

a customer complained, Kroger took action. "It's part of retail," Elliott said. "We depend on our customers, and we respond to customers' concerns."

Tanks for the memories of this corner store

QUESTION: I think you may have a policy of not answering any more questions related to the decades-abandoned convenience store at the corner of South Rogers Street Country Club Road, but I thought I'd give it a shot, anyway. I notice someone has recently pulled the fuel tanks out of the ground at this eyesore. Knowing this is not an inexpensive procedure due to environmental hazard regulations for abandoned fuel tanks, I'm wondering whether someone is finally going to either level the place, or develop it. Any light you can shed on the matter?

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ANSWER: Since it's been a while, Hotline floated an inquiry to the city planning department to see if there had been any news on development of that corner. Tom Micuda said "nobody from our staff has talked to either the property owner or interested developers regarding a potential new development project on this property." Perhaps the old tanks were removed due to legal requirements.

Bulletin Board

Today is Limerick Day, observed on the birthday of poet Edward Lear (May 12, 1812-Jan. 29, 1888). An example of Lear's whimsical work:

There was an old man of Tobago,
Who lived on rice, gruel and sago
Till, much to his bliss

DALAI LAMA Meeting spiritual leader is 'an honor and privilege'

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"The tradition of nuns died out in Tibet, and women went to other Buddhist traditions," she explained.

"I found a teacher six years ago, so I'm just a beginner."

She said the Dalai Lama as been "extremely encouraging" of bringing women back into Tibetan and Mongolian Buddhist leadership.

In addition to numerous native Tibetans and Mongolians, various

global news media also were on hand for the Dalai Lama's arrival in Bloomington on Tuesday.

New Yorker writer Evan Osnos said he is following the Dalai Lama around the world and will travel to the Tibetan leader's home in exile in Dharamsala, India, later this year.

A Mongolian film crew making a movie about the Dalai Lama set up on the grounds and late in the day could be seen shooting footage of a Mongolian man and Japanese woman playing droning string music on an instrument called the morin khuur, or "horse-head violin."

Dalai Lama's nephew embarks on Walk for Tibet

H-T Report

Walk for Tibet 2010 began Sunday from Indianapolis' Monument Circle, and will end more than 600 miles later in Minneapolis, Minn.

Bloomington resident Jigme Norbu, son of the late Tagtser Rinpoche Thubten

Norbu and nephew of the Dalai Lama, will walk the entire journey.

Last year, Norbu completed a 900-mile walk from Indianapolis to New York for Tibet.

He said he has dedicated this walk to his father, as well

as the memory of all those who have died protesting to the Chinese regime and those lost and suffering due to the recent earthquake in Tibet.

For more, visit ambassadorsforworldpeace.org, twitter.com/fightfortibet or e-mail walkfortibet@ambassadorsforworldpeace.org.

In search of compassion

Among the invited guests to the 108-acre cultural center was James R. Doty, a Stanford University neuroscientist. "You don't think of Bloomington, Indiana as the mecca of Tibetan Buddhism, but here we are," he said with a chuckle.

"My interest is to understand the mechanisms within the brain associated with compassion," he explained. Doty said he uses brain imaging and "all the tools of neuroscience" to study what happens inside the brain with hopes of learning how to cultivate compassionate and altruistic behavior.

The Dalai Lama has shown keen interest in his work, said Doty, the founder and director of Project Compassion at Stanford. Some day, he said, he hopes to conduct brain scans on the Dalai Lama.

The Dalai Lama greeted Doty warmly. "He is extraordinary," Doty said. "He remembers people he met a decade or two ago."

would shoot my brother and burn down the house," she told the judge.

"You are lying, Gina," a distraught Andrews cried from her wheelchair. She made several such outbursts, and Stewart at one point called a 10-minute break and told Andrews she had to compose herself or be removed from the courtroom.

Robert Andrews' family asked for the maximum sentence, 45 years. "I fear for the safety of everyone," Ken Miley said. "She needs to stay in jail as long as possible."

With credit for good behavior, Andrews could be released from jail in 15 years. She also gets credit for nearly one year already served, and could have more time shaved off her sentence if she gets her GED and completes college courses while in prison.

Phyllis Miley, the victim's mother, testified that Dottie had longed for a child but was never able to have one. And when her husband told her about the affair and pregnancy on Memorial Day 2008, it was devastating to her. "She went into a rage, and her sole purpose after that was to bring Bob down as low as she was," she said.

the Andrews is out there hurt her."

Telenia Groce, Dottie's older sister, took her sister during the months before Andrews was killed. She said her sister was depressed, not eating or sleeping, and stayed in a dark room all time.

Groce still cannot believe what happened.

"Tess (the dog) was my child and Bob was her world," she said. "My sister needs her mental help. She is broken. I look at her sitting there and see my sister, but I look in her eyes and she is not there. She has been destroyed. Tess is not the same person who would give you her last penny. She would not hurt a fly."

Oliver challenged that position, saying that Robert Andrews "was the victim of the ultimate act of domestic violence."

"That Bob is somehow responsible for his death is absurd," Oliver said. "This is about betrayal. And revenge."

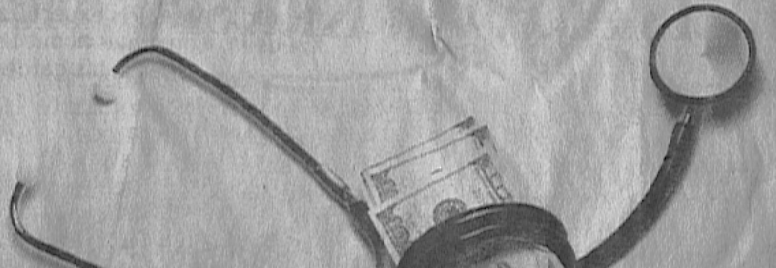
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