I don't necessarily have to go to college to achieve that.

I know it sounds like a cliché, but I feel like I don't know who I am. I can't backpack through Europe, nor do I have the money



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

to even travel around the United States. So my question is, how should I go about finding myself?

— NEEDS HELP IN CHICAGO

DEAR NEEDS HELP: Your first step should be to return to college. Your second step should be in the direction of the student health center to talk to someone about being screened for depression and anxiety. Although you were a good student, it appears that you had no social life. A young woman your age should not be hiding to keep from being noticed.

Your third step should be the college's career counseling department. It is important that you learn what it is you enjoy as well as have an aptitude for. After that, I predict a lot of things in your life will fall into place.

DEAR ABBY: I live with a close friend. Recently a person who knows us both sent out invitations

to his wedding. I received one; my housemate did not. Further, there is no "and guest" indicated on my invitation.

I feel uncomfortable about it and more than a little miffed. I say that if the inviter knows both adult members of a household but invites only one, then the inviter should at least communicate briefly with the one not invited, rather than make the one who was invited feel awkward.

That seems like common courtesy to me. However, I have checked the etiquette resources and the issue isn't addressed even in passing. What do you think?

— UNCOMFORTABLE IN NEW YORK

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: I have never heard of a host having to explain to someone why he or she was not included on a guest list.

I am sure of one thing, however: There was a reason for the exclusion, whether it was personal or budgetary.

An invitation is an invitation, not a command performance. Because you feel stuck in the middle that your housemate was not invited to the wedding, feel free to send your regrets, and if you are asked why you didn't accept, tell the person what you have told me.

To write to Dear Abby, send your letter to: Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Your birthday:
Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007
 You will discover that only you can accomplish your goals and desires. After waiting on others and being disappointed, you'll realize it is time to do for yourself, by yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
 If you think by holding firm and being inflexible to the thoughts of others you will get what you want, you are sadly mistaken. You're apt to encounter one who is more rigid than you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
 You've reached the outer limits regarding a responsibility or duty that should have been taken care of. Asking for more time will only yield big trouble.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 Should you have two invitations from which to choose, remember the gala event is likely to be what you expect, but the lesser one could exceed everything you hoped to get from the activity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 It's always smart to count to 10 before sounding off, and this might be even more important for you to do if your displeasure comes from a family member. Regrets are made in haste.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 Should you find yourself dealing with a temperamental associate, don't aggravate the situation further by allowing subjects or topics to come up that you know would provoke him or her.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 What makes some business conditions hard to get a handle on at this time

is that people in general are a bit on the edgy side. Postpone dealing with anything that is truly important to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 At times, areas of disagreement between you and your mate could get a bit pronounced and today might be one of those days. Both must avoid trying to force the other to comply with demands.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Erratic or improper handling of situations that are presently running smoothly would cause a disruption in their performance. Don't be the one who causes things to fall apart or go astray.

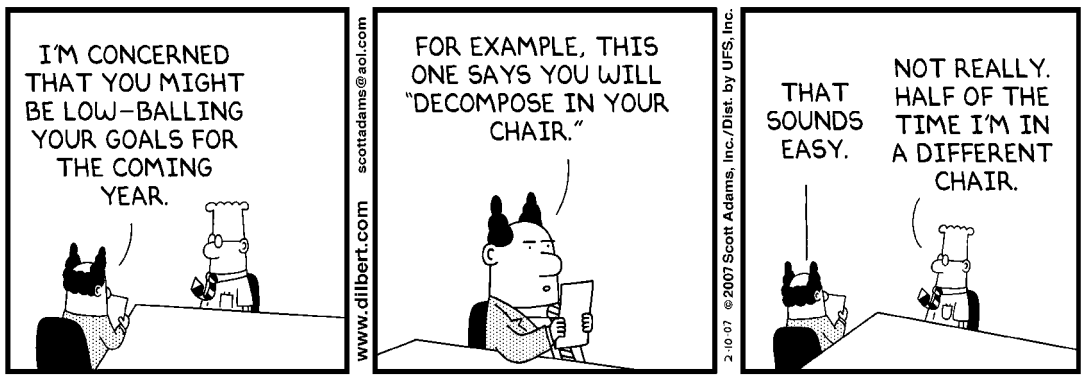
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
 It's best not to be too loud or come on too strongly when involved in a social situation you're sharing with others. Your friends will respond better to polite consultation than to demands.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
 In handling matters where you have some authority over others, wield your power patiently and wisely. Tyrannical actions will make enemies who only want to fight all your demands.

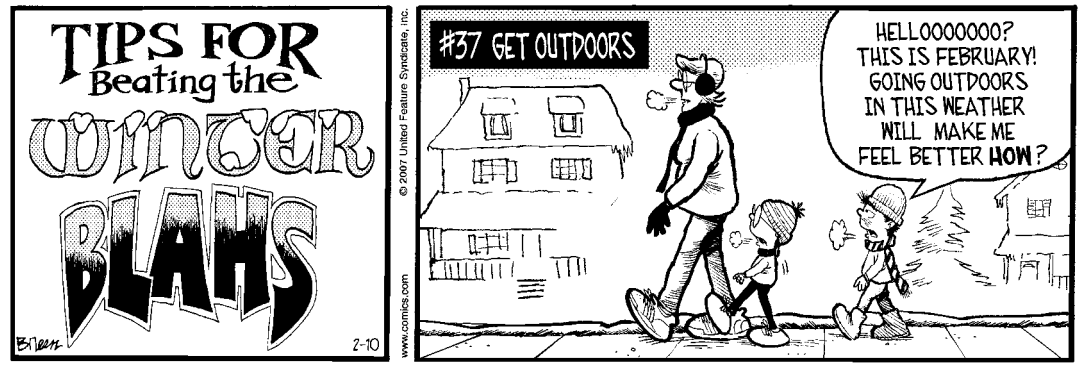
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
 Of course, it's your prerogative to champion an unpopular cause, but know there are consequences for doing so. Don't get angry at those who didn't agree with you to begin with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 It's not like you to be careless when it comes to financial situations, especially those that are critical to you. Yet that is exactly what you might do, and you'll come out on the short end.

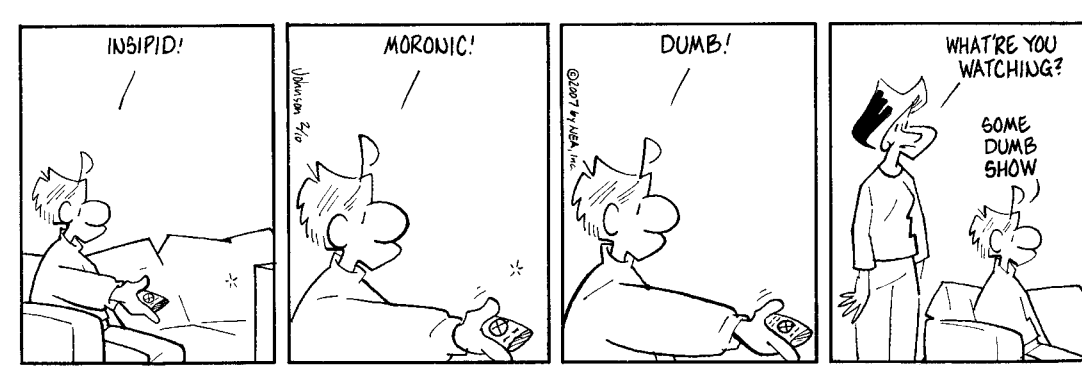
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- Freud, to himself
- Larger — life
- Sierra Club founder
- Hi-tech scan
- Cut some slack
- Sponge feature
- Campers' shelters (2 wds.)
- You bet!
- Eco-friendly feds
- Bad-mouth
- Sprinkling
- Promise to pay
- Nozzle site
- Frosted a cake
- Germinates
- Scoundrel
- Lady's title
- Dinosaur bone
- Put-down

DOWN

- La — tar pits
- The works
- Easily mixed
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- Enthusiasm
- Part of A.M.
- Kitchen spice
- Tenderfoot
- Bath decor
- NFL player
- Knuckle under
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- Channel marker
- Blarney Stone site
- Feel anxiety
- Mischief-maker
- Vinegar bottles
- Love beads wearer
- Golfing peg
- Ranch worker
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- Monster's loch
- Caramel-colored
- Boring (hyph.)
- Three-year-old
- Wins at rummy
- Belief systems
- Fieri gem
- Pakistan's language
- Senor's house
- Wickedness
- Wooded valley
- Boathouse items
- Sluggish marsupial
- Groundhog mo.
- Dirigibles
- Unfounded reports
- Future fish
- Finance
- Does something
- Summer forecast
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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