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Local Democrats advise voters to be careful how they vote

By BRANDON A. PERRY
Staff Writer

It's life after Def...Jam that is for Montell Jordan, the 6 foot, 8 inch multi-platinum singer, songwriter and producer who gave us hits like "This Is How We Do It" and "Get It On...Tonight."

Recorder Editor Shannon Williams recently spoke with Jordan about his decision to leave Def Jam Records, his latest CD, which was released earlier this week, and his family.

Turn to page C3 for the full story.

New dinosaur discovery

The Children's Museum of Indianapolis in cooperation with the Black Hills Institute of Geological Research and Eli Lilly and Co. announced a first-ever discovered dinosaur pathology found in its Gorgosaurus specimen. The pathology impaired the dinosaur's balance and mobility and likely led to its death. The Gorgosaurus also is the first specimen to arrive at the museum for placement in Dinosphere: Now You're in Their World, opening June 2004.

Breaking Free volunteers needed

Breaking Free Inc. is looking for volunteers to spare two to four hours a week helping someone break free from an abusive relationship and start to regain their life.

Breaking Free is an organization dedicated to providing education, awareness, safety, health and growth to those in abusive relationships. For more information call (317) 202-9366.

Child's toy trade-in

The Neighborhood Alliance for Child's Safety (NACS) is hosting the Toy Gun Buy Back and Educational Fair. The educational fair will provide information on violence reduction. Carnival games with prizes, a moonwalk for children, and an exchange for one toy gun per child for a gift certificate to a toy store. The event will be held in the NACS parking lot at 2001 W. Washington St. on Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information contact Jennifer Anderson at (317) 951-8476.

Artist coming to Children's Museum

The Children's Museum will host a Visiting Artist series on Nov. 2. This series is free and open to the public. High caliber artists will be present to supplement arts education for children and adults.

The program will be at the Lilly Theatre inside of the museum. For more information visit their Web Site at www.childrensmuseum.org.

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A week after embattled Democratic and Republican party officials came to an agreement on how voter's ballots should be structured, another confusing aspect of the design has come to light.

Speaking with The Indianapolis Recorder, Marion County Democratic Chairman Ed Treacy pointed out a potentially distracting, but totally legal procedure that occurs when a citizen goes to a voting machine and fills in certain ovals for their candidates of choice.

"Let's say, for example, the voter fills in the little oval for the Democratic Party, or the block that is intended for a straight party vote," explained Treacy, "If you (then) vote for one Republican, the vote for the Republican will count but it will erase all four votes for the Democratic City-County Council at-large candidates."

In other words, if the person votes for a straight Democratic ticket then tries to vote for just one Republican after they have filled in the block for the Democrats, they cancel out all the Democratic council at-large votes and the only thing that will actually register is the one Republican vote.

The process may also be detrimental to voters trying to support a straight Republican ticket because the situation can occur in reverse.

"It's everybody if you don't understand the rule," said John Keeler.

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Black Coaches Association will grade Division I-A hiring process

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

This is the problem: there are only four African-American head football coaches in Division I-A out of 117 colleges and universities and over 50 percent of the players are Black.

NCAA President Myles Brand recognizes this as a serious problem. He says a better search process with accountability is the best chance to solve the problem.

"I've drawn the conclusion that there is something wrong with the current process in place. We have to change the process in order to solve the problem," he said. "There should be a search com-

mittee in place and the BCA has gone a step further and that is an accountability measure for individual institutions with respect to using the process and that is the report card."

The Black Coaches Association (BCA) recently announced the "hiring report card," which will serve as the significant component in the evaluation of NCAA Division I

Institutional hiring and searches for head football coaching positions.

Colleges and universities will be evaluated in five categories: the contact with the BCA during hiring process; the efforts to interview African-American candi-

dates; the diversity of their hiring process; the time frame of the search and the adherence to institutional affirmative action hiring policies.

"It is the belief of the (BCA) and those who have collaborated with the BCA that for positive change to occur, overall knowledge is essential to understanding the issue," said Floyd Keith, executive director of the BCA.

"The public must have a completely thorough perception of the problems surrounding the inequities in the hiring of and honest consideration of coaches of color for head football coaching posi-

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Award presentation

Brian Burke (left) presented James Mosby with the "This Is Your Life" award during a recent ceremony sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America. Mosby was recognized for his family dedication, career and community involvement. (Photo/J. Hurst)



By AMOS BROWN III
Recorder Correspondent

Just two weeks before the election, Mayor Bart Peterson and challenger County Treasurer Greg Jordan faced off in the campaign's first prime time televised debate.

Broadcast live Monday night, commercial-free, on WTHR/Channel 13 and co-hosted by The Indianapolis Star, the debate covered some of the campaign's main issues; though few issues of concern to African Americans

were discussed.

The debate, the eighth of nine scheduled for the city's nine townships, was held at Ben Davis High School, in western Wayne Township. Despite being heavily publicized and located in a solidly Republican township, the 950-seat auditorium was just one-seventh filled. Just 140 persons, including a smattering of African Americans, attended, making it the poorest attended televised debate in recent history.

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Voter Ronald Smith (left) is just one of the many citizens Indianapolis City-County Council candidate Ricky Hence greeted as he canvassed door-to-door in Saddlebrook, a Pike Township housing addition. (Photo/J. Hurst)

TIRELESS CAMPAIGNER

Ricky Hence a rising star in local political circles

By BRANDON A. PERRY
Staff Writer

Any individuals who plan to spend a day with Ricky Hence should be advised to use the most comfortable pair of walking shoes they could find. And if they spend enough time around this guy, they might suddenly find themselves cheerfully passing around campaign brochures on his behalf or stopping door to door with him as he greets voters face to face.

Hence, 32, is the Democratic candidate for Indianapolis City-County Council in District 1, which sits snugly in Pike Township on the Northwestside of Indianapolis. In recent days, the energetic campaigner has supercharged efforts to familiarize himself with voters before the election on Nov. 4.

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MARCH TO MIAMI

Groups against free trade make stop in Indianapolis

By JOSHUA COHEN
Staff Writer

environmental problems have also gotten worse, especially in Mexico.

"We have to re-evaluate our trade policies," said Jim Robinson, district director for the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) Union District 7. "The verdict is out on NAFTA. It didn't do what they said it would do. The promises that were made didn't come true."

Robinson helped bring the March to Miami to Indianapolis in conjunction with the AFL-CIO and many other local unions. There are many groups participating in the fight to stop the FTAA from passing.

"There is a very broad coalition of unions, environmental, civil rights and religious groups against this," said Robinson.

They are all needed to stop

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Peterson, Jordan trade jabs in TV debate

were discussed.

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FTAA

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something like the FTAA from becoming policy. "These things tend to work best when they're done quietly in back rooms," said Bill Carey, staff representative for the USWA. When this many groups are making noise, it makes it much harder to pass.

The reasoning behind NAFTA and the FTAA seems to mask the real intentions of a policy like this. The only

people who really benefit are large corporations, said Robinson.

"With the expansion of free trade throughout the world, corporations that can take advantage of it have gotten rich," he said. "Corporations such as Nike can make sweat shops in India and make a product for pennies and sell shoes for more than \$100. Somebody is benefiting from all that profit."

The smaller manufacturers can't compete with this. They don't have the resources and are put out of business. Indiana alone has lost 100,000 manufacturing jobs because of NAFTA, said Carey.

There is a very good chance that this can be stopped, said Carey. "There are a lot of forces joining together to stop this."

"I think it is very possible to stop," Robinson agrees. "There will be a lot of people trying to

make the point that this is not a good thing. I believe the word is getting out, it's definitely taking hold."

The March to Miami will make a stop in South Bend Oct. 29 and Chicago Nov. 1.

To make your voice heard or for more information, you can visit the AFL-CIO Web site at www.aflcio.org and vote on the FTAA, or visit www.marchtomiami.org.

BCA

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tions on the collegiate level."

Keith says accountability is a fundamental and necessary element in the pursuit of positive change of any social injustice.

The "hiring report card" will hold institutions accountable for the hiring and consideration of African-American head football coaches.

The "hiring report card" will use a letter grade scale for each of the five criteria to determine an institution's final grade.

A number corresponds with each letter grade: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0. The final grade is determined by adding the total in each category with a maximum grade of 24 if an institution receives an "A" in all categories.

An "A" will consist of a score between 20-24, a "B" for a score between 19-15, a "C" for a score between 14-10, a "D" for a score between 9-5 and an "F" for a score between 4-0.

"This 'hiring report card' will serve as a cornerstone for accountability in the overall process," said Keith. "Our research and experiences with the history of hiring practices strongly suggest the status quo that is accepted is flawed. We feel adherence to the suggested criteria of our 'hiring report card' will positively strengthen the hiring practices and search methods currently utilized."

The BCA had grades prepared for teams who hired new coaches last season, but decided not to release the information. Keith said it would have been unfair to the institutions because they were not aware of what they were being evaluated on.

The first official "hiring report card" will be released Oct. 2004.

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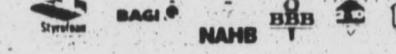
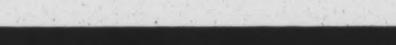
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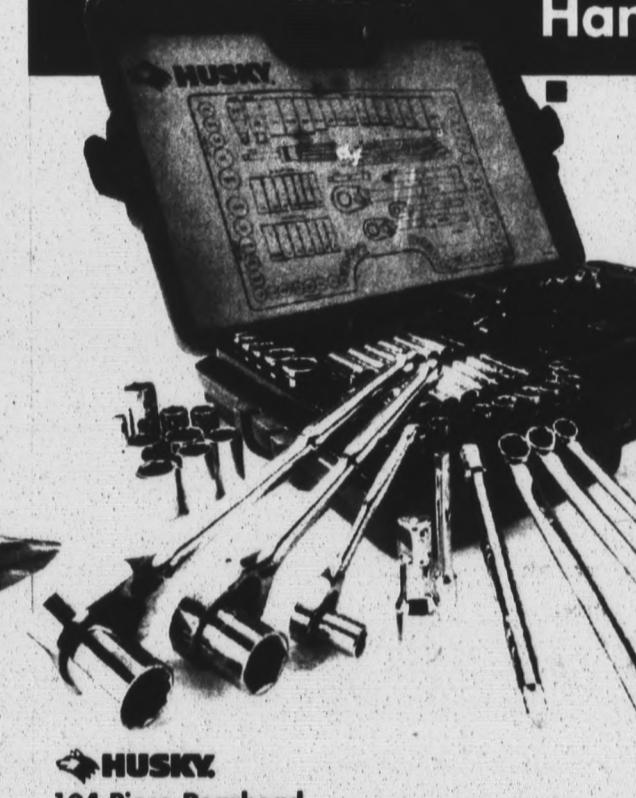


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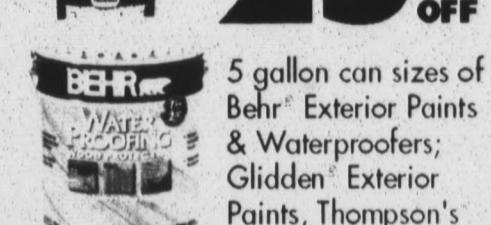
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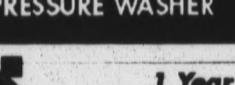
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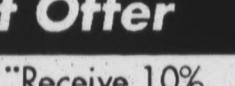
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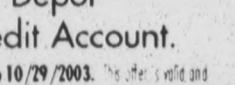
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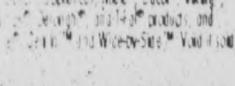
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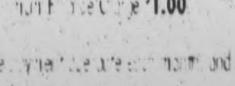
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I'll be out promoting our city everyday."

Jordan would "appoint a deputy mayor in charge of job recruitment and would make government conducive to attracting more jobs."

Mayor Peterson countered that his efforts to create jobs "began on day one of this administration."

Peterson said "we have seen a net increase in jobs" during his tenure. "We have been able to attract new business," Peterson declared. "We've grown the tax base and brought lots of new jobs and new businesses to Indianapolis."

When Mayor Peterson touted the success in the city's efforts to grow life sciences jobs, Jordan shot back that "job development shouldn't be limited to just the life sciences."

In one of the most contentious exchanges, Jordan charged that Indianapolis had "lost 23,000 jobs in the past year."

"That's not correct," Peterson shot back. "You're confusing unemployment in the metro which includes Anderson."

Asked afterwards about the 23,000 figure, Jordan spokeswoman Dollyne Sherman said the information came from "a Star article" and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD).

A check of DWD's database by The Indianapolis Recorder found no evidence of Jordan's charge of thousands of jobs lost. In August 2003, the last month measured, 452,880 Indianapolis residents were employed and 26,300 unemployed. A year earlier, 453,310 were employed and 26,720 unemployed. Over the year, 530 lost jobs and 420 went off unemployment. Statistically, no change.

On property tax relief, Jordan said if elected he would "encourage all units of local government to cut spending." He

also urged that the "mayor and City-County Council have the authority to approve tax increases of all local governmental units."

Peterson countered that "\$30 million in property tax relief could have occurred this year," blaming the failure on refusal by "the appropriate county officials."

In another prickly exchange, Jordan denounced the dispute between Republicans and Democrats on the ballot layout. "It is a tragedy that it occurred. It was a frivolous lawsuit."

In his most emotional response, Mayor Peterson reminded Jordan and the television audience that "one party tried to put their slogan on the ballot in violation of state law."

"A judge ruled it was against the law," Peterson said and repeated his promise to pay from his campaign funds "the plaintiff's cost of the suit. And I hope Mr. Jordan's party does the same."

In a wild charge, Jordan said Democratic candidates for the City-County Council would "increase taxes" if elected. A charge Peterson emphatically denied.

On Marion County Jail overcrowding and the funding crisis at Wishard Hospital, Jordan accused the mayor of inaction.

Peterson shot back, "when I took office the city was about to fall off a financial cliff" because of police and fire pension shortfalls. Peterson said he was proud that he took action that provided money for the pensions and put the city on "a firm financial footing."

Regarding the standoff between the city and IPD officers on a new contract, the mayor reiterated his administration's position, "We've offered a 3.7 percent raise per year for four years. I hope the leadership of the FOP (Fraternal Order of Police) will accept that."

Jordan retorted that "morale

is low" in IPD, something that could create "higher problems" if not resolved. Jordan criticized Peterson for "not bargaining in good faith with police officers" and linked the issue with jobs saying that with more people employed, "more local income tax money is available to pay officers."

George Taylor, Indianapolis Urban League Board president, asked the only question about public safety and crime concerning combining the Indianapolis Police and Marion County Sheriff's departments.

Jordan said he wasn't convinced that "combining them will solve our problems." Peterson said that wasn't his "immediate goal, though he and Sheriff Frank Anderson are exploring ways both departments can work together."

Jordan also said he "wasn't convinced that consolidating the Indianapolis and township fire departments will save money," while Mayor Peterson was willing "to take a look at it in conjunction with township officials."

On racial/ethnic tensions in Indianapolis, Jordan said "it is a problem" but that government shouldn't be totally responsible for solving them.

The debate's format was different from others televised in the past. Instead of standing at lecterns, the two candidates were seated together at a round table. WTHR anchor John Stehr moderated with questions from WTHR reporter Chris Schubach, Star editorial page editor Tim Swarens and IUPUI Professor William Blomquist. None were African American.

Three African Americans were included in a racially, but not geographically diverse group of 11 questioners, which included three members of the Y-Press children's news organization.

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chairman of the Marion County Republican Committee.

He added that Doris Ann Sadler, the Marion County Clerk took note of the situation early, saying that she felt 'obligated' to post information on the ballot that simplifies the procedure for voters.

But both Treacy and Keeler acknowledged that state and county election laws, for various reasons, require such a setup.

"It doesn't matter if they can correct the machine or not because statute requires that," Treacy said. "If you're in a race where a party has more than one nominee running for several different offices (a ticket) and you

'split vote' for one person on the other ticket it has to cancel out all the votes for the party you were giving the majority of your votes to."

"This rule applies not just to city and county races, but any race in which there are several candidates," Keeler said. "The reason why we're just now hearing about this is because the county has only recently converted from the manual voting booths with levers to the computers. In previous elections, if you pulled a straight party lever but wanted to scratch, all you had to do was go back and take off one of the names under the straight party ticket you voted for, then go ahead and jump to

the person of the opposite party. But the law had to address the current voting process in this way because there are no levers to lift back up."

Treacy said his main goal was not to lead a crusade to change the law, but educate voters and let them know that if they fill in the straight party oval, then they must support every single person within that party and not split if they want all their votes to count, period.

Although he would definitely prefer that voters only support Republicans, Keeler encouraged citizens to vote their conscience as a solution to the problem.

"Instead of trying to vote just a

straight ticket, just take time to read about each of the candidates and vote for the best guy or gal for the job," he said.

If voters would like to vote for candidates on an individual rather than party basis, it is highly recommended that they ignore options to support an entire party ticket and simply fill in the oval next to a candidate's name.

When a voter fills in a straight party oval at the voting machine, they will be supporting the party's candidate for Indianapolis mayor, its four nominees for council at-large seats and the single district candidate for City-County Council.

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businesses in our area, especially those in the northern area of this district."

"In addition," he continued, "I would also like to help the district secure more recreational facilities for our kids, because you won't find many of these here for them. We have many more families in Pike Township today than we did even five years ago, and the children don't have a lot of things to do. We must use resources effectively to provide safe areas for kids so they won't have to play in the streets."

The soft-spoken and youthful Hence, who works as a manager for a local Marriott Hotel facility, is no newcomer to electoral politics. Recently he launched an unsuccessful bid for state representative after serv-

ing under Congresswoman Julia Carson. He also served as a campaign assistant for Mayor Bart Peterson during the latter's first run for office in 1999.

"I really think Mayor Peterson has done a great job for our city," Hence stated. "During his first campaign he presented a plan and has accomplished 90 percent of that plan. Rarely do you see a politician who will not only put out a specific plan for voters, but also actually see it to completion. For him to get this much of it done with a Republican majority on the City-County Council is amazing."

Despite his links to some of the biggest names in Marion County Democratic politics, Hence faced a challenging quest for the Democratic nomination, which sharpened his

skills as a resilient fighter.

In the May Democratic primary he won convincingly over popular disc jockey Ricky "Solid Gold" Clark and Louis Campagna, a party activist who has run as the Democratic nominee for several local offices.

"The primary was tough because we had a lot of quality people within the party running to represent this council seat," Hence said. "As with any scenario of this type, you have to work hard. I thought I did a really good job of making sure I went out to meet the people. And that's one of the most important things you can do as a council member. You must give the people their voice because you are the community activist, so to speak, for your district. If you're not in touch with the people you're not going to be

very successful in that role."

Hence seems to be unfazed and amused by the seemingly endless barrage of literature and signs posted by the campaign of his Republican opponent, Isaac "Ike" Randolph. Hence said he has enjoyed appearing at community "meet the candidates" forums with Randolph, who is perhaps best known as former president of the Ten Point Coalition.

Currently, Hence is one of the few, if not the only, candidates in the 2003 City-County Council campaign who has the endorsement of both labor (United Auto Workers union) and business (The Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce).

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Why are so many African-American boys on the low end of the literacy scale and dropping out of school?

Why do so many Black men die earlier of diseases that are treatable?

These are only a few of the issues impacting African-American men and their families, and one of many issues that will be discussed at a historic and groundbreaking bipartisan national conference in Washington, D.C. The conference will take place Nov. 14 - 15 and will kickoff a national yearlong dialogue on strategies and programs to combat these issues.

U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis, of Illinois, has called this meeting of national leaders, major organizations, policymakers, grassroots representatives and scholars - to underscore the challenges confronting a large number of African-American males, and that role they should play in helping Black males overcome some of the barriers.

"We seek to better understand some of the historical, psychological, economic, and social challenges that retard the upward mobility of far too many African-American males," said Dr. Bobby W. Austin, program chair of the conference. "In our yearlong dialogue we plan to assess the impact of the larger society, and the role they should play in helping Black males overcome some of the barriers.

"During this period we will also develop an action agenda, that encompasses philosophical, organizational, and programmatic best practices that have proven track records in helping boys become successful men."

Reeves, president of Blacks In Government (BIG), also weighed in with his support. He added, "The status of African Americans in all levels of government service represents the cornerstone of our work. We therefore stand in solidarity with this coalition in attempting to get at the root of the issues that so adversely affect Black men and their families."

Father Clements recalled that the ancient Latins were just as interested in their male population. "Evidence of that concern is found in an ancient encryption which says: 'mens sana in corpore sano' - a healthy mind inside a healthy body. All males must see this reality in the forefront of their existence."

Dr. Savage of the Association of Black Psychologists echoed his

organization's support. He said, "The Association of Black Psychologists is organized in part to protect and promote the well-being of the African-American male psyche. We emphasize primary prevention within our implementation of research, theory and practice. We therefore support the conference and yearlong dialogue as both timely and of critical importance at this moment in our nation's history."

Former New Orleans Mayor Morial, who is now the new president of the National Urban League, closed out by saying, "As I stated in my keynote address at the Urban League's 2003 annual conference, we must declare 'Empowerment Time' for the Black male. While many are high achieving, too many Black men are drifting into the underclass of joblessness and hopelessness. They are both perpetrators and victims of gun-related violence, and are living their lives believing that manhood is defined by the ability to injure or damage another man - rather than helping another man. It is time - Empowerment Time - to develop ideas and craft solutions to reverse this alarming trend ... and provide Black males with tools for renewal, revival and resurrection."

On Nov. 14, the opening session will introduce prominent scholars, researchers, theologians, and others in the Montpelier Room of the Library of Congress. These opening discussions will introduce and outline some of the problems affecting African-American males from a religious, psychological, sociological, and political perspective. The speakers will set the tone for the Saturday sessions.

Following the opening conference in Washington, the conference conveners plan a minimum of four regional meetings - beginning in January 2004. Congressional Black Caucus members and their co-conveners will host these regional meetings. The efforts will be designed to yield strategies and resources for new and on-going efforts in support of African-American male development.

Dr. B.W. Austin, former founder and president of the Village foundation and former director of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation National Taskforce on African-American Men and Boys, chairs the conference program and planning committee.

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EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK



Jasmine Williams is an elementary school teacher, who works with special needs children. (Photo/J. Cohen)

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When I help a child learn something they didn't know before, that is very rewarding. I like seeing a child pick up something that they were having trouble with.

What has been the most challenging aspect of teaching?

I would like to see more teachers understand how to work with children with disabilities and for them to have more inclusive environments in which to learn.

When you work with special needs children, you have to earn their trust as well as learn their disability in order to find the best approach for them to learn. The challenge is finding that approach for each individual child and being able to get through to them.

In the future, what changes would you like to see in schools?

I would like to see more teachers understand how to work with children with disabilities and for them to have more inclusive environments in which to learn.

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EDUCATION DOES MATTER

Bush education program not properly funded

By LEROY ROBINSON

Budget deficits and the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) education program may be two thorns in the back of President Bush as he begins to gear up for his 2004 re-election campaign.

With the current record federal budget deficit at \$374.2 billion dollars and the lack of positive feedback from the new education legislation, Bush may face a serious challenge in his bid towards gaining four more years in the White House.

The 2003 budget deficit easily dwarfs the old record of \$290.4 billion that was set in 1992 when the current president's father held the same office. The head of the president's Office of Management and Budget, Joshua Bolten, stated that the deficit for the current budget year would rise even higher, topping \$500 billion, before the economy begins to see some improvement.

The NCLB education plan pledged to improve the performance of students, teachers and schools by giving yearly tests and handing serious penalties on those schools that failed to meet the national standards. However, the Bush administration is being criticized for not providing the adequate funding to help the teachers and administrators meet the new, and as some say unreasonable, standards.

President Bush will receive his stiffest opposition from those states he barely won during the 2000 election. Lawmakers from swing states such as West Virginia are being the most critical on the funding issues. The West Virginian Legislature reports as many as 300 of its schools are failing to meet the new requirements and each of these schools lack the financial resources to turn things around in a timely manner.

The political fighting on the local and national level is usually over funding issues. The Democrats are blaming President Bush and the Republican Party for not providing the necessary financial support to implement the educational changes that are needed to adhere to the NCLB standards and guidelines. The Republicans may lose the support of some of the most important swing voters, married mothers. This group tends to cite education as their main concern when determining whom to support during the presidential elections.

Due to the funding woes, many states including West Virginia will have to cut the budgets of other programs in order to meet the demands and guidelines of the NCLB legislation. About 45 percent of the state's 728 schools did not meet the new standards during NCLB's first year of implementation. Already, the state's revenue has dropped by almost \$60 million for the 2003 fiscal year.

Education, budgets, and funding are all issues that arise during an election year. However, budget deficits, lack of funding, and low education achievement levels could cause any incumbent to lose his/her seat in public office. It is great to have wonderful ideas and legislation for improving the nation's education system, but these laws are no more valuable than the paper they are written on, if they never get off the ground due to a lack of funding. And as Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., stated, "The law (NCLB) made proven, effective reform a priority for all schools, but to make it a reality, we must fund it."

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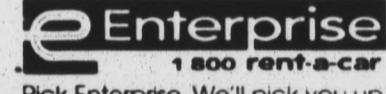
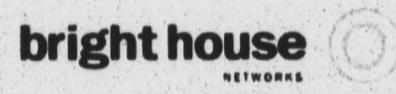
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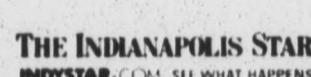
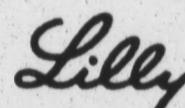
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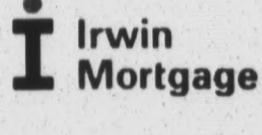
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Teen mother works hard to care for son and finish her education

By Dinah Allen
Ben Davis High School
Recorder Intern

Looking down at a pregnancy test and realizing that the rest of their life is about to change, teens that become mothers take the biggest step to adulthood.

Many teen-age mothers defy the odds of parenthood and show proof that just because you're a teen doesn't mean that you have to lose all hope.

There are definitely teen mothers who know how to handle this challenge and will continue to thrive.

Ben Davis High School senior Amandia Vandever is one of those mothers. She is the mother of a healthy 3-year-old boy, and knows first hand how to raise a healthy child.

"The main thing I think is important is to finish high school. I

don't feel I would have anything to offer my son if I wasn't strong enough to finish school. Having a job is second most important. I keep a job to pay my rent and keep my son with all the things he needs and more," said Vandever.

At the age of 14 and in the 8th grade, Vandever found out that she was pregnant. She knew she was going to have to grow up quickly. And she realized the news was going to be devastating to her mother - but she had to face her fear of telling her mother.

"She was mad and upset because I was her baby girl, but she was always there for me. She supported me and helped watch him, but also made sure I was the responsible one."

Along with taking care of a toddler while she is in high school, Vandever works part-time at Best

Buy, provides her own transportation, and is currently living on her own in a Westside apartment complex. Teen mothers like Vandever are hard to come by, but with determination and hard work, other mothers can follow her example.

"There are many programs to help teen mothers. My income isn't the greatest, but my day care is taken care of and it can be done, because I'm doing it," says Vandever. "A lot of girls need to get their head together, and need to evaluate their life - because you need a plan once that baby comes."

Statistics show that teen mothers are more likely to drop out of high school, live in poverty and are more likely to abuse their children. The statistics are upsetting, but there are teens who believe that when you have

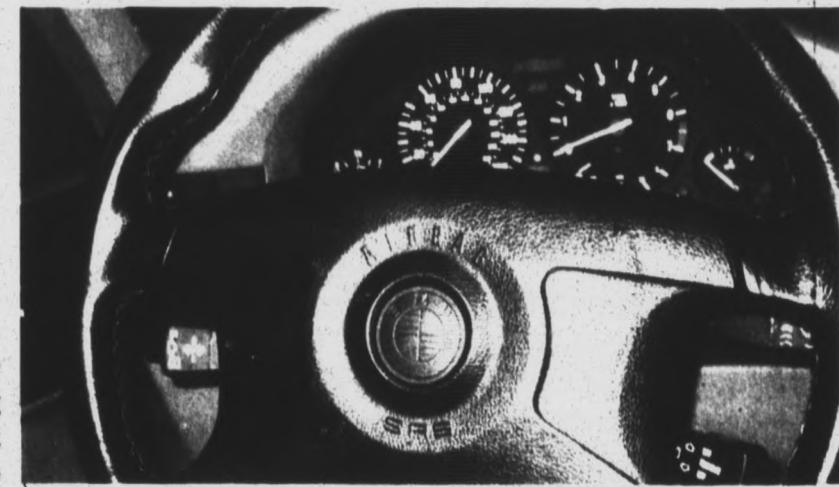
children you can seize the opportunity to improve yourself.

"The biggest misconception about teen mothers is that we leave the responsibility of raising the children on our parents, but there are some of us who are taking full responsibility and taking care of business."

Bringing a child into society is not easy, especially for teen-agers who are still in high school. Educational and social programs help guide youth in the right direction. Knowing that you can't do anything without education, Vandever also believes you can't go very far in life without a college degree and definitely can't get anywhere without a high school diploma.

"Going to school and working is a hard job, but like anything else, no one is going to do it for you," Vandever said.

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Teens on the road

By Chris Rogers
Lawrence Central High School
Recorder Intern

What is a teen-ager's No. 1 priority while they get closer to 16 years old? That's right. Cars. Many teen-agers struggle with making the money for the newly raised gas prices. Some teens worry about how they will afford their vehicle. But what about driving?

Eighty percent of the teens asked if they were good drivers said "yes" without a second thought. But is this true? If teens were such great drivers, then why is it that teens, aged 16 to 19, are twice as likely to be in fatal accidents than adults, according to statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration? Perhaps the question is: are teens ready for the road?

Many questions arise from adults when it refers to teen driving: What should the age be? What signifies preparation for a license? Do parents play a big enough role in teens and their cars?

Stewart DeVane, assistant principal dean at the McKenzie Career Center and a driver's education teacher, said that driving "opens a whole new world for teens." But he also stated that peer pressure comes into play and that many teens are not ready. "Part of driving is exposure. Exposure under controlled situations is a key element."

Is this the teen's fault? What about the parents? Do they play a big enough role? DeVane said, "Some do, but a lot of adults don't know how to drive safely themselves."

One question that was asked was if teens should drive only certain cars before a certain age. Are some cars too powerful for teen-agers to control? Almost all

teens want to race down the road going as fast as they can in an attempt to fulfill their "need for speed." But this is difficult for them to do if their car doesn't support it. If a teen is given a vehicle that has a 400 hp. engine, it will be difficult for them not to push the pedal to the metal. So then is it the car's fault?

Finally, what signifies complete preparation for driving? DeVane believes driver's education should be a requirement to get your license.

Tim Jones, a student at Lawrence Central High School and teen driver, thinks that driver's education is all that is needed to prove preparation for an automobile, but still doesn't think it should be a requirement. "Teens should have the liberty of choosing whether or not they want to take it (driver's education)."

Only the teen knows what is going through their own head once they get into the driver's seat. Do they think about their blind spots or do they apply "3 o'clock- 9 o'clock" with their hands on the steering wheel?

Unfortunately, many teens have one hand on the wheel, one on their coffee, one on their cell phone, and one hand is turning up the volume of their brand new stereo system. Sound familiar? If it does, then how can we prevent this? Every single person cannot have someone monitoring their actions at all times.

So many questions arise when it comes to driving. Are teens taking the necessary steps to being good drivers or are they just in a hurry to get their license? Do parents do what they are supposed to do when it comes to helping their teens? Are teens ready for the road? Perhaps these questions should be considered before you or your teen-ager start driving. For additional information or help with teen driving, go to www.teendriving.com.

Young black fathers

By Estella Motley
Scecina High School
Recorder Intern

playing with active little children."

The book also said "most children look forward to a special play time with their dad."

The last thing that *Discipline from Birth to Three* said was that "fathers should be involved."

"Most young Black fathers are not ready to be a father," said Dementrius Minor, an official for the Indiana Commission on the Social Status on Black Males. "The majority of the men are unprepared to be a father."

Some young Black fathers do not understand the concept of being a father. Minor said "young Black men do not realize that their life is going to change."

Most young Black fathers do not really understand what is going to happen to them until the baby is born and then that's when they start to think that they helped make it and they have to help raise it.

Don't let fashion lead you to failure

By Leah Graves
Lawrence Central High School
Recorder Intern

Everyone loves to look their best and look somewhat attractive. Do you let your clothes consume your life and have you passed that trait on to your children? Teen's infatuation with fashion is starting to become a problem in the school.

Reports show more and more Black children are falling into the blackhole that is Baby Phat, Fubu, Sean John, and many other fashion designers. The blackhole is surrounding you with clothes in exchange for your common sense and education.

Talette Jones is a freshman at Lawrence Central High School; she is 14 years old. Jones said school is basically a fashion show. She admits she is one of those girls who put on lip-gloss in class, but she doesn't let that become

a priority over her schoolwork. She does think some girls go too far with fashion, but she doesn't think they let clothes be the center of their life.

"I don't think fashion dominates school, because I get into fashion a lot and my school work hasn't been neglected," said Jones, who has a 3.6 grade point average.

In teen-agers' defense she said, "Most kids know if they get good grades they will get some type of reward, so they strive to get better grades."

Estelle Motley is a sophomore from Scecina High school. Estelle thinks fashion is the center of most African-American teen-agers' lives. Estelle thinks fashion is a big deal in high school and it shows on report cards.

She talked about kids being made fun of because they don't have on the latest trend. She also talked about kids not being able to concentrate, if they are being made fun of so their grades reflect their

attentiveness in class.

She goes to a private school and said, "Even though I wear uniforms to school, we still try to look good any way. We still wear the latest shoes and hairstyles and usually the person who doesn't, gets made fun of."

I think kids who can't afford to dress like everyone else usually drop out of school, because they are too embarrassed to go to school."

It's ironic that kids that don't dress in the latest trends get made fun of. Does that mean the kids who can look past peer pressure make better grades? This is a very confusing ordeal.

There are a lot of Black students who make wonderful grades and dress very nice, but there is a large margin between them and the kids who let clothes be lord of their lives and fail in school.

Hopefully we will improve and Black children won't drown in the pool of mediocrity because of an outfit.

Some teens take fashion too far

By Alyse Robinson
Broad Ripple High School
Recorder Intern

Today's fashions consist of everything from tiny tops to sagging jeans. Many believe it is the music and movie industries fault. But how does it affect today's teens?

It has been shown that many teens have been teased and tormented about what they wear. I know this because as a high school student I have been tormented as well. I have talked with three Broad Ripple High School students and a department head from Man Alive in Lafayette Square Mall about the trends and violence that sometimes occurs.

Carlos Thrasher, manager of Man Alive, said, "I do feel TV is an influence on the teens of today. I don't feel it's right for people to be teased about their clothing either. I myself am not a follower. I am a leader. I also believe friends have a big influence. If your friend is dressing hot you will too."

Broad Ripple student Vance Gardner feels he's

not influenced by stars, but that TV is an influence.

"Yes I do feel teens are influenced by what they see stars wearing," said Gardner, a junior. "I have never been influenced, I wear what I'm comfortable in. Jayz is a big influence on the guys. Lil Kim is a bad influence on girls. It's OK to be expressive, but she pulls the bad out of the expression. I would approach a girl more conservative. Like Janet Jackson."

Sherika Jones, a sophomore at Broad Ripple, said, "I believe only some people copy what they see or want to (be like). I don't follow trends. My style is natural. I've seen people being dogged on (made fun of). One guy's pants were too short. When a person sees that they start to jone (tease). Like my style the majority will think it's cute, but others will talk about me. I believe teasing is hidden jealousy. I believe Aaliyah was a good role model. She was classy and still had sex appeal."

Freshman Zach Weifenbach of Broad Ripple believes teens are influenced by TV and so is he. "I am somewhat influenced myself. If

I see someone in something I like, I will go out and get it. I don't feel it's necessary for people to be teased because of their clothing. They might not have the money to buy the clothes."

Jeana Lewis, production manager, at The Indianapolis Recorder feels she puts her own twist to current fashion.

"I would say yes I'm influenced by TV. I still do what I want. I interpret the clothing. I'm still myself. When I go out to the mall and see an outfit I like, I take parts of the outfit and then adjust it to my personality."

Staff writer Ericka Thompson of The Recorder says she's not easily influenced. "I'm not influenced because I'm at the age where I have my own style. And I don't get influenced by what people have and don't have. It's about being original and being mature. I understand how the youth get influenced. But I think as they grow they will develop their own style, and won't be influenced by what others wear."

So in conclusion everything is an influence. Style or not, violence is never tolerated.

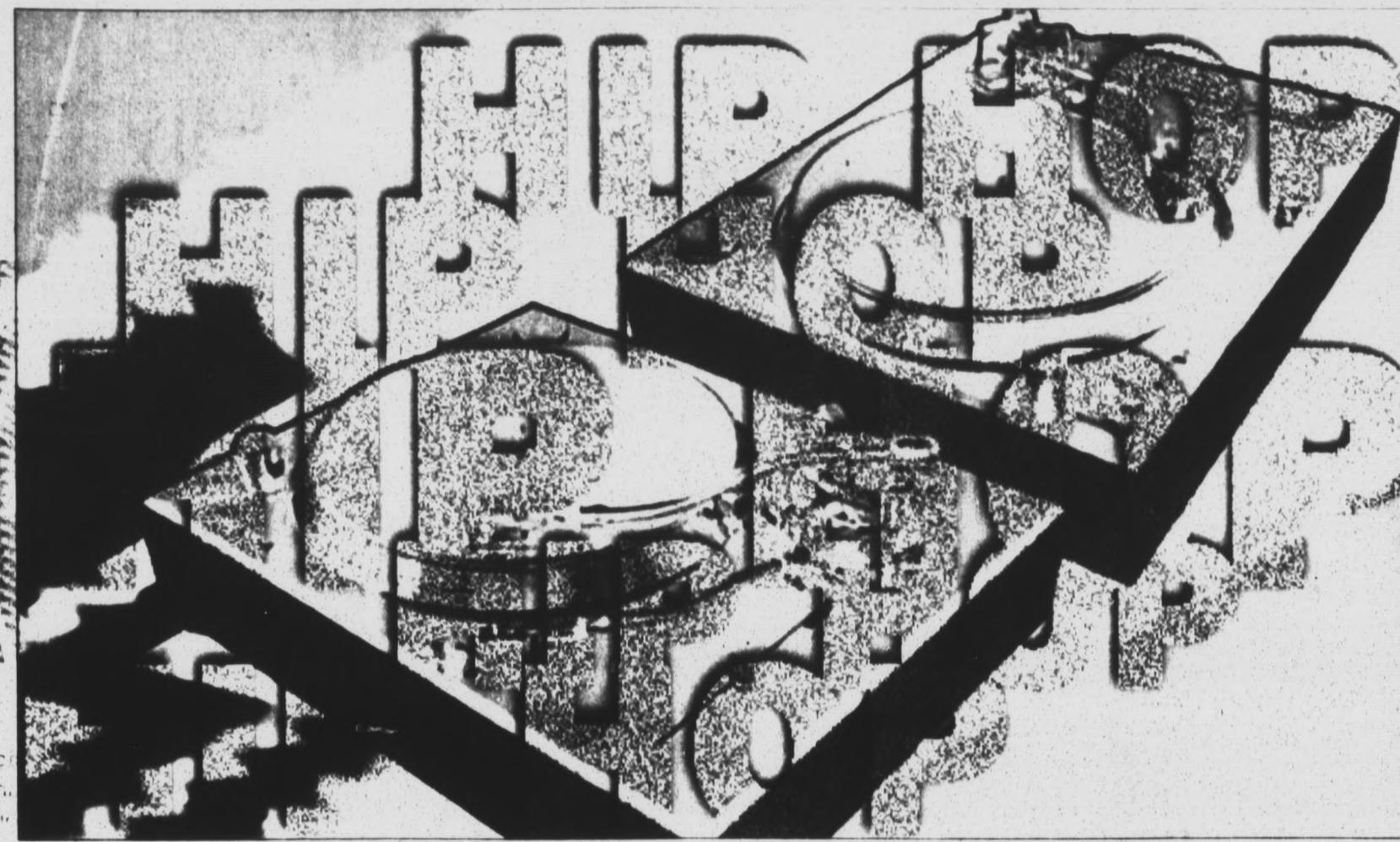
Being a young Black father can have its pros and cons.

William Mundy, a Black father of two, feels that one needs a good paying job to properly care for a child.

Young Black fathers should find the time to spend with their kids. "I try to spend time with kids but do not get enough time with them because the kids live with their mother far out from where I live," said Mundy.

Mundy feels it's hard to be a young Black father, but he says he tries to be the best father he can be.

The book *Discipline from Birth to Three* by Jeanne Warren Lindsay and Sally McCulburgh said that the "dad is often tired when he comes home from work, he may have little energy left for



The positive aspects of hip-hop

By Garrett Gammons
Cardinal Ritter High School
Recorder Intern

The definition of hip-hop in Webster's Dictionary states: having to do with or characteristic of music intended for dancing, with a rap or Latin beat. This definition does not state that hip-hop is derogatory, or that it has influenced criminal acts.

Hip-hop is a beautiful culture because not only does it have to do with music and dance, but also it's a clothing style, it's the way people speak, it's the way people express themselves.

Over the years hip-hop has been

stereotyped as a style of music that is in general bad. Hip-hop has been associated with sex, drugs and violence. It's been the blame for gang shootings and suicides. No one stops to look between the lines or explore the less hard core rappers. "There are different types of hip-hop," said Christopher Whitelaw, a junior at Cardinal Ritter. "I love hip-hop and it's my culture."

"Those who down hip-hop are the ones that don't take the time to really listen to it," he said. Artists like Mos Def and "the roots" are soul hip-hop artists and the positivity in their music sticks out a little more.

Some may argue where is the good in someone rapping about taking someone's life away. Well... there isn't, but you can flip that lyric around and realize that these people are really telling their audience what not to do.

Julian Bently, a student at Northwest High School, said, "I try to realize that these rappers are just speaking about their lives."

"I try to see it as a biography of that rapper's life, like 50 Cent." This past summer hip-hop genius, Russell Simmons, attended the "Youth Summit" where he was interviewed at a community forum. He was asked by an older woman what did he think about

the vulgar lyrics of today's core rappers? He responded that the rappers did have a responsibility to their younger fans, but he added that the parents also have a responsibility to teach their children right from wrong.

Mos Def said the purpose of hip-hop is to unite people. As the world of hip-hop grows each day new aspects and ideas emerge which may cause conflict with those who don't fully understand the culture. Yes, hip-hop has been marketed as a violent and cruel type of music but the positivity is there, and if critics would open their eyes they would see it as all true hip-hoppers do.

The harsh treatment of animals

By Talette Jones
Lawrence Central
Recorder Intern

What's going on in your neighborhood? Animals are greatly owned by Americans today. Animals have been around for ages and many people agree that now it's time to return the favor. Animals have been through a lot for humans, but for some reason many people fail to do the same.

Animal cruelty is very important to know about because it could include any type of animal and it could have a huge impact on humans as well. Studies show that men/boys are the main perpetrators of mistreating animals.

Information from the Humane Society of the United States shows that not all children abuse animals. "If allowed to harm animals, children are more likely to be violent later on in life," according to the Humane Society. Parents should not allow their children to abuse animals, because it could develop into more harsh abuse files.

Children do have a record of abuse, but this is more commonly found in the adolescence stage of youth. This is found more in youth that have very low self-esteem and are not as popular in school or have few friends in school. Children who show cruelty to

animals could be characterized as bullies and have probably witnessed similar cases in the past. Also, they could have been a main factor in a previous abuse case involving them.

The animals that are mainly abused are cats and dogs. Wild animals also have been abused, but the record is greater in house pets. Animal cruelty affects animals greatly. It can damage any animal physically, or even emotionally.

Once an animal gets harmed even once, it could lose its trust and appreciation for humans.

Animal cruelty can come in many forms. It doesn't just mean abusing animals. It could also include overfeeding animals, starving animals, leaving them out in harsh weather conditions, and feeding them or overdosing them with too much of a prescription the animal consumes for medical purposes.

When caught mistreating an animal of any sort, you could be fined and/or sent to get psychiatric help. When finding a mistreated or misused animal there are numbers of ways to help the animal.

The No. 1 thing you should do is contact your local Humane Society or animal shelter. You could also take the animal to a nearby emergency pet hospital or medical center. You could also contact (303) 239-4161 to file a complaint on witnessing or seeing animal cruelty taking place.

Setting the bar for African-American students

By Brittany Asam
North Central High School
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A few years ago if you had walked into an accelerated class at North Central High School you probably would have seen maybe two African-American students or none at all. Since accelerated programs have been introduced to North Central they have been predominantly white and lacking the presence of minority students.

This fact was brought to the attention of Aaron Shelby, a teacher at NC, who developed a program to increase the number of African-American students in the accelerated

classes.

The program was named Cohort program and it would give the group of student's social and academic support, which would guide them through their high school career.

Shelby says that, "The impact for our African-American students must take place in the classroom. The African-American students must believe that AP and/or accelerated classes are not reserved for white students. (Black) students must understand that they can do the work and we expect them to be successful in these challenging classes." Shelby monitors the academic progress of each student,

and if the student begins to struggle in a class, he works with the teachers and the student's counselor to help the student improve.

C.E. Quandt, North Central's principal, also selected 25 teachers that would aid in the help of the students and create classroom environments that the students could excel in. The students in the program are placed in the classes of the selected teachers so that the teachers can better help them. The group of students meets every Tuesday during homeroom where they can get help and discuss upcoming events. Many times during homeroom there will be a speaker, either a teacher to give

advice on how to excel or a student giving motivation.

Cohort program was put into use for the freshman during the 2002-2003 school year. The first year there were 35 African-American students and their combined GPA was higher than the combined GPA of the freshman class. This year there are 52 students in the Cohort program and they have gotten a good start and are doing well. Next year the Cohort program students will move on and be placed in an AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) class which will go into much more detail about how to be successful.



Interracial relationships are becoming more accepted

Tasasha Henderson
Perry Meridian High School
Recorder Intern

People of different races and ethnic backgrounds are dating and marrying in increasing numbers these days. This is called interracial dating and marriage and is described as the dating or marrying of two people of different races. It can be between African Americans, Caucasians, Asians, and Hispanics.

Interracial dating and marriage is on the rise. People of different ethnicity and cultures are turning to an integrated way of life and accepting the idea of a multicultural society while

others are not. More people are attempting to break down color barriers that exist. In a book called *Sociology of Marriage and the Family: Gender, Love and Property* by a professor of social work named Randall Collins, it says "interracial marriages have increased in the United States since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Southern states laws in 1967 prohibiting such marriages."

When Casie Merritt, a senior at Perry Meridian High School, was asked what she thought of interracial dating she said, "I don't think there is anything wrong with interracial dating. It is just skin color. It



means nothing. We are all still people. You get to learn new and different things with someone of a different race also."

In the 1950s and 1960s racial tensions were higher. Betty Gary, 57, who grew up in the 1950s said, "you did not see people of different races dating each other back then. The white people stuck to themselves and the Black people stuck to themselves."

On the flip side, others oppose interracial unions. It can be for a number of reasons such as religious, political, or family pride. Some people may not enter into interracial unions be-

cause of fear of opposition by friends and family. Others say because they do not want their children to suffer the hardships of growing up biracial. Being in an interracial relationship can be difficult. People may not approve and friends and family may even shun the couple.

Interracial relationships account for 1.5 million of the marriages in the U.S. The number of interracial marriages is doubling each year. This fact is showing that interracial relationships are becoming more accepted and people are becoming more color blind.

Artist says be yourself and let your natural self come out

By Tim Jones
Lawrence Central High School
Recorder Intern

mostly soul food," says Lewis. She is currently trying new and different African dishes and spices.

The artist has a strong opinion about being yourself and letting your natural self come out. "My sister influenced me to let my hair go locked and natural." She also says letting her hair go natural made everybody notice her skills at work. Her older sister influenced her a lot. She also was the first person to tell Lewis that she should be natural and go with her hair locked.

Modeling is also one of Lewis' fields of work. She models for different things such as clothing lines and modeling agencies for plus sized women. Her family just encourages her to keep going.

In the future she wants people to see how she felt when she was going through different experiences through her art.

EDITORIAL

Good citizens will vote Nov. 4

BY SHANNON WILLIAMS
Recorder Editor



With Election Day quickly approaching, the heat is really on for all of this year's candidates. You see campaign signs everywhere, hear advertisements on the radio, and watch television as candidates tell you why they're the best person for the job.

But as much as we see the signs, hear the ads, and watch the candidates, we should never grow aggravated, because the right to vote is something that has not always been so.

A mere 38 years ago President Lyndon B. Johnson instituted the Voting Rights Act of 1965. This law pledged the federal government to enforce equal access to the ballot in Southern states, making it the first time in the history of America that every United States citizen of age had the right to vote.

But this monumental aspect of American history did not happen solely because of Johnson. It was the accumulated works of so many devoted people that really afforded us the opportunity to now exercise our right to vote.

Take Susan B. Anthony for instance. She was one of the premier advocates of women's rights during the 19th century. When denied the right to vote, Anthony, a white woman voted anyway. When she was fined \$100 for her actions, she refused to pay. Her benevolent attitude towards women's rights have certainly contributed to the way of life women now have.

Let's consider Bob Moses. It was Moses, a member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, who urged so many Southerners too afraid to challenge the law, to register to vote.

Then we have people like A. Philip Randolph, Stokely Carmichael, Bayard Rustin, Dick Gregory, James Farmer, and Whitney Young. All of these individuals were integral in enabling us all to now be able to vote.

To not vote is disrespectful to all the men and women who devoted their lives to this cause.

The whole purpose of me providing you with this brief history lesson is to emphasize the significance of voting. By voting we are not only exercising a right that has been given to us, but we are also contributing to our society. Voting enables us the chance to have a hand in selecting our leaders ... the people who are supposed to have our best interests at heart.

It is my deep belief that individuals, who don't vote, shouldn't complain about anything the government does, any policies, taxes - nothing. As far as I'm concerned they don't have a right to complain because their lack of participation at the polls is what helped put the politicians into office.

I encourage every citizen over the age of 18 to cast your vote on Election Day. For far too long, many of us have taken this right for granted. We need to be proactive in the evolution of our state and our country.

Make sure you're at the polls on Nov. 4!

For far too long, many of us have taken the right to vote for granted. We need to be proactive in the evolution of our state and our country."

BY AMOS BROWN III



The biggest reason for our African-American community to vote Nov. 4 is to provide the decisive votes in the battle for the Indianapolis City-County Council.

For nearly four decades, Republicans have controlled the council. In the early years of UniGov, Republican council members provided enlightened, positive leadership. But in the past eight years, Republican council members have taken actions and articulated positions directly harmful to the interests of our African-American community.

Instead of standing for positive, good government, today's Republican council majority has developed a Neanderthal mentality of arrogance and obstreperousness. Instead of positive, progressive governing, council Republicans have given Indianapolis reactionary, ossified leadership.

One vote is all that keeps Democrats from attaining a majority on the City-County Council. African-American votes can change history and move our city in a more progressive direction; if African Americans come out in droves Nov. 4.

The four incumbent Democratic at large councilors - Rozelle Boyd, Lonnell "King Ro" Conley, Ron Gibson, Joanne Sanders - have stood strong with Mayor Bart Peterson and for all Indianapolis citizens, not just African Americans. They deserve re-election so fill in the oval next to their names Nov. 4.

Five other incumbent Democratic council members have also earned re-election. Fill in the oval on the paper ballot next to the names of Steve Talley (District 1), Monroe Gray (District 8), Mary Moriarty-Adams (District 17), Karen Horseman (District 16),

and Jackie Nytes (District 9).

Also deserving of your vote, William "Duke" Oliver (District 10) and Patrice Abudullah (District 15).

There are the eight Council districts where the substantial African-American populations in those districts can elect new, progressive members of the City-County Council, Nov. 4. Fill in the blanks next to these candidates' names.

• Firefighter and Warren Township Board member Vernon Brown (no relation) deserves your vote and support in District 18 in northeastern Warren Township, southeastern Lawrence Township and the far eastside CAFE neighborhoods.

• Attorney Greg Bowes has campaigned hard in District 7, which includes the neighborhoods in Pike and Wayne townships between High School and Guion Roads from 62nd Street south to Speedway. He deserves your vote.

• So does Angela Mansfield, another new Democratic face in District 2; Washington Township neighborhoods along Township Line, Harcourt and Ditch Roads from 71st to 96th.

• Those living in the Meadows area and neighborhoods along Keystone, Emerson, Dean Road, Binford Blvd. and Allisonville Road from 38th up to 96th Street should vote for Kip Tew, who'll be a far better councilman than incumbent conservative Scott Schneider in District 4.

• In District 6, the neighborhoods of Pike and Wayne townships west of High School Road between 21st and 62nd, Charlotte Scott will be a great councilwoman. So will Sharron Franklin, an IPD officer waging a strong campaign against Republican Neanderthal Curt Coonrod in District 12 out in the older neighborhoods of Lawrence, Fort Harrison, Oaklawn and eastern Lawrence Township.

• For readers living in Broad Ripple and neighborhoods along College, Westfield Blvd., Meridian, Keystone and Spring Mill between 52nd and 96th Street, do you really want to re-elect chief

Republican Neanderthal James "ban Broad Ripple hip-hop" Bradford? Mike Edmonson is a moderate Democrat who'll put people, not policies first in District 3.

• Finally, in District 1, the Pike Township neighborhoods from 62nd and 96th between Hendricks County and Guion and Payne Roads, two outstanding individuals, Issac Randolph and Ricky Hence are running for City-County Council. From personal experience, both Randolph and Hence would be great council members. This is my most difficult choice, but I'm for Ricky Hence in District 1.

Those are my choices. You have the final decision. But only if you get out and vote Nov. 4.

What I'm hearing in the streets

Two months after his stunning announcement that socialite businesswoman Bren Simon would be his lieutenant governor running mate, Joe Andrew's campaign for governor was stunned when Simon pulled out last week. Simon didn't personally tell Andrew her decision; choosing to tell the Indianapolis Star first.

"I am probably not cut out to be a candidate," Simon told the newspaper, "I was naive about how much time was involved."

Simon, who was finance chair of Kieran's old campaign committee, reiterated her support for the governor.

Andrew took Simon's rejection well, saying his campaign was alive and well, though admitting to me that fund raising had "dried up" because contributors were waiting on a Kieran decision.

Simon returns to private life, including running an outfit called Activate America which supposedly encourages minority voting, though our African-American community and Black media's not aware of it.

Andrew's selection of the self-admittedly naive Simon ranks among the worst political decisions in recent Hoosier history. Simon's departure isn't a fatal wound to Andrew's campaign, but it comes close.

Levar Burton, host of PBS' "Reading Rainbow," "Roots" Kunta Kinte, "Star Trek's" Lt. Geordi LaForge is an accomplished actor and director. His movie directorial debut, "Blizzard," opened the Heartland Film Festival.

Interviewed on our WDNI-TV morning program, Burton was impressive in his candor and commitment as a filmmaker and broadcaster to produce quality projects that uplift, not destroy.

Indianapolis Star top editor Dennis Ryerson also exhibited candor and honesty on our Channel 65 program last week saying that minority representation in the Star's newsroom was "less than 10 percent," a number Ryerson says "is disappointing." Ryerson pledges to do better. We'll see.

Former NBA great Manute Bol spoke eloquently on our TV show about the genocide in his native Sudan. A religious and tribal pogrom that America, including African Americans, has ignored. Bol couldn't understand how America fights Islamic terrorism in the Arab world, while ignoring the problem in places like the Sudan.

WISH-TV/Channel 8's Tina Cosby took strong exception to my Oct. 10 column criticizing them and the Circle City Classic Parade. Cosby flatly denied Channel 8 was behind the Classic Parade's decision to ban participation of Black journalists from Channels 6 and 59.

Cosby, though, reiterated Channel 8's policy of excluding Channel 13's and other African-American television personalities from their parade broadcast. A policy that, in my view, has no place in a parade which celebrates and uplifts African-American achievements.

See 'ya next week.

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Indiana Voter's Bill of Rights

Municipal General Election: November 4, 2003 • Polls are open 6 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Who Can Vote?

You have the right to vote in an Indiana election if

- You are a U.S. Citizen;
- You are a resident of Indiana;
- You will be at least 18 years of age at the next general or municipal election;
- You have lived in the precinct where you vote for at least 30 days before the election;
- You are not currently in prison after being convicted of a crime; and
- You are registered to vote.

If you knowingly vote at an election when you are not authorized to vote, you are committing a felony, and can be fined up to \$10,000, jailed for up to three years, or both.

Fail-Safe Procedures

(when your name is not on the list)

If you are registered to vote but your name does not appear on the poll list, you are still allowed to vote if one of the following fail-safe procedures applies to you:

1. Certificate of Error - If your name does not appear on the poll list because of an error by the county, the county must issue a Certificate of Error before you are allowed to vote.

2. Written Affirmation - If you were at one time registered in this precinct, but your name does not appear on the poll list now and you are willing to sign a written statement (or make an oral affirmation in the presence of the inspector or one of the judges) that you still live at the address in the precinct that county voter registration records show as your former address, then you may vote after making the statement or affirmation.

3. Receipt from Voter Registration - If your name does not appear on the poll list but you have a receipt from a voter registration application form indicating that you applied to register at a voter registration agency while the registration period was still open (before the last 29 days before the election) and the county voter registration office does not have any record of receiving the voter registration application, then you may vote after the information on your receipt is recorded on the poll list.

2. Moved more than 30 days before the election, but still live in the same county and congressional district - If you moved more than 30 days before the election outside of the precinct to another precinct that is still in the same county and congressional district, you may vote at your old precinct one last time by signing an affidavit provided by local election officials or by making an oral affirmation of these facts in the presence of the precinct election board, and then proceed to vote.

3. Moved within the State of Indiana in the last 30 days before the election - If you moved outside of the precinct to any other precinct in Indiana within the final 30 days before the election, you may vote at your old precinct one last time by signing an affidavit provided by local election officials.

4. Moved outside the State of Indiana in the last 30 days before a presidential election - If you moved from an Indiana precinct to a new residence outside of Indiana and moved within the final 30 days before Election Day, you may vote at your old precinct one last time by signing an affidavit provided by local election officials. However, the voter may only be given a ballot to vote for president and vice-president.

Unless you qualify to use one of these fail-safe procedures, you are committing a felony if you vote at a polling place that you know is not your legal polling place.

Other Voter Protections

Voters Needing Assistance - If you need assistance at the polls because you are disabled or cannot read or write English, you have the right to receive assistance to cast a vote in every election. The person assisting can be a poll worker or someone you choose. However, your employer or union representative cannot assist you. The person you choose must fill out an affidavit before assisting you to vote.

Accessible Polls - You have the right to a polling place that is accessible to a person with disabilities.

Traveling Voting Boards - If you are confined due to illness or disability, you have the right to vote absentee at your place of confinement before a traveling absentee voting board.

Spoiled Ballots - Your ballot is "spoiled" if you vote for too many candidates running for the same office if you vote by mistake for a candidate for whom you did not intend to vote. If you spoil your ballot, you may return the spoiled ballot to a poll worker and receive another ballot in order to cast a vote in that election.

Waiting at the Polls at Closing - If you have begun the process of voting, or are waiting in the chute to begin the process of voting before the closing of the polls at 6:00 p.m., you have the right to cast a vote in that election.

Challenged at the Polls

If you are challenged at the polls, you have the right to sign an affidavit affirming that you meet all of these voting qualifications and to then vote.

You may be challenged at the polls by another voter who believes that you do not meet all of the requirements to vote. If you are willing to sign an affidavit affirming that you do meet all the requirements, you can vote.

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Legislators look at more property tax reforms

Staff Report

As the 2004 session of the Indiana General Assembly rapidly approaches, property taxes continue to be a major focus for lawmakers.

While the tax restructuring reforms enacted last year have helped blunt the impact of the property reassessment, it is also obvious that additional moves must be taken to make sure that relief goes to the people who need it the most: homeowners across Indiana.

What can be done?

Under the guidance of state Rep. Bill Crawford, D-Indianapolis, the House Ways and Means Committee will conduct a series of public meetings around the state on a series of reforms advocated by Indiana House members. The first of these meetings will be at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 23 in the House chamber at the Statehouse.

Among these reforms are a proposal from Gov. Joe Kernan to extend the filing deadline for the homestead credit and other credits and deductions to Dec. 1, 2003. The original deadline for filing was back in May, but that date passed before many people actually received their tax bills. They did not have a full chance to seek relief.

If approved, these changes would impact the \$35,000 homestead deduction, a 20 percent homestead credit, mortgage deductions, and credits and deductions impacting people over 65, the blind, disabled and veterans. Given more time, homeowners will have additional chances to obtain credits and deductions that can cut their property tax bills.

We must pay particular attention to the plight facing those who own older homes, since property taxes on those structures have increased more than expected.

But the reforms sought by House Democrats go beyond extending these application deadlines. It is obvious that spending by local units of government needs to be brought under control.

Initial results from the 2003 property tax collections show that the state will need to pay nearly \$90 million in additional property tax relief funding. Why? Because property taxes increased in 2003 by over \$600 million per year more than was originally anticipated.

Property tax levies statewide increased by over 13 percent in 2003, which is not acceptable. A large portion of those increases were implemented by local units of government.

In the past, local units were allowed to increase their maximum levy by 5 percent each year. Many units did not take advantage of this provision on a yearly basis, preferring instead to "carry over" these increases and make one large increase during the year that reassessment took place. During reassessment, many townships and local governments increased property taxes by more than 20 percent. In Marion County, local levies increased by 16.1 percent.

Additionally, Marion County was one of several counties that levied tens of millions of dollars of "buffer" property taxes to help pay for appeals that did not take place.

House Democrats are proposing several possible options for cutting, freezing or rolling back local property taxes, by restricting local property tax increases to no more than 5 percent, curtailing the ability of local units to "bank" unused maximum levy increases, or even increasing the homestead deduction over the next several years.

Beyond the fact that local government spending is out of control, it is becoming apparent that many reassessments are flawed. The Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF), which is the state agency responsible for overseeing local assessments, has found that several counties have not completed their reassessments correctly. Many others will not complete the reassessment until sometime next year, which could cause some homeowners to be "double-billed" in 2004.

House Democrats are propos-

ing to give the DLGF the authority to take over local reassessment processes when assessors fail to meet deadlines or demonstrate an inability to get their work done in a timely manner. The state needs to step in now to get these reassessments back on track as soon as possible.

When legislators enacted historic reforms to Indiana's tax code in 2002, they were designed to offset the impact of a court-ordered system that would have increased homeowners' property taxes by as much as 33 percent if the Indiana General Assembly had not acted.

The reforms have had a positive impact in some areas of the state, but it is obvious that accountability and belt-tightening must come not only from state officials, but local officials as well. The time to ensure that these reforms will benefit local homeowners is now.

Increases in local property tax levies in Marion County

Taxing Units exceeding 15% increase	2002	2003	% Change
Indianapolis Sanitation (Liquid)	\$26,459	\$724,286	2637.3%
Center Township	\$2,887,057	\$7,936,055	174.9%
Decatur Township	\$1,547,705	\$3,000,938	93.9%
Wayne Township	\$6,098,653	\$8,656,145	41.9%
Beech Grove City Schools	\$6,585,932	\$8,494,088	29.0%
Perry Township	\$6,701,223	\$8,520,666	27.2%
Wynnedale Civil Town	\$10,301	\$13,014	26.3%
Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library	\$32,136,015	\$40,419,763	25.8%
Speedway City Public Library	\$787,888	\$988,359	25.4%
Speedway Public Transportation	\$157,181	\$196,823	25.2%
Marion County Health and Hospital	\$76,157,416	\$93,717,632	23.1%
Marion County	\$154,977,880	\$184,814,665	19.3%
Indianapolis Public Schools	\$152,830,955	\$181,575,131	18.8%
Indianapolis Fire Special Service	\$34,702,562	\$40,895,798	17.8%
MARION COUNTY (all taxing units)	\$1,082,544,618	\$1,257,208,945	16.1%
Cumberland Civil Town	\$434,696	\$503,306	15.8%
Indianapolis Public Transportation	\$10,130,028	\$11,722,714	15.7%
Franklin Township Community Schools	\$22,902,011	\$26,495,253	15.7%
M.S.D. Warren Township Schools	\$49,332,464	\$57,029,969	15.6%
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Rocky Ripple Civil Town	\$21,840	\$25,190	15.3%

There are 47 local taxing units; 40 of them had increases over 5 percent.

READERS RESPOND

Planned Parenthood ready to help women

Rising unemployment. Rising uninsured. Rising health care costs. These headlines about the economy make most of us nervous about our futures. Where will we cut costs if the worst happens to us? These issues don't affect only the poor."

Many middle-class workers are seeing their disposable income, savings and future financial security eroded by today's basic living expenses. Those of us who used to feel comfortable in our ability to provide for our families are starting to wonder what former necessities will become luxuries if we need to start cutting more than just "corners."

A concern for many women is the cost of health care. Studies show women pay 68 percent more in out-of-pocket ex-

penses. This disparity in cost is largely due to expenses associated with reproductive health care services.

Health care isn't a "corner" you should have to cut. In tough times women still need to maintain their health by receiving regular pelvic and breast exams. They still need Pap tests for diagnosis and treatment for cervical cell abnormalities. And they still need access to the birth control method of their choice.

As a non-profit provider, Planned Par-

enthood is here to help with low-cost exams, subsequent medical care for advanced diagnosis and treatment of abnormal Pap tests, and birth control options at costs typically far lower than other providers. Planned Parenthood is here to help women of all ages and incomes with their reproductive health care needs.

You don't need to let the economy keep you from taking care of your health. Planned Parenthood is here to help.

Mary Ruth Snyder, Ph.D.
President, Board of Directors
Planned Parenthood of Greater Indiana Inc.

Bush's failed policies

George W. Bush's spending policies in Iraq are failing. Things are not "better than we think," as the administration would have us believe.

Our troops are being killed every day. The U.N. resolution is not going to help. It only supplies a small number of troops from other countries. Pakistan will be sending none.

The administration's policy of "go it alone" is a disaster. The president needs to replace his foreign policy team, and replace it with a new team, that will be dedicated to working with the international community. Our international reputation, national security, and the safety of our troops are at stake.

Halliburton, Vice President Cheney's cohorts, is receiving billions of our tax dollars, while Iraqi companies are being shunned. Halliburton is receiving gasoline wholesale from the Persian Gulf at 71 cents, then they are charging the American taxpayer \$1.62 to \$1.70.

According to a poll conducted by the Stars and Stripes, a military newspaper, morale of our troops is very low. And rightfully so. They are being attacked daily. Their mission is unclear. And they characterize the Iraqi war as having little value. They are also performing jobs they were not trained to do.

Reuters has reported the war with Iraq has galvanized the will of Islamic militants. And swollen the ranks of al-Qaeda.

Now this is the truth. George W. Bush's foreign policies are a disaster. We need a change of course. A new direction.

John M. Archer Jr.

YOUR VOICE

Will you exercise your right to vote on Nov. 4?



Marq Alias

No, I'm not really into politics unless it's the president.

Marq Alias



Lashelle Tipton

Yes. My people worked too hard in the past to vote and for me not to exercise that right would be a dissatisfaction.

Lashelle Tipton



Anthony Hornbak

Yes, because it is my right. I want to make sure that I have my say in the election. I also want to influence the people around me to vote.

Anthony Hornbak



Have you ever been abused?

Angela Cain
WTHR
Community Affairs Director

and we learned that some officers spend 50% to 75% of their day running on domestic abuse calls.

How can we stop the violence? It is a vicious cycle. Domestic abuse experts say if we are in an abusive home, there's a chance we grew up in one as well and we don't really know any other way to live. Ruth Bramlage, Director of Counseling Services for Family Service, says families have to stop feeling shame and blame and, instead, find ways to stop the cycle. We have the power to build healthier family relationships and there are many Central Indiana programs available to help.

Family Service offers children and family therapy and it has programs to help treat the batterer, too. You can call Family Service at 317-634-6341. If you need to flee an abusive relationship, call the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence at 1-800-332-7385. And even if you haven't faced domestic abuse, you can help fight it by volunteering at area shelters or making donations and by insisting that your organizations, your churches, and your workplaces learn more about the issue. You can request speakers to address your groups or get educational materials by calling the Domestic Violence Network of Greater Indianapolis at 317-475-6110.

As a community, we can continue to "Shatter the Silence." We saw some of you take action during our campaign. Calls for help to the statewide hotline increased 65%; DVNGI had about a 30% increase in requests for educational materials; and more of you volunteered to help at area domestic abuse agencies. Thank you so much for getting involved, but remember that the problem is far from over. We must continue to find ways to help each other or to help ourselves.

Examine your own relationships. Think about the way that you talk to your children or to your loved ones. Do you criticize them or praise them? Do you build their self-esteem or bring it down?

Do you have people living in fear of you or do they look forward to spending time with you every day?

We can all learn to treat each other with more respect and love. It's as simple as following the golden rule that many of us learned as children. "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." If you don't want to be abused, don't abuse others. Our children deserve to be raised in a loving environment. Let's strive to make that happen... for the sake of our children.

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2 garlic cloves, crushed

1/2 cup shortening

4 1/2 tablespoons paprika

2 teaspoons caraway seed

1 teaspoon marjoram

1 teaspoon lemon peel, grated

1 1/2 cups water

2 teaspoons salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper



Serves 6

Preparation time: 20 minutes

Cooking time: 1 hour,
30 minutes

Cut chuck roast or steak into cubes. In a large
kettle saute chopped onions and crushed
garlic cloves in hot shortening until tender. Stir
in paprika; cook for 1 minute. Add peeled, chopped
tomatoes, caraway seed, marjoram, grated
lemon peel, water, salt and pepper. Bring to a
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SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

From milk to meat

By PASTOR DAVID A. HAMPTON

I must begin by stating that I love my church family at Zion Hope Baptist Church. I am privileged to pastor some of the greatest people on the planet. Being a leader is humbling because to whom much is given, much is required and expected.

I realize that I must remain faithful because my members will be a reflection of who I am and what I teach. If I am not constantly focused on Christ, then I will be judged severely for misleading many lives. The highest level of leadership is actually servanthood.

1 Peter 2:1-3 says that we should desire the pure milk of God's word, while 1Corinthians 3:1-3 talks about the need to be fed with solid spiritual food. One of the greatest challenges of the church today is the same challenge faced by the apostle Paul - spiritually immature Christians.

It is a shame that many individuals discuss where they attend church while in some nightclub and then see one another in church the next morning with a hangover. I guess one should not be so critical, after all, at least they are in church right? Well, as long as the church does not challenge Christians to grow, churches will remain full of members wearing spiritual diapers.

Paul also said, in 1 Cor. 13:11, "When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. From a pastoral perspective it is quite embarrassing to hear that your members represent you, your teaching, and your church poorly concerning their witness in the community. I'm sure that if pastors can be embarrassed, imagine how Jesus must feel.

The truth of the matter is, a church can only be as strong, healthy, and mature as its leadership. If the pastor is uninformed, members are uninformed. If the pastor is carnal, members are carnal. If the pastor is immature, members are immature. If the pastor is biblical, members are biblical. If the pastor is friendly, members are friendly.

The people of any church become a reflection of their pastor. Also, to some extent, the pastor becomes a reflection of the people. What, then, must take place to ensure a proper reflection of maturity? Jesus must be the standard of excellence upon which the pastor and people aspire to reach. The standard, however, begins at the top, with the pastor, then with the leadership, down to membership.

The reason many churches fall within the 80/20 statistic (80 percent of members do nothing while 20 percent do everything) is due to the fact that many members do not move beyond a certain point in their spiritual growth.

I want to suggest that there are four levels of growth toward spiritual maturity in the church: (1) membership, (2) discipleship, (3) stewardship, and (4) leadership.

Membership is the most basic level. At Zion Hope, simply joining church does not make one a member. Membership is attained upon completion of a 6-week EQUIP class designed to equip new members with the basic principles of the

Order of Service Religion

B SECTION
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2003

New radio broadcast focuses on Godly living

By ERICKA C. WHEELER
Staff Writer

"It Is Well" is devoted to reconciling the whole man unto Christ - body, mind, soul and spirit," said Beverly Barney during her introduction to some new WTLC-AM programming.

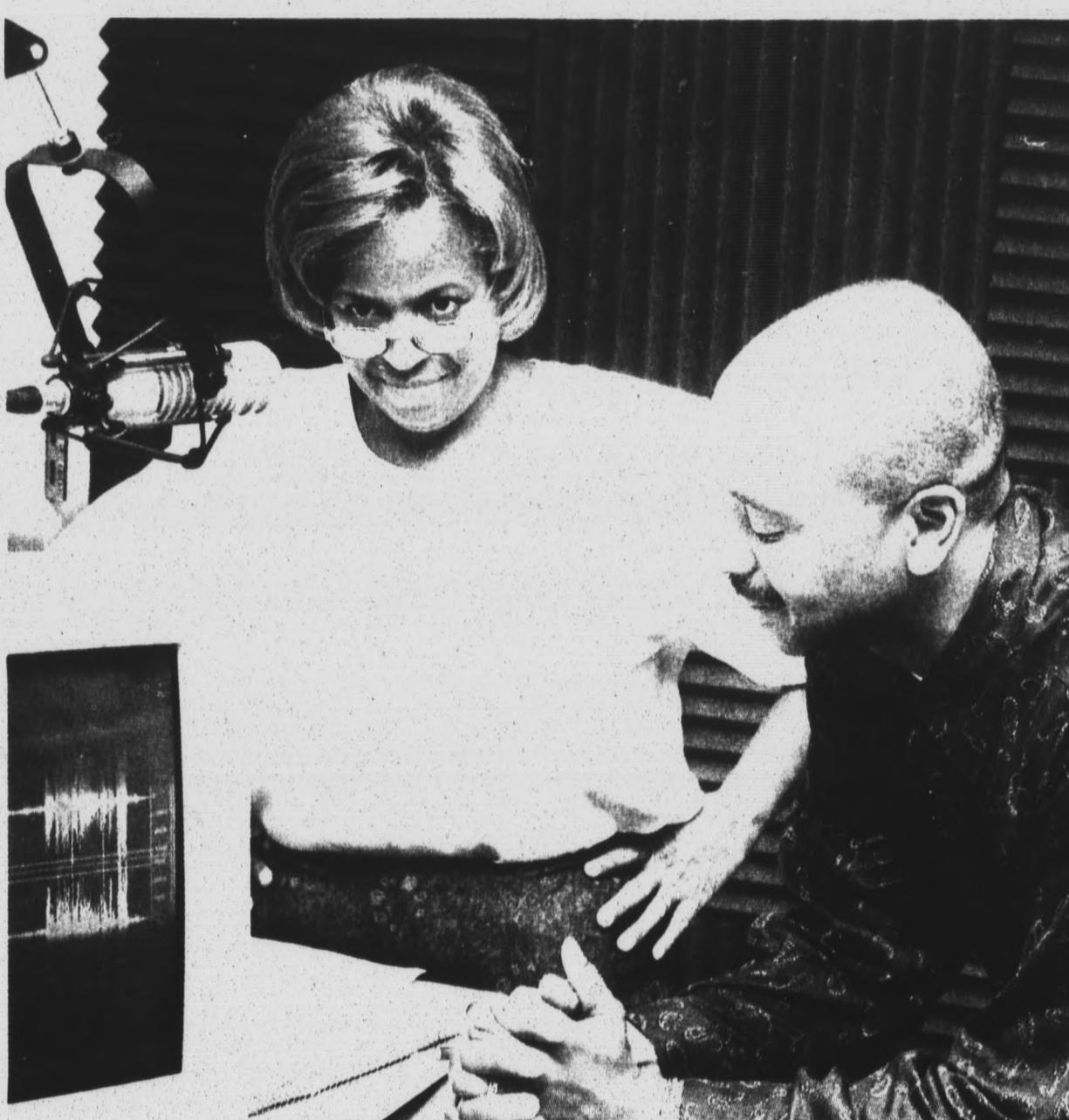
The 15-minute show, which airs Fridays at 7:45 p.m., was created by Reginald and Beverly Barney, long time members of Faith Tabernacle.

"The mission of the ministry is to inform, educate, motivate and empower individuals for abundant living," said Reginald during the first broadcast.

The Barneys developed the concept years before now. They hosted a similar show years ago, on WPZZ called "Personal Management Tips" before the broadcasting company was sold. "We felt like people needed personal management and we wanted to be there to help them," said Reginald.

After the first go around, the two went back to school to secure their bachelor degrees. Beverly now holds a degree in nutrition and consumer family science and Reginald secured his degree in management.

The two felt a need to start up the program again, and went to Radio One for information about airing the program. After receiving approval the two began to seek out topics for the



Beverly and Reginald Barney, hosts and creators of "It Is Well" on WTLC-AM, listen to the playback of their new show. The show airs Friday's at 7:45 p.m. (Photo/J. Hurst)

show.

The first broadcast aired last Friday and the focus was on patience. "We live in a fast-paced society and we wanted to touch on patience. We try to gear our ministry to everyday life," said Reginald.

A skit was even included in the first broadcast - to help listeners visualize the types of impatient acts that typically go unnoticed.

"We need to develop patience in our relationships, homes, families, friendships and work relationships," said Beverly.

The Barneys are not new at educating the community on a healthy living and faith. The two are the owners of Joyful Sound Production, which recently celebrated its 10-year anniversary. They are also the creators and organizers of the annual Gospel Explosion during the Circle City Classic weekend.

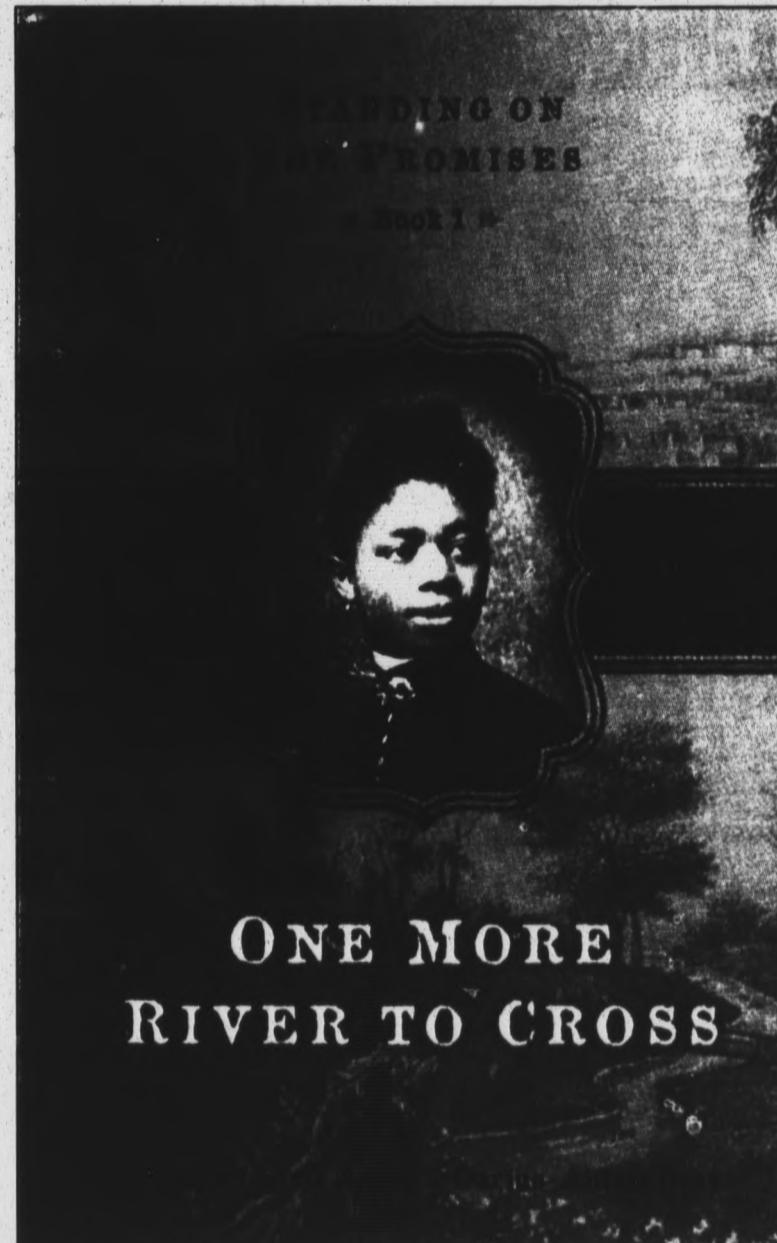
The Gospel Explosion has brought to the city major gospel groups artists such as Yolanda Adams, Lamar Campbell, Trinity 5:7 and many others.

The next step in the development of the program will be to conduct interviews from national leaders, ministers and advisors. The Barneys also have a vision of creating a book club for individuals.

"We want to establish a book club, but that will take some time

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IN THE SPIRIT



ONE MORE RIVER TO CROSS

Compelling trilogy takes unflinching look at Black Mormon pioneers

By BRANDON A. PERRY
Staff Writer

Jane Manning had been a servant for Mrs. Fitch, a financially secure Connecticut widow, for a long time.

Jane looked at her mistress long and hard. "Yes ma'am," she replied in her own, strong, willful voice, no more restraints. She felt as peaceful and certain as just after her baptism. "I am going with the Latter-day Saint people."

"Don't you -"

"This here be free country. And Connecticut be a free state even to the Black race, and my heart tell me -"

"Please don't finish that," Mrs. Fitch said. "Despite your decision, you must not backtalk me, girl. That is not your place."

Jane hugged her dress so her hands wouldn't go where they wanted to - around the mizuz's neck. "My heart tells me go."

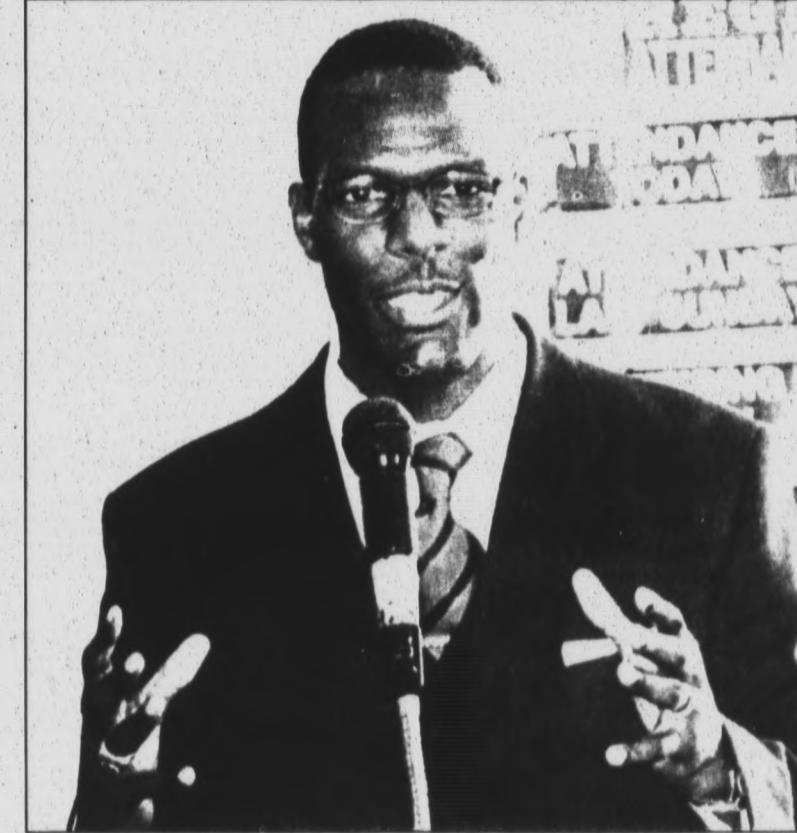
Widow Fitch looked skyward again. She wept for a full minute before speaking, her cries somewhere between hiccups and bird chirps. "Then, Jane," she managed, "though I love you nearly as well as if you was one of my own babies, I can only curse your steps."

She sprawled her hand over her mouth and cried, "May God forgive you and put thorns in your way so you will feel the heat of his wrath and swing yourself full around." She turned and walked fast to her surrey, weeping like a mauld kitten.

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Musicians Jay Majors (on drums) and Tyrone Neal (on bongos) performed with a special ensemble during a gospel concert held Sunday at St. Rita Catholic Church. (Photo/C. Guynn)



Mindful Men

Greater St. James Missionary Baptist Church recently held their annual men's day service, with the theme "God's Mindfulness of Men." The event's keynote speaker was Darryl Johnson (left), a professor at Ball State University and former Notre Dame University championship football star. Vocalist James Mathis (lower left) joined the male chorus in a rendition of "If God Is Dead." Ulysses Coleman (lower right) placed a strong emphasis on the event's theme. (Photos/J. Hurst)

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Girls to Women

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8:00pm-9:00pm New Light Ensemble Young Adult Rehearsal

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Robert Turner and Silver Hearts minister to the East Coast

Special to the Recorder

Traditional Arts Indiana, a partnership between Indiana University's Department of Folklore and Ethnomusicology and the Indiana Arts Commission, arranged for the acclaimed Indiana African-American gospel group, Robert Turner and the Silver Heart Gospel Singers, to appear in two recent concerts in Washington, D.C., and another at the National Folk Festival in Bangor, Maine.

"They received a standing ovation and were greeted warmly during the outdoor festival," said Erin Roth of Traditional Arts Indiana.

The six-member ensemble from Indianapolis performed both original pieces and gospel standards. They appeared outdoors at noon on Neptune Plaza, in front of the Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress. The group also performed on the Millennium Stage of the Kennedy Center.

Traditional Arts Indiana is an organization dedicated to promoting traditional artists and arts

in Indiana and broadening public awareness and appreciation for the traditional arts.

Robert Turner and the Silver Heart Gospel Singers were formed in 1960 by Turner, then 15 years old, and the group has grown into an Indianapolis institution, singing at churches, church reunions and community gatherings all over the region. The group has also been a driving force behind an annual, citywide Gospel Extravaganza for the past 40 years.

Turner sang his first solo, "Let God Abide," when he was 4 years old, standing on a chair before the congregation of the Metropolitan Baptist Church. He joined the church's traveling choir at age 10, and in 1958 he heard the Clara Ward Singers at the Bible Way Baptist Church, just around the corner from his home. Inspiration for the Silver Hearts was born on that night. Turner recalls his reaction to the Clara Ward Singers: "Five ladies, fabulous gowns, the music was piano and organ instead of the quarter/guitar sound I'd been raised on, and it was like... wow!"

Lyons celebrates 22nd pastoral anniversary



Rev. Stephen Clay (center), senior pastor of Messiah Missionary Baptist Church and associate pastor Rev. Regan Robinson (right) were special guests during the recent 22nd Anniversary Celebration of Rev. Fitzhugh Lyons, senior pastor of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church. The service's featured speaker was Rev. Charles Moore (left), associate pastor at Galilee. (Photo/C. Guynn)

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Rev. Oscar Brewer of Pleasant Union Baptist, will deliver the 11:15 a.m. Sermon, Sunday, October 26, 2003 at New Revelation Baptist Church, 1806 North Alabama Street. The Public is Invited

MORMON

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"Thank you, ma'am," Jane called after her. "Very good of you! You give my best regards to Melissa! And you be careful ridin' home!"

This is just a taste of some of the engaging material a reader will find throughout the historical novel, *One More River to Cross*, the first in a series of three recently published books that cover the experiences of Black pioneers who were the first minorities to join the Mormon Church in Utah, also known as the Church of the Latter-Day Saints.

The prolific trilogy, which has been released by Deseret Books, follows Black families who happily migrated West in the 1840s and '50s and joined the Mormon Church, despite the challenges that membership brought during an era of increasing conflict over slavery issues.

The series journeys through

the Civil War, the 1890s, World War II and comes to an insightful close to 1978, when Blacks were finally accepted into the Mormon priesthood.

Margaret Blair Young and Darius Aidan Gray, authors of the series, point out that many casual observers of Mormons falsely believe that the Black rendezvous with Latter-Day Saints began on that liberating day in 1978, but say that those events hardly mark the beginning of the story for Black members of the church.

The first volume, *One More River to Cross*, introduces readers to several of those Black Saints from the shadows of history, pioneers who gave much to the early Latter Day Saint Church in its formative years," said Gray, an African-American television photographer from Salt Lake City who has been a Mormon since 1964.

Elijah Abel, Jane Manning James, Issac Manning, Isaac James and Samuel Chambers

are names faintly familiar to some Latter-Day Saints but unknown to most. Their experiences deserve to be recognized, for they provide precious examples of faith sufficient to meet and transcend tribulation."

Gray and Young recognize that thousands of generalized pioneer stories have already been told, but argue that these accounts offer a "fresh perspective," and hope that racial "healing will occur, that wounds will be attended, and a new perspective within and outside the Mormon Church will be gained."

The authors wrote that they have been true to all the facts they could find, but were forced to historically fictionalize spaces between the facts.

"Though much of the dialogue presented in these novels is of necessity imagined, the stories you will read are based on extensive historical research and present the personalities

and experiences of these pioneers as faithfully as possible," said Heber G. Wolsey, former managing director of communications for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

"Demographically we have come a long way since I became a member," Gray added. "When I joined 39 years ago, the church only had 400 members of African descent around the world. Now more than 100,000 Black church members can be found on the African continent, with at least 20,000 in the Caribbean, and countless thousands in South and Central America."

Next week The Recorder will present *Bound for Canaan*, the second book in the series discussing Black Mormon pioneers. Books within the series can be purchased by request at gbrown@deseretbook.com or mjones@deseretbook.com.

RADIO

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because we want to include a sponsor. This will be tied in with the quality of living as well," said Beverly.

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To write to Reginald and Beverly Barney about ideas for broadcast write to P.O. Box 88729, Indianapolis, IN 46208.

OUTLOOK

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Bible, ultimately preparing them for service in the church. If a potential member is accepting Christ for the first time, then discipleship is necessary. Unfortunately, many Christians do not grow beyond this point.

Discipleship is the means by which individuals are taught by other "mature" disciples to basically be like Jesus. Disciple comes from a Greek word that means "aligning oneself under the authority of another." We are to align ourselves under the authority of Jesus Christ. However, when this does not take place, "members" jump into or are thrust into positions of leadership, consequently damaging critical ministries within the church

due to lack of training and maturity.

Before one can reach the level of leadership, which is the overall goal, the next step must be stewardship. Stewardship means being responsible over what God owns and has entrusted to us. God owns everything. Therefore he wants our time, talent, and treasure. Folk don't have a problem giving time and talent, but do have a problem giving their treasure - money. Giving is a base level of faith, yet many Christians remain immature in this area. Malachi 3:8 talks of men robbing God. The act of robbing means that a "body" has been harmed. When people are placed into positions of leadership who do not tithe, they literally hurt the "body of

Christ." Lastly, each member should aspire and grow to the level of leadership. How long will folks sit on the bench and never have a desire to get in the game? What are you doing to help build God's kingdom? What are you doing to grow spiritually? What are you doing to help your pastor? What are you doing to glorify Jesus Christ? Churches could do so much more to build God's kingdom if more individuals moved from the milk to the meat.

God bless you.

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Friday, October 24, 2003, 7:00 PM--Youth Praise and Worship Service

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Saturday, October 25, 2003, 9:00AM-1:00 PM--

Builders' Workshop, Rev. Kevin Long, Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN

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Sunday, October 26, 2003, 10:45 PM--Morning Worship Service

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Guest Speaker:
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Associate Minister
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Gospel according to Jazz

The "Gospel According to Jazz" concert brunch was held recently at the Madame C.J. Walker Theatre ballroom. Jamie Reyes (below) performed puppet ministry with a hand carved Yolanda Adams puppet from his collection.



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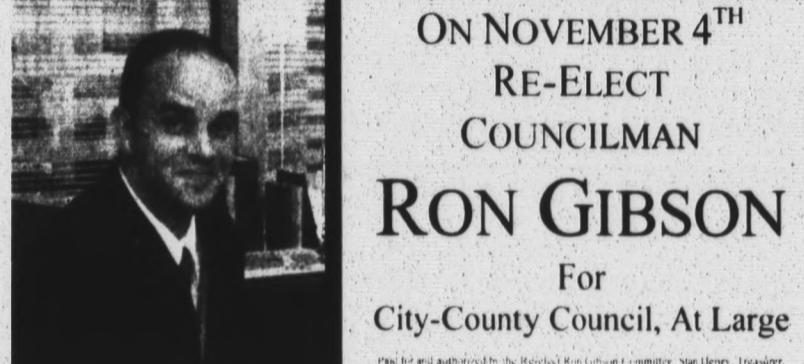
Sally Hester delivered a special satirical speech during the event.



Jazz vocalist Mary Moss shared a joke with the group. Soloist Deidra Gray led praise and worship songs.



Arron Wier (center) was awarded the Mamie Townsend Scholarship Award. She was joined by Dr. Roselyn Cole (left), daughter of Townsend, and Dr. Mary Tandy. (Photos/J. Hurst)



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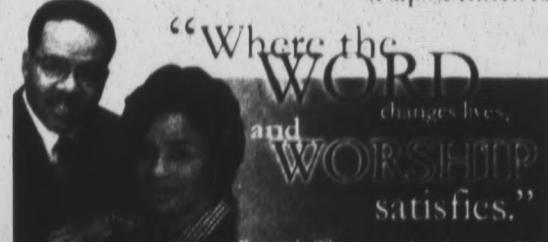
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RELIGION BRIEFS

Women in Battle Conference

On Oct. 25 Virtue and Praise Ministries will present its annual women's conference, entitled Women in Battle. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. inside the Quality Inn hotel, located at 3525 N. Shadeland Ave. Workshop topics will include "We Too Are More Than Conquerors" and "From Lullabies to Battle Cries."

Featured speakers will include pastor/prophetess Rudy Hawkins, Evangelist Jada West of New Beginnings Ministries and pastor/prophetess Audrey Berden. Music praise and worship will be provided by Minister Cecil Rudolph, Miracle Faith Word Center, Gary, Ind.; and Denise Clark, a soloist with Lamar Campbell and Spirit of Praise. Men are welcome and a freewill offering will be accepted. For more information about the conference, call Audrey Berden at 328-8093 or Summer L. Flowers at 341-2302.

Lighthouse party extravaganza

On Oct. 24 Sow Right Productions will be presenting their next gospel party extravaganza, "The Lighthouse," from 8:30 a.m. to midnight at Special Events, located at 4041 Office Plaza Boulevard (off Lafayette Road behind Pier One). Admission cost is \$7, and participants will be able to enjoy dancing, open mic performances and door prizes. The Lighthouse series is sponsored by Chris and Trease Sears. For more information, call them at 716-5736 or 716-2105.

True Vine women's day service

True Vine Missionary Baptist Church women will be celebrating their annual day on Nov. 9 at the church, 4050 Millersville Road. Speaker for the 11 a.m. service will be Evangelist Denise Bryson of Dallas, former Indianapolis

resident and a recent graduate of Bishop T.D. Jakes's Potter's House School Ministry. Pastor Alice Jones of Immanuel House of Prayer will serve as the featured speaker for the 3:30 p.m. service. For more information, call JoAnn Shotwell at 546-8386 or Virginia Williams at 547-1003.

Fashion show Fundraiser at St. Andrew

St. Andrew Catholic Church will be hosting a fashion show entitled "No Ordinary Style," which will be held at the church, 4052 East 38th Street. Saturday, November 1 at 2:00 P.M. Cost for admission is \$10.

Progressive Baptists to convene in Indianapolis

The Progressive National Baptist Convention (PNBC), an association of Baptist Churches throughout the world, will convene in Indianapolis for its Mission's Ministry Empowerment Conference. This year's theme is "The Radical Nature of Christ's Call." Dr. Major L. Jemison, president of PNBC, will be the featured speaker. The event will take place on Sunday, Oct. 26 at 5 p.m. inside the Gathertorium of Martin University, 2171 Avondale Place (22nd and Station Street entrance). For more information, please contact Leatha Ray at 543-4793.

Upcoming fall revival

Pentecostal Apostolic Church under the leadership of Elder John Tyson will host their fall revival from Oct. 29-30 beginning at 7 p.m. each night. Guest speaker will be Evangelist Rita Jones from Mount Sinai Apostolic Church in Chicago, Ill. For more information contact the church at (317) 562-0812.

Faithfest focusing on youth

Faithfest is coming to Zion Hope on Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The focus will be on the youth. The event will be held at Four Points By Sheraton located at 7701 E. 42nd Street. For more information call (317) 897-4000.

AL-ISLAM IN AMERICA

Ramadan to start this weekend

By IMAM MIKAL SAHIR

With the birth of the new crescent moon at dusk on Saturday will commence the 9th month of the Islamic calendar, Ramadan. This month is the holiest of months for the Muslim faithful in which every able-bodied Muslim is required to fast, from sunrise to sunset for 30 consecutive days.



Allah (G-d) says in the Holy Qur'an, "Oh ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that ye may (learn) self-restraint." (Chapter 2: Verse 183). Before the advent of Islam in 610 AD, believers in G-d observed fasting. The act of fasting is repeatedly mentioned in the New Testament. See Luke 2:37; Acts 14:23; Matthew 17:21; Mark 9:29; and Acts 27:9.

One of the major benefits of fasting is the learning how to control one's appetites and desires. This will strengthen one's will power enabling them to resist being a victim of the commercial world and succumbing to the influences of materialism. Allah (G-d) revealed in the Holy Qur'an, "Nothing misleads man more than his appetite unchecked by knowledge."

During the fast of Ramadan, the Muslims instead of eating and drinking during the daylight hours, instead consume knowledge by reading the Holy Qur'an.

It was during the month of Ramadan that Prophet Muhammed, prayers and peace be on him, that he received the first portion of Qur'anic revelation. In commemoration of this fact every Muslim seeks to read the entire text of the Holy Qur'an every Ramadan. It is common to have many teen, even pre-teen

youth who have read the entire Qur'an from cover to cover numerous times.

Allah revealed, via the angel Gabriel, "Ramadan is the (month) in which was sent down the Qur'an, as a guide to mankind, also clear (signs) for guidance and judgment (between right and wrong). So every one of you who is present (at his home) during that month should spend it in fasting, but if any one is ill, or on a journey, the prescribed period (should be made up) by days later." (Chapter 2: Verse 185)

Allah has made Al-Islam easy for the believers. He does not want to impose hardships on the faithful. If one is ill, or becomes ill after beginning his or her fast, they should immediately cease fasting until their health improves. Allah is the merciful benefactor and the merciful redeemer. His throne (authority) rests upon the rule of mercy.

We encourage all of our Christian and Jewish friends to join us in the spirit of fasting during this month of Ramadan. In 2001 Pope John Paul II invited the Roman Catholic Church to join with the Muslims by fasting the last day of Ramadan. The responses by the members of the church was enlightening and unifying of our spirits.

Whether Ramadan begins Saturday or Sunday will be determined by the sighting of the new moon, and will continue for 29 or 30 days until the next sighting of the new moon. We pray that Allah bless each and everyone who observes the fast this year.

Thank you for reading Al-Islam in America. For questions or comments send them to: Al-Islam in America, C/O Imam Mikal Sahrir, Nur-Allah Islamic Center, 2040 E. 46th St., Indianapolis, IN 46205. E-mail: nurallahic@juno.com.

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Sunday, October 26, 2003

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REV. ALICIA DAILEY

Associate Minister, New Zion Baptist Church, Louisville, KY

Theme:

Watch and Pray Because Today Will Be Yesterday ... Tomorrow

Matthew 26:41

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Sunday, October 26, 2003

Pastor

Joy L. Thornton
and
First Lady
Dianne Thornton

Theme: Gods Provision Of Leadership For His People

Scripture: 1st Thessalonians 5: 12-13

7:30 A.M. Speaker: Rev. O. D. Walker, Phillips Temple C.M.E. Church

11:00 A.M. Speaker: Rev. Oscar Smith, Assoc. Minister GSMMBC

4:00 P.M. Speaker: Rev. CHARLES ELLIS JR., 25th St. Baptist Church

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Indianapolis leaders to pray together

For 90 minutes on the morning of Saturday, Oct. 25, leaders from Indianapolis' business, professional and governmental arenas, as well as clergy, will set aside the day's usual business and focus together on the spiritual side of life.

Organizers of the 11th Annual Indianapolis Prayer Breakfast anticipate an attendance of 400-500 men and women, according to Janice Trierweller, chair of the gathering's organizing committee.

This year's 7:30-9 a.m. breakfast in the Indiana Roof Ballroom features speakers Norm and Bobbe Evans, and special music by Kim Tabor. Chuck Lofton, weathercaster at WTHR, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Norm Evans' long list of football accomplishments includes two Pro Bowls and three Super Bowls, NFL Man of the Year while with the Seattle Seahawks, and induction into the Kingdome Hall of Fame. Now a businessman and president of Pro Athletes Outreach, he will talk about thought provoking highlights of his career experience and personal

challenges, while relating the story of his spiritual journey.

Sharing the podium with him, his wife Bobbe, known as a dynamic and humorous speaker, adds the woman's perspective to their story. She has spoken both internationally and around the U.S., including on more than 30 TV and radio programs.

Vocalist Kim Tabor, who tours nationally, has also sung on tour with Grammy award-winning artist Sandi Patty. Tabor has recorded two major solo projects: "I Open My Heart" and "It's Time."

The breakfast will be far more than refreshing content, Trierweller underlines: its key focus will be what those attending do, as they pray for the city of Indianapolis and its leaders.

"Our nation has faced two difficult and challenging years," comments Trierweller. "In the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks and then as we've faced war, we've seen afresh how we as a nation turned to widespread prayer. Our leaders have requested prayer for themselves and for our nation, and we desire to provide that support for them."

Miss America Ericka Dunlap announces year-long speaking tour promoting cultural diversity**Special to The Recorder**

With Ellis Island as a backdrop, Miss America Ericka Dunlap outlined plans to promote cultural diversity during her year with the crown.

Dunlap, 21, who won the title in Atlantic City, New Jersey, last month, said Monday she will take her message of inclusion to children, corporations and communities during her national speaking tour.

That includes more than racial and ethnic diversity, said Dunlap, a University of Central Florida student and aspiring lawyer who interrupted her studies to compete for Miss America.

"I hope to foster an understanding for people about different cultures and allow people the opportunity to be comfortable discussing their culture. Diversity isn't just about race, it's about age, religion, physical ability, socioeconomic status, race and ethnicity," she said.

She made her announcement at Ellis Island, in New York City harbor, where thousands of immigrants passed through the immigration processing center in the 19th century and 20th century.

"Our country just needs to be a little more accepting, and hopefully I'll be able to educate people ... not preach to them ... about how to accept people on a better level," Dunlap said.

Dunlap, who is black, said one person urged her in an e-mail message to stand up for blacks during her term. She sees the job as bigger than that, she said.

"I'm not Miss Black America or Miss Black Whatever," said Dunlap. "I'm Miss America. It's not my responsibility to only adhere to the issues that deal with that particular race. Especially with my platform being what it is, I'm all for inclusion and I don't in any way mean to deface or demean the black race. I know what I am, but I can't spend my year only doing black things or dealing with black-related issues."

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Several Indiana ministers came together to preach and perform at the prelude to Cleo Camphor's 2004 Senior Citizen's Appreciation event, which offered special presentations for birthday and retirement milestones. (Above) Ministers Monty Hawkins (left) and Eric Floyd (right) prayed for a concerned program participant. (Right) The event was officiated by Rev. Eric Floyd of Merrillville, Ind.



Cleo Camphor

Deacon Mounty Hawkins of Merrillville, Minister Darryl Trotter of Indianapolis and a host of other singers and musicians helped make the event a success. For more information about the Senior Citizens Appreciation Banquet, call 523-3651.

**Sister Cherri
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By ANTHONY DAVIS
For The Recorder

Dear A.D.:
I have a 12-year-old son and he's a little overweight. I'm worried about his health and he comes home very upset when kids pick on him at school. What should I do to help? Should I put him on a diet?

Terrance M.

Terrance,
It's very important that you address your son's health now and get him back on the track to a healthy, active childhood. First, of course, consult with your pediatrician and find out the status of your child's health. They will give you feedback on whether your son is at a healthy weight for his height and if he is at-risk for more serious health concerns such as Type-2 Diabetes.

In addition to following advice from your Pediatrician, you may need to take action on two fronts:

• **Activity**

The formula for weight is simple: Calories in minus Calories out. If you consume more calories than you use, you'll gain weight. If you use more calories than you consume, you'll lose weight. So, you've got to get your son more active. This doesn't mean you have to drag him to the gym and sit him on a treadmill for an hour.

Make it fun! Try to get him signed up in some type of organized sport activity like soccer, karate or Little League. Also, keep track of that video game time. Set a rule that the total number of hours spent outside playing or being active must be at least twice the time spent playing video games every week.

• **Nutrition**

Kids consume tons of excess simple sugars, salt and preservatives through snacks like crackers, cookies and candy. When you go to the grocery store, just don't buy the junk food. It's cruel and unusual punishment for you to buy a family pack size of Oreo cookies and a couple of 2-liter bottles of pop and tell your son "No, you can't have any!"

While he's looking at your own belly in disbelief, one simple rule to follow is if it's not in the house, it can't be eaten. Also, take time to plan meals for the week to avoid last minute stops to the fast-food chains on the way home.

Crystal Coleman, director of the Kid Force weight management program for youth, recommends that the parent play an active role in getting their kids in shape. "At home, you can incorporate habits like cooking healthy meals and planning family activities instead of just watching TV."

Lastly, and most importantly, you must set an example. It's easy to tell your son that he needs to get up from watching TV and go out and play while you grab the remote and switch channels. It requires a little more effort, but it's much more effective if you jump up with him and go for a walk or challenge him to a little "one-on-one."

I know it sounds very cliché, but children do look to their parents as role-models and if you set the example early on and make fitness a part of the "family lifestyle," they will grow accustomed to it and be more likely to stay healthy and fit for the rest of their lives.

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To Your Health

SARCOIDOSIS

Conference will shed light on disease of increasing importance

By BRANDON A. PERRY
Staff Writer

Sarcoidosis is a relatively unsung illness that often sneaks up on a patient with devastating effect, and has become more prominent in the African-American community.

But a local group of health advocates is organizing a conference that it hopes will prevent people of all races from falling victim to this potentially fatal ailment.

On Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. an event entitled "Reaching New Heights of Sarcoidosis Awareness" will be held at the Holiday Inn Select North hotel, located at 3850 DePauw Boulevard. Registration and a continental breakfast session will begin at 7:45 a.m.

Workshop topics will include an overview of sarcoidosis, drug therapy options, sarcoidosis and cardiac involvement, pulmonary rehabilitation, related eye diseases, chronic fatigue and coping with chronic illnesses.

Featured speakers, workshop presenters and sarcoidosis authorities scheduled to appear include Dr. David S. Wilkes, Director of the Center for Sarcoidosis and Immunologic Lung Disease and assistant professor of medicine, microbiology and immunology at Indiana University School of Medicine; Dr. Elisabeth von der Lohe, Krannert Institute of Cardiology; Dr. Robert P. Baughman, assistant professor of medicine at the Division of Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine, Cincinnati; Dr. Michael F. Rusk, an investigator in pulmonary medicine; Dr.

The event is being organized by Robbie Darden, Tony Henderson and Kay Pullman, members of the Central Indiana Sarcoidosis Support Group.

"It will not only be great for sarcoidosis patients and their relatives, but also concerned citizens who don't have the disease," Henderson said. "Several medical professionals will offer insight on many related issues, including



Irene Hurst, 71, said she doesn't allow sarcoidosis to prevent her from leading a active lifestyle. She still enjoys cooking and tending vegetables in her garden, especially squash. (Photo/J. Hurst)

Ramna S. Moorthy, eye disease expert; Susan M. Rawl of the Indiana University School of Nursing, and bereavement counselor Susan Glassburn-Larimer.

The \$60 registration fee includes the continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and materials.

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"Our major goal is to educate the community as to what the signs of sarcoidosis are, and inform attendees as to how to best cope with it," added Darden, director of the support group. When someone has a chronic illness, it affects not just the patient, but everyone in the family. Sometimes you can have symptoms of sarcoidosis and not even know what it is."

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Indianapolis resident Irene Hurst, who has dealt with sarcoidosis for 25 years, encourages concerned individuals to take advantage of this kind of informative opportunity, which was not available when she was first diagnosed.

"This is excellent for people who have just recently found out about sarcoidosis," she said. "It can be a very stressful disease and keep you from doing some of the things you used to do."

Sarcoidosis is a form of inflammation in which lymphocytes, a type of blood cell, become overactive. These overactive lymphocytes release chemical substances, which cause granulomas (a collection of inflammatory cells) in various organs of the body.

Although sarcoidosis is a multisystemic disorder, it affects the lungs 90 percent of the time, making it primarily a lung disease.

Major symptoms include abdominal pain, arthritis, chest pain, shortness of breath, blurred vision, light sensitivity, fatigue, unexplained headaches, leg cramps, low grade fever, skin rashes and persistent coughing, among others.

A diagnosis is usually made after a patient undergoes a lung biopsy, Gallium lung scan or a bronchoalveolar lavage, when a long, narrow tube is used to examine breathing tubes and the lungs.

Sarcoidosis is usually not crippling. It often goes away by itself, with most cases healing between 24 and 36 months. Even when sarcoidosis lasts longer, most patients can go about their lives as usual. Only 20 to 30 percent of patients develop permanent lung damage and 10 to 15 percent endure the severe, life-threatening form.

No one is actually sure as to what causes sarcoidosis, but many doctors believe it's the result of an abnormal immune response that comes after a foreign substance

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Clinical trial to help NHL cancer patients

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma (NHL) is one of the three fastest-increasing cancers in the U.S. Although this form of cancer remains somewhat unknown it is reaching a significant toll. There have been vital advances in the way NHL is managed, but improved treatment options are still needed. NHL is roughly affecting 300,000 people.

NHL is a cancer that develops in the lymphatic system, a network of thin vessels that bunch into tissues throughout the body and help fight disease and infection. When the cancer occurs, infection-fighting cells divide and multiply uncontrollably.

A clinical research trial has been set up to test the ability of the drug Proleukin to boost the effectiveness of Rituxan against NHL. Proleukin and Rituxan are two approved cancer drugs. This investigational drug combination is a kind of immunotherapy, which means the bodies own immune system is stimulated to attack tumor cells.

"More than 26,000 Americans will die from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma this year. Patients need new and better treatment options," said Khuda Khan, M.D., Ph.D. of Indiana Oncology Hematology Consultants. "We hope the addition of Proleukin will enhance Rituxan therapy and yield a treatment for fighting NHL that is more effective for the patient and well tolerated. This promising strategy is based upon our understanding of the biology of Proleukin and its potential to

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Dress up in safety this Halloween

Submitted by the Health Education, Promotion and Training Department of the Marion County Health Department.



Halloween is one of the most thrilling nights of the year for children, and also one of the most dangerous. As kids hit the street to trick-or-treat, the potential for unintentional injury rises. In fact, children are four times more likely to be hit by a car on Halloween than any other night of the year. Halloween can indeed be scary, with increases in pedestrian injuries, burns and falls among children.

"Children may be distracted by the excitement of the night and the fun of trick-or-treating, and may not take safety to the street. Careless street crossing coupled with drivers' more limited vision at night can make for a deadly mix," said Serifatu Walton of the Indianapolis SAFE KIDS Coalition. "Many of the risks kids face on Halloween can be avoided if parents discuss important safety precautions with their kids."

Every minute counts when treating stroke

(NAPSI) — You can help protect yourself from stroke, the nation's third leading cause of death, and the leading cause of serious long-term disability.

There is an approved treatment for stroke that dissolves blood clots in the brain, but it must be administered within three hours of the onset of symptoms.

The good news is that new treatments are being developed that can be administered after more time passes. For any treatment to be successful in minimizing long-term disability, it's important to recognize the symptoms of stroke early and seek medical assistance as quickly as possible.

Seventy-five percent of Americans cannot name these warning signs of stroke:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or

leg, especially on one side of the body.

- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
- Sudden, severe headache with no known cause.

The symptoms are often mistaken for tiredness or over-exertion and Americans wait, on average, 22 hours before seeking help. This limits treatment options and severely minimizes the chance for recovery.

Regardless of when you arrive at the hospital with one or more stroke symptoms, insist upon being evaluated for all available stroke treatments.

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HAVE A SAFE HALLOWEEN

Parents and children take time to construct costumes and decorations, the Marion County Health Department and the Indianapolis SAFE KIDS Coalition recommend the following:

For kids ages 12 and under:

- Adults should accompany children under age 12 on their trick-or-treat rounds.
- Attach the name, address and phone number (including area code) to the clothes of children under age 12 to their clothes in case they get separated from adults.

For kids ages 12 and older:

- Teach your child his or her phone number.
- Make sure your children have change for a phone call in case they have a problem away from home.
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar areas and along a pre-established route.
- Instruct children never to enter a home or an apartment building unless accompanied by an adult.
- Set a time for children to return home.
- Restrict trick-or-treating visits to homes with porch or lights illuminated.

All ages:

Remove breakable items or obstacles such as tools, ladders and children's toys from your steps, lawn and porch. Keep jack-o'-lanterns with candles away from landings or doorsteps where costumes might brush against the flame. If you choose to take your children trick-or-treating it is a good idea to feed them ahead of time. This way they will be less likely to want candy from their bags during the trip and before you have had adequate time to inspect it. You may also want to bring along a few treats of your own to keep them satisfied.

To reduce the risk of your children injuring themselves while they are trick or treating, consider attending an event held indoors. For further information, please contact the Indianapolis SAFE KIDS Coalition at 221-3145.

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PEDESTRIAN INJURIES

Halloween is the most dangerous night of the year for child pedestrians. Darting into the street is one of the most common causes of pedestrian death among children. As children scurry from house to house collecting treats, it is important to take the following precautions:

Visibility

- Decorate costumes, bags and sacks with reflective tape and stickers.
- Use costumes that are light or bright enough to make children more visible at night.

Traffic

- Teach children to walk—not run—while trick-or-treating.
- Teach them to look left, right and left again before crossing the street and to continue looking both ways as they cross. Tell them to cross streets only at intersections and crosswalks.
- Teach them never to dart into a street or cross between parked cars.

FALLS

On Halloween night, cumbersome costumes and blinding masks can make walking safely through dark neighborhoods difficult. The following tips can help prevent fall-related injuries:

- Apply face paint and makeup directly to the face. It is safer than a loose fitting mask that can obstruct a child's vision. If a mask is worn, tie it securely so it stays on.
- Give trick-or-treaters flashlights.
- Make costumes short enough to avoid tripping.
- Allow children to carry only a few pieces of candy, swords or other props. Anything they carry could injure them if they fall.

BURNS

- Look for flame resistant labels on costumes, masks, beards and wigs.
- Use fire resistant material when making costumes.
- Avoid costumes made of flimsy material and outfits with big, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts. These are more likely to come in contact with an exposed flame than tighter fitting costumes.

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enters the body.

Anyone can get sarcoidosis, but those from Scandinavian countries, Puerto Rico and African Americans (especially women) are at an increased risk. Blacks in the United States are diagnosed up to 10 times more often than whites. Blacks are also more likely to develop the severe form of sarcoidosis. Although specific information as to how many people are affected by this disease are sketchy, medical professionals have estimated that 10 percent of African Americans in the U.S. have a father, brother or sister who has the disease.

For more information about "Reaching New Heights of Sarcoidosis Awareness", call (317) 335-2981.

Marian College

Information session about nursing programs at Marian College will be held at the Ruth Lilly Student Center on the campus of Marian on Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. No reservations are required. For more information call 955-6250 or log on to www.marian.edu.

Art Show

The Outsider Art Show at Midland Arts and Antiques Market features the showing and sale of visionary and contemporary folk art dealers throughout the Midwest. As well as outsider art and works by consumers of Midtown Community Mental Health Center.

The show is free and open to the public on Oct. 25 from

HEALTH BRIEFS

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Oct. 26 from noon to 4 p.m.

Health Fair

The Indiana University School of Medicine is sponsoring an annual health fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 25. The fair will take place at the Westside Community Health Center located at 2732 W. Michigan St.

Students will be working under the direction of IU physicians and faculty. They will offer free screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes for adults. Vision and hearing screenings will be available for children. Information about skin and breast cancer, osteoporosis, prostate problems, weight loss, exercise, nutrition and dental hygiene will be given to attendees.

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Volunteers needed

Westview Hospital, a full-service acute care hospital located on the city's Northwestside at 38th Street and Guion Road, needs volunteers for the gift shop, information desk, patient visitor, patient escort and wheelchair transporter, and general clerical assistance. Volunteers can choose from a variety of schedules, uniforms and lunch is provided. There is also free and easy parking. To volunteer, call Betty Orr at 920-7390.

STROKE

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Factors that increase one's chance for a stroke include:

- Increasing age.
- Family history of stroke.
- Race - African Americans and Hispanics are at high risk.
- High blood pressure.
- Personal history of diabetes.

Give the ER staff as much help as possible. Answer all of their questions - something that you don't think is important might be a vital clue. Tell the staff when symptoms first appeared, if there's been a previous stroke or recent serious injury or illness and what medications you take. This can help professionals administer the best care.

Getting to the hospital as soon as symptoms appear can provide your doctors with a wider range of treatment options. Some treatment plans may include participating in FDA-approved clinical trial for a new medication. Many doctors across the country use clinical trials to administer promising new treatments that may help people who have strokes.

Although there is no guarantee that a clinical trial will help, all participating patients do contribute to the medical knowledge needed to develop future treatments. As part of a comprehensive stroke treatment plan, if your stroke has certain symptoms, participating in a clinical study is an important option to consider.

NHL

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enhance the destruction of lymphoma cells by Rituxan.

"Also, several lumps I've had has decreased," Harden added. Khan says this study is extremely important because the number of NHL cases is quickly rising and an effective treatment is needed.

"There is treatment, but it doesn't cure the cancer. Some treatments work in the beginning, but then stop and people die," he says. "Research helps tremendously and this trial is nice because it is not chemotherapy. It is directed at the immune system of the patient, which means it doesn't have the bad side effects."

Although Rituxan has been a breakthrough treatment for many patients, nearly half the patients relapse or do not respond to the drug, which indicates the need to improve the therapy.

To determine if you or someone you know is eligible for the NHL study, call toll free 1-800-963-9683 or e-mail NHLtrials@chiron.com.

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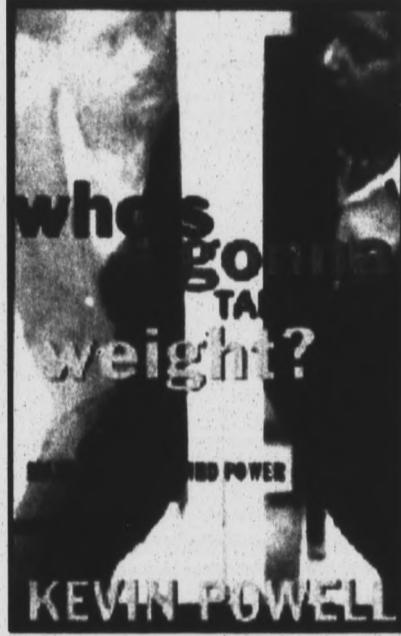
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BOOKMARK

Author explores how 'isms' affect young, Black men



By RENEE SIMMS
Electronic Urban Report

Over the last decade, author Kevin Powell has published several books of Black literature as well as books on hip-hop culture and politics.

He's accomplished all of this as an academic outsider (Powell is not a Ph.D.-brother; in fact he attended Rutgers University but did not finish). As a result, Powell's books are always thoughtful, but reader-friendly. Powell never writes like he's trying to impress an elite crew of scholarly friends.

His latest book is no exception. It's entitled *Who's Gonna Take the Weight? Manhood, Race, and Power in America*. It's a collection of essays about racism, sexism and classism, but it's spiced up with occasional slang and plenty of pop references. Throughout the book, the author uses his life and the life of the late Tupac Shakur to illustrate how the "isms" affect young, Black men.

"I, like most Black men I know have spent much of my life living in fear," Powell writes, "fear of white racism, fear of the circumstances that gave birth to me, fear of walking out my door wondering what humiliation will be mine today, fear of Black women — of their mouths, of their bodies, of their attitudes, of their hurts, of their fear of us Black men."

Powell goes on to reveal his experiences with depression, suicide, violence against women and the criminal justice system. He relates much of his bad behavior to America's patriarchal system of oppression and to growing up fatherless and poor.

But in the end, *Weight* is not a story about victims. Powell believes in self-empowerment. He believes that we gain power through learning to love.

"The most revolutionary thing any of us can do is search for truth — real, raw truth — and learn to love ourselves and to discover the possibilities of common, universal humanity lurking at our fingertips," he writes.

There were moments when I wished Powell had explained his thoughts a bit more. What, for example, does it mean to be fearful of Black women's bodies? I wanted Powell to slow down, to extend the conversation, to talk more extensively about certain ideas he puts forth.

But overall I appreciated the honesty of his discussion. With a poet's eye, Powell examines all aspects of the Black male experience, from Black nationalist pimps to self-hating thugs. By book's end, the reader gets a sense of how conflicted Black men feel in this new millennium.

"The only thing I can say at this moment in my life journey — because, unlike Tupac, I did get to make it past 25," Powell writes, "...is that I have to stay alive any way I can, and I have to be my own father now."

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Arts & Entertainment

Montell Jordan says his new CD is an uplifting album that focuses on his life



Montell Jordan

By SHANNON WILLIAMS
Recorder Editor

It's life after Def Jam that is for Montell Jordan, the 6 foot, 8 inch multi-platinum singer, songwriter and producer who gave us hits like "This Is How We Do It" and "Get It On... Tonight."

Following a breakup from his longtime label Def Jam Records-Def Soul, Jordan is now enjoying his creative freedom, his aspiring acting career and the newest addition to his family.

Let's start with the split from Def Jam. According to Jordan, he left the popular record label because he felt "boxed in for so long."

"I had a great understanding of what came first under that (Def Jam) umbrella. There's no mistaking... that (the) logo is something that they strive to maintain. It was bigger than any artist on the label, even to this day, it's about the logo and not so much about the artistry."

After much consideration, Jordan and his wife/manager Kristin Hudson decided that leaving the label would be the best thing for the longevity of Jordan's career. It was then that the duo established their own label, The Enterprise/the, Inc.

"(Staying) was not conducive to what I needed to do in furthering my career," explained Jordan.

"Going into five and six albums, I could not continue with good conscience to keep making records for people to party to and dance to without any substance."

Two weeks after splitting from Def Jam, Jordan and his family were put to the test again.

"My wife who was pregnant

"I'm in control of my destiny right now. That's exciting and very new to me."

two months, lost the baby. The journey during that time was pretty intense leading up to where we are now."

But as the old saying goes, "behind every dark cloud, there's a silver lining."

Things began to look up for Jordan almost instantly. It was shortly after experiencing the loss of his unborn child that Jordan earned the opportunity to play Johnson, the soft-spoken inmate in this fall's film, "The Fighting Temptations."

Things didn't stop there. A month ago, Jordan, his wife and their 7-year-old daughter Sydney

welcomed their newest addition, baby boy Skyler Elijah to the family.

With things finally falling into place, Jordan is currently focusing his attention on his latest CD, "Life After Def," which was released nationally earlier this week.

With no pun intended about the album's title, Jordan explains what audiences can expect from his newest project.

"You're going to hear very personal lyrics that deal with the changing of labels, (and) some personal trials that I've gone through in my life over the last 2 1/2 years. Overall, I think it's an uplifting album that basically focuses on my life."

Jordan feels that "Life After Def" illustrates how he's evolved as an artist.

"The majority of the songs on this album differ from my previous albums because I was in a different place," he explained. "Songs in the past had to deal with Montell singing about lots of different women. (Now) you hear me talking about one specific woman on this album."

Knowledgeable of the fact that R&B is taking a backseat to the rap and hip-hop inspired songs of today, Jordan says that staying power is the key.

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Director LeVar Burton premieres first film in Indy

By JOSHUA COHEN
Staff Writer

The 2003 Heartland Film Festival, an annual exhibition of films and filmmakers held in Indianapolis, has come and gone, bringing with it a legacy of quality shorts, documentaries and full-length features whose messages last far beyond just the week of the festival's events.

This year, LeVar Burton was one of the many directors present. Burton is known for his 20 years of memorable character portrayal such as Kunta Kinte from Alex Haley's "Roots," the host for the children's show "Reading Rainbow," and Lt. Geordi LaForge on "Star Trek:

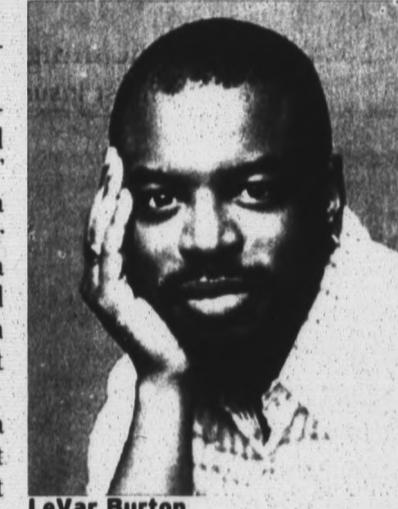
The Next Generation."

He has now turned his attention to behind the cameras.

"I love directing," said the 46-year-old Burton. "I plan to spend the next 15 to 20 years doing that." His first opportunity to direct a movie came when the script for "Blizzard" was given to him. It is a Christmas tale about a little girl and her unlikely friendship with Blizzard, one of Santa's newest reindeer.

"It was a great script and a wonderful story," said Burton. "It was perfect for my first film. It was a family film, but the telling of the story needed experience with visual effects." Burton has that experience from directing episodes of "Star Trek."

Burton does not feel that ei-



LeVar Burton

ther directing or acting is his true calling. He actually entered a Catholic seminary at the age of 13 to study for the priesthood. He feels his calling is to reach people

and remind them of the value of the human experience, but he believes he can accomplish that better in the venue of entertainment. "You can reach so many more people that way," he said.

Although he is a very spiritual person, Burton has still been susceptible to the trappings many people in Hollywood are exposed to.

"It all boils down to choice," explained Burton. "Babylon exists wherever you look, it's not relegated to one industry. We all deal with the same basic needs and desires. I've been a public figure longer than not and I've faced temptations. Look at Kobe, young people tend to make mistakes. The important thing is how those mistakes shape who you

become. Everybody makes mistakes, but everyone's mistakes are not front page news."

Burton spent time in Indianapolis premiering his film. He enjoyed his stay and had very positive impressions of the city.

"I love Indianapolis," said Burton, whose wife is from Fort Wayne. "It's a city that recognized long before lots of big cities that it needed to plot its own course for destiny. It has become a Mecca for amateur sports and I am very impressed by that."

Burton's film "Blizzard," which also starred Kevin Pollak, Christopher Plummer as Santa Claus and Whoopi Goldberg as the voice of Blizzard the reindeer, won the Heartland Film Festival Award of Excellence.

Biography of Ali written for children by boxer's daughter

By SHANNON WILLIAMS
Recorder Editor

Early next month fans of boxing great Muhammad Ali will soon have the opportunity to learn more about the confident and slightly arrogant legendary boxer when *I Shook Up the World, The Incredible Life of Muhammad Ali* hits bookstore shelves.

But this book is unlike other biographies about famous people. This one is written and illustrated specifically for children. And the author is not just someone who has had very little or no contact with the subject. The person who wrote *I Shook Up the World* is none other than the eldest child of "the greatest."

Maryum "May May" Ali, who has always been a self-proclaimed "daddy's girl," explains why she felt the urge to document her father's life in a child-friendly format.

"I saw children's books, but they never impressed me. I thought there were messages that could be taught, or inspirational things that I (could) give to kids through his life story."

In *I Shook Up the World* May May not only tells Ali's life story, but she also captures the funny aspects of him, such as his quirky one-liners. It's these one-



May May Ali will be signing copies of her books at X-Pression Bookstore, 970 Ft. Wayne Ave., Nov. 6 from 6-8 p.m.

liners that served as inspiration for illustrator Patrick Johnson.

So exactly when did May May realize that she had the gift to communicate with children?

"I realized I had a knack for communicating with kids when I worked as a child caregiver at a day care," she remembered. "Some of the books I read to the children didn't hold their attention, so I would make up my own words to go with the pictures in the book. They would be mesmerized. The children were so used to me doing this, they began to beg me to use

"Former Rain" trilogy at X-Pression



Author and playwright Vanessa Miller (far left) discussed her latest work "Former Rain" at X-Pression Bookstore last weekend. "Former Rain" is the first book in the Rain Trilogy Series. Miller, who is shown having a conversation with reader Margaret Beasley, said "Abundant Rain" and "Later Rain" are scheduled for release in 2004. The author added that the series will be an inspirational series of books that promote healing and forgiveness. (Photo/J. Hurst)

IN THE ART SCENE

Signing for charity

The Indianapolis Marion County Public Library on East 38th Street held their annual "Indianapolis Authors for Charity" event recently. Several local authors participated in a book signing to benefit the Salvation Army Harbor Light substance abuse center. Vernon Williams, co-author of "That Black Men Might Live," was the event's guest speaker. (Left to right) Poet Debra Kendall; Kenneth Peter, emcee; Gloria Lewis Vaughn, event chairwoman; and author Catherine McGhee Livers. (Not pictured) are Margaret Donaldson Cobb, Fran Yates, Crystal Rhodes, K.C. Taylor and Phyllis Adair Ward. (Photo/J. Hurst)



B.B. King called 3rd 'greatest guitarist in history'

By BILLY WATKINS
Special to the NNPA
From City News Ohio

CLEVELAND (NNPA) — B.B. King has heard something about some poll in Rolling Stone magazine, but he isn't sure what the fuss is all about.

So a reporter from King's home state of Mississippi gives him the news: In a Sept. 18 special collector's issue, King was named the third-best guitar player in history, behind only Jimi Hendrix and Duane Allman.

"Mmmmmph," he says by telephone from his Las Vegas office. "I think they made a mistake. I mean, I would think maybe I belong in the top 50. But in the top three? I'm grateful to them, but I wouldn't have put me there."

Rolling Stone says the 78-year-old King "has become such a beloved figure in American music, it's easy to forget how revolutionary his guitar work was." It quotes Buddy Guy, who ranked No. 30 on the Top 100 list, as saying: "Before B.B., everyone played the (electric) guitar like it was an acoustic."

It's also a part of his restless soul.

"I guess I'm like a lot of musicians. Sometimes when I play, the guitar feels like a nerve in my nervous system, like it's a deep-down part of me," King explains. "Then other times I'll play and I finally just set the thing in the corner and swear at it. I don't play nothin' like I'd like to play. There's a sound I've been search-



"Ain't nothin' in the world prettier than that," King says. "It'll almost make me cry."

By the time he was 30, King was living in Memphis and had built a following of his own with classic hits such as "You Upset Me Baby" and "Every Day I Have the Blues."

But it wasn't until the early 1960s, when British groups such as the Beatles and the Rolling Stones listed American blues artists as their greatest influences, that King began to get his due.

"Those guys opened a lot of doors for us," says King, who has performed in 90 countries, including the then-Soviet Union.

"And by 'us' I mean Little Milton, Bobby Bland, people like that. I imagine there were some white people in Mississippi who knew who we were, but not folks around the world. But when the British bands talked, white America listened."

King has won nine Grammy Awards. Two of his tunes, "Sweet Little Angel" and "The Thrill Is Gone," were selected among the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame's 500 Songs That Shaped Rock 'n' Roll.

King says he's holding his own in a battle with diabetes.

"I'm hanging in pretty good," he says. "I try to do most of the things my doctor tells me to do. I knew Johnny Cash, and I understand he died of complications of diabetes. I'm real fortunate. I don't have to walk on no stick or anything. I sit down to play, but I don't mind that."

And nor does anyone else.

'Lights! Camera! Traction!' theme for 2004 Indy 500 events

Special to The Recorder

The month-long celebration in May 2004 leading up to the 88th Indianapolis 500-Mile Race will mix the drama of IndyCar Series racing and the glamour of a Hollywood blockbuster with the theme of "Lights! Camera! Traction!"

The "Lights! Camera! Traction!" theme, announced last week by Indianapolis Motor Speedway and 500 Festival officials, will be prominent in local and national Indianapolis 500 advertising and 500 Festival event materials. It also will be part of the many events that take place in Indianapolis in the month of May leading up to the 2004 Indianapolis 500 on May 30, including Community Day on May 26 at IMS and the Flagstar Bank 500 Festival Parade in downtown Indianapolis on May 29.

Speedway and 500 Festival officials created the theme based on the many parallels that exist between the 500 Festival, Indianapolis 500 and Hollywood: the competition and camaraderie of the Indianapolis 500 Festival Mini-Mara-



thon, the drama of drivers and teams searching for speed early in the month, then vying for the coveted Indianapolis 500 MBNA Pole Award on Pole Day and the excitement and agony of drivers that do, and do not, make the field on Bump Day.

The week of the Indianapolis 500 warms up with Community Day and Carb Day and comes to a crescendo with the glamour, tra-

dition and drama of the 500 Festival Parade and Race Day.

Flagstar Bank 500 Festival tickets are available by calling (317) 927-3378. Tickets are available for the 2004 Indianapolis 500-Mile Race. For information, log on to www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com, or call the IMS ticket office at (800) 822-INDY or (317) 492-6700.

'Christmas Carol' will return to IRT

Special to The Recorder

Tom Haas, former IRT artistic director, Haas' adaptation was initially produced at the IRT each year from 1980 to 1984. After a 12-year hiatus, it was brought back in 1996 and continued each year since then.

Each year the IRT presents the always-new adaptation of the classic story of love and redemption for Ebenezer Scrooge, brought about by his old partner, Jacob Marley, three ghosts of Christmas, and a little boy called Tiny Tim.

The IRT's adaptation from the Charles Dickens' story is by

the audiences eyes, the beautiful costumes, and especially all the glorious snow.

"A Christmas Carol" begins previews Nov. 8, opens officially on Nov. 21 and runs through Dec. 24 on the IRT's Mainstage. Tickets can be ordered online at www.indianarep.com or by calling the IRT ticket office at (317) 635-5252.

JORDAN

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"To me right now, it's all about consistency and being able to maintain a career. I'm hoping for longevity and career building."

And exactly who is Jordan's music for?

"I feel like I'm making music

for grown ass men and women. I'm trying to make the music still relevant."

Currently Jordan is on tour promoting "Life After Def," which is distributed by KOCH Records.

ALI

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my own words."

Although May May didn't include Ali's battle with Parkinson's disease within the story, it was mentioned in the detailed timeline that she included as a source for students who may use the book for potential reports.

Many may feel that being the daughter of Muhammad Ali would come with its share of pressures, but for May May, who graduated magna cum laude from the University of Nevada-Las Ve-

gas, pressure is one thing that she does not allow in her life.

"I do well for myself," she said confidently. "If I made straight A's in college, it was because I wanted to excel. I don't try to do well because of who my dad is... it just doesn't fit into the equation for me."

Dedicated to uplifting youth, May May works as a social worker in a gang prevention program in one of the most violent areas in South Central Los Angeles.

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Aretha Franklin is 2003 BET Walk of Fame recipient

Electronic Urban Report

The ever-reigning "Queen of Soul" is being celebrated by her loyal fans as this year's BET Walk of Fame recipient.

Following tradition, she will be serenaded by a celebrity line-up that includes: Mary J. Blige, Seal, Alicia Keys, Norah Jones, Chaka Khan, Ronald Isley & the Isley Brothers, Jaheim, Gerald & Eddie Levert, Yolanda Adams, Teena Marie, Ruben Studdard and many more.

Also, the former host of "Video Soul" Donnie Simpson, returns to his roots to host the event. The event will air on BET Oct. 28, at 9 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the United Negro College Fund.

Past honorees include Michael Jackson, Boyz II Men, Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds, Whitney Houston, Patti Labelle, Luther Vandross, Diana Ross and Stevie Wonder.

Queen Latifah will be cabby in new film

Grammy Award winning rap mama Queen Latifah is in LA filming a role as a cab driver opposite "Saturday Night Live's" Jimmy Fallon in the film remake of "Taxi."

In addition to that lowdown, Latifah has seven films slated to hit theaters within the next year. They are: "Scary Movie 3," "Barbershop 2," the previously mentioned "Taxi," "Beauty Parlor (Shop)," "Bad Girls" with Jada Pinkett Smith, "My Wife Is a Gangsta," and "Cookout," a film the star is producing.

Recently Latifah shared some of the details of her forthcoming rap album with New York's Daily News. One of the more touching songs is "The World," which is semi-autobiographical.

"The first verse is autobiographical, talking about how I was molested as a child. I didn't know how to tell my parents and it really messed with me emotionally and in terms of my ideas of sexuality," said Latifah. "I had parents who explained these things to me, but it happens to

you at 5 years old, you can't seem to get it out of your mouth, like, 'Hey, this guy did this to me. You know?'

Snoop Dogg to create titled cut for video game

Snoop Dogg is hot on the money trail once again. He was chosen to compose the main song for the Playstation 2 game "True Crime: The Streets of LA" and he selected a Marvin Gaye song to sample from: "Dance With Me."

The soundtrack for the game will feature new music from West Side Connection (featuring Ice Cube), Jayo Felony, Warren G., and Bizzy Bone.

N.E.R.D. will also be heard in the game providing a backdrop to the game's car chases, shootouts, on-foot pursuits and hand-to-hand combat.

The game will debut for Playstation on Nov. 4.

Jay-Z prepares for final LP

Jay-Z's final hurrah, his disc "The Black Album," will go against the grain in that it will hit the streets on a Friday. Traditionally, albums are released on Tuesdays, but the Jigga figures he'll go out on a different note. "The Black Album" will be in stores on Nov. 28.

"We wanted to try something different," says Def Jam/Def Soul president Kevin Liles. "Everything (related to the project) is Black, so we figured, 'Why don't we put it out on Black Friday? It's one of the biggest selling days of the year, and it's the day after Thanksgiving. So it's Jay's way of saying 'thank you' to fans for them giving him so much," Billboard reports.

A Friday release isn't the only thing the rapper has in store for fans. The disc will also feature tie-ins with an all-Black version of Jay-Z's S. Carter sneakers by Reebok, the release of his autobiography *The Black Book*, and his tour, which kicks off Nov. 25 at Madison Square Garden in New York.

So far, surprisingly, the disc itself has been kept under wraps. The rapper initially mentioned

that the album would feature a plethora of producers, but who those producers are is still hush-hush.

Hip-hop rocks the charts

OutKast and Ludacris have taken control of the Billboard.

According to Nielsen SoundScan, Ludacris edged out the top spot on the U.S. pop charts and a new collection of Elvis Presley classics landed at No. 3, behind OutKast.

Elvis' set, now inappropriately titled "Elvis 2nd to None," sold 181,000 copies its first week to enter the Billboard Top 200 in third place.

Presley's latest sales figures are down in comparison to the debut of "Elvis '30 #1 Hits," which posted first-week U.S. sales of 500,000 copies last year. It also shot to the top of the charts in more than two dozen countries.

Ludacris hit a career-high with his third album "Chicken-N-Beer," which sold 430,000 copies during the week ending Oct. 12.

OutKast, whose double-CD set, "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below," sold 187,000 copies in its third week of release, slipped a notch to No. 2.

The sales tally for the duo Antwan "Big Boi" Patton and Andrew "3000" Benjamin now climbs to 933,000 copies.

Prince trades sexy moves for Jehovah Witness stroll

Could you imagine Prince tapping on your door, Bible in hand, with Larry Graham in tow asking if he can come in and share some Scripture?

Prince has joined Jehovah's Witness and is spreading the good news everywhere he can. He was last seen in Eden Prairie, Minneapolis, on the doorstep of one, identified only as Rochelle.

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Central Station, but better known for his solo debut "One in a Million You." But, soon after they were invited in, they were asked to leave.

She said, "I told him, 'You know what? You've walked into a Jewish household, and this is not something I'm interested in.'"

Their attempt to spread the word was further ruined by the Minnesota Vikings game that was airing on TV at the time of their visit.

'All of Us' can celebrate with 'Eve'

The first lady of the Rough Ryder crew is not only one of the hottest female rappers in hip-hop, but now she's adding a successful acting career to her attributes.

UPN has decided to order a full season of "Eve" as well as "All of Us."

"Eve," starring you-know-who, has increased its audience with every passing week improving by 10 percent in total viewers since its premiere on Sept. 15.

The show is most popular among adults 18-34, which boosts its audience by 17 percent in that demographic.

"All of Us," executive produced by Will and Jada Pinkett Smith, is seeing even more success. It has become the networks most watched show, attracting 4.5 million viewers per episode.

The popular audience for the Tuesday night hit is among viewers 12-34, picking up a solid 2.3 rating.

"All of Us" has surpassed ratings for "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" in the same slot last season.

"By picking up these two new shows for a full season, UPN's streak of developing and launching new comedy hits continues," says UPN Entertainment President Dawn Ostroff. "'Eve' has fit seamlessly into our successful Monday night block and has seen growth since its premiere, and we're incredibly excited to enter the new season and be able to launch a new night on Tuesday with 'All of Us,' UPN's most watched show this year."



Showtime to air movie on Jayson Blair saga

NEW YORK (AP) —

Showtime has given a movie producer the go-ahead to make a "dark comedy" about the Jayson Blair scandal at The New York Times.

Blair has signed to write a book about the incident, titled "Burning Down My Master's House: My Life at The New York Times."

"I am not paying Jayson Blair one penny," Maas said. "I'm not interested in buying the rights to his book. He will not profit financially from this film."

No one has been cast in the title role.

A spokeswoman for The New York Times said the newspaper had no involvement with the film and would not comment on it.

Maas was the writer-producer of an earlier Showtime film, "The Last Debate," about the power of the media and journalistic ethics. He said he's not concerned about taking on a journalism institution.

"I don't think the Times should look at this as an 'attack New York Times movie,'" he said. "It's a great newspaper."

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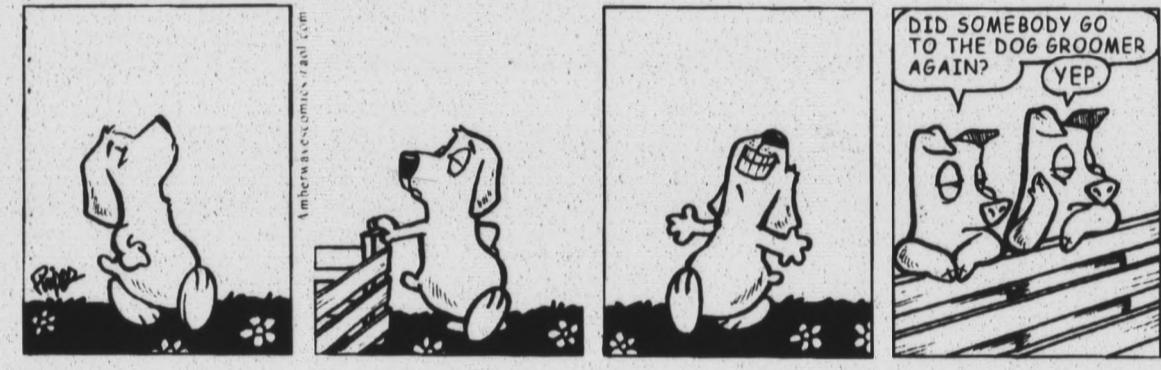
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fun Halloween

(FeatureSource) — Halloween! The very word conjures up images of ghosts and goblins, carved jack-o'-lanterns and children gleefully trick or treating for candy and spider rings. It also brings up issues of health and safety. Parents want

to make this special holiday a time of joy and fun and need to remember to give careful consideration to their children's well-being.

Dr. Roni Leiderman, associate dean of the Family Center at Nova Southeastern University, has these common sense rules to make Halloween a favorite day of the year for everyone.

• Young children need adult supervision when trick or treating. As children go from door to door, it is important to accompany them and to monitor what goes into their goody bags.

• For older children, make sure that they are trick or treating with at least two other friends. It is important that you are familiar with the homes they will be visiting. Remind your children never to visit an unapproved home and have them check in regularly to let you know of their whereabouts.

• Always check the contents of your child's goody bags. Common sense dictates that only wrapped items should be accepted. And even those items should be carefully examined to ensure safety.

• For your own home, think about giving non-food treats like stickers, crayons, and plastic spider rings to trick or treaters. Other parents will appreciate this gesture.

• Consider having a Halloween house or block party. Your child can share in the fun of planning and decorating with friends, family and neighbors and you can feel comfortable knowing that you are providing a safe place to celebrate the holiday.

• Think about making Halloween costumes with your children as an alternative to expensive store bought ones. Homemade costumes are fun to make and promote children's self-expression and creativity.

• Costumes need to be flame retardant and masks should not restrict your child's vision or breathing.

• Respect your child's fears about the holiday. Not every child is excited to see scary monsters. Read your child's cues. If your child seems uneasy, limit their exposure to costumes, scary music and even trick or treating to strangers' houses. Instead, take them trick or treating to a mall, or a close friend's house where they can feel comfortable and safe.

• Make sure that you walk in well-lit areas. Consider carrying a flashlight and putting reflectors on your child's costume.

• With Halloween comes an abundance of candy and treats. Your children will want to eat more sweets than you might want. Talk with your children before the holiday and agree on some logical rules to limit candy consumption and still allow them to enjoy their day.

• Share activities with your children. Read Halloween books, decorate your home, carve a pumpkin, bake special cookies, and share stories of when you were a child and what Halloween meant to you.

Enjoy the holiday. Have fun with your children and cherish the time your family will share. Halloween is a wonderful time that creates lasting memories.



"You've got to understand. Steppin' is not just a dance, it's a culture. It's the way we live. It's the way we eat, drink and breathe. You understand me? You out there with your dance partner and y'all holding hands and y'all swinging, dipping, twisting. It's just a beautiful thang."

The prelude to "Step in the Name of Love" (the remix), by R-Kelly.

By Walter Grable
Special to The Recorder

Well, the culture, as Kelly describes it, is taking Indianapolis by storm.

It seems like more and more dancers from the city are getting into the groove and not just because of the hit single, "Step in the Name of Love."

For those who know how to step, they can't get enough of it and for those who don't, they're quickly learning.

Take Indianapolis native Todd Thompson for example. He has only been stepping for three years, but he likes it so much, that he and some friends travel to Chicago at least twice a month just to step.

"Steppin' is so smooth," the 42-year-old native said recently at Club 421. "It's also so graceful. I really can't explain how it makes me feel, but when you out there on the floor, (the moves) just flows from the heart."

Thompson and others won't have to go too far for the next big stepping party because local disc jockey Thomas Griffin has reserved the Eastside Marriott Hotel, located at 21st Street and Shadeland Avenue, Nov. 8 and will host the latest Steppers' Ball.

"I just want to provide a form of entertainment for the working-class professionals who may not be (frequent) clubbers,"

Griffin said. "Indianapolis has had its biggest influx of clubs in recent years. But we still don't

have anything that caters to the (professional) over 35 crowd."

That's where Griffin, along with his Ambience promotions, can hopefully carve a niche.

Tickets for the Ball are on sale for \$15 (\$20 at the door) and can be purchased by calling Griffin himself at 329-2939, the Black Expo office, Club 421 or Club Escalade.

The Ball starts at 9 p.m. and ends well past midnight.

And for those novice steppers, Griffin, in conjunction with Club 421, is offering lessons each Friday from 5-to-9 p.m.

On the Eastside, Club Escalade, on 38th Street near Massachusetts Avenue, is also offering classes during the same time period on Thursdays.

"Chicago has been doing this for years," Griffin said. "But Indianapolis is catching on."

Kim Walker, also of Indianapolis, concurs: Steppin' is here to stay in Indianapolis and she says it will only get more popular.

Walker, who has been steppin' for nearly 15 years, is one of the best in the city. She taught classes at the Baritz last year and said once people, especially couples learn how to step, they never want to do anything else.

"People will travel to find a steppers' set," said the 30-year-old Walker. "And they'll travel anywhere, because they love it so much."

"It's classy, sophisticated and people like to dress up."

Gary's Ezell Ervin can attest to that. Decked out in a rich blue two-piece suit with a stylish white hat one Sunday night out, he and his friend drove all the way down from Gary just to go steppin' in Indianapolis.

And if he was late for work on Monday, "Oh well. But we'll make it," he said.

"Wherever they are boppin' (another name for steppin'), we're rolling."

But like most things in life, everything has a catch, and for Ervin, he likes the clientele of women



that steppin' attracts.

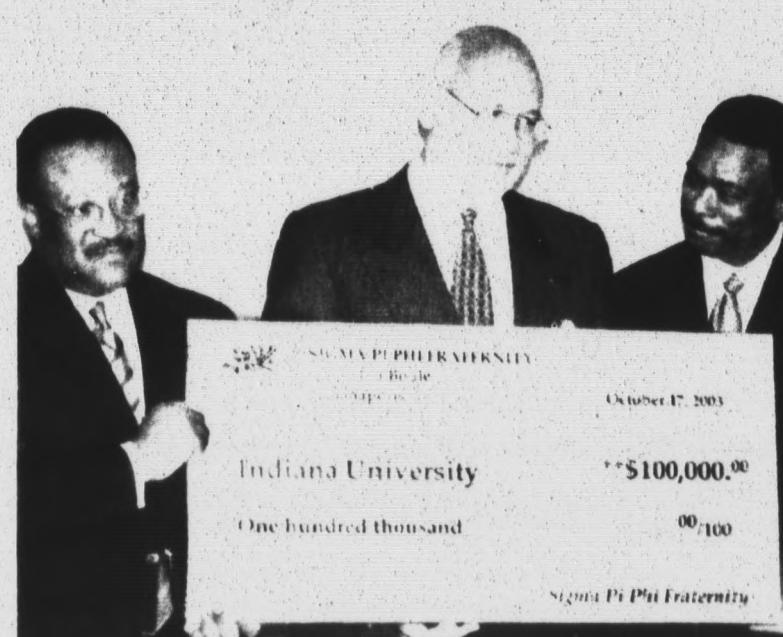
"It's a better grade," he said. "Women see you doing it, and you look good to them. They even come up to (the men) and ask to

dance."

Ervin had to cut the interview short, because Carol Ware of Chicago came up to him and asked him to step.

That's the kind of buzz and excitement steppin' has created in Indianapolis. And just like the song says, "Steppin' is not just a dance. It's a culture."

IU gets \$100,000



The Alpha Eta Boule' chapter of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity recently donated \$100,000 to Indiana University. Indiana University President Dr. Adam Herbert (center) was joined by Alpha Eta Boule' chapter members Lacy Johnson (left) and Dr. Ray L. Henderson.



(Left to right) Herbert and his wife Karen pose with Dr. Rose Mays and her husband Bill Mays during the event, which was held at the Skyline Club, located inside the AUL Building. (Photos/J. Hurst)

Fun for the entire family



The 14th Annual Baby and Kids Fair was held recently at the Indiana State Fairgrounds inside the Marsh Agriculture Building. Games, play areas, door prizes, free food samples, and other gifts were available for parents and their children to enjoy. (Above) Stacia Hill and her son Zane had fun with some of the toys at this year's fair. (Right) Cindy Edwards of Easy-Ride-Em took Jalen Davis for a ride on a four-legged friend.



BLACKONOMICS

Turning 'spending weakness' into \$630 billion in economic power

By JAMES CLINGMAN

The news keeps coming out every week. Black folks' so-called "spending power" is on the rise, and corporate marketers are devising more ways to take advantage of this "new-found" treasure.

The latest news comes from an article in Black Enterprise (BE) magazine, "Black Spending Power Tops \$630 Billion — Advertisers respond to the steadily increasing economic clout of the African-American consumer," by Tamara E. Holmes. I call it "Black spending weakness," but let's take an in-depth look at our so-called "spending power."

Way back in 1986, I worked for a Black-owned marketing firm in Chicago, and I remember doing a sales presentation to executives of a certain company that would, if approved, give

our firm a contract to promote that company's products. Of course, we specialized in marketing to the Black consumer. I will never forget the attitude of one of the V.P.'s of that company. He was just passing time listening to us, probably just waiting to get back to his desk and file a report that said he had spoken to a Black company, thus, having done his affirmative action thing for the year.

I will also never forget one of the questions he asked, as well as the implication of his question. He came with the preconceived notion that his company had no reason to advertise or spend dollars on a Black consumer marketing campaign, despite the consumption index of his products by Black people being three times the average amount.

Why? Well, his question will enlighten you. He asked, no he suggested through his question, that Black people don't read anyway, so why should he do more advertising and marketing. He also implied that since Black people already spend large sums of their money on his products and continue to be the loyal consumers they are, it would make no sense for him to spend money for something he is already getting free.

And you know what? He was absolutely right. I was mad, but he was right. I got no contract, and he continued to get millions of dollars in sales from Black consumers.

According to the article in BE, "Black people's spending represents the margin of profitability for a number of consumer products. African Americans have the capacity to use their spending power to influence corporate decisions on employment, investment, and purchasing practices that would benefit the Black community, including Black businesses." Oh really? Then why aren't we using that power?

The article goes on to say, "More than \$1.5 billion is being spent on advertising targeting African Americans by national advertisers," says Ken Smikle, president of Chicago-based research and information company

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INDIANAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

Housing organization helps with property taxes, home buying

By ERICKA C. WHEELER
Staff Writer

As the Nov. 10 deadline for paying the second installment of property taxes approaches, many people find they need help to pay the bill.

Enter the Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership (INHP), which has a program for qualifying persons to assist with tax bills or for those interested in buying a home.

"INHP was approached by the mayor's office to help with those who were negatively affected by the drastic increase in taxes," said Joe Huntzinger, director of single-family lending at INHP. "This program is a refinancing program to assist those with major repairs or with the increase in their property taxes."

Preserving the American Dream program was established in early May to assist families whose income is low to moderate with the purchase of a home. There are income stipulations — a single person who makes \$35,900 or less would qualify and \$51,300 or less for a family income.

If a person or family meets these preliminary conditions, then an inspection of the home that they want to buy will take place. The American Society of Home Inspectors will send a licensed inspector out to check the home. The inspection is con-



Upcoming conference seeks to give minorities keys to homeownership

By BRANDON A. PERRY
Staff Writer

The Indianapolis branch of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers Inc. (NAREB) is planning a large-scale event that organizers say will give potential homeowners, minorities in particular, clear advice on how to avoid pitfalls associated with purchasing a new home.

On Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the organization will be hosting the Community Education

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New tax rate should make dividend-paying stocks more attractive

From Wealth Management News Service

Earlier this spring, President Bush signed into law the third largest tax package in United States history. The \$350 billion Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 introduces new rates on dividends and capital gains as well as reduced income taxes and relief for parents and joint filers among other benefits.

Investors across the country are wondering how they might benefit from the tax bill, especially its provision that lowers the tax rate on quarterly stock dividends. John Carey, portfolio manager of the Pioneer Equity Income Fund, offers some insights into the new dividend rate cuts and what they may mean for investors.

Q. How does the new tax package benefit investors who own dividend-paying stocks?

A. By cutting the tax rate on dividends from the maximum 36.8 percent to 15 percent, most types of dividend paying stocks should become more attractive to a broader range of investors.

Q. How might companies that pay dividends stand to benefit from this change?

A. We think it is likely that this tax package could encourage companies to raise dividends or even start paying dividends. At Pioneer, we have always believed that the act of paying dividends is itself a sign of fiscal health, since it is very difficult for a company to pay a dividend without being profitable.

From a broader perspective, of course, a company that is profitable can make a stronger contribution to the preservation of one's long-term investment assets. Dividends, especially when they have been paid for many years

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CLD partners with Office Depot

Dennis Bland (left), president of Center for Leadership Development (CLD); Cheryl Reynolds, account manager for Office Depot; and Michael Cross, vice president of CLD, greet one another during a recent CLD alumni meeting. Office Depot Business Services Division teamed up with CLD to offer a special discount on office supplies at Office Depot to small business owners and more than 6,000 CLD alumni. (Photo/J. Hurst)

Monitoring your portfolio

From Wealth Management News Service

What if your investments are not performing as expected? How can you tell?

One simple way to gauge performance is to compare your fund's total return against the performance of an index, which represents and tracks the behavior of a market segment.

Mutual fund companies generally use indexes as benchmarks to measure the portfolio manager's effectiveness in meeting a fund's financial objectives. You can also evaluate your mutual fund by comparing its performance to its peers, which are funds that share a similar investment objective with your fund.

Following are a few examples of indexes and averages that mutual fund companies may use as benchmarks:

• The Dow Jones Industrial Average (the Dow) consists of blue-chip industrial stocks of 30 large companies. Blue-chip stocks refer to large companies with long and generous track records.

• The Standard & Poor's 500 Composite (S&P 500) is based on the average performance of 500 companies that have the largest market value within their industry, and is considered a better indicator of overall stock market performance than Dow.

• The 90-Day Treasury Bill is a good way to track interest rates. Treasury Bill rates, reported weekly, respond immediately to interest rate changes made by the Federal Reserve

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Black Business Profile

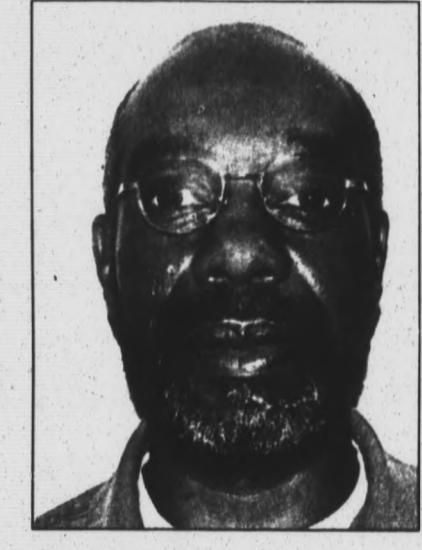
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Jim Robinson

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Future goals:

Our future goals are to employ more loan officers and to empower our 44 state marketing program. We want to be able to supply our local region with the funding that they need. In the near future, we look to supply many other states with funding as it comes available.

Why did you start the business and how has it grown?

We started the business because we wanted to be able to provide a true lending service to buyers and homeowners. We wanted to be able to come up with realistic guidelines that are so overlooked in the industry. We have grown based on our clientele we are able to supply many of customers locally and nationally.

What are some of the obstacles you faced and how did you overcome them?

We were faced with being unable to find quality and sufficient office space. We were able to overcome this obstacle because Lisa, a partner, was able to find a quality building that we could afford. We are currently working out of this office.

Who does your business best serve and why?

Our business best serves the new or first time homebuyer who is distressed. We also serve those who are unable to find funding or reasonable loan obligations. We help any that are interested in applying for a loan. The loan consists of many programs nationally.

How has your experience helped to meet the needs of your clients?

We found that most major lenders do not help consumers that may be borderline and we are here to help them overcome their problems. We help our clients to be able to develop the needs of acquiring a home loan.

Where did you get the name of your company and does it have any significant meaning?

We are a branch of an enterprise, which developed the name and logo for our company.



(left to right) Kathy McDonald, Lisa Jellison and Jim Robinson, all partners in the firm, conduct an early morning meeting. (Photo/E. Wheeler)

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and at rising rates, are often a good sign that there really is a business there and not just a nicely printed stock certificate with little in the way of value behind it.

Q. How will mutual fund investors benefit from this tax bill?

A. Investors in funds that invest primarily in dividend-yielding stocks should enjoy the benefit of a lower tax rate on the taxable quarterly dividend payments attributable to corporate dividends that the fund distributes. The reduction applies to dividends received on or after Jan. 1, 2003.

From another perspective, dividend-paying equity holdings may theoretically increase in value, since they were purchased at a lower price on the assumption that a larger portion of their gains would be taxed at a higher rate.

Q. What do you look for in a company that pays a dividend?

A. The Pioneer Equity Income Fund focuses on solid companies with good records of dividend payments. These companies tend to be more mature and have developed the habit of setting aside the money for dividend payments, which we think is very healthy.

This focus has often helped the fund avoid some of the sharp vola-

tility that the market has experienced over the years for two reasons. First, of course, is the fact that dividend-paying stocks provide income as well as a price cushion to help dampen the effects of market volatility over time. But they can also help to keep us out of trouble. Many of the market woes over the past three years have arisen from intense speculative activity in what are sometimes referred to as "concept" stocks. These are stocks of companies involved in businesses that capture the public imagination in their early stages, but do not always go on to become "real" companies with sales and earnings to support their lofty share prices.

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Target Market News. "Marketers are getting more and more intelligent every day." Did it take them 20 years to gain such knowledge about their Black consumers? And, when you compare a measly \$1.5 billion to Blacks' \$630 billion (and even more by some reports) you have to like the return on their investment.

Another interesting point made by Smikle is, "One of the indicators of how well we're doing and how important that growth is to African Americans can be seen in the increase of dollars contributed to political organizations, political parties, and political candidates." My question: "What about the lack of dollars going into Black business development, entrepreneurship, and other economic empowering activities?"

Smikle also points to Russell Simmons' threatened PepsiCo Inc. boycott as proof of how seriously companies take the importance of Black spending power and political and economic clout. The boycott was averted after PepsiCo agreed to donate millions to youth organizations around the United States. Questions: How many millions? Donations to what organizations? Has anyone followed up to see if those donations have been made yet?

My final question: What are Black people getting for our \$600-\$700 billion in "spending power"? First of all, the only way we can have real power is to use it. Otherwise, words like "potential," "latent" and "dormant" will continue to dominate when it comes to African Americans and our so-called power.

How do you know you have power if you don't do something that exhibits that power?

I strongly contend that "Black spending power" is a misnomer, an oxymoron. How can we be a powerful people simply by spending? As the BE article implies, our power lies in the act of not spending.

Amos Wilson, in his book, *Blueprint for Black Power*, cites the words of Thomas R. Dye in *Power and Society*: "Economic power is the power to decide what will be produced, how much it will cost, how many people will be employed (and laid off) what their wages will be, what the price of goods and services will be, what profits will be made, how these profits will be distributed, and how fast the economy will grow."

Brother Wilson adds, "In capitalistic America the foundation of economic power is private property whose ownership not only refers to real estate but also to the ownership of the means of production, of accumulated capital, wealth, (and) surplus production."

How can we have power by spending our money?

Black spending "power"? I don't think so. But we could change things by spending more of our money among our own businesses, building them up, creating new jobs and controlling a larger piece of the overall economy. Power is only power for those who use it. Everybody else is using our so-called spending power, brothers and sisters. So, in order to prove we have power, we have to use that power to empower ourselves.

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ducted to ensure the quality of the home - including electrical, roofing, heating and cooling systems and much-needed repairs are complete. If major replacements are required then the cost for these repairs will be added to a mortgage.

"Many of those that are affected are those whose property taxes or insurance costs are not added into an escrow account. This is called non-escrow. In May, these homeowners were forced to come up with these dollars within a series of months," Huntzinger said.

To assure that participants are grasping the concept of homeownership and money management, INHP asks that each qualifying candidate participate in a three-hour money management class.

"This was established to educate people on the biggest financial decision that they may ever make in life. We offer an array of homeownership classes including homeownership training - for those just learning the concept of purchasing a

home and those who do not qualify for a loan due to their credit history," he said.

INHP has received over 400 interested applicants, and they believe that the need for this program will increase as the Nov. 10 property tax deadline gets closer.

"We will keep this program around as long as we see a need in the community," Huntzinger said.

INHP is a non-profit organization that assists with low-to-moderate family assistance. Funding for the Preserving the American Dream program is drawn out of a \$21 million loan pull that 13 lenders in the city of Indianapolis contribute to.

"Thousands of people are affected, in fact I was forced with a doubling of my property taxes and a 20 percent increase in my insurance," Huntzinger said.

If interested in the Preserving the American Dream program contact the INHP office at (317) 925-1400 or visit its Web site at www.INHP.org. Be sure to ask about their grant program to help those with application fees.

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erty taxes, prevent foreclosure, avoid predatory lending traps, discover down payment assistance programs, detect the pros and cons of refinancing and equity loans, along with more housing topics.

Experts who will be available to answer questions at the event include several NAREB real estate salespeople and representatives from Huntington Bank, Irwin Bank, Bank One, Key Bank, Sun Mortgage, Future Securities, legal and title services and officials with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

"Our goal with this forum is to offer more insight on housing opportunities, insurance and other related topics out of concern for problems that are being experienced by consumers," said DeLores P. McGavock-Gordon, president of the Indianapolis NAREB chapter.

"Indiana is number one in the rate of foreclosures. It is not enough to just talk about the problems; we must educate consumers."

NAREB is a non-profit organization and the local branch likes to show its appreciation each year to the community through an event that "benefits all." Realtists are African-American real estate brokers

who derive their name from a term that was originally intended as a form of discrimination but has gained honor in the Black community. Until the 1970s, Black housing professionals were not officially licensed as Realtors in many regions, and were called realists.

McGavock-Gordon added that it is important that potential minority homeowners must learn how to navigate the snares and loopholes that can be used to cause denial, such as credit scoring, employment history, and credit history, which can be used to justify denials but still keep companies within the perimeters of federal diversity requirements.

"Realtists have great concern in the area of public housing opportunities," she stated. "Some companies and lenders are orally noting the term 'equal opportunity,' but practice the opposite behind closed doors. We believe the real thrust is not the Afro-American consumer, but other ethnic groups within the minority category. They are more likely to have loans approved with fewer barriers. Therefore, they are quickly outnumbering the Afro-American homeowners."

For more information about the Community Education Forum on Public Housing, call (317) 822-1616.

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For more information or to register contact Ken Winslow at (317) 264-6885 or at (800) 824-6885.

Roundtable and lunch network

The Indiana NIE Network will host a Roundtable and lunch on Oct. 24 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Wells County Public Library in Bluffton. Bring lunch money of approximately \$10. For more information or to register e-mail kbraeckel@hspa.com or call (317) 803-4772.

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• The Russell 2000 Index tracks the performance of stocks from 2,000 medium- to small-sized companies.

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Using benchmarks

With your fund's prospectus or annual report in hand, take a look at your fund's long-term performance. Does it consistently perform well compared to its benchmark and peers? Remember that

short-term results are not necessarily an indication of how your mutual fund will perform in the long-term.

After making comparisons, you may find that your fund isn't performing as well as you'd like, or it may no longer match your investment profile, which includes your financial goals, risk tolerance, and time horizon. For a better understanding of whether you should continue to stay invested in your fund, consider each of these questions:

• Has the mutual fund underperformed its peers over three years?

• Has the mutual fund changed strategy or focus to one you do not like or understand?

• Is the risk that you're taking not worth the rate of return you are receiving?

• Is the mutual fund just far too volatile for your risk tolerance?

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Carolyn Mosby

Mosby named vice president of communications

Carolyn Mosby has been promoted to vice president of communication and community affairs with USFilter Indianapolis Water, LLC (USFIW). As vice president of communication and community affairs, Mosby will continue to lead the department's internal and external communications initiatives as well as oversee staff in the areas of water education, community relations and creative services, but will focus more on the strategic development of

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Mark Holland, who has been named the father of the child born to Manda Michelle Smith, on February 18, 1994, or the person who claims to be the father of the child born to Manda Michelle Smith, on February 18, 1994, is notified that a Petition for Adoption of the child was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court 8 - Probate Division, City-County Building, 17th Floor, 200 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

If Mark Holland seeks to contest the adoption of the child, he must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with IC 31-19-10-1 in the above named court, or a paternity action under IC 31-14 not later than thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice. If Mark Holland does not file a motion to contest the adoption or a paternity action under IC 31-6-1 within thirty (30) days after service of this notice, or after filing a paternity action under IC 31-14 fails to establish paternity, the above-named court will hear and determine the petition for adoption. His consent will be irrevocably implied and he will lose his right to contest either the adoption or the validity of his implied consent to the adoption. He will lose his right to establish his paternity of the child under IC 31-14.

Nothing Manda Michelle Smith or anyone else says to Mark Holland relieves Mark Holland of his obligations under this notice. Under Indiana law, a putative father is a person who is named as or claims that he may be the father of a child born out of wedlock but who has not yet been legally proven to be the child's father. For the purposes of this notice, Mark Holland is a putative father under the law in Indiana regarding adoption. This notice complies with IC 31-19-5 but does not exhaustively set forth a putative father's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption statutes. Doris Anne Sadler, Clerk

10/10/03 3TP

ADOPTION

R10
Natalie N. Chavis, Atty
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION ss
IN THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT

In the Matter of the Adoption of
Shawn Edward Spencer.

Minor Children.

**NOTICE TO ANY UNNAMED FATHER
OF ADOPTION OF MINOR CHILDREN
SHAWN EDWARD SPENCER AND
DAVID THOMAS SPENCER
CAUSE NO.**

49D08-0309-AD-1232

To any unnamed father who claims to be the father of the children, Shawn Edward Spencer born to Deborah Spencer on August 27, 2001, and David Thomas Spencer, born to Deborah Spencer on July 16, 2002, is hereby notified that a Petition for Adoption of the child was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division, Court 8, Room 1721, City-County Building, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

If any unnamed father wishes to contest the adoption of the children, unnamed father must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with IC 31-19-10-1 in the above named court, or a paternity action under IC 31-6-1 within thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice. This notice may be served by publication.

If the named or unnamed father does not file a motion to contest the adoption or a paternity action under IC 31-6-1 within thirty (30) days after service of this notice, or after filing a paternity action under IC 31-6-1 fails to establish paternity within a reasonable period as determined by the paternity court under IC 31-6-2, the above-named court will hear and determine the petition for adoption. The named or unnamed father's consent is irrevocably implied and he will lose his right to contest the adoption or the validity of the named or unnamed father's implied consent to the adoption. The named or unnamed father loses the right to establish paternity of the children under IC 31-6-1. Notary Deborah Spencer or any other notary says to any unnamed father of the children, that the named or unnamed father of the children

Doris Anne Sadler, Clerk

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ADOPTION

V17

Rodney C. Richardson, Atty

**SUMMONS—SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION**
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION ss
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
MARION COUNTY

In Re the Marriage of

Gary W. Skirvin, Jr.
Petitioner.

v.
Angela K. Teague
also known as
Angela K. Skirvin.
Respondent
Cause No.

49D10-0302-DR-374

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.

The nature of the suit against you is **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage**

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are _____ and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: **Elise Selman**.

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Doris Anne Sadler, Clerk

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DISS. OF MARRIAGE

V10

Gerald Lee Dixon, Atty

**SUMMONS—SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION**
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION ss
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
MARION COUNTY

In Re the Marriage of

Gerald Lee Dixon.
Plaintiff.

v.
Alice Gloria Dean Dixon.
Defendant
Cause No.

49D07-0307-DR-1349

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.

The nature of the suit against you is **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage**

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are _____ and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: **Marvin J. Piper**.

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Doris Anne Sadler, Clerk

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BOARD OF SCHOOLS

S1-24

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Bid Committee of the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis until 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 12, 2003,

in Room 117 on the following

**Engine/Transmission Oils,
Hydraulic Oil and Drive Line
Lubricants.**

**Various Vehicles for the
I.P.S. Fleet.**

Educational Paper Supplies

All in accordance with detailed specifications on file in the Office of the Board, 102 East Walnut Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

**THE BOARD OF SCHOOL
COMMISSIONERS OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS**

RODNEY M. BLACK,

Business Manager

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DISS. OF MARRIAGE

U10

David G. Walton, Jr., Atty

**SUMMONS—SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION**

STATE OF INDIANA

COUNTY OF MARION ss

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

MARION COUNTY

In Re the Marriage of

Malissa Rene' Swenson.
Plaintiff.

v.
Alvin Leroy Swenson.
Defendant
Cause No.

49D02-0309-DR-1646

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.

The nature of the suit against you is **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage**

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are _____ and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: **Alvin Leroy Swenson.**

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INDPLS PUBLIC TRANS.

24

IndyGo (Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation) is Inviting Bids for the following IFB# 03-10-042 Environmental: Storage Tank Protection & Maintenance - Three Year Contract

For a copy of this Invitation to Bid please contact Larry Millholland (317) 614-9216, fax request to Larry Millholland (317) 266-9163, or email your request to lmillholland@indygo.net Bids must be returned to the Indianapolis Public Transportation, 1501 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46222, NO LATER THAN Friday, November 14, 2003 at 4:00PM, Indianapolis Time.

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INDPLS PUBLIC TRANS.

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IndyGo (Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation) is Inviting Bids for the following IFB# 03-10-041 Environmental: Monitoring Well Sampling and Reporting - Three Year Contract

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NAME CHANGE

510

Michael E. Morken, Atty
Notice of Petition for Change of Name by Individual
State of Indiana,
County of Marion, ss
IN THE MARION COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT

In the Matter of the
Change of Name of
Kristine Marie Graphman
Cause Number

49C01-0309-MI-2712

Notice is hereby given that on September 24, 2003, I have filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion County, for the change of my name from **Kristine Marie Graphman** to **Kristine Marie Stackman**, and that said petition will be heard by the court on the 1st day of December, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. Any person may appear at the hearing and/or file objections to the relief requested.

Doris Anne Sadler, Clerk

10/10/03 3TP

NAME CHANGE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids are being secured from and will be received by The Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County, 3838 N. Rural Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205, for the CIS Network Storage Solution. Bid packages may be picked up at 3838 N. Rural Street, Purchasing Department, 3838 N. Rural Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205.

A mandatory information meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, at 10:30 a.m. in the 8th floor conference room of the Hasbrook Building, main entrance. The Hasbrook Building is located at 3838 N. Rural Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

All bids will be opened and publicly read aloud on Tuesday, November 4, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. Bids received after the hour and date set for receiving of bids will be returned unopened. The bid opening will be conducted at The Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Suite 810, 3838 N. Rural Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205.

Bids must be accompanied by a satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check made payable to The Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County, in the amount of 5% of the Bidder's total bid and delivered in a sealed envelope showing the Bidder's name and address as specified in the bid instructions.

The Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County is an equal opportunity employer.

**CATHY SHECKELL,
PURCHASING MANAGER**
The Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County
(317) 221-2038

10/24/03 2T

PUBLIC NOTICE

17 INDIANAPOLIS MARION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Request For Proposal

Cleaning Services

The Indianapolis Marion County Public Library is seeking a proposal for the nightly cleaning of five library facilities.

A copy of the RFP may be picked up at 2450 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46206 at the front desk or you may get a copy of the RFP on our Web page at www.imcpl.org. All proposals must be turned in to Library Services Center by October 30, 2003.

Should you have any questions, please contact Pamela Knox Hammersley at 317-269-5374

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PUBLIC NOTICE

C1-24 NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

Sealed Bids for the following project(s) on behalf of the Department of Public Works, will be received by the Purchasing Division for the City of Indianapolis/Marion County in Room 1522 City County Building up to 9:30 a.m. (local time) on or before November 6, 2003. Between 9:31 - 10:00 a.m., sealed bids will only be accepted in Room 260, with all bids being opened publicly immediately thereafter. **NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10:00 A.M. FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER.**

ITB-4559 Proj. # SD-18-003, Re-Bid of Norwold/Balston/Kingsley Area Drainage Improvements. This work consists of, but is not necessarily limited to, providing surface drainage with inlets and perforated pipe at various locations. Plan Charge \$25,000. Plans and specifications will be at no charge previous plan holders for this project. Construction Estimate \$300,000.00 to \$500,000.00.

A Pre-Bid Conference for ITB-4559 discussion of the work, the bidding requirements, and other important matters will be held on October 30, 2003 at 10:00 A.M. local time at 604 N. Sherman Dr., Indianapolis, IN, in the Meridian Conference Room. Attendance is not mandatory but is highly recommended.

Award of this bid is contingent upon rejection of prior bid, opened 9/18/03, by the Board of Public Works.

For special accommodations needed by handicapped individuals planning to attend, please call 327-4347 or 327-5186 for the hearing impaired at least (48) hours prior to the meeting.

ITB-4653 Proj. #SS-11-005B, Kessler Boulevard/Kingsley Drive, Phase II Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation. Plan Charge \$50.00. Construction Estimate \$1.2 Million.

A Pre-Bid Conference for ITB-4559 discussion of the work, the bidding requirements, and other important matters will be held on October 29, 2003 at 10:00 A.M. local time at 604 N. Sherman Dr., Indianapolis, IN, in the Meridian Conference Room. Attendance is not mandatory but is highly recommended.

Award of this bid is contingent upon rejection of prior bid, opened 9/18/03, by the Board of Public Works.

For special accommodations needed by handicapped individuals planning to attend, please call 327-4347 or 327-5186 for the hearing impaired at least (48) hours prior to the meeting.

Bidders must obtain required bidding documents, plans/specifications from the Purchasing Division, Suite 1522, City County Building, 200 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204-3313. The plan charge is non-refundable. Make check payable to the City of Indianapolis. Check, money order or cash accepted.

Documents may be shipped to a vendor, providing payment is included with request and the vendor provides an overnight shipping account number. This information should be on company letterhead, stating the contact person's name, shipping address, telephone and fax numbers. Failure to provide this information may delay shipping. We are unable to accept charge cards or check copies to expedite shipping.

All bids must be per contract documents and accompanied by a 5% Bid Bond. A 100% Performance Bond/Payment bond will also be required of the successful bidder.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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FEVER

► Continued from Page 8

Sonja Henning

Henning returned to Portland, Ore., where she is practicing law.

Niele Ivey

Ivey is spending much of her time training in Indy and raising her year-old son Jaden. She is also working as a community relations representative for the Fever. Ivey has also been recording music vocals with teammate Olympia Scott.

Richardson

Richardson was League MVP last summer.

Nikki McCray

McCray is in her hometown of Knoxville, Tenn., where she owns and operates a day care center called All-Star Kids. She is also training in Knoxville for the upcoming season.

Kristen Rasmussen

Rasmussen is playing overseas in Spain.

Kelly Schumacher
Schumacher is currently playing in Turkey.

Brigget Pettis

Pettis has been spending her offseason playing overseas in Italy. She was the Italian

LPN

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS FOR 3 LPN'S

A valid Indiana Licensed Practical Nurse license must accompany application. Excellent benefit package. Apply to Pendleton Correctional Facility, ATTN: Carolyn Spegal, 4490 W. Reformatory Road, P.O. Box 28, Pendleton, IN 46064. A TOBACCO FREE FACILITY. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

CHARGE NURSE 3

One year full-time nursing experience within an institutional setting required. A valid Indiana Registered Nurse license must accompany application. Excellent benefit package. Apply to Pendleton Correctional Facility, ATTN: Carolyn Spegal, 4490 W. Reformatory Road, P.O. Box 28, Pendleton, IN 46064. A TOBACCO FREE FACILITY. An Equal Opportunity Employer

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Coquese Washington

Washington is an assistant coach for the women's basketball team at Notre Dame, her alma mater.

Stephanie White

White is beginning her first year as assistant coach at Ball State. She is also working her way back to the court after tearing her ACL late last season.

Natalie Williams

Williams is in her home state of Utah where she trains and raises her twins, Sydney and Turasi.

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Citizens Thermal Energy, a division of Citizens Gas, would like to announce the following opening at the Lilly Corporate Campus:

Reliability Engineer

Salary Grade: EXF

(Min: 49,938 - Mid: 71,341)

Monday - Friday 7:00am to 3:30pm

Responsibilities:

- Providing technical expertise and ownership of the maintenance program for the Lilly Corporate Center and Lilly Greenfield Laboratory utility facilities.
- Continuously improving the maintenance program through the use of Lilly techniques on Reliability Centered Maintenance such as equipment criticality ranking, failure modes and effects analysis, and root cause failure analysis.
- Supporting the predictive maintenance program, operations, maintenance, and engineering personnel as required.
- Providing project management for utility projects.
- Responsible for working safely on all tasks in varied conditions.

Qualifications:

- BS degree in Engineering or Engineering Technology preferred
- Minimum 3 years experience in a utility plant environment that includes some of the following systems: steam turbines, compressed air, purified water, pressurized boilers and chilled water.
- Minimum 3 years of working experience with Computerized Maintenance Management Systems.
- Working knowledge of operating and maintenance practices of high-pressure boilers, high energy piping, turbine driven equipment, pumps, valves and system controls is preferred.
- Working knowledge of Preventive and Predictive Maintenance techniques is preferred.
- Minimum 3 years of project management experience.

Please respond by forwarding a resume to: Employment, 2020 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46202. E-mail: employment@cgcu.com or fax: 317-931-4159.

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Infinite Inc. and Colts team up for Backyard Football Festival 2003

By BARATO BRITT
Recorder Correspondent

The Indianapolis Colts are enjoying the success of a team poised to go deep in the playoffs this year.

This weekend, the Colts will go deep into the community's "back yard" for a little football action.

The result of a partnership with the Colts and Infinite, Inc., one of the state's largest African-American owned marketing and communications agencies, inner city families will get a taste of Colt's hysteria through Backyard Festival 2003.

The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, October 25 at the Riverside Community Center, 2420 E. Riverside Drive.

The football festival is a family-oriented event, designed to offer the community access to Colts activities and to community agencies that benefit Indy youth. Indy Parks, Clarian Health Partners, RadioOne, Indiana Black Expo and the NCAA's Stay In Bounds Program have also teamed with Infinite to co-sponsor this event, which is free to the public.

"Consider this a community reunion," said Tysha Hardy-Sellers, CEO of Infinite Inc. "This is an opportunity for everyone to come out and have a good time. Infinite is proud to support business outreach efforts and give back to the community."

Although the event will provide families' access to an array of social and community services, the organizations are hoping also to inspire team spirit



Tysha Hardy-Sellers

for the Colts. Despite one of the best records in team history to start, the Colts have only enjoyed one sellout in three home games this year.

According to Infinite Managing Partner Melvin Graham, the partners are seeking also to build upon the team's relationship with the city's African-American community.

The product of months of collaboration with the Colts, Infinite pitched the idea with the intention of creating an annual outreach event that will be held in different areas throughout urban Indianapolis.

"One of the important things on the Colts' agenda was to find ways to give back and let the community know they care about them," said Graham. "So we went out there with an idea that would bring the Colts right into the neighborhood, our 'back yard,' if you will."

"(Infinite) came to us with an idea of how we can reach out to the African-American community," added Nicole Duncan, director of Community Relations and Marketing for the Colts. "We wanted to make sure our fans could get closer to us. We're always looking for ways to expand

our community outreach. This was just a natural fit for us."

For the Colts, the festival serves as a pep rally of sorts, as the Colts take on the Houston Texans Sunday in the RCA Dome. The Colts will bring the "Colts in Motion" tour, the team's road show, and will have cheerleaders on hand to add to the festivities.

Despite the heavy emphasis on community awareness, the event will also pay great attention to encouraging youth football.

The Colts, in fact, will use Saturday's effort to promote its youth football initiative. Through the initiative, the Colts offer families access to various opportunities, including tickets to games and on-field access prior to home games.

"This festival is more so for the general fan," said Duncan. "There's always been enthusiasm for the Colts in this community. I think you'll find it a little more this year. We're continuing to look at ways to reach out."

For Infinite, the effort serves more than just positive community relations. The growing firm hopes the African-American community not only comes out to support the event, but also takes something of benefit in addition to getting "crunked up" for the Colts.

"We do want to put some emphasis on sport, but we see this primarily as our way of giving something back to our community," Graham said. "We're not just out here to make money, we wanted to do something positive for the entire community as well."

Additional information on Backyard Football Festival 2003 can be found by calling Infinite, Inc. at (317) 955-9456.

Who's playing who in high school football sectionals
Oct. 24

All games begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted
Home games are in bold

Broad Ripple (2-7) vs.
North Central (3-6)

Franklin Central (6-3)
vs. Arlington (5-4)

Warren Central (7-2)
vs. Lawrence Central (8-1)

Richmond (2-7) vs.
Lawrence North (7-2)

Decatur Central (4-5)
vs.
Ben Davis (8-1)

Tech (0-9) vs.
Manual (2-7)

Southport (2-7) vs.
Pike (2-7)

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	Sat.	27	New Jersey	8:00 p.m.
JAN.	Sat.	3	New Orleans	8:00 p.m.
	Fri.	23	Houston	8:00 p.m.
	Sat.	31	Boston	8:00 p.m.
FEB.	Sun.	22	Utah	3:30 p.m.
	Sat.	28	Philadelphia	8:00 p.m.
MAR.	Sun.	28	Miami	5:00 p.m.

#2 Fantastic Fridays

OCT.	Fri.	31	Milwaukee	7:30 p.m.
NOV.	Fri.	14	Seattle	8:00 p.m.
	Fri.	28	Philadelphia	7:30 p.m.
DEC.	Fri.	12	Atlanta	7:30 p.m.
	Wed.	17	Orlando	7:00 p.m.
JAN.	Fri.	16	San Antonio	7:00 p.m.
FEB.	Tue.	17	New Orleans	7:00 p.m.
MAR.	Fri.	19	Sacramento	7:30 p.m.
	Fri.	2	Toronto	7:30 p.m.
APR.	Fri.	9	New Jersey	7:30 p.m.

#3 Wild Weeknights

Nov.	Tue.	4	Denver	7:00 p.m.
	Wed.	19	L.A. Clippers	7:00 p.m.
DEC.	Tue.	9	Washington	7:00 p.m.
	Mon.	15	Cleveland	7:00 p.m.
JAN.	Tue.	6	Orlando	7:00 p.m.
	Tue.	20	Detroit	7:00 p.m.
	Wed.	28	Phoenix	7:00 p.m.
MAR.	Tue.	9	Toronto	7:00 p.m.
	Mon.	22	Chicago	7:00 p.m.
	Wed.	31	Milwaukee	7:00 p.m.

#4 Weekday Slam Dunk</

GAME POINTS



Should've drafted the devil

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

It hasn't been since 1984 that the NBA draft had so much depth. Hakeem Olajuwon, first pick; Michael Jordan, third pick; Charles Barkley, fifth pick and John Stockton 16th pick all went on to become one of the greatest 50 players in the history of the league.

Although I wouldn't compare the 2003 draftees to the great players of '84, I think the '03 draft had just as much depth and the players just as much potential.

I can honestly foresee LeBron James, first pick, Darko Milicic, second pick, Carmelo Anthony, third pick, Chris Bosh, fourth pick, and Dwyane Wade, fifth pick, becoming celebrated NBA players.

But what about the players who weren't in the top 10? Shame on the teams who skipped over John Stockton and shame on all the teams who overlooked Dahntay Jones.

Jones was the 20th pick in the '03 draft by Boston but was traded to Memphis along with 16th pick, Troy Bell.

Many of you college basketball fanatics remember Jones as a Duke Blue Devil. If you're a die-hard college basketball fan like myself, you may remember Jones from Rutgers University. He made such an impact for Rutgers' athletic program that fans and critics ruled the team out of ever reaching the NCAA tournament when he transferred to Duke.

He left after leading the team in scoring his sophomore year.

In his first season at Duke he was the team's primary defensive stopper and averaged 11.2 points. During his senior year he got even better and was the Blue Devil's leading scorer with 17.7 points.

Standing at 6 feet, 6 inches, Jones is able to play the guard and forward position. He has fantastic leaping ability and he is a very forcible offensive rebounder. And with his strict work ethic he has seemingly improved his perimeter game.

In five preseason games with the Grizzlies, Jones is averaging 7.2 points in 16.4 minutes and he's barely grabbed a rebound.

The stats may not be eye popping now, but it may be because he is among players like Mike Miller, Jason Williams, Shane Battier, James Posey and Stromile Swift. He has to earn his minutes and I'm sure he will. He may not make an immediate impact, but I think the impact he will make will be worth watching him grow and mature.

I picked Jones as my under-rated rookie because I love his potential and I love his game. His stature doesn't even begin to reveal his talent.

The '03 draft had so much talent that a lot of players who went low in the draft should have gone higher. Such as Jason Kapono, 31st pick from UCLA to the Cavs, and another one of my favorite players, Luke Walton, 32nd pick from Arizona also went to the Lakers.

So it's understood why Jones was the 20th pick, but I think 19 teams will regret they didn't draft the devil.

Low draft picks still have something 'Cook'ing

By JOSHUA COHEN
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It's undeniable that a large majority of players in the NBA who were picked No. 1 in the draft (Shaquille O'Neal, Allen Iverson, Tim Duncan, Chris Webber) are great and most likely future Hall of Famers.

There have been some disappointments however - Joe Smith, Kwame Brown. As well, there have been many surprises in the not so prestigious pick numbers such as Tracy McGrady at No. 9, Paul Pierce at No. 10, and even Kobe Bryant at No. 13.

This year, the draft was a good one. The talent was unusually deep and many teams got what they wanted and needed. However, everyone can't go in the top 10, and there were quite a few players who got overlooked.

Brian Cook, a forward out of Illinois University, was chosen by the L.A. Lakers at No. 24. I believe Cook will make an excellent NBA player and has time and his current situation on his side. As a backup for the newly acquired Karl Malone, Cook will not see much playing time this year, especially since he is starting out with an injury.

However, he will gain important experience watching and practicing with one of the greatest power forwards to ever play the game. He also has the chance to be on a team that wins an NBA championship, which is invaluable experience, not to mention luck that very few rookies are fortunate enough to stumble upon.

While at Illinois, Cook showed great potential for the ability to score and rebound in the NBA. He also has range, as exhibited from his capability to hit from beyond the arc. This is important in today's game where the power forward position has changed. When Cook came to Illinois as a sophomore, the team was laden with talent. But by his senior year Cook was the only major contributor left from the team that made it to the Elite Eight in the NCAA Final Four Tournament. He stepped up and led the team, averaging 20 points and 8 rebounds in his senior year and became the unquestioned leader.

With Malone close to retirement, Cook has a bright future ahead of him as the starting power forward for L.A. Regardless of his low pick, Cook will add other, more significant numbers to make an impact in the NBA. He will join players such as Morris Peterson from the Toronto Raptors, Bobby Jackson from the Sacramento Kings and Indiana's own Al Harrington who were all picked lower than No. 20 and are definite future stars in the league.

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Sports

Retiring Dullaghan leaves awesome legacy at Ben Davis

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Friday nights is what Dick Dullaghan is going to miss the most.

He's going to miss the competitive spirit of the games and the motivation of his players.

Since 1984 he has been the head football coach at Ben Davis High School and has coached seven state championship teams, two state runner-up teams and one Associated Press national championship team there.

"I didn't even tell my wife I was retiring first," he said. "I announced it to the team and coaches at the football banquet. I wanted to be up front with them and give them time to adjust to the news. The Lord guided me to my resignation and directed me when to tell

everyone."

Because of Dullaghan, when you think of Ben Davis football you think of good coaching and a history of winners and this year's team is trying to carry on that tradition.

After winning the state crown last season, the team is poised at 8-1 going into sectionals. Their only loss coming from Warren Central, the players are more than ready to give their coach the ultimate retirement present.

"It is real important to us that we win state this year because we want to give coach something to go out with," said junior linebacker Richard El.

El describes Dullaghan as "old school."

"He uses the same plays he used when he first started coaching and they still work," he said. "He knows what he's doing and he makes us feel confident and in

turn we play harder."

Many of the Giants say that their team unity is also the cause of their many victories.

"We play as a team," said senior defensive end Mychal Byrd. "We help each other and if one of us gets frustrated, we pick each other up. I think because of that we get better every week. It works well for us."

Dullaghan loves the way his team works together and that joy is the reason he's been coaching for 37 years.

"Coaching has been very rewarding. It impacts lives and you get to see the results of your labor," he said. "I force the players to work on their weaknesses and enhance their skills and the joy is watching them play on Friday night and perform to their potential."

And the players have been impacted greatly by their coach.

"I don't know anything different than coach," said Byrd. "The biggest lesson he's taught me is to do the little things to get ahead. He's taught me to work hard on my technique because you never know when your opponent is getting better than you."

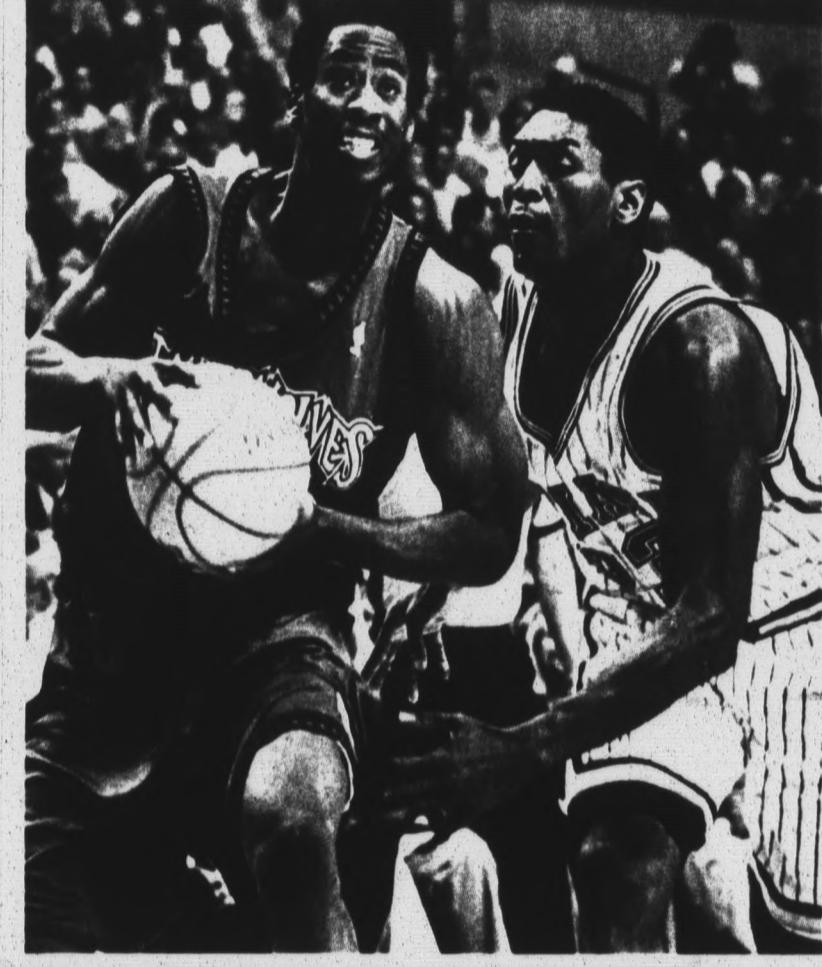
Though the season is not quite over and many challenges lie ahead on the way to another state championship, one thing for sure is that Ben Davis and the state of Indiana is going to miss coach Dullaghan.

He's considered a legend in Indiana because of his overall record of 302-56 and an 84 percent winning percentage at Ben Davis.

And in the words of a legend, "If you don't play football with passion, you can't play football. You have to put your heart into it."

I'm sure his team would agree.

WEEK IN REVIEW



Quincy Lewis (left) of the Minnesota Timberwolves tries to drive by Ron Artest as the Pacers win 96-93. Artest had a game high 30 points, seven boards and six assists. (Photo/W. Thomas)



Titus Austin, running back for the Arsenal Technical Titans, gains a first down as Robert McDaniels, also a running back for the Titans, blocks Northwest High School defender Craig Jones. Tech lost in a heartbreaker 22-21, their 30th consecutive loss. (Photo/J. Hurst)



What are the Indiana Fever doing this offseason?

Special to The Recorder

Leigh Aziz

Aziz played with a team sponsored by the U.S. Basketball Academy that toured parts of China during late September and early October. She is developing her skills throughout the offseason by playing overseas or conditioning with Fever coaches.

Coretta Brown

Brown was selected to participate with a WNBA Select Team at the FIBA World Cup in Samara, Russia, Oct. 14-19.

The remainder of Brown's offseason is unknown, but it is likely she will spend time training in Indy.

Tamika Catchings

Catchings is spending her offseason in Indy training for the 2004 season and the upcoming Summer Olympics. She was recently selected as one of seven core members of the U.S. Senior National Team. Catchings will also conduct her own basketball camps and clinics between Indianapolis and her hometown of Duncanville, Texas.

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Catchings conducts her own basketball camps.

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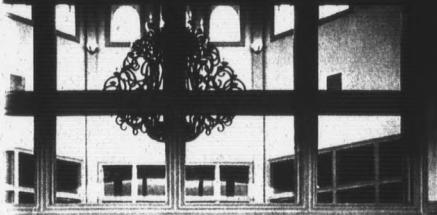
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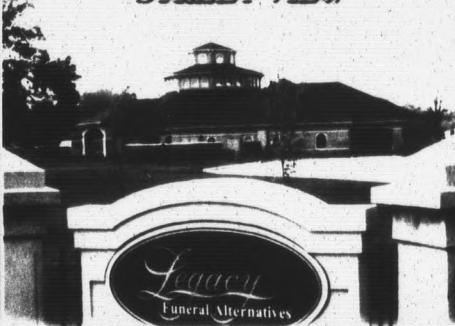
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