

Diversions

YOU SHOULD: LEARN TO HELP THOSE WITH ANOREXIA NERVOSA

Frank Gorman will present "When 'Just Eat Something' Isn't Enough: Tips for Family and Friends" and discuss his experience watching his wife develop and cope with the disease. **WHEN:** 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. | **WHERE:** Student Center, Pineshelf Room | **COST:** Free

One Tank Trips

Day trips to cities and towns across the state are an inexpensive way to add a little spice to a dull weekend.

Leslie Benson ■ Special Projects Reporter

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1 Skydive Greensburg
815 S. CR 200 W., Greensburg
(800) 990-5509; (800) SKY-DIVE
www.skydiveindianapolis.com
Cost: \$169 with student ID for a one-minute tandem freefall
Hours: 9 a.m. to sunset Mon. through Sun.

Rated No. 1 for skydiving in the Midwest, this commercial parachute center opens March 5 for the season and offers tandem and accelerated freefalls as well as a static line. "It's the adrenaline that does it," Bob Dougherty, owner, said. "You freefall at 130 miles per hour with an instructor. It's the ride of your life."

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6702 Pointe Inverness Way, Fort Wayne
(260) 436-3444
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Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. through Sat.; 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sun.

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4 Indianapolis Zoo & Gardens
1200 West Washington St., Indianapolis
(317) 630-2001
www.indyzoos.com
Cost: Adults (Zoo & Garden combo) - \$8; youth ages 2-12 - \$6 for combo; \$5 parking per vehicle
Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon. through Thurs.; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fri. through Sun. March 1-May 26

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6 The Fun Farm
2690 Breckenridge Rd. NE, Corydon
(800) 952-3580
www.thefunfarm.com
Cost: \$29 per person for paintball; \$15 for laser tag
Hours: 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tue. through Thurs.; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fri. through Sun.

The Fun Farm offers 76 acres of go-karts, paintball, laser tag, arcade games, karaoke and volleyball, as well as a skate-park, zip-line, mini-bungee, rock climbing wall and a mobile target shooting booth.

7 HOP's Powered Parachutes, Inc.
20451 N. Tyler Rd., Walkerton
(574) 586-3580
www.hopspoweredparachutes.com
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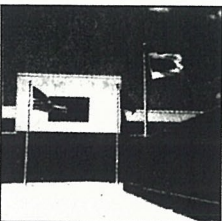


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10 Argosy Casino and Hotel
777 Argosy Parkway, Lawrenceburg
(888) ARGOSY-7
www.argosycasinos.com
Cost: Rooms-between \$79-\$175 per night
Admission: \$3 on Friday; \$5 on Saturday

The Argosy Casino is a 4,000-passenger modern yacht docked on the Ohio River. Reservations are recommended, especially for weekends and holidays. The yacht has four restaurants with dinner buffets on Fridays and Saturdays. Games include blackjack, craps, roulette, slots, video poker, video keno and Caribbean stud poker, as well as big six wheel, let it ride, Spanish 21, three-card poker and mini-baccarat. The casino is for ages 21 and over only with ID.

11 Oliver Winery
8024 North State Rd. 37, Bloomington
(812) 876-5800
www.oliverwinery.com



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Cost: Free entrance; free wine tasting on weekends
Hours for Tours: 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fri. and Sat.; 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sun.

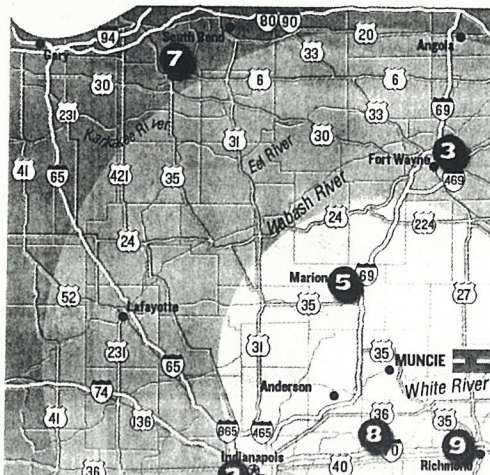
12 Marengo Cave
400 E. Hwy. 64, Marengo
(888) 70-CAVES
www.marengocave.com
Cost: Between \$12-\$13 for adults; \$6-\$6.50 for children; for a 2.5 hour tour of both caves: \$19 adult; \$9 child
Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

This U.S. National landmark features cave exploration tours and a park. Nearby activities include canoeing, gemstone mining, a cave simulator, hiking and fishing.

13 Edinburg Premium Outlets
Exit 76B and Exit 80 off I-65, Johnson County
(812) 526-9764
www.premiumoutlets.com/edinburgh
Cost: Free
Hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mon. through Sat.; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun.

This outlet mall sells discounted merchandise from name brand companies such as Banana Republic, Gap, Nike, Polo Ralph Lauren, Tommy Hilfger, Nine West and Wilson's Leather.

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MOVIES

Man takes out ad seeking Josh Hartnett for role

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A man who thinks he has written a script perfect for Josh Hartnett has taken out a half-page newspaper ad in the actor's hometown to catch his attention.

Paul Martin Hennessey said he does not know anyone in Hollywood and failed to reach Hartnett's agent through traditional means. So, he took out an ad in City Pages, a free alternative newspaper in St. Paul.



JOSH HARTNETT

"Dear Josh Hartnett," the ad reads. "In the land of the free and the home of the brave where equal opportunity is open to all, there seems to be a gap in the American Dream, actually, more of a catch 22."

Hennessey, of Alton, Mo., said his script about a 1942 fatal fire at a Boston night club could earn the star of "Pearl Harbor" and "Black Hawk Down" an Academy Award. "A hero emerged from the fire," Hennessey, 59, told the St. Paul Pioneer Press. "He was in the Coast Guard and just happened to be there that night. It's more about the hero and his recovery."

CELEBRITY

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5 The James Dean Gallery

6508 E. Museum Blvd., SR 22, Marion (765) 998-2080
 www.jamesdeangallery.com



Cost: \$5 for the exhibit; \$4 with student ID
Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily
 The six-room home has the world's largest collection of James Dean memorabilia. A 35-seat screening room shows film clips and a research library offers authors worldwide the opportunity to study Dean's life. The collection includes puzzles, clippings, books, magazines, scarves, photographs and souvenir mugs of Dean.

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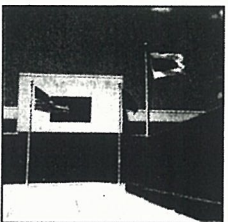


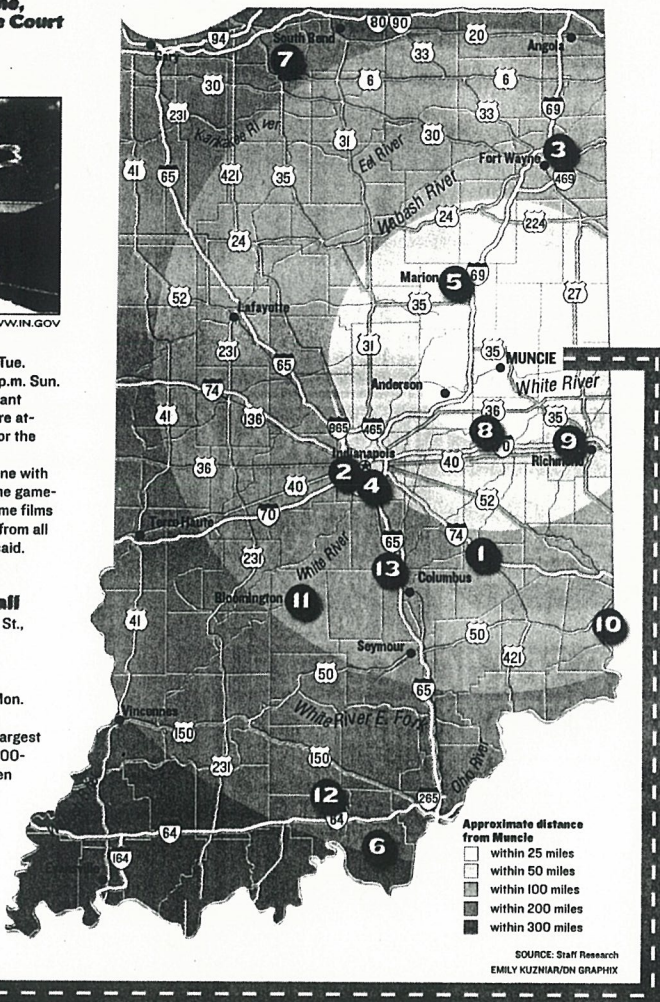
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9 Webb's Antique Mall

200 West Union St., Centerville (765) 855-5542
Cost: Free
Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon. through Sun.
 Billed as the "World's Largest Antique Mall," this 100,000-square-foot antique haven is not a flea market. It features hundreds of dealers selling furniture, glasswork, china, quilts, toys, paintings, silver, records, baseball cards, jewelry, political memorabilia, clocks and books, among other collectibles.

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 Slater joins "Menagerie" March 8, replacing Dallas Roberts as Tom, the narrator of the Tennessee Williams drama.
 It was to have opened March 15 at New York's Ethel Barrymore Theatre. It will now open March 22, Philip Rinaldi, a spokesman for the show, said Sunday.
 Slater recently won rave reviews in London for his performance in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and has appeared in such films as "Heathers," "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves," "Windtalkers" and "Tucker."
 The revival, directed by David Leveaux, stars Jessica Lange as the domineering mother, Amanda Wingfield.

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One-tank trips: Spring Break alternatives

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Many Ball State University students, like Ohioan Ashley Miller, a junior telecommunications major, plan to head home during Spring Break. However, for people who need a break but are running low on cash or have to work over most of the break, one-tank road trips exploring Indiana are a welcome alternative.

So, hang up your swimsuit and forget Cancun. This year, it's all about saving money and time. It's time to celebrate Spring Break Midwestern style.

For the adventurer, outdoor recreation such as skydiving or spelunking in Indiana caves can stir your adrenaline.

Abby Thrine of Indianapolis, graduate assistant for youth and family programs and intramural sports in the office of recreation services, has been caving in Kentucky and Tennessee.

"I have always liked hiking and outdoorsy type stuff so I decided to give spelunking a try," she said. "I have never gone skydiving, but it's on the list. I hate heights but I desperately feel the need to jump out of a plane just to say I did it."

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"I enjoy going to outlet malls like Edinburgh to see what is in fashion," she said. "I also like Brown County for shopping and the state park. If the weather is nice, Lake Lemon in Bloomington is great for recreational activities. And I would love to one day tour the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, as basketball is the true Hoosier sport."

Along with the Hall of Fame, for history buffs, visiting themed museums during Spring Break—such as the James Dean Gallery or the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum—may enlighten as well as entertain.

For nature enthusiasts, visiting a nearby zoo will allow for relaxation and enjoyment. Lastly, for those seeking novelty, state casinos offer nightlife excitement, and visiting area antique and outlet malls will fill the shopper's delight. A tour of an Indiana winery may also provide a unique day trip experience.

Thrine suggests visiting Oliver Winery in Bloomington.

"They have a beautiful property, and it is a fun little trip for a day—pretty inexpensive too," she said.

Miller also enjoys exploring wineries.

"I've been on winery tours in Ohio," said Miller. "I don't really like alcohol, but I plan to go wine tasting for my wedding. I figure there may be something I could find that I would like."

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