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ACTRESS REGINA KING ADVOCATES

HIV AWARENESS



Actress Regina King served as the keynote speaker for the Second Annual HIV Statewide Awareness Program. The program took place at the Indiana Historical Society and featured various health care representatives. (Photo/J. Hurst)

Staff Report

The Indiana Minority Health Coalition, Indiana State Department of Health and the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration sponsored the second annual HIV Statewide Awareness Program Wednesday at the Indiana Historical Society.

Actress Regina King served as the keynote speaker. King is known for her longtime role as Brenda Jenkins on the 1980's hit television series "227," and most recently she co-starred in "Miss Congeniality 2" with Sandra Bullock.

"One of the biggest things that inspired me to come here was that HIV/AIDS numbers are so high, especially among African-American women," said the long-time HIV/AIDS advocate.

While dealing with the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, King wants people to remember the other issues such as HIV/AIDS that remain prevalent in the community.

"You still can't forget the constant everyday things that are going on and the children that we are losing to this disease."

According to the latest statistics, 47 percent of newly diagnosed AIDS cases were minorities. African Americans, who represented less than a 10th of the state's 2003 population, represented 38.9 percent of those newly diagnosed cases.

For information regarding HIV counseling and testing sites, call (317) 233-7840.



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Human rights lawyer Brian Concannon Jr.

Human rights lawyer says U.S. supports brutality in Haiti

Talk scheduled for Oct. 11 at Marian College

By FRAN QUIGLEY
For the Recorder

Human rights lawyer Brian Concannon Jr. directs the Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti (IJDH), www.ijdh.org, which litigates cases and documents human rights violations in Haiti. Several investigations, including some conducted by IJDH, have shown that violence and poverty have increased in Haiti under a U.S.-backed government that replaced ousted President Jean Bertrand-Aristide in early 2004.

Concannon lived and worked in Haiti from 1995 to 2004, first with the United Nations, and then with the Bureau des Avocats Internationaux (BAI) in Port-au-Prince. The BAI was estab-

lished by the elected Haitian government to help victims and the justice system prosecute human rights cases.

Concannon will be speaking Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. at Marian College's Allison Mansion. The talk is part of the Global Studies Speakers Series sponsored by Marian's Franciscan Center for Global Studies. Following is an interview with him.

The title of your talk is "Haiti: the International Community's Dictatorship." President Aristide left Haiti in early 2004 and an unelected government has taken over, which follows the same pattern that occurred in 1991. What has been the international community's response the two times Aristide was removed from power?

Concannon: The role of the international commu-

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NEWS BRIEFS

Community Resource Fair

State Rep. Caroleen May, D-Indianapolis, will host a Community Resource Fair Saturday, Oct. 22 at Lafayette Square Mall from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sponsored by The Indianapolis Recorder, the resource fair will feature a child safety seat check, housing information, legal services, obesity information and fitness training, book mobile, information on health and prescription medicine, state social services, employment and training resources as well as other services from local agencies and businesses. There will also be a moonwalk to provide entertainment for children.

For more information contact Kelly Sankowski at (317) 924-5143.



Day of beauty

Triumphant Transitions recently provided free hair care and spa service to local Hurricane Katrina evacuees. Above: Stylists from various salons and spas treated evacuees to a day of beauty at Capelli Studio. Each stylist donated a year of hair service to participating evacuees; six months free and six months at half price. (Photo/J. Hurst)

Miers raises questions for both sides of spectrum

By BRANDON A. PERRY
Staff Writer

President Bush surprised many observers on both sides of the political aisles this week after announcing his choice to fill the second of two vacancies that were presented on the U.S. Supreme Court over the summer.

Harriet Miers, who currently advises Bush as White House counsel, was chosen to replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who announced her retirement in July. The announcement of Miers' selection came immediately after John Roberts took his place as the high court's new chief justice.

During a press conference at the White House, Bush expressed confidence in his nomination of Miers, upholding her as the most qualified person he could find.

"I know her character," Bush said. "She's a woman of principle and deep conviction. She shares my philosophy

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Faith Based Patrol makes strides in reconciliation

By TONYA WOODARD ELLIS
Recorder Correspondent

What started out as a complaint from African-American ministers on WTLC's "Afternoons with Amos" about the way members of the Indianapolis Police Department (IPD) have treated people in the African-American community has developed into a working relationship that displays a sense of reconciliation.

On Aug. 25, African-American ministers representing such groups as the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance, Baptist Ministers Alliance, Concerned Clergy and Ministers on the Move convened on WTLC with Brown to voice their concern about the way that some police officers from IPD have treated individuals in the African-American community.

One minister, Rev. Charles Harrison, senior pastor of Barnes United Methodist gave a personal account. After receiving a ticket from an IPD officer,

Harrison, who is a chaplain for the Indiana State Police questioned the officer's motive; the officer became agitated and pushed Harrison on the chest.

"The officer stated to me that 'this is the first time that I would arrest a preacher,'" said Harrison. Since this incident, Harrison has appeared before the IPD Internal Complaint Board. "My concern is if they could do this to me,



Rev. Fitzhugh Lyons

"We told the police that we wanted to make sure that the young children were not mistreated," said Fitzhugh Lyons, pastor of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church. "We also want to make sure that the children were acting right."

then what are they doing to other African Americans out there."

During the interview with Brown, Michael Spears, IPD chief of police, called in to express his concern about the allegations. This exchange of comments on air provoked an impromptu meeting in the administrative offices of WTLC from IPD officials and the ministers at the show.

"We had good dialogue at that meeting and decided to meet again on Sept. 7 to further air our concerns," said Rayford Brown, senior pastor of Rock of Faith Missionary Baptist Church and president of the Missionary Baptist Ministers Alliance. "We wanted the dialogue to continue."

According to Brown, during the next meeting Spears invited James Wyatt, IPD's assistant chief of police, and various other IPD officials to meet with the ministers and help resolve some of the concerns. During the meeting, the ministers posed a question to IPD - "What can we do to help?"

The answer to this question became the launching pad for the Faith Based Patrol. IPD asked the ministers to join them during the evening of the Circle City Classic on Oct. 1 to assist with patrolling a one block radius of downtown Indianapolis after the game. The block patrolled was Washington to Capitol, Capitol to Maryland, Maryland to Illinois and Illinois to Washington streets.

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"Laughter is the Best Medicine" silent auction and fund-raiser on Nov. 15, at the Marriott Hotel, 350 W. Maryland St.

The event will begin with a silent auction at 5:45 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to bid on more than \$150,000 in donated gifts from local businesses. Auction items include diamonds, cosmetic enhancements, oriental rugs, bridal gown collection, chef's table for six and more.

The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. with opening remarks from dignitaries. Dinner and live entertainment will be at 7 p.m. Sinbad will take the stage at 8 p.m.

Tickets to the event are \$100. They can be purchased by calling IMHC at (317) 926-4011.

Kennedy files exploratory committee for prosecutor

Melina Kennedy, former deputy mayor of Indianapolis, has filed an exploratory committee as she considers the idea of running for Marion County prosecutor.

Kennedy was joined at the Marion County clerk's office by Congresswoman Julia Carson, Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson, Marion County Sheriff Frank Anderson, and state Rep. Bill Crawford as she filed official committee documents.

"I believe to be tough on crime the office of prosecutor should produce results, advocate for the victims and operate with high ethical standards," Kennedy said outside the clerk's office. "I'm doing this because I care about our city, and I am committed to public service."

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Kate Sweeney Bell assessor candidate

Downtown businesswoman and longtime Democratic activist Kate Sweeney Bell has announced her candidacy for Center Township assessor, pledging to build on the record of retiring Assessor James Maley.

She has received endorsements from Maley and from former U.S. Rep. Andy Jacobs Jr.

The office of Center Township assessor will be on the November 2006 ballot. Bell says she will work to win the Marion County Democratic endorsement at the party's slating convention early next year.

Bell has been president of her family's business, Indiana Bail Bonds Inc., since 1999.

Honor for Barbara Boyd

Barbara Boyd, the legendary Indianapolis television journalist, will become the first African-American woman inducted into the Indiana Broadcasters Hall of Fame, in ceremonies later this month. Boyd's achievement is also significant as she becomes the first African-American Hoosier on-air journalist to

achieve the honor.

African-American genealogy workshop

The Indiana African-American Genealogy Group (IAAGG) will host a workshop Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Eiteljorg Museum inside the Ruth Lilly Auditorium, 500 West St.

Topics will include Black

Genealogy Research, Free People of Color - Neither Slave or Free and Free Blacks - Middle Tennessee.

The cost of the event is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door for IAAGG members and \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door for non-members.

For more information contact Charles Barker at (317) 844-7022 or Donna Stokes-Lucas at (317) 264-1866.

U.S. Postal Columbus Day schedule

United States Postal Service operations will be limited Monday, Oct. 10 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

There will be no regular home delivery, however,

postal employees will be delivering Express Mail items. There will be no retail window service at any U.S. Postal Service station or branch, except for the Park Fletcher Branch, 2760 Fortune Circle East; it operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year (near the airport).

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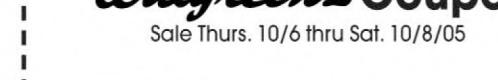
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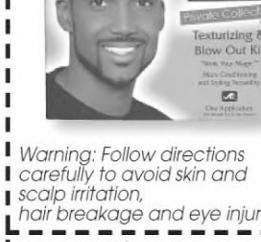
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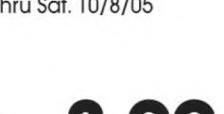
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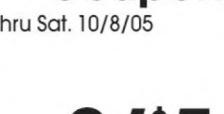
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The intention was to let the ministers experience firsthand some of the issues that IPD encountered after a major event in downtown Indianapolis.

It was also an opportunity to allow the ministers to assist with keeping a level of dignity and respect in the crowds. "We told the police that we wanted to make sure that the young children were not mistreated," said Fitzhugh Lyons, pastor of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church. "We also want to make sure that the children were acting right."

On Oct. 1 approximately 45 ministers participated. The ministers patrolled in two hour shifts beginning at 9 p.m. and ending at 3 a.m. On that evening ministers met at the Indianapolis Urban League parking lot, received a badge that read "Faith Based Patrol" and instructions from Darryl Pierce, deputy chief of IPD, East District. The Indianapolis Recorder was invited along.

As the buses entered the area of patrol, they were met by a sea of young people. Officials estimated the crowd at approximately 10,000.

Upon scoping the crowd the majority of the individuals were youth between the ages of 8 to 18 years. "We hope that if we can keep some kids from being arrested then that is important," said Melvin Girton, senior pastor of Christ Missionary Baptist Church. "They are here to have fun."

As Girton was talking, he witnessed a confrontation between a police officer and a group of youth. One of the young girls is screaming about her brother who had just been the victim of a fight. Girton and his group of ministers approached the scene and immediately the children begin to calm down. They eventually retreat and begin walking away.

"Most kids are out here trying to have a good time," said Chief Spears. "With this large crowd it doesn't present the safest environment." "We have our highest ranking officers out here tonight patrolling the area to make sure that everyone is treated fairly," said Cliff Meyers, IPD deputy chief of operations. "Arrests are our last resort," he said.

One of the main points of conten-

tion was the north and south corners of Maryland and Illinois. It appeared to be an area for congregating. "Our goal is to keep the crowd moving," said Wyatt, IPD assist chief. It was almost 10 p.m. and the mall had closed which meant that additional youth had joined the masses outside. "When the mall closed the children just move from corner to corner," he said. "We have had some fights occur, both male and female."

According to Wyatt, the police had gang units stationed in high rises, police were patrolling on bikes, motorcycles, horses, and walking. Several officers emphasized that while there are established curfew laws, it was hard to enforce them with crowds that size. "Many of the children are waiting for their parents to come and get them," said Wyatt.

While interviewing Wyatt, a call came across his radio, that there was a gun fired on West Washington Street. Fortunately, nobody was injured.

Across the street from where Wyatt was stationed, a group of ministers had joined the police in directing

traffic. The crowd seemed to adhere to the ministers' requests. "Keep moving." "No you can't cross here." "Brother watch your language."

Frank Moore, pastor of University Spiritually Alive Church, was one of the ministers directing traffic. He also happened to have three children in the crowd that night. "I'm determined to help," he said. "The ministers' presence with IPD is making a difference. This partnership lets the community know that the police and African-American community are working together in a positive way to prevent violence.

We have a common goal and that is to stop violence and at the same time prevent any further tears between the police and Black community."

The ministers had a firsthand encounter when a teen girl defied the police officer and ministers' order to not cross the street. Refusing to adhere to the order, she continued to cross the street to get into her mother's van. The officers grabbed the girl and pulled her to the curb; the mother jumped out of the van and proceeded to yell "that is my

daughter." The ministers talked to the girl and convinced the mother to get back in her van. The youth was released and got in the van and left.

According to Eugene Anderson, assistant deputy mayor of special events, this is a great opportunity to see our ministers assisting the police department. "It is a testimony to community policing," he said. "The entire community needs to be involved. Today we have had approximately 360 officers detailed in the downtown."

"I love the fact that the church is involved in providing a common goal and this is safety for all who are downtown," said Marcia Bennett, general manager of special events for Indiana Black Expo.

Rev. Harrison, who worked the 1 to 3 a.m. shift, said that he was appalled at what he witnessed with youth. "As an African American and minister I was not prepared for what I witnessed. The disrespect of the children, the number of children carrying guns, the language and the way that.

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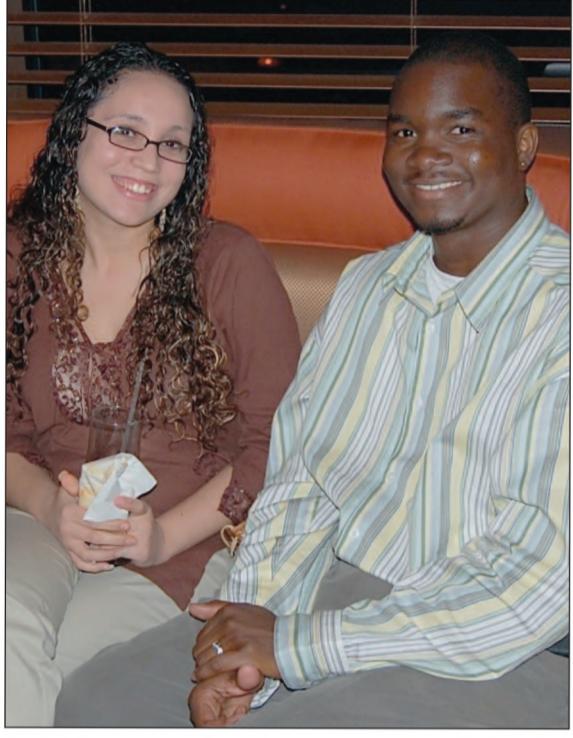
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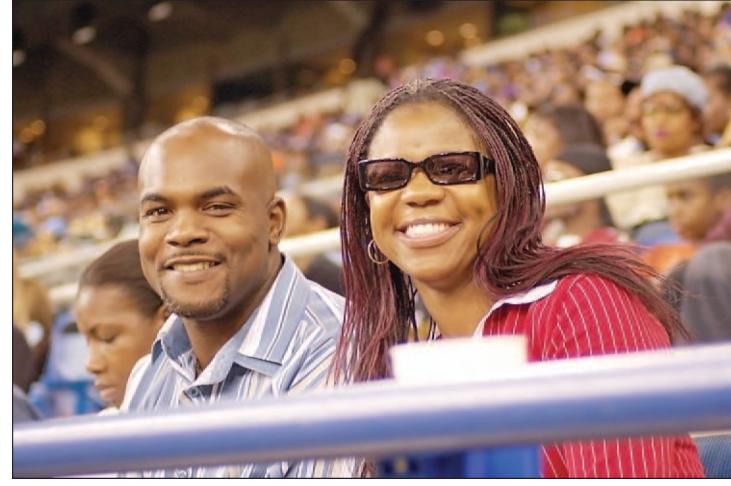
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2005 CLASSIC WRAP-UP



Lewis and LeVon Bradley, Recorder newspaper carriers, never miss the Coca-Cola Circle City Classic football game.



Former NBA player Tim Hardaway made a special appearance during the Circle City Classic football game. Hardaway can be seen on Nike Battlegrounds: King of the Court on MTV2.



Hot 96.3 radio personality B Swift talks to the crowd before the football game begins.



R&B recording artist Tweet waves to her fans during the football game.



Comedian/actor Joe Torry interviews former Olympic star and gold medalist Dominique Dawes. Torry is a correspondent for Black College Football on BET. (Photos/J. Hurst)



Left to right: Kendra Randle, Briana Poindexter and Kayla Bails enjoyed the many events that took place during Circle City Classic weekend.



DJ Kid Capri hosted the Caterpillar Battle of the Bands halftime show. Capri mixed a variety of popular songs.



Circle City Classic queen Danielle Richardson (left) took part in football game activities. She is pictured with Dana Walton and Monica Battle.



Indianapolis Recorder employees and volunteers participated in this year's American Family Insurance Classic Parade. (Photo/J. Ouattara)

Classic Black College Fair



Brian Floyd (right), admissions counselor at St. Augustine's College, speaks with Jacob Daniels (left) and Robert Hall about the school during the 26th Annual Circle City Classic Black College Fair.



Robert L. Rene', a representative from Southern University's office of admissions, talks with attendees about the advantages of attending the university.



William G. Mays, president of Mays Chemical Co. and Ruth Woods, reflect on the growth of the college fair.



Lee Rhyan, vice president of Lockheed Martin poses with Jessica Barrett, recipient of a \$1,500 scholarship from the information technology company. (Photos/J. Hurst)

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nity in the first coup was to express public disapproval and then to impose sanctions, which eventually had some effect. President Aristide was returned to his elected position and we were able to prosecute many of the human rights violations by people who carried out the coup. This time, however, the international community, especially the U.S., is openly giving assistance in guns and money to the killers.

What should the U.S. be doing in Haiti?

We should put our basic democratic principles in action. We should withhold all aid to the current Haitian government until they release the two dozen or more political prisoners being held. And we should demand that elections be conducted in a way that is consistent with a democratic process, and let the Haitian government know that the U.S. will not recognize a government elected in an undemocratic process.

Presidential and parliamentary elections are scheduled for Nov. 20 in Haiti. Will those be fair elections?

It is possible they will be fair elections, but there would first have to be drastic changes from the current situation.

There are two huge problems now: First, many of the people who would be the most popular candidates (including two high-profile supporters of ousted President Aristide - the Rev. Gérard Jean-Juste and former Prime Minister Yvon Neptune) are in jail. Others are in exile or in hiding.

Second, there is an intentional effort to suppress the vote of poor people. The very poor Cite Soleil area of Port-au-Prince has 300,000 people but not even a single registration site. There are only 400 to 600 voter registration sites in all of Haiti. Compare that to the 4,000 sites in Los Angeles, which has about one-third the land area and much better transportation, or the 11,000 sites the democratically elected Haitian governments had in place. Haiti is a big place and the roads are bad, so the poor will have a difficult time voting.

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, with 8 of every 10 Haitians living in poverty. If and when democracy is restored, what can the democratically elected government do to reverse Haiti's slide into desperation?

A new government could continue what the previous democratically elected government was already doing. More secondary schools were built in Haiti in the years after the return of democracy in 1994 than were built in the previous 200 years. Literacy, sanitation and health care programs were started, but the latest coup government has dismantled them. But recovery will be tough: In Haiti, problems can build on themselves.

Recently, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice visited Haiti and criticized the government for holding political prisoners and for the slow preparations for the November elections. Do Rice's comments provide you with any optimism about the U.S.' future involvement in Haiti?

It is something that she at least raised the issue of the prisoners, which is better than ignoring it. But it is clear that it is only lip service. She was there to support (current Prime Minister Gerard) Latortue, who is presiding over a brutal war against Haiti's democracy movement. The true feelings of the Bush administration were revealed in June, after the House of Representatives voted to cut off shipments of guns to Haiti until the unelected government's human rights record improved. In response, the State Department announced they would send another \$1.9 million worth of weapons to the Haitian government before the elections.

EDUCATION BRIEFS**Yeakey crowned Mr. KSU**

Frederick Thomas Yeakey, a senior from Indianapolis, was crowned Mr. Kentucky State University this week. Coronation of the university's king and queen took place in Bradford Hall Auditorium on the KSU campus in Frankfort. Stacey Davis was crowned Miss KSU.

Yeakey is a public administration major who entered KSU in 2002 on a band scholarship. While at KSU, he has been a member of the Marching and Symphonic bands, Apostolic Lighthouse, student government and a residence hall assistant.

He is the son of Merle and Anious Yeakey. He is a graduate of Arlington High School.

Indiana State U. preview days

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. - Indiana State University invites high school students and their families to find out what it means to be an ISU student and to achieve "More. From day one." as part of Sycamore Preview Day Oct. 10 at Hulman Memorial Student Union. All preview days begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude about 3:30 p.m.

To make reservations for one of this year's Sycamore Preview Days, contact ISU's Office of Admissions at 1-800-742-0891 or register from the admissions Web site at http://www.indstate.edu/admissions/sycamore_preview.php.

Specific event questions may be directed to the Office of Admissions at 1-800-742-0891 or 812-237-2121.

College Fair to be Oct. 19 at Greenwood mall

Greenwood Park Mall will be the site of the 11th annual Greater Indianapolis Southside College Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 19. The fair will take place throughout the mall and will run from 6 to 8 p.m.

Students in grades 9 - 12 and their parents will register at their high school table in the mall. They then will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from 75 colleges to learn about admissions, scholarships, financial aid, athletics, SAT and ACT information.

Conference to get parents and educators on same page

By **BRANDON A. PERRY**
Staff Writer

In recent years there have been many national, state and local attempts to boost academic achievement and success among students through implementation of charter schools, new teaching methods in some public schools and education reform legislation.

But many observers agree that the best way to make positive gains in schools is utilizing a proven and time-tested concept: Parents working closely with educators and community leaders to shape the curriculum and goals of their children's schools.

Realizing the importance of this concept, Indiana's Parent Information and Resource Center is putting together an event to empower parents with the tools they need to become more active in the education of their children and assist educators in developing relationships with their students' families.

The Families Are the Key to Academic Success conference will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Light of the World Christian Church, 4646 N. Michigan Road. The \$15 registration fee for the conference includes lunch.

Twenty-seven workshops will be offered to address such topics as early childhood learning, parent involvement and leadership, and the No Child Left Behind Act.

The keynote speakers will be Anne

Henderson and Karen Mapp, experts on the subject of home-school-community partnerships that support student achievement and co-authors of the book "A New Wave of Evidence."

"We are proud to be able to bring parents, educators, and community members this unique opportunity to hear each others' voices and to demonstrate to our youth that we are united on their behalf," said Jackie Garvey, director of the Indiana Partnerships Center.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the event is a collaboration between the education organizations that make up Indiana's Parent Information Resource Center, including Dunbrook: The Indiana Parent Information Center, GEO Foundation PIRC, and the Indiana Partnerships Center.

Stephen M. Jackson, director of the Parent Information & Resource Center, encourages all parents and educators to attend the statewide event in order to build lasting coalitions that could help revitalize schools where achievement is low.

"We are definitely excited about this conference because it will highlight the importance of parental involvement and community engagement to improve the education of our children," Jackson said.

For more information, call the Indiana Parent Information and Resource Center at (317) 205-2595.

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EDITORIAL

The gentrification of Martindale area

By SHANNON WILLIAMS
Recorder Editor



I've always been a big fan of Mayor Bart Peterson, but I have to disagree with his Martindale on the Monon initiative that will be in the Martindale/Brightwood area.

The City of Indianapolis and the Martindale on the Monon development team celebrated an \$800,000 grant that will help revitalize the impoverished area by building new homes.

I wouldn't have a problem with Martindale on the Monon if the new homes that they're building were affordable homes - they're not. Instead, the eight homes that have already been sold in this area range in price from \$129,000 to \$190,000.

What the mayor and other officials are doing is offering current homeowners in this area, who generally live significantly below the poverty level, a minimal amount for their property, and then build on the land and sell it for 10 times the amount they originally paid the homeowner.

To give you a sense of what I'm talking about, I'll give a hypothetical example: Mary Homemaker has lived in the 1700 block of Yandes Street for 35 years. Her husband died, kids are grown and she's collecting disability benefits from her former employer.

City officials offer Homemaker \$20,000 for her land. Thinking she's never had such a huge amount of money at one time before, plus the pressures from officials, Homemaker signs on the dotted line. The city demolishes Homemaker's house, builds a new home and sells it for \$190,000. Before much time goes by, the "old" neighborhood is totally renovated with nice new homes and nice new families. The city is happy because it did what it set out to do, which was improve that particular area.

Homemaker, however, isn't so happy because she realizes that the \$20,000 she received from her home really wasn't that much after all - especially since her credit score had dropped over the years, and because she was on disability, her chances of owning a home she could afford were slim to none. Homemaker eventually rented a small house in a not-so-nice part of town, but felt that she could at least be stable there...that is until the city comes again.

The purpose of this story is that if the mayor and city officials continue to built homes in underserved neighborhoods, but not make the new homes affordable to those in the area, the problem is not resolved. It's resolved for that particular area, but it's not resolved for the city and its poor residents. It's as if a band-aid is placed on the affected area rather than giving it the stitches it truly needs.

Martindale on the Monon is a fancy, fun, "it" term for gentrification. And regardless of how you say it, or how you look at it, gentrification is wrong. It's unfair to the residents, many of whom can't afford luxuries so many of us take for granted, let alone a \$190,000 house.

There have been instances where true affordable homes have been build inside areas that are reflective of the neighborhoods and its residents...and these homes have been properly maintained over the years. One division that comes to mind are the Oscar Robinson homes that were built in the mid-late 1980s in the Brightwood neighborhood between the 2500 and 3000 blocks of Eastern, Tacoma, and Temple avenues. I often ride through this area to just see the neighborhood, and the Oscar Robinson homes as well as the older, pre-existing homes are still cared for nicely.

Rather than just force someone out of their home, thinking they'd bring property values down, it's nice to offer positive alternatives. You never know how someone values something as important as their own home... they just need an opportunity. That's all the people in Martindale/Brightwood and other similar neighborhoods in this city want. An opportunity.

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JUST TELLIN' IT

Bennett's hateful words another example of GOP insensitivity

By AMOS BROWN III



William "Bill" Bennett, secretary of education during the Reagan administration and drug czar during the first Bush administration, was the original "compassionate" conservative. An educated, erudite, engaging conservative who seemed somewhat open minded and compassionate on issues of race and class.

But Bennett, unmasked as a hypocrite when it was learned a year ago he liked to gamble while publicly condemning gambling, last week, in his role as talk show host, caused a firestorm of controversy among African Americans. Some 115 stations carry the "Mornings with Bill Bennett" talk show, including Elkhart, South Bend, Lafayette, Bedford, and Princeton, Ind.; but, thankfully, not Indianapolis.

Bennett's last caller at the end of his three-hour program Sept. 28 was "Louis in Sarasota, Fla." who charged that the number of "abortions that have happened since Roe vs. Wade could fund Social Security as we know it today."

Though disagreeing with Louis' contention, Bennett spoke about the economic implications of abortion declaring that a book, *Freakonomics*, argues that the nation's declining crime rate and lower numbers of young people are due directly to abortion.

Then Bill Bennett uttered the words that created a controversial chasm with African Americans, (emphasis added), "I do know that it's true that if you wanted to reduce crime, you could - if that were your sole purpose, you could abort every Black baby in this country, and your crime rate

would go down. That would be an impossible, ridiculous, and morally reprehensible thing to do, but your crime rate would go down."

As a talk show host myself, I know what sometimes happens when you get to a program's final caller. You try to rush through to get off the air on time, often thinking about what you're going to do when the show is over, rather than concentrating on what you're doing and saying right then.

That said, for Bennett, a strong pro-life advocate, to even publicly acknowledge the efficacy of abortion, is duplicitous, hypocritical and arrogant.

In the space of a month, African Americans have been confronted with Republican insensitivity in the aftermath of Katrina, Bill Bennett's reprehensible and dangerous comments and the outrageous rhetoric from HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson, who is Black, who told the Houston Chronicle that "New Orleans is not going to be as Black as it was for a long time, if ever again."

Once more major national Republican leaders are again demonstrating, for all to see and hear, that their rhetoric about reaching out to African Americans is just rhetoric when our community hears and sees the true colors of the GOP reflected in the public words of Bill Bennett and Alphonso Jackson.

What I'm hearing in the streets

This year's Circle City Classic was a paradox. Attendance at the game was the third lowest of the 22 years. Yet, attendance at the Classic Parade was the highest ever. Usually, there are a couple of spots on the parade route where the crowd is slim. Not this year as crowds packed the parade route starting a block before the parade's starting point at North and Pennsylvania and for nearly two

blocks past the parade's end at North and Meridian.

Despite parade crowds extending the route, the parade committee still insists that parade VIPs leave the route at North and Meridian, depriving hundreds from seeing the VIPs and celebrities.

That must end in 2006! The Classic Parade and Executive Committees must extend the parade route to at least St. Clair and Meridian to accommodate the additional crowds coming for the parade.

Reversing the Classic game's declining attendance is a critical issue and this column will soon address the reasons for the decline and what should be done to reverse this disturbing trend.

Not only was the Classic crowd down, but the number of VIPs in the Dome's suites during the game was also down dramatically. One VIP who did attend was Bryan Monroe, new president of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ).

NABJ will bring nearly 3,000 Black journalists to Indy next August. Monroe and NABJ Executive Director Tangie Newborn were the guests of this columnist and Radio One. Both journalists were impressed with Indy, especially Monroe who acknowledged this was his first visit to America's 16th largest African-American community.

NABJ's national convention always deals with topical issues of the media and minorities. So, expect that the media's coverage of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath will be a major topic at NABJ's Indianapolis convention.

See 'ya next week!

Amos Brown's opinions are not necessarily those of the Indianapolis Recorder. You can contact him at (317) 221-0915 or e-mail him at ACBROWN@AOL.COM.

Bennett remarks irresponsible in any light

By EDWARD L. WHEELER

Having worked with a variety of media over the past 30 years, I am fully aware of how comments can be misconstrued when they are taken out of context.

I am therefore usually very careful not to get upset with remarks that are made when I do not know or did not hear the original context. However, the recent statement made by William Bennett requires me to make an exception to my efforts not to be offended by comments reportedly made by people in the public eye.

I cannot imagine any context in which Bennett's remarks could be acceptable. Whether hypothetical or theoretical, Bennett's comments connecting a reduced crime rate with the aborting of all African-American babies was unconscionable.

Whatever Bennett's point was, the reported purveyor of morals and values could have used a much less irresponsible example. That he chose to connect crime and Black babies as synonymous is, to use his own word, reprehensible.

In the aftermath of the horrific scenes of mostly African-American United States citizens begging for food and water at the Louisiana Super Dome and the New Orleans Convention Center, I am outraged that the former secretary of education would be so callous and demeaning of a whole race of people.

As an African American, a Christian minister, and a human being, I find Bennett's comments to be morally repugnant and worthy of condemnation by every American.

In the face of my anger and disbelief, I am nevertheless hopeful that Bennett's despicable remarks will give our community the opportunity, if not mandate, to resolve to work toward the day when every child will be valued as a human being and the American dream becomes reality. That is the best of America and Indianapolis, and that is worthy of our time, energy and resources.

Edward L. Wheeler is president of Christian Theological Seminary.



EDUCATION DOES MATTER

Take a stance for what is positive and good in African-American community,

By LEROY ROBINSON



Well, it looks like there has been another "Black" insult hurled at the African-American community and like clock work, the "reactionaries" have responded. The talking heads are continuing to make their rounds on the cable news programs, as they purposely selected a guest who is as far left as William Bennett is right.

Former Ronald Reagan appointee, ex-Secretary of Education William Bennett, has spoken the words that he, along with so many other, financially wealthy right wing conservative Americans think, "If you wanted to reduce crime...if that were the sole purpose, you could abort every Black baby in this country, and your crime rate would go down."

These comments were recently made by Bennett on his national talk radio show, which is broadcast on 115 radio stations, with an estimated 1.25 million listeners per week. After these inflammatory remarks, the African-American community and their "leaders" reacted. And they reacted fast and with a vengeance.

Honestly, the remarks by Bennett did not really concern or offend me that much. What bothers me most is the often "reactionary" tactics usually employed by many in our community. It seems as though

we as African Americans sit back, wait for someone to make a derogatory remark about our "culture" and then we move full steam ahead on the defensive.

Last year's comments made by entertainer Bill Cosby also struck a cord in the African-American community, and he is supposed to be one of "us." There is no doubt that the African-American community is often an easy target for politicians, right-wing radio and television show host, and even late-night comedians on our very own BET "Comic View," but it is a known fact that we will "react" briefly and for the moment, with few apologies offered or recourse taken, and then it will be back to business as usual.

Forget what those outside of our community have to say about us. Our real issue is what those within our community are saying about us and doing to us.

From the buffoonish African-American television shows on UPN and the WB, to the despicable African-American videos on BET and MTV, to the disrespectful name calling of our African-American females, to the glorifying of murder, mayhem, and drug dealing within our African-American community by many of our rappers and hip-hoppers, no one outside of our community is verbally assaulting us to this same degree.

But there are very few protests, there are very little reactionary actions, and there are no boycotts taking place to rid ourselves of these perpetrators who are propagandizing this

destructive and deceptive behavior throughout our community.

Sure, others outside of our community will verbally attack our leadership, they will attack our values system, and they will even challenge and ridicule our moral integrity, but when these attacks are committed by those within our community, and directed towards those residing in our community, the effects are much more devastating.

Our focus, our energy, our dedication, our commitment, and our "reactionary" responses would be more beneficial to our entire community, if we worked with and help to educate those within our community of the self-destructive nature that some of their actions create.

We should take a stance for what is positive and for what is good about the African-American community, by introducing a pro-life agenda, a pro-education agenda, a pro-family agenda, a pro-positive message agenda, a pro-healthy lifestyles agenda, and a pro-community agenda, and focus on being more proactive towards those things that directly affect our community, instead of being so reactive to those who live outside of it.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Keep memories alive

This year I have been on two Underground Railroad tours sponsored by Donna Lucas of X-Pression Book Store and Art Gallery. We went to the actual Underground Railroad sites and not to some nice clean hands-off museum tucked away in some big city.

If we have love and respect for our history, heritage and culture, we need to keep these memories alive and pass the stories of our history on to our children.

Every day we are bombarded with the European version of America's history. Then we are told by Negroes, colored people and Europeans to forget about the horrors of the enslavement of African Americans.

America is constantly reminding us of what Europeans did to European Jews during Nazi Germany's racist war. But there is little mention of the genocide they committed in Africa. If they killed 6 million European Jews in Europe, how many Africans did they murder in Africa?

America wants to downplay what America continues to do to Americans of African descent yet today.

Our descendants must

be told the African side of America's history.

James R. Depp Sr.

How to save on gasoline

Soaring fuel prices have motorists scrambling to find ways to save money by using less gas. Sure, you can simply stop driving as much, but for many consumers, that's not an option. But there are two ways all of us can stretch our precious gasoline dollars.

One strategy is to change how we drive, and the other is to perform simple and inexpensive vehicle maintenance. Taking these steps will not only save gas money, but will improve a vehicle's safety and dependability.

The Car Care Council offers these gas-savings maintenance and driving tips:

- Check your vehicle gas cap. About 17 percent of the vehicles on the roads have gas caps that are either damaged, loose or are missing altogether, causing 147 million gallons of gas to vaporize every year.

- When tires aren't inflated properly, it's like driving with the parking brake on, and can cost a mile or two per gallon.

- A vehicle can have either four, six or

eight spark plugs, which fire as many as three million times each 1,000 miles, resulting in a lot of heat, electrical and chemical erosion. A dirty spark plug causes misfiring, which wastes fuel. Spark plugs need to be replaced regularly.

- An air filter that is clogged with dirt, dust and bugs chokes off the air and creates a "rich" mixture - too much gas being burned for the amount of air, which wastes gas and causes the engine to lose power. Replacing a clogged air filter can improve gas mileage by as much as 10 percent, saving about 15 cents on a gallon.

- Aggressive driving can lower gas mileage by as much as 22 percent on the highway and five percent on city streets, which results in seven to 49 cents per gallon.

- Sitting idle gets zero miles per gallon. Letting the vehicle warm up for one to two minutes is sufficient.

- Gas mileage decreases rapidly at speeds above 60 mph. Each mph driven over 60 results in an additional 10 cents per gallon. To maintain a constant speed on the highway, cruise control is recommended.

Rich White
Executive Director
Car Care Council

Daniels banking big parts of road plan on lawmakers

By MIKE SMITH
AP Political Writer

Gov. Mitch Daniels hit the road last week, this time to promote his administration's "top tier" plan to reap and spend billions of dollars to improve Indiana's roads and highways.

After announcing the 10-year plan, he spent four days and hit 12 cities playing it up, touting it as a boon to the state's economic future.

"I'm trying to get my fellow citizens as excited as I am about the opportunities for a major leap forward in employment, income for Hoosiers and a stronger economic future for the long term," Daniels said.

The 10-year roads plan was the most important thing Indiana could do to move ahead and keep fewer bright college graduates from driving past our state borders for jobs, he said. They'll stay here instead. Daniels has tagged his plan as "Major Moves" to create a top-tier economy.

His plan includes fee increases on the Indiana Toll Road in Northern Indiana, something he can do on his own and plans by next spring.

Toll increases would vary according to entry point and bring in millions over 10 years. The toll for cars traveling the entire 157-mile highway would go from \$4.65 to \$8. Trucks traveling the same distance would pay \$32, up from \$14.55.

Daniels said toll rates have not been raised since 1985 and could no longer pay for maintenance. Of the projected \$770 million in new revenue through increased tolls, \$344 million would go to state highway projects in toll-road counties, and \$226 million would be used for toll road maintenance. The remaining \$200 million would be used for local roads and economic development projects in northwestern Indiana.

Daniels will do that on his own, but major parts of his plan require legislative approval.

His plan envisions leasing the toll road to a private venture. It also calls for possibly making an extension of Interstate

69 between Indianapolis and Evansville a toll road and leasing it to a private company as well.

Those proposals will require legislative approval, however, and such big ideas in a short legislative session might not fly.

Rep. Jeff Espich, R-Uniondale, and chairman of the tax- and budget-writing House Ways and Means Committee, commended the governor for a bold plan. Indiana would never have the cash to make such major improvements minus the kind of ideas Daniels presented, Espich said.

But some Republicans whose districts include the toll road will be wary of raising what is essentially - in motorists' minds - a state tax in an election year.

And Democrats, especially in the House, are eating this plan up as more election-year ammunition. And they are sounding off.

"By drastically increasing the tolls in such a manner, the governor will be ensuring that more people look at alternative routes of travel, which will increase the wear and tear on local roads and streets," said Rep. Ryan Dvorak, D-South Bend.

Democratic Rep. Scott Pelath of Michigan City noted that the City of Chicago leased the Chicago Skyway bridge from Hammond into Illinois to a foreign venture of companies from Spain and Australia.

"I have grave reservations about the possibility of handing our state's roads over to the Germans, Russians or Chinese," Pelath said.

Many Republicans might go along with their governor on this roads proposal, but some might not, having paid a heavy price for backing Daniels last session.

Chances are, the governor's batting average will go down.

Mike Smith has covered Indiana's Statehouse and political scene since 1993.



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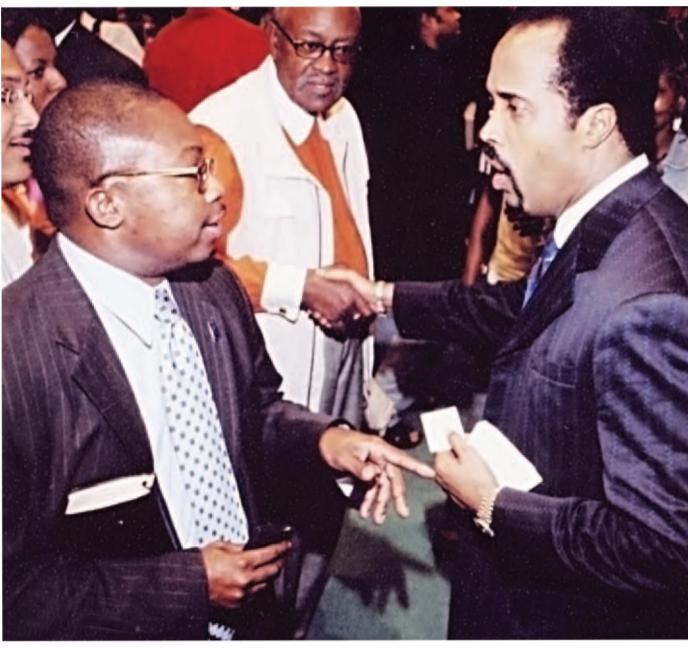
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Rev. Frederick Douglass Haynes III (right) is greeted during the Circle City Classic Prayer and Praise Service by Tony Kirkland (left), executive assistant to Governor Mitch Daniels. (Photos/D. Briggs)

Circle City Classic: Prayer & Praise at Eastern Star Church

By DEBRA L. MARSHALL
Special to the Recorder

On Wednesday, September 28th, Eastern Star Church (ESC) hosted the first Circle City Classic Ecumenical Service featuring keynote speaker, Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III, Senior Pastor of Friendship West Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas. Pastor Haynes, who earned his doctorate from Oxford in England, is an ESC favorite. He preached with passion and conviction a sermon entitled, "Put Up or Shut Up" where he challenged the congregation to be more than "lightweight Christians" - wanting to buy just "\$3.00 worth of God". Instead, he challenged the church to want "all of God" so that as Christians "Partner



Pastor Jeffrey A. Johnson, Sr. was host pastor.

with Providence (God)" they can help make the world a better place.

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By BRANDON A. PERRY
Staff Writer

Over a month has passed since Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast region, and many individuals who have observed its devastation from a distance are getting over the initial shock as they return to conducting their normal lives.

However, life has been anything but normal for thousands of families who have been displaced from their homes and forced to migrate to other states across the country.

Healing Streams Word and Worship Center is one of several local congregations which have recognized the needs these people face, and has organized an event designed to help many of the 1,700 individual hurricane survivors who have relocated to Indianapolis.

The church will host the citywide We Care Carnival on Oct. 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on its parking lot. Healing Streams is located at 4751 Century Plaza inside the former Loew's Theater building just north of Lafayette Square Mall.

Those who come out will be able to enjoy entertainment from local gospel artists, praise dancers, food, prize giveaways, a bounce house for children and a special performance by the Indianapolis Black Cowboys.

There is no charge for the carnival, but participants are being asked to drop off new or gently used furniture and household items that will be

placed in a trailer and distributed to Katrina survivors who are preparing to move into new homes as they rebuild their lives.

"It's not just a Healing Streams thing, but we're calling on the entire city - churches, civic leaders and the community at large - to come alongside because all we're doing is facilitating this effort," said Rev. A. Thomas Hill, pastor of Healing Streams. "A main part of this event is not just providing furniture and tangible items for families moving into permanent housing, but to also bring a smile to some of the kids' faces by bringing hope to their heart."

All items will be distributed by JEWEL Human Services, an outreach facility operated by Eastern Star Church that has agreed to assist Healing Streams. Various community leaders have been invited to attend, including City-County Council President Steve Talley, who helped come up with the idea for a carnival.

"We were trying to figure out what we could do to reach out because so many people are doing so many different things," said Hill. "The church is very excited about this, and it's just amazing to see how the city is coming together in an act of unity to make this happen. Everybody involved has been rolling up their sleeves to respond in this time of need and make the carnival a success through the love of Christ."



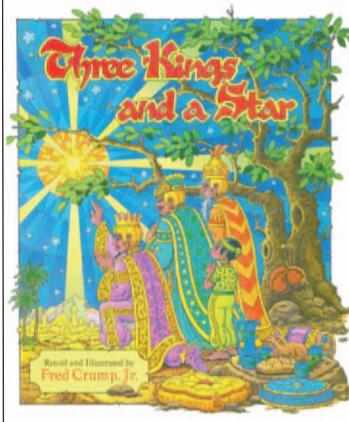
Event to help furnish homes for Katrina survivors



Rev. A. Thomas Hill, pastor of Healing Streams Word and Worship Center, and his wife Carol, greet the congregation during a recent worship service.

REVIEW

New children's holiday book retells the Three Wise Men story



CHICAGO (BlackNews.com) — Three Kings and a Star, which will be released this month, is the latest offering from Urban Ministries Inc., one of the first companies to contextualize the stories from the Bible for African Americans through art, illustration and prose.

This vivid depiction of the Wise Men's journey to find the baby Jesus will captivate children of all races this coming holiday season.

With exquisite, full 6-color illustrations, Three Kings and a Star magically transports children to a long-ago time and a far away land. The story's simplicity and wonder is captured on each page, from the instant Mary discovers she will have a son to the moment the Three Wise Men lay their gifts before the newborn King.

The book's author and illustrator, Fred Crump Jr., understands the great need



Gospel comedian Marcus Wiley uses spiritual and secular issues to make comedic points during the 12th Annual Gospel Music Explosion that took place during Circle City Classic weekend.



DeNetria Champ entertained the crowd by singing a few of her favorite gospel songs during the event, which was a ministry for Christians as well as a concert.

IN THE SPIRIT



(Above) The Krash Krew Gospel Dance Troop was one of the most exciting acts in the line up.



J. Moss performs as the headliner for this year's annual event. Moss has gained acclaim in the gospel community as both a solo artist and "super producer" for such artists as Karen Clark-Sheard, Dawkins & Dawkins, Men of Standard and many others. (Photos/J. Hurst)

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

Small congregation, but a mighty ministry

By ANNETTE L. ANDERSON
Recorder Correspondent

It was just about four years ago when Bishop John T. Smith opened the doors of his church, Ambassadors for Christ on the city's Southside at 3561 English Ave.

"My mission was to develop a place of worship where people could be themselves," Bishop Smith said. "As people grow with God, I believe it is not necessary to be too judgmental, and have them turn away from salvation. This shows a lack of compassion, and we all need deliverance from something."

"When we point the finger at someone, there are three (fingers) pointing back at us. The Bible states that: 'he who is without sin cast the first stone,' so man is not worthy to cast any," Smith said.

Bishop Smith and his church have another mission, which is to provide food for at least 100 families

lies at Thanksgiving. "We will fill baskets with canned goods, cranberry sauces, and turkeys with all the trimmings," he noted.

Last month the church gave away 9,000 pounds of food with everything from drinks, breads, cereals and many other non-perishable items, which was a tall order since Ambassadors for Christ only has 30 members on its rolls. Therefore, the baskets for Thanksgiving will be an even greater challenge, but one that the bishop is prayerful will be met.

In addition to feeding the hungry, Bishop Smith is also a consultant with the Public Action in Correctional Effort - Offender Aid Restoration (PACE-OAR). According to the bishop, this is an organization that provides housing, food, clothing and identification cards for those returning to the community from imprisonment. It also helps them to find employment.

One of two men, Torie Lowe, whom Bishop Smith is now counseling and mentoring, is on his ministerial staff. "He was called to

the ministry while incarcerated," noted Bishop Smith. "He is now in training, and we expect great things from him."

"Moreover, the church's emphasis is on training ministers throughout the city, because we want them to be more proficient in doing God's will as a minister. And there is no charge for this training." In addition to Lowe there is another minister in training, Augustine Gilbert, and associate minister Sheila Wells is also on staff.

Overseeing churches in Florida is something else the bishop is involved with. "I assist them with administrative structure, ministerial training, and the overall development of the church," he said. "It is gratifying and fulfilling."

Bishop Smith is married to Francine, who firmly believes in her husband's work. "God's mission for me is to stand beside my husband, and assist him in whatever task God puts before him," she pointed out. "I have also been called to the ministry, and together we plan to take it to levels it has never been before." The couple has three children between them.

Anyone interested in donating food or money for the Thanksgiving baskets can call (317) 828-8082. The church also is seeking volunteers for the event.



Bishop John T. Smith and wife Francine (Photo/Quattara)

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During the wedding ceremony for Charles Ellis and Donya Smith (kneeling) Pastor Beverly Barney (left) prays for the couple. Pastor Reginald Barney prays in the background.



Ellis and Smith enjoy a laugh as Reginald Barney presides over the nuptials at Faith Tabernacle Apostolic Church.



After the vows, Ellis and Smith make the marriage official. (Photo/J. Hurst)

CLASSIC

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During the Prayer and Praise service ESC reported that:

- The offering from the service would be designated for relief efforts. The congregation has already raised over \$136,000 for hurricane relief efforts and shared those resources by sending \$35,000 to Brookhollow Baptist Church (The Church Without Walls) in Houston, Texas and Friendship West Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. Those donations helped Friendship West to provide 24-hour shelter for evacuees and house families from New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. Brookhollow Baptist Church, pastored by Dr. Ralph West, provided clothing, household items, toiletries, counseling and legal services to 1,300 people from New Orleans and Mississippi. ESC's JEWEL Human Services also:
- Served 101 evacuees (101 adults and 58 children) through its food and clothing pantry.
- Coordinated housing for 64 families.
- Organized 359 volunteers who have donated over 829 hours of their time.
- Organized 38 pick-up deliveries of furniture and appliances for families.
- Distributed a truck load of items from Wal-Mart to several families who have relocated to Indianapolis.
- Assisted hundreds of households by offering furniture, clothing, household items, toiletries, food and toys for children to help families get a fresh start.

"In light of the times and the world in which we live," he said, "It's time for the people of God to rise up, step up and put up, or go ahead on home and shut up! . . . If God has done anything for you, whatever you got is not just about you. It's about what God can do through you to bless somebody else!"

Coca Cola Circle City Classic leadership present during the event included Tony Mason, Executive Director of Circle City Classic and Rev. Tony McGhee, Director of Fund Development. It was Rev. McGhee who approached Pastor Jeffrey A. Johnson, Sr., ESC Senior Pastor, to ask if Eastern Star Church would host the Inaugural Circle City Classic Ecumenical Prayer and Praise Service.

"I think it was wonderful because the community came together. We want to thank Eastern Star Church and Pastor Johnson for opening their doors to the community," said Tony McGhee. "We were also thankful to have Dr. Haynes join us; it was just a wonderful way to kick off Circle City Classic. Rev. Williams was definitely smiling on us because this was his vision, and it has become a reality."

Over 3,000 people, including Katrina evacuees, attended the service, kicking off Circle City Classic activities that included the annual parade and football game. ESC Music Director, Sherri Garrison and national recording artist, Rodney Bryant, directed a stellar ecumenical

cal choir, composed of over 250 voices from twenty different churches.

Pastor Elaine Walters, director of ESC's outreach facility, JEWEL Human Services (JHS), gave an inspiring presentation on ESC Katrina relief efforts spearheaded by JHS. (See sidebar).

"There has been a citywide outpouring," Pastor Walters said in a recent article. "It's ecumenical! This is one of those times that we (the church) have not been divided by our doctrines or denominations. This has been the African American Church's finest hour in terms of meeting the needs of our people. We came together and brought our resources to a common place."

The inaugural Circle City Classic Ecumenical Service was one more example that great things happen in the African American community. "We celebrate Joyce Rogers, an African American sister, who is doing a phenomenal job as the President and CEO of the Indiana Black Expo," said Pastor Johnson. "We celebrate Tony Mason, an African American brother, and support all of the great work that he does as the Executive Director of the Circle City Classic. We will continue to celebrate and support efforts in our city, state, nation and world that help empower people so that they can reach the destiny for which God created them."

Seminary to sponsor domestic violence workshops aimed at men

:Special to the Recorder

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Because women are its primary victims and survivors, domestic violence is commonly framed as a "women's issue." But domestic violence is also a "men's issue," and if we are to change this destructive expression of sexism, then men must join women in the struggle to become a part of the solution," said Johanna Bos, professor of Bible and Old Testament and director of the Women's Center at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Through its Women's Center, the seminary will contribute to the national Domestic Violence Awareness month by offering a series of workshops, called "Domestic Violence: It Is Your Business - Why and How Men Should Care." Offered primarily for men but open to all persons, the three workshops will be held free of charge Oct. 26, Nov. 2, and Nov. 9, from 7-9 p.m., at Gardencourt, Room 206.

Participants will be invited to address tough issues such as gender dynamics and violence; "manhood" as performance and what this performance means in terms of sexism and domestic violence; the barriers that must come down in

the struggle for liberation from domestic violence; and how in these efforts preachers, counselors, and others can become allies instead of bystanders.

Rus Ervin Funk, research and education specialist for the Center for Women and Families of Louisville, and a nationally recognized expert in the field of domestic violence research and education, will lead the three sessions.

Funk is the author of *Stopping Rape: A Challenge for Men* (New Society Publishers) and recently founded Mobilizing to End violence (M.E.N.) in Louisville. He is the co-founder of the Indiana Men's Outreach Working Group, the coordinator of the Pornography Task Force for the Jefferson County Chapter of NOW, and sits on the boards of directors of the Fairness Campaign in Louisville, the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Reservations will be required for the workshops. Participants may sign up for one, two or all three of them. Contact Johanna Bos at (502) 895-3411, or by e-mail: jbos@lpts.edu.

Israeli president invited for state visit with Pope Benedict XVI

President Moshe Katsav will be a guest of the Vatican in the middle of next month. The official visit will mark a first by an Israeli president to the Vatican.

The Vatican visit will take place during Katsav's trip to Italy, which will also be hosting an Israeli president on a state visit for the first time.

Katsav and Pope Benedict XVI will discuss ways of expanding cooperation on state affairs between the Vatican and Israel and deepening the dialogue between Judaism and Catholicism.

Katsav will also ask the Pope to step up the Vatican's actions against anti-Semitism throughout the world and to allow Israeli researchers access to documents in the Vatican's archives.

Israel's ambassador to the Vatican, Oded Ben Hur, said yesterday from Rome that the visit was an important step in the two states' reconciliation. "It reflects the good relations between the two states and their strengthening," he said.

Recently, Israel and the Vatican have ironed out the controversy stemming from the Pope's failure to mention Israel in the list of states that suffer from terror. The controversy ended when Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican's secretary of state - the equivalent to the prime minister - announced that an "error" had caused it.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon sent Sodano a letter praising the Pope, calling him "a true friend of Israel" and expressing regret that Israel was not mentioned in his statement.

Katsav's adviser on state affairs, Avi Granot, said yesterday that there were two sides to the meeting

between the president and the Pope. "Israel and the Vatican are two states maintaining diplomatic relations but beyond that, the recognition agreement between them mentions that Israel represents the Jewish nation and the Vatican represents the Catholic world, and hence the importance of the meeting," he said.

He said both bilateral issues and issues pertaining to the dialogue between the religions would be discussed at the meeting.

Katsav's visit in Italy will include military parades, raising flags and all the ceremonial accoutrements reserved for heads of state. He will reside in Quirinale Palace in Rome's Palazzo del Quirinale, the Italian presidents' residence and formerly the palace of the kings of Rome and the palace of the popes.

The visit may include a trip to the Jewish community in Milan.



President Moshe Katsav

AL-ISLAM IN AMERICA

Read whole Qur'an in Ramadan



By IMAM MIKAL SAHIR



The reading of the entire Qur'an, from cover to cover is very common for all Muslims. Regardless of gender, age, or status in life, every Ramadan Muslims strive earnestly to read the entire Qur'an.

Actually, one of the strong characteristics of fasting in the month of Ramadan is reading 1/30th of the sacred text each day. Many read it in English, but many are learning to read this book of revelation in the original Arabic.

It was during the month of Ramadan that Prophet Muhammed, prayers and peace be upon him, received the first portion of the Holy Qur'an. That is one of the main reasons why the Qur'an is read in completion during Ramadan.

Chapter 2: verse 185 of the Holy Qur'an states, "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.

Fasting is a time of restraining and gaining mastery over our appetites. In place of eating and drinking, those activities are replaced with prayer, reading of the Holy Qur'an, sharing with others, and any other activities that purifies one's soul.

The Muslim rises early each day of the fast in order to complete the morning meal. Approximately one hour before sunrise the believer begins the day of fasting until sunset when they break the fast with fresh fruit and water and prayer before enjoying a full meal. This mode of fasting is repeated for 30 consecutive days or until the sighting of the new moon.

One night, called the night of power, is set aside for special recognition of Prophet Muhammed receiving the first five verses of the Holy Qur'an. The night of power is believed by most Muslims to be the 27th night of the month of Ramadan, but all agree that

the night of power is in the last 10 nights of Ramadan, an odd-numbered night.

The Holy Qur'an states, (Chapter 97, verses: 1-5) "We have indeed revealed this (message) in the night of power: And what will explain to thee what the night of power is? The night of power is better than a thousand months. Therein come down the angels and the spirit by Allah's permission, on every errand; peace!... This until the rise of morn!"

The Islamic month of fasting is practiced by Muslims of all races, ethnicities and nationalities. It is a universal act that unites all Muslims as servants of Allah (G-d). We pray that people of all faiths will join us in the spirit of fasting - a time in which we obey G-d as a family of believers.

Until next week, As-Salaam Alaikum.

We welcome your questions and comments. Please submit them to Al-Islam in America, C/O Imam Mikal Saahir, Nur-Allah Islamic Center, 2040 E. 46th St., Indianapolis, IN, 46205. Or e-mail: nurallah-ic@juno.com.

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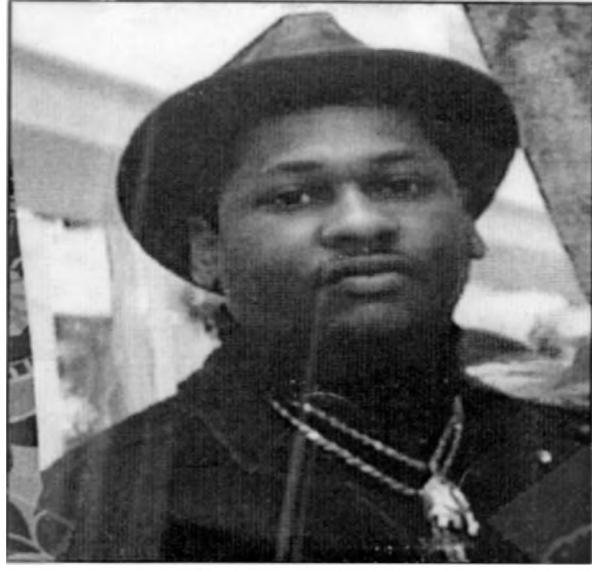
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Ministry Marketing Solutions spreads work of Christian writers

DETROIT (BlackNews.com) — Post 9/11 days and natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina have made most people in America stop and say a prayer. Books like The Prayer of Jabez, by Bruce Wilkinson, The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren and the first-time author Joel Osteen's Live Your Best Life have toppled the prestigious New York Times best-seller lists and have paved the way for more Christian books.

Christian information is at its peak and there is a great revival sweeping the land. In the African-American community especially, where the spiritual heritage is deeply rooted in the culture, there are more gospel artists, plays, movies, television programs, radio ministries, magazines and books than any other time in history.

The African-American Christian community has produced some of the largest churches - noting that it is not church as usual - it is "mega." National ministry leaders such as Bishop T.D. Jakes and Juanita Bynum have also become best-selling authors in the African-American Christian market opening the door for many more to come behind them.

Ministry Marketing Solutions Inc. (MMS) was the vision of Pam Perry, of Detroit, because of her desire to market the message to the masses through the media. What message? "The gospel of Jesus Christ," says Perry. "The first two letters of the word gospel is G-O and that's what I have been called to do. To go to the media to tell the story of Christian authors."

Perry's public relations and advertising career spans over two decades. The first 10 years she spent working in ad agencies and secular media. The last 10 she has dedicated to ministry marketing. Her first ministry job was with the Salvation Army as public relations director.

"Although I grew up Christian, my commitment to God really changed after I started reading Christian books and was exposed more to Christian media. It was like an explosion in my soul and my purpose was clear," says Perry.

"I fell in love with Jesus all over again



Pam Perry, founder of Ministry Marketing Solutions, pictured with T.D. Jakes.

- and it changed my life. Starting Ministry Marketing Solutions is one way I can dedicate all my gifts and talents back to God. It was destiny how God used all my past experiences for such a time as this."

Perry believes that most people are "just one book away from their breakthrough." That is why she is so passionate about Christian books and helping African-American Christian authors. As president and founder of the American Christian Writers Detroit chapter, Perry mentors others through the publishing process.

"Everyone has a testimony if they're a Christian - just being saved should make them excited enough to want to tell

somebody. The Bible says we overcome by the word of our testimony and our community is filled with overcomers with powerful stories. It's our mandate to tell somebody - writing it down is key."

Perry says being in business and keeping a Christian focus takes a lot of faith and patience. "When I first started out, people thought I was crazy. I walked away from my job and started with nothing. All I had was a vision. I took the leap of faith by getting out of the boat. I call this my 'water walking' experience and I just keep my eyes on Jesus. It's humbling and so awesome at the same time. I am amazed at how God can use me."

"TRANSFORM THE WORLD"

US churches prepare for World Council of Churches' 9th Assembly

**Religion News Service
Special to the Recorder**

October 4, 2005 -- New York City -- As the momentum builds in Christian communities around the globe in anticipation of the 9th Assembly of the World Council of Churches (WCC), which will be held in Porto Alegre, Brazil, 14-23 February 2006, two forthcoming church events in the US will focus on "transforming the world".

US member churches will gather for their pre-assembly conference in Chicago from 10-12 October 2005. Church leaders and ecumenists from around the country will engage in theological reflection and Bible study on the theme of the WCC Assembly: God, in your grace, transform the world.

"We hope that the meeting in Chicago will remind us that Porto Alegre will really be a reunion: God's family reunion of brothers and sisters in Christ from all over the globe gathering to give thanks for God's gift of unity," said Rev. Deborah DeWinter, programme executive of the WCC's New York office.

Special worship leaders Dr Stanley Ralph of First Presbyterian Church of Jamaica, Queens, NY, and Rev. Dr. Glauca Vasconcelos-Wilkey of Seattle University, have planned worship experiences in the spirit of the Assembly while also remembering those who have suffered as a result of the hurricanes on the US Gulf Coast.

Guest preachers will include Rev. Dr Bernice Powell Jackson, WCC President from North America, and Rev. Terence R. Gray, Pastor

of St. Mark A.M.E. Church, Orlando, Florida, who will be attending the 9th Assembly.

Brazilian theologians Dr Vitor Westhelle, professor of systematic theology at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, and Dr Marcelo Schneider of Porto Alegre, Brazil, a systematic theologian specializing in ecumenical social ethics who serves on the local planning committee for the 9th Assembly, will lead plenary sessions, together with Dr David Radcliff, director of the New Community Project, a faith-based nonprofit organization focused on justice concerns and stewardship of the earth.

"Blessed Are The Peacemakers" awards will be presented to local Chicago area peacemakers at the opening dinner, which will feature a global overview of the WCC's Decade to Overcome



Violence. The ecumenical banquet on the last evening will highlight the Council's "Focus on Africa." The meeting will be co-hosted by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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Controversy brings issue of Blacks and abortion to forefront

By BRANDON A. PERRY
Staff Writer

Most individuals who know William J. Bennett on a personal basis are quick to praise him as a man of strong moral character and intellect who strives to protect family values.

But after a controversial statement he made last Thursday, a growing number of observers have begun to view him as a racist who has disturbing thoughts of genocide.

During a recent segment of his "Morning in America" talk show, Bennett responded to a caller and lashed out against *Freakonomics*, a book that suggests that one reason the national crime rate is down is because abortions (in environments

where potential criminals could be raised) are up.

Bennett, a strong pro-life advocate said, "I do know that it's true that if you wanted to reduce crime, you could—if that were your sole purpose, you could abort every Black baby in this country, and your crime rate would go down."

He went on to add, "That would be an impossible, ridiculous, and morally reprehensible thing to do, but your crime rate would go down."

After the segment aired Bennett was immediately criticized for even implying, intentionally or unintentionally, that the crime rate is related to the birth rate of African Americans.

Rep. John Lewis, D-GA, a prominent civil rights activist who marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., described Bennett's statement as an affront to hundreds of thousands of Black mothers and fathers who have reared productive, law-abiding citizens.

"Mr. Bennett's words reveal something disturbing about his mind set," said Lewis. "There are still too many citizens of this nation who fail to see the fundamental role African Americans play and have played in building and sustaining American society. I'm afraid Mr. Bennett is one of them."

Rep. Melvin Watt, D-North Carolina, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, called for station owners that carry Bennett's show to terminate it, and asked sponsors to withdraw advertising from stations that fail to do so.

A spokesman for President Bush said he believes the

"I do know that it's true that if you wanted to reduce crime, you could—if that were your sole purpose, you could abort every Black baby in this country, and your crime rate would go down."



William J. Bennett

comments "were not appropriate."

Bennett was secretary of education under president Ronald Reagan from 1985 to 1988, and served as the nation's first "drug czar" under President George H.W. Bush from 1989 to 1993. He is currently an author and conservative commentator with a program aired on over 115 radio stations nationwide with an estimated weekly audience of 1.25 million listeners.

Some Black conservatives, such as Rev. Johnny M. Hunter, director of the anti-abortion Life Education and Resource network, say that all condemnation should be reserved for groups who "peddle" abortion in the Black community, not Bennett.

Butler University professor Marvin Scott, a personal friend who had Bennett's support during unsuccessful runs for Congress, said people must remember that Bennett clearly indicated that his example was purely hypothetical.

"I've been watching Bill a long time and I don't think he has any racist tendencies," said Scott. "If nothing else this has created dialogue and at least it's getting people to think."

In a recent statement, William Bennett indicated that his comments were not intended to be racist. For his full statement and a recap of the segment in question, log on to www.bennettmornings.com.

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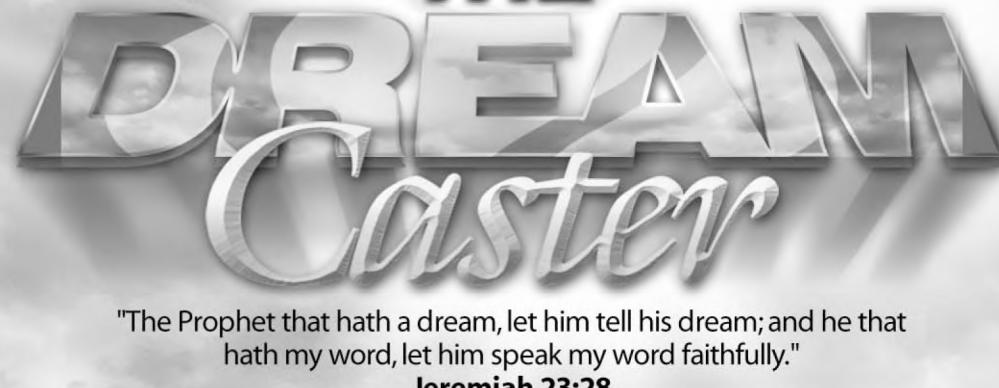
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STORMS AS WRATH OF GOD?

Some see punishment in natural disasters, but most disagree

The Dallas Morning News, USA

After Hurricane Katrina tore through the Gulf Coast, an e-mail from a former Grapevine evangelist caused a storm of a different sort around the country.

It contained an eerie "prophecy" from the evangelist, Kim Clement, who claimed to have predicted at a meeting in Houston in July - more than a month before the hurricane - that doom and destruction would be visited upon New Orleans for its "transgressions" against God and his people.

"O New Orleans, God speaks to you from Houston tonight and says enough of this," Mr. Clement said. "For a judgment is coming..." And while "men that have stood in faith" would be spared, Mr. Clement predicted, sinners wouldn't be so lucky: "Bodies will even rise and they will come forth on the water..."

In the aftermath of Katrina, Mr. Clement wasn't the only preacher to assert that the hurricane was an act of retribution by God. Many conservatives who hold that view regard New Orleans as a city of depravity, a place that not only tolerates but welcomes gamblers and prostitutes, hedonists and homosexuals.

"New Orleans flaunts sin in a way that no other places



Louis Farrakhan

Public invited to Franklin College activities

Special to the Recorder

To celebrate diversity and discourage intolerance and hate, the Office of Multicultural Services at Franklin College will, for the second consecutive year, host Hate Out Week.

"Hate Out Week focuses on combating intolerance in any form, including homophobia, sexism and racism," said Gina Lopez Ferguson, multicultural services coordinator. "The hope is to raise awareness and help students recognize oppressive and discriminatory behavior so that they can take an active role in helping make our campus community a place where all individuals feel safe and valued."

Activities will begin Monday, Oct. 10, and continue with a series of events through Oct. 13, including a presentation from TJ Leyden, a former neo-Nazi who has become one of the nation's strongest advocates for diversity and cultural appreciation.

Hate Out Week activities are free and open to the public.

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Sunday, October 9, 2005 - 10:30 am

-Homecoming/Anniversary

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RELIGION BRIEFS

Abyssinian revival coming

The Abyssinian Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Floyde L. Carson, is sponsoring a Fall Revival, which will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 12 and Thursday, Oct. 13. Each service will begin promptly at 7 p.m. The featured speaker will be Rev. Joel Day of Greater Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Persons who need transportation to the event can call (317) 258-7913. For more information about the event, call (317) 542-1630 or send a message to abyssinianmbc@yahoo.com.

"We certainly look forward to hearing the word of God," said Carson. "There will be choirs each, and we are especially inviting youth and young adults of the Martindale-Brightwood community."

Mt. Zion jubilee service

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 3500 Graceland Ave., will host its Jubilee Service on Oct. 9 at 3 p.m. This year's featured guest will be the Mighty Voices of Thunder of Greater Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit. For more information call (317) 924-4748 ext. 19.

Seminary names 3 to board

Christian Theological Seminary (CTS) has named three new members to its board of trustees. They are: Anita J. Harden, president of Community Hospital East; G. Thomas Landis a Certified Public Accountant; and Raymond Brady Williams, a dean of Wabash College and director emeritus of the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion.

Mr. McKissic said that for all his talk of God's retribution, he does believe that victims of the hurricane deserve compassion. His church has donated \$200,000 to the evacuees. "When they got off the bus, we fed them," he said.

Still, he added, sin cannot be overlooked, just as it wasn't in the biblically damned cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Bishop Jakes, however, said many people miss a key point in the story of Sodom and Gomorrah.

"God always brought the righteous out before he destroyed the city," he said.

Author latest in religion lecture series

Jean Bethke Elshain will deliver the 2005 lecture during the latest installment of a series entitled The Role of the Public Intellectual in American Society, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Religion & American Culture.

Elshain is the author of

Just War Against Terror: The Burden of American Power in a Violent World, and Democracy on Trial, among other controversial books. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, is slated for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14 in Room 152 of IUPUI's Informatics and Communications Technology Complex. For more information call (317) 278-4564 or (317) 274-2195.

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October 9, 2005

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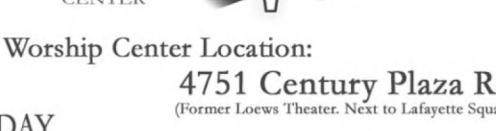
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Dr. Edward L. Wheeler, President

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Order Of Service



New Worship Center Location:

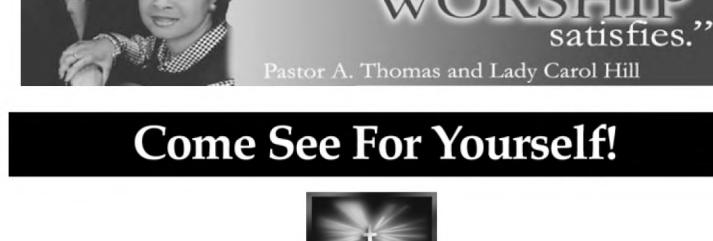
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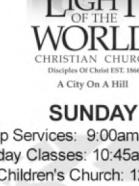
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7:00pm-8:00pm Young Adult Study

7:30pm-8:30pm Spirit of the Light Youth Choir Rehearsal

8:30pm-9:00pm New Light Ensemble Young Adult Rehearsal

8:00pm & 9:00pm Exercise Classes

WEDNESDAY

6:30pm-8:00pm Teaching with Tom Benjamin

6:30pm-8:00pm Respect Program for the Children (5-12)

Voices of the Light Choir Rehearsal: 8:00pm

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Sunday Morning Service
11:00 a.m.

YPPW Sunday
6:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Service
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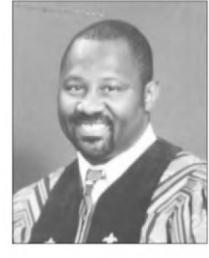
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Friday Pastoral Teaching
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Proverbs 3:6

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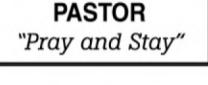
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11 a.m. Worship

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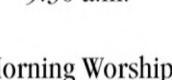
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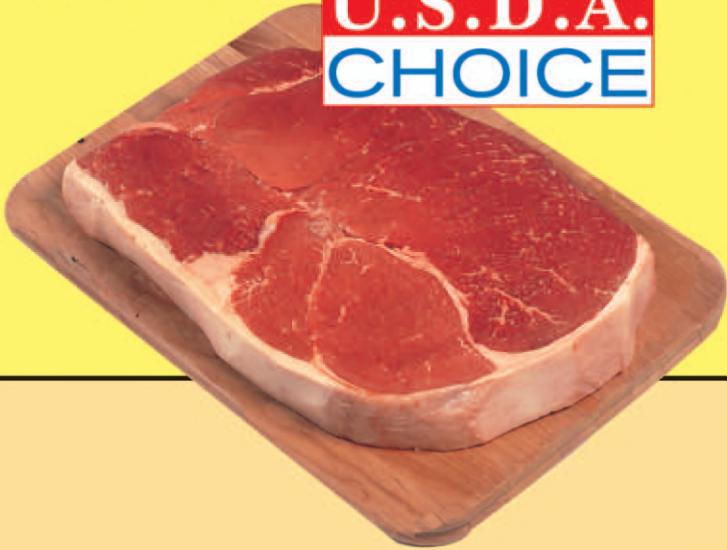
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OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Breast cancer looked at differently today

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Years ago women diagnosed with breast cancer saw the disease as a death sentence, something that they could not recover from.

Today with advances in technology, medicine and awareness, breast cancer is not only a survivable disease but also one of the most talked about among women.

"We're diagnosing more breast cancer, but most are smaller breast cancers," said Dr. Ruemu Birhiray, medical oncologist at St. Vincent Hospital. "The thing about breast cancer is that if you diagnose it when it is very small removing it surgically will cure the vast majority of women. That is the case with most women today."

Many professionals believe because women communicate with one another, breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in American women.

According to the American Cancer Society, more than 90 percent of breast cancers are now diagnosed at localized and regional stages, for which five-year survival rates are 97 percent and 79 percent, respectively.

This year marks the 20th year that the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

organization has educated women on the disease.

Birhiray believes awareness and understanding has been key to more women being concerned about their health.

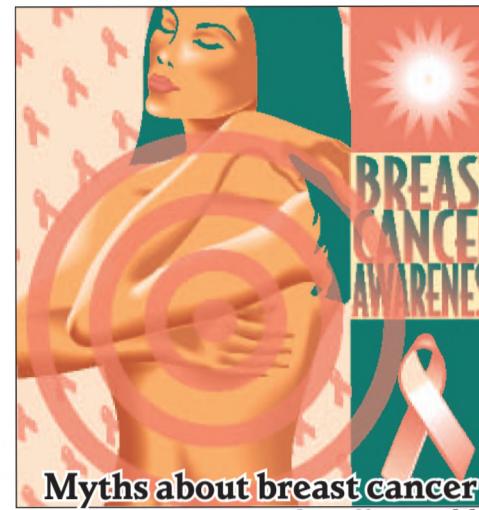
"Women no longer view breast cancer as a curse because of the awareness that they now have," he said. "In the old days women felt ashamed, they felt as if they had done something wrong and basically went into hiding and didn't talk about it. Today that is no longer true."

Research has also changed significantly says Birhiray.

"The research is targeted towards the biology of the disease itself," he said. "In the old days, chemotherapy was just given in a non-specific manner, which means it only killed cells that were dividing. Now there are drugs that actually target abnormal proteins that are present on the cancer cell, specifically breast cancer."

While treatment remains one of the most important options when dealing with breast cancer, Birhiray reminds women, physicians, researchers and educators not to forget about prevention.

"Prevention of all diseases - not only breast cancer - saves lives," he said.



Myths about breast cancer

- Breast cancer only affects older women.
- If you have a risk factor for breast cancer, you're likely to get the disease.
- If breast cancer doesn't run in your family, you won't get it.
- Only your mother's family history of breast cancer can affect your risk.
- Using antiperspirants causes breast cancer.
- Birth control pills cause breast cancer.
- A monthly breast self-exam is the best way to diagnose breast cancer.
- A breast cancer diagnosis is an automatic death sentence.

Steve Scott promoted to VP of ancillary services at Wishard

Staff report

Steve Scott has been appointed Wishard Health Services' new vice president for ancillary services. Scott comes to Wishard from the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical Center, where he held leadership positions of increasing responsibility since 1997.

He served as an associate hospital director there and provided senior level leadership and operational direction to imaging services as well as several other service lines.

Scott also served as an ad-

ministrator at Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and at hospitals in New York City.

At Wishard, Scott has administrative responsibilities for BioMed Engineering, Cath/Echo Stress Lab, Facilities, Imaging Services, Marion County Jail Health Pathology, Pharmacy, Rehab/Respiratory Care and Senior Care/Palliative Care.

He holds a master of public health degree in health administration from the University of Pittsburgh and a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from

Morehouse College in Atlanta.

Certified by the American College of Healthcare Executives, he was honored by the Regents Advisory Council of Southern Cook County, Ill., to be the recipient of its 2004 Regents Award.

Among his many community and professional activities, Scott serves as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago and is a member of the National Association of Health Services Executives and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR "FLU SEASON" WITH A SIMPLE VACCINATION

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The weather is becoming crisp and the leaves are making their final descent to the ground. Fall is coming to an end and winter is steadily approaching. These changes also provide a signal that the "flu" season is approaching. For many of us, it will mean an annual trip to receive our flu shot. If you are one of those persons who has never considered making the flu shot a priority, please take a moment to contemplate the following information.

Influenza, commonly referred to as "the flu," is an infection of the respiratory tract caused by the influenza virus. Compared to other respiratory infections, such as the common cold, the influenza infection often causes a more severe illness. Typical influenza illness includes fever and respiratory symptoms like cough, sore throat, runny nose, headache, muscle ache and fatigue. Although nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea can sometimes accompany the flu, especially in children, these symptoms are rarely the primary symptoms. Most people who get the flu recover completely within 1 to 2 weeks, but some people can develop serious and potentially life-threatening medical complications, including pneumonia.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 36,000 people die from flu-related causes. It is estimated that influenza is responsible for more than 200,000 hospitalizations, as well. It is important to remember that flu-related complications can occur at any age; however, the elderly and people with chronic health problems are much more likely to develop serious complications after influenza infection.

Although many tend to think that flu shots are just for children, it is important to know that there are shots that are recommended for adults, as well. It is very important for adults who have chronic health conditions (e.g., diabetes, heart or lung disease) to receive annual flu shots, and also to be evaluated for a pneumococcal shot. Much of the illness and death caused by influenza can be prevented by an annual influenza vaccination.

This year flu vaccine will be limited to individuals in the following priority groups until October 24, 2005:

- Persons age 65 and older
- Residents of long-term care facilities
- Persons age 2 to 64 with long-term health conditions such as: heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, cancer, HIV/AIDS, or a weakened immune system
- Persons with any condi-

tion that can compromise respiratory function or the handling of respiratory secretions such as: spinal cord injuries and seizure disorders

- Children age 6 to 23 months
- Pregnant women
- Health care personnel who provide direct patient care
- Household contact and out-of-home caregivers of children age 6 months and younger

Beginning October 24, flu vaccine will be available to anyone who wishes to be protected from influenza.

The flu shot is considered a safe vaccination, but as with other vaccinations, there can be side effects. The most common side effects are soreness and/or redness at the injection site, fever and aches. This soreness generally lasts for only one to two days following the vaccination. Although some people believe that the flu shot gave them the flu, this is not the case. The flu vaccine is made from killed viruses, and therefore it cannot give a person the flu. However, it takes about two weeks for the flu shot to be effective in preventing the flu.

Please call the Marion County Health Department Immunization Program at (317) 221-2121 or (317) 221-2122, for more information and updates about flu shot locations.

2005 Priority Group Flu Clinic Schedule

VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE:

Influenza (flu shot)	\$10
Pneumococcal	\$20
Tetanus	\$10

Shots for children under age 2 are free. Medicare and Medicaid are accepted.

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Additional clinics are scheduled starting October 24. Anyone who wishes to be protected from influenza may receive a flu vaccine at that time.

HEALTH BRIEFS

Drive against prostate cancer

Join the Drive Against Prostate Cancer mobile unit Oct. 8 at Wal-Mart, 3805 N. Keystone Ave.

The exams are free and will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Blood needed for Gulf Coast

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center in Houston, has requested help from America's Blood Centers (ABC) in order to meet its blood needs.

Indiana Blood Center began assisting the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center by shipping 50 blood products last week.

IBC is requesting blood donations of all types. All branches are open six days a week and no appointment is needed.

For more information call 1-800-632-4722.

Westside Community Health Fair

On Saturday, Oct. 15, Wishard Health Services will present the eighth annual Westside Community Health Fair.

The fair will be open to the community from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Westside Community Health Center, 2732 W. Michigan St.

In addition to the fair and the free health screenings, a town hall meeting will be held during the event with a panel of community leaders and local physicians discussing and answering health care related issues. Dr. Judith A. Monroe, Indiana State Health Commissioner, will be one of the members on the panel.

Health screenings provided during the fair will include blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol, colorectal cancer, osteoporosis and dental. For more information about the Westside Community Health Fair, call (317) 554-4600.

Health Beat Health Fair

Wishard Health Services and WTHR Channel 13 will team up Saturday, Oct. 29 to present Harvest of Health, a Health Beat Health Fair. A comprehensive team of health care professionals will be on hand to answer questions and administer free health screenings and flu shots.

Harvest of Health will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cottage Corner Community Health Center, 1434 S. Shelby St. Health screenings provided at no cost include blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, oral cancer and depression. The Indianapolis Police Department will be on hand to give information about trick or treat safety.

Refreshments will be offered and free children's books will be passed out. Parents are encouraged to bring their children as staff will be dressed in costumes and sharing Halloween snacks.

For more information about Harvest to Health, call Cottage Corner Community Health Center at (317) 655-3200.

Wednesday, October 12

1 – 3 p.m.
Mid-North Shepherd Center
3808 North Meridian Street

Thursday, October 13

9 – 11 a.m.
Beech Grove Senior Center
602 Main Street

Friday, October 14

9 – 11 a.m.
John Boner Center
2236 East 10th Street

10 a.m. – Noon
Southport Presbyterian Church
7525 McFarland Boulevard

Monday, October 17

9 – 11 a.m.
Raymond Park
8575 East Raymond Street

1 – 3 p.m.
OASIS West
6012 Crawfordsville Road

Tuesday, October 18

1 – 3 p.m.
OASIS East at Washington Square (L.S. Ayres)
10202 East Washington Street

1 – 3 p.m.
St. Paul Episcopal Church
10 West 61st Street

Wednesday, October 19

9 – 11 a.m.
Southport United Methodist Church
1947 East Southport Road

10 a.m. – Noon
Washington Park Center
3130 East 30th Street

Thursday, October 20

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Southeastern Church of Christ
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Friday, October 21

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Child health stamp

The United States Postal Service recently released the Child Health Awareness Stamp nationwide. For more than half a century, the Postal Service has released a variety of social awareness stamps that highlight important issues such as breast cancer and AIDS. Pictured, (left to right) are: John McEwen, postmaster, Indianapolis; Dr. Judy Monroe, State Health Commissioner; and Dr. Virginia Caine, director of the Marion County Health Department. (Photo/C. Guynn)



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2005
10:00 a.m.—Activities Begin
11:00 a.m.—Ecumenical Service
1:45 p.m.—Cyclists Roll
2:00 p.m.—Step-Off of Walk

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The American College of Radiology Imaging Network study was funded by the National Cancer Institute and reported by the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Glaucoma study compares medication with laser treatments

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Fifty million Americans are at risk for vision loss from glaucoma, according to the National Eye Institute.

The second leading cause of irreversible blindness, glaucoma is called the silent killer of sight - the loss of peripheral vision is gradual and can go unnoticed.

Louis B. Cantor, M.D., who specializes in glaucoma treatment, says public awareness is an important factor in increasing the number of people being screened and receiving early treatment. Expanding treatment options for glaucoma also is important, he says.

Currently, patients begin with a regimen of medicated drops. As the disease progresses, patients may graduate to laser treatments and, finally, surgery.

Dr. Cantor, who is the Jay C. and Lucile L. Kahn Professor with the Indiana University School of Medicine Department of Ophthalmology and director of the IU Glaucoma Service, is participating in a multi-site clinical trial comparing medicated drops to laser treatment as the first line of therapy.

"There are advantages and drawbacks to both treatments in terms of convenience, compliance, effectiveness and expense," said Dr. Cantor. "Lowering the pressure in the eye is the goal of glaucoma treatment. This study should indicate which treatment is most effective for lowering the pressure in the eye for the longest period of time, thereby reducing the risk of vision loss."

Individuals with open-angle glaucoma may call Joni or Linda at (317) 274-2745 for additional information on the trial.

October has been designated as Glaucoma Awareness Month by the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Those at risk

Those most at risk for glaucoma are:

- People over age 50.
- African Americans over age 40.
- People with other health conditions, such as diabetes (exam every year).
- Individuals that have experienced a serious eye injury.
- People with a family history of glaucoma.

Initially, there are usually no symptoms, but as the disease progresses a person with glaucoma may notice his or her vision gradually failing with:

- Blurred vision.
- Loss of peripheral vision.
- Difficulty focusing on objects.
- Presence of halos around lights.

Individuals at risk should have a complete eye exam every year or two.

Ray Henderson, M.D.

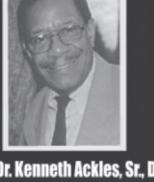
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An appreciation:
August Wilson (1945-2005)By THULANI DAVIS
From AOL Black Voices

“By writing about Black people, you are not limiting yourself. The experiences of African Americans are as wide open as God’s closet.”

— August Wilson.

August Wilson, one of America's greatest playwrights, died Sunday of liver cancer at the age of 60. With his announcement in August that inoperable liver cancer left him only a few months to live, many began to mourn not only the loss of the man but also the many years he may have continued to produce his critically acclaimed work.

Wilson also left a host of rare accomplishments in American theater - a Tony award for best play, six Tony nominations for best play, two Pulitzer Prizes and seven New York Drama Critics' Circle awards.

As an African-American artist, he broke numerous barriers and raised the bar for excellence; as a leader in his field, he raised vital issues concerning the role of Black playwriting and production in the broader American theatrical mainstream.

Wilson's plays, such as "Fences," (1987), "Joe Turner's Come and Gone" (1988), "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom," (1982) and "Seven Guitars" (1996), were characterized by majesty and lyricism. They were sprawling, and yet intimate, sometimes unbuttoned and yet, in the hands of actors, marked by scenes that were often like a tightly riffed jazz set. The playwright recently completed a project of 20 years - a 10-play cycle exploring African-American life in each decade of the 20th century. This ambitious project came to completion only in the past few weeks with the Los Angeles production of "Radio Golf," the final work in the cycle.

"In an incredibly short amount of time," says playwright and director George C. Wolfe, "August Wilson redefined the American theatrical canon." One facet of Wilson's impact is "in terms of stories told of American stage," according to Wolfe. "In the tradition of American playwrights, Eugene O'Neill, and Arthur Miller in particular, he found the ways in which the small

American stories were mythic, potent and elegant enough to rival any European playwrights. And he had an incredible love of black American language that will continue to be thrilling for decades to come."

Born Frederick August Kittel in 1945 in Pittsburgh, a city whose impoverished Hill section became home to many of his characters, Wilson was one of the six children of Frederick August, a baker, and Daisy Wilson Kittel, a domestic worker. One of the driving forces behind his work, according to interviews, was his conviction that his generation of African Americans were not told much about the past of earlier generations.

Wilson dropped out of school at 16 and was educated by his hometown libraries and the street corners of Pittsburgh. He joined the Army for a short stint and had various odd jobs from porter to short-order cook. Among other influential experiences was his discovery of blues music. His work, which so notably reflects his knowledge of African-American expression, revels in the blues aesthetic. In 1965, the year his father died, he got a used typewriter, began writing poetry and changed his name to August Wilson. His life in the theater began three years later when he co-founded the Black Horizon Theater in Pittsburgh. His first play, "Jitney," was written in 1979.

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‘The Wiz’ actor Nipsey Russell dies at 80

NEW YORK (AP) — Nipsey Russell, who played the Tin Man alongside Diana Ross and Michael Jackson in "The Wiz" as part of a decades-long career in stage, television and film, has died. He was 80.

The actor, who had been suffering from cancer, died Sunday afternoon at Lenox Hill Hospital, said his longtime manager Joseph Rapp.

Born in Atlanta, Russell launched his television career as Officer Anderson in the 1961 television series "Car 54, Where Are You?" He also appeared in the 1994 film version.

He became a fixture on popular television game and talk shows, where he was welcomed for his poetic delivery that earned him the moniker the "poet laureate of television." He also took his signature four-line poetry on the road for readings and performances.

Russell also appeared in the films "Nemo" in 1984, "Wildcats" in 1986 and "Posse" in 1993.

He settled in New York after graduating from the University of Cincinnati and serving as an Army captain in Europe during World War II, Rapp said.

Russell never married. "He always said, 'I have trouble living with myself, how could I live with anyone else,'" Rapp said. "But he was a wonderful guy, very quiet, never bragged."



Nipsey Russell

‘Body & Soul Platinum’ offers essential love songs

By BRANDON A. PERRY
Staff Writer

It's amazing how music can alter the mood of an individual, or change the atmosphere of an entire room of people. Hearing the right song can make the difference in how you spend the rest of your day (or evening).

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Viewers who have seen the advertisements on television know that the entire series can be purchased at once during Time Life's "infomercial," but many are not aware that individual discs from the set are available at local record stores.

This summer Time Life released the 18-track "Body & Soul Platinum," an effort to highlight only the best songs in the series.

Indeed, this "platinum" installment comes on very strong, offering blissful, irresistible gems like Smokey Robinson's "Being with You" (1981), Atlantic Starr's 1986 hit "Secret Lovers," "Here and Now" by Luther Vandross (1989) and 1971's "If I Were Your Woman" by Gladys Knight and the Pips.

There's something here for multiple genera-

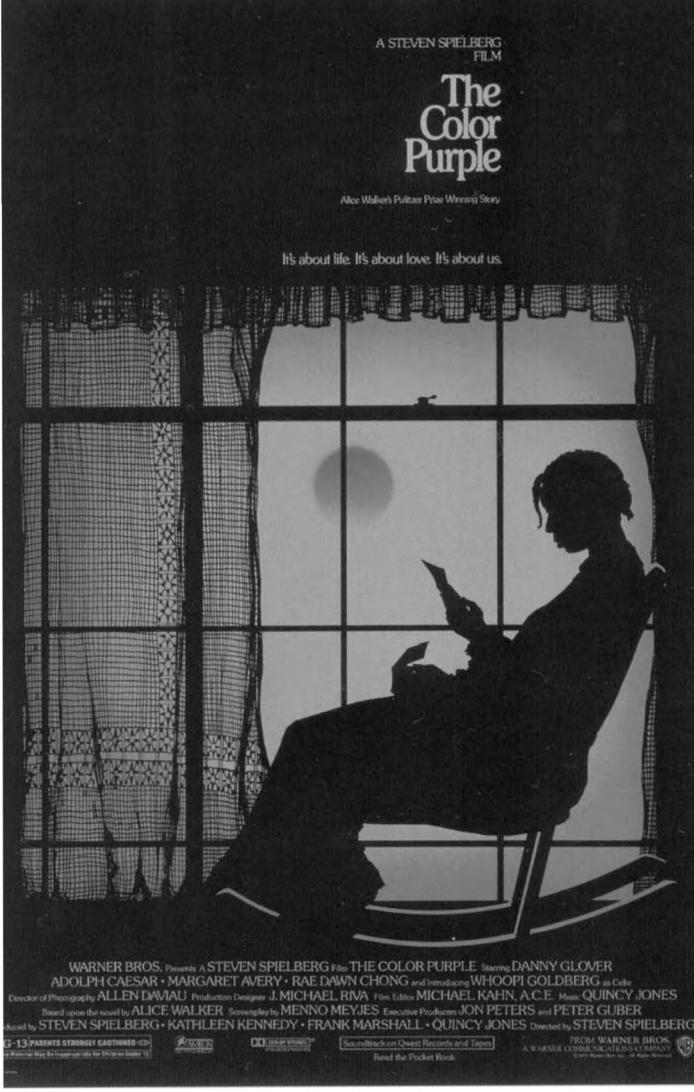


erations, from 1973's "If You Don't Know Me By Now" by Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes to K-Ci and JoJo's "All My Life" (1998).

One of the few problems I had with "Body and Soul Platinum" is the omission of songs from Time Life's series that should have been on this release, especially "You Are My Starship" by Norman Connors, Angela Bofill's "This Time I'll Be Sweeter" and Ray, Goodman & Brown's "Special Lady." Also, it's a no-no to have a disc of "greatest love songs" without anything by the Isley Brothers, the O'Jays, Al Green, Sade, Teddy Pendergrass or Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrel.

But I recognize Time Life had an awesome task in choosing from so many performers, and I must say that the material you do get from this CD is definitely essential to your collection.

Oprah will help sell 'The Color Purple'



NEW YORK (AP) — With the name "Oprah Winfrey" now attached to the stage version of "The Color Purple," the upcoming Broadway musical has a powerful presence to help sell the show.

Celebrity producers, and they don't come much bigger than Winfrey, are rare on or off-Broadway, but they can give a show a visibility that hopefully translates into ticket sales.

And Winfrey, a media empire all her own, has several important outlets, including her popular syndicated TV talk show as well as her magazine O.

The musical, based on Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel of one determined woman's triumph over adversity, opens Dec. 1 at the Broadway Theatre. Preview performances begin Nov. 1.

"Oprah Winfrey putting her name on 'The Color Purple' is great for the show, of course, but also great for all of Broadway," says Nancy Coyne, head of Serino, Coyne, Broadway's largest advertising and marketing agency. "It draws attention to the theater and, because Oprah

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14th annual Heartland Film Festival, Oct. 13-21

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Actors Sean Astin ("The Lord of the Rings," "Rudy"), Dakota Fanning ("Dreamer: Inspired by a True Story," "War of the Worlds"), Patricia Heaton ("Everybody Loves Raymond") and Bill Paxton ("The Greatest Game Ever Played," "Twister," "Apollo 13") are among a star-studded list of guests scheduled to attend the 14th annual Heartland Film Festival, Oct. 13-21. These actors, filmmakers, industry insiders and special guests, connected to Festival films and events, represent the finest in filmmaking talent from across the world.

The 2005 Festival also features an exciting lineup of special events and screenings for film buffs of all ages.

It will kick off Oct. 13 in Hollywood style with an opening night premiere of DreamWorks' "Dreamer: Inspired by a True Story" with Fanning and Director/Screenwriter John Gatins ("Coach Carter") scheduled to arrive on the red carpet and will close Oct. 21 with a special screening of "Duma" with Director Carroll Ballard ("The Black Stallion").

Heartland Film Festival honors films that celebrate the best aspects of the human journey. For more than a decade, the goal of Heartland has remained the same: to make a positive impact on American culture through film and to encourage moviegoers to see life differently.

Limited special event tickets are available now through Oct. 10. Screening tickets available at the theaters during the Festival and at select Central Indiana Marsh Supermarkets. For more information call toll-free 1-866-HFF-1010 or visit www.heartlandfilmfestival.com.



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The show premiered last weekend and featured performances by R&B singers Chante Moore and her husband, Kenny Latimore.

Future shows will feature performances by Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds, Toni Braxton, Faith Evans, Keith Sweat, Wayne Brady and comedian George Wallace. The show will highlight performances by the Tom Joyner Players, which include Joyner's radio sidekicks: comedian J. Anthony Brown, Sybil Wilkes, Ms. Dupre and Myra J. Other segments on the show include offbeat local-market vignettes and "Toms Big Break," where raw talents demonstrate their skills.

Ruth Lilly Hoosier Storytelling Festival

Storytelling Arts of Indiana and the Indiana Historical Society are proud to present the 18th Annual Ruth Lilly Hoosier Storytelling Festival, Oct. 12-15 in Military Park, downtown Indianapolis. Other locations will include the Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St., and various venues throughout Central Indiana.

The festival offers audiences of all ages and sensibilities a chance to enjoy first-rate entertainment guaranteed to capture the heart, kindle the imagination, tickle the funny bone and foster a sense of community. The five featured storytellers (Peter Cook, Diane Ferlatte, Bill Lepp, Barbara McBride-Smith and Dovie Thomason) are some of the nation's most accomplished and popular tellers who travel throughout the United States and the world sharing the hilarity and poignancy of stories old and new.



'The Gypsy Vampires of Drakov' to premier Oct. 29

Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre (GHDT), a professional modern dance company will open its 2005-2006 concert season with the "The Gypsy Vampires of Drakov" on Friday, Oct. 28, and Saturday, Oct. 29, 2005 at 8 p.m. at the Pike Performing Arts Center.

This Halloween tradition digs past the Dracula story and looks into the world of his victims and vampires. The audience is encouraged to attend in costume.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are available at the door, at the Pike Performing Arts Center Box Office (317) 216-5455. Charge by phone (317) 216-5455 or online at www.pikepac.org. For further information, contact GHDT at (317) 846-2441.

Chamber music concert

The International Violin Competition of Indianapolis (IVCI) will have a chamber music concert featuring 2002 Laureate Susie Park and Indianapolis' Suzuki & Friends on Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Indiana History Center's Basile Theater, 450 W. Ohio St. For subscriptions, tickets and concert information call the IVCI offices at (317) 637-4574.

Australian violinist Park was named a Laureate in the 2002 International Violin Competition of Indianapolis. Since then, the 23-year-old has appeared around the world as soloist and chamber musician.

Singleton to get 'Behind the Lens' award

John Singleton will be honored with the fourth annual DaimlerChrysler "Behind the Lens" award.

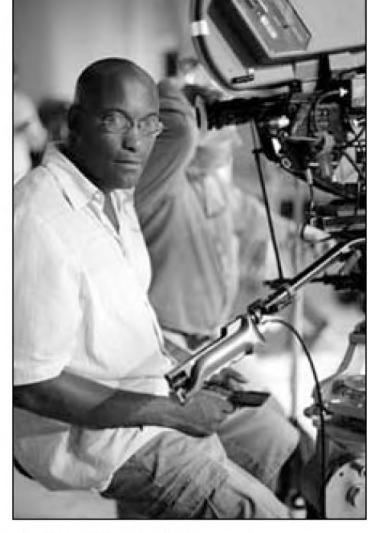
Singleton, 37, is being recognized for his work as a writer, director and producer of feature films that have provided a platform for change in the depiction of Black stories on the screen.

The award will be presented Oct. 23 in Los Angeles. Previous winners are Gordon Parks, Melvin Van Peebles and Reuben Cannon. Recipients are chosen by an advisory panel of industry professionals.

"As one who always works behind the scenes, it is very gratifying to be honored by one's peers and those who appreciate the hard work we put into telling stories of our America," Singleton said in a recent statement.

His screen credits as a director include "Four Brothers," "Boyz N the Hood," "2 Fast 2 Furious" and "Rosewood."

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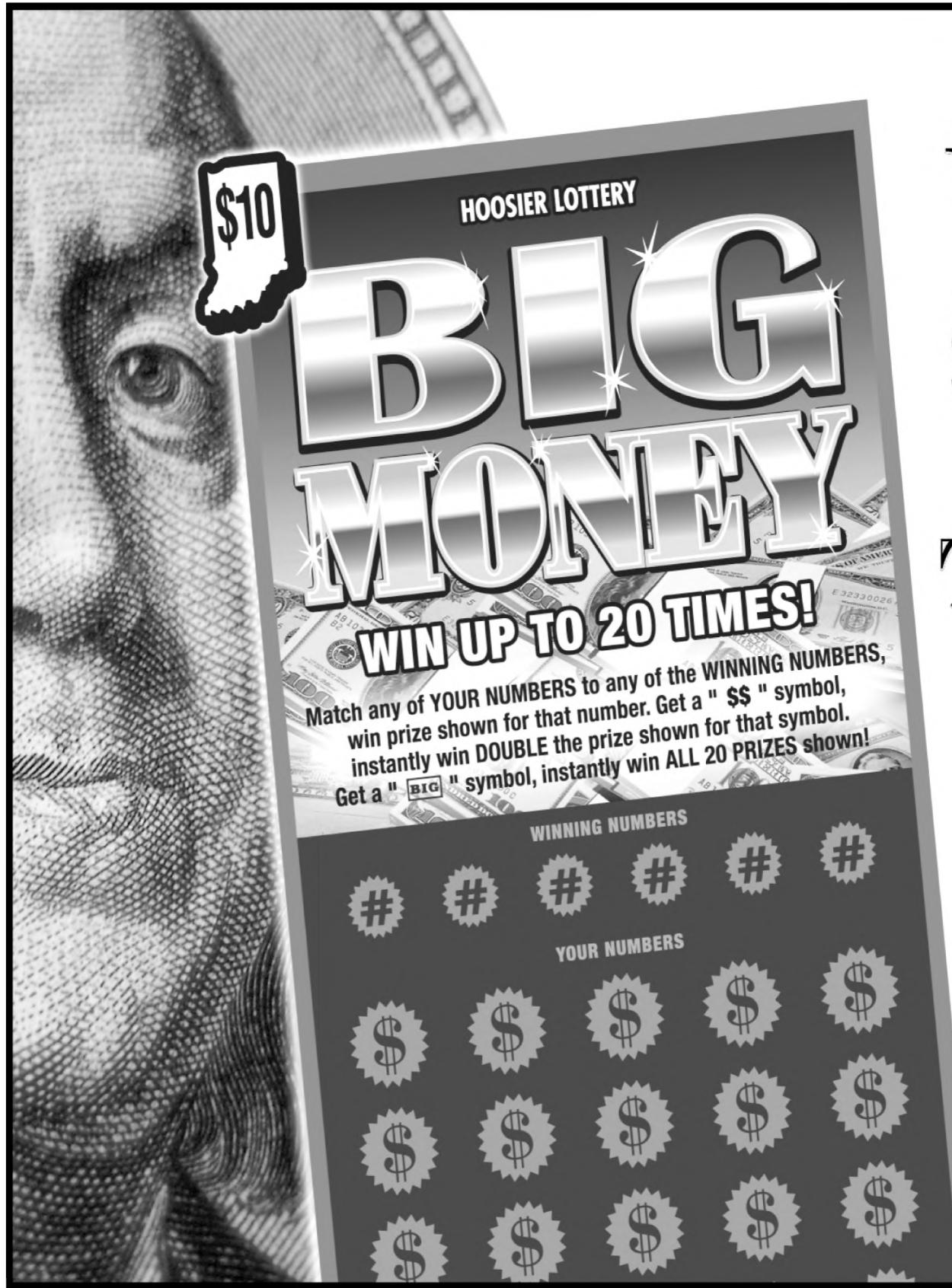
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Members of boy band B5 excited younger game attendees with their performance.

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has such a diverse national audience, reinforces the notion that Broadway is not an elitist art form, but something everyone can embrace."

Producer Scott Sanders, who has been associated with "The Color Purple" for eight years, said it was quite a jolt when he received a telephone call from Winfrey earlier this summer. According to Sanders, she told him, "I don't want to just help in marketing. I'd like to invest in the show."

Sanders declined to mention how much money Winfrey was putting into the musical, saying only it was "a seven-figure investment," although the New York Times reported it was over \$1 million of the production's \$10 million budget.

Sanders said Winfrey would join the show as the sole, above-the-title, presenting producer, joining a parade of other producers, who, besides Sanders, includes music great Quincy Jones.

The show's world premiered in September 2004 at Atlanta's Alliance Theatre received mixed reviews. The musical was extensively rewritten and then did a four-week workshop in New York last June. The book's dark, brooding story of an abused woman involves violence and incest but also demonstrates the healing power of the human spirit.

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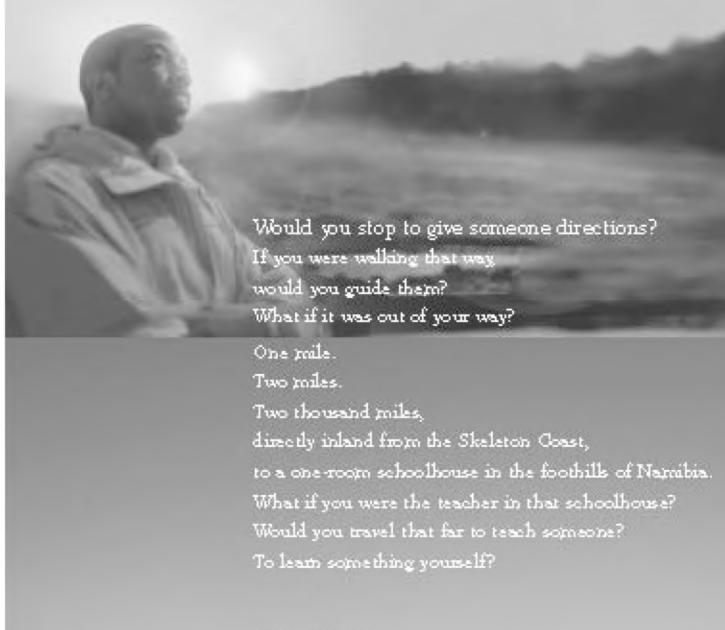


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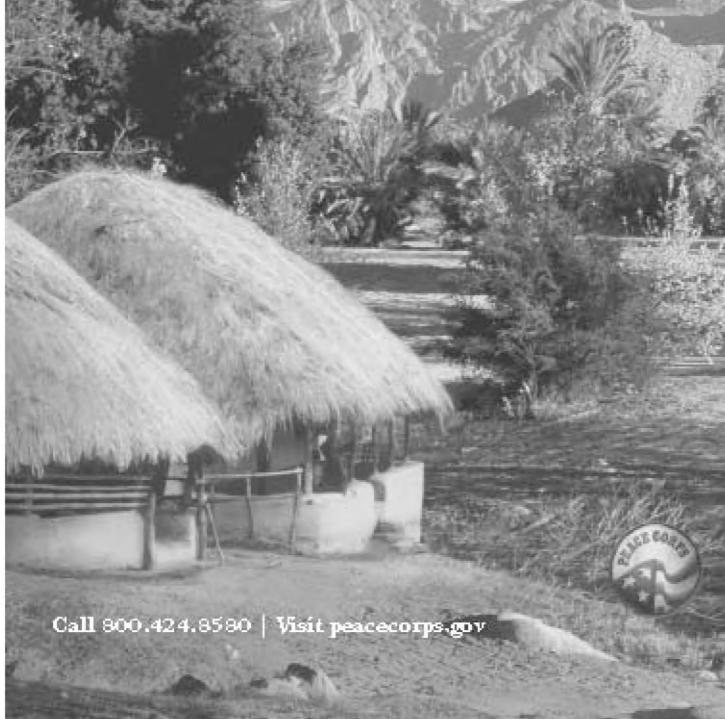
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Cedric the Entertainer will host the awards show that recognizes creative achievement by persons of African descent in feature-length motion pictures, both in front of and behind the camera, and honors outstanding films portraying the Black experience.

This year's top award nominees include "Crash" and "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" - each of which received six nominations - "Hustle & Flow," which received four, and "Coach Carter" with three nominations.

The awards show will premiere Oct. 19 at 10 p.m. on TNT.

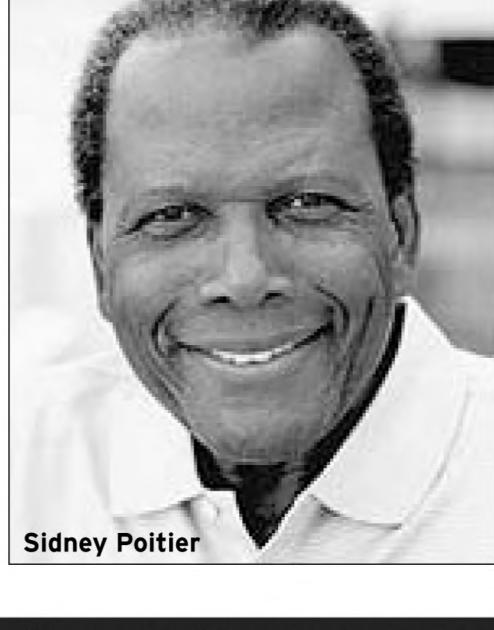
Legendary actor/director/producer Sidney Poitier will receive the Distinguished Career Achievement Award, recognizing his trailblazing work as actor/writer/director for such films as "Lilies of the Field," "In the Heat of the Night," "Stir Crazy," "For Love of Ivy" and "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner."

Kimberly Elise, a nominee for Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role for "Diary of a Mad Black Woman," will receive the Rising Star Award.

The 1985 adaptation of Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel The Color Purple will become the first film inducted

into the Black Movie Awards Classic Cinema Hall of Fame. Producer Quincy Jones is the first member of the creative team to confirm his appearance on the program.

In addition to serving as host, Cedric the Entertainer is also a nominee for Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role for his work in "The Honeymooners." Also nominated in that category are Don Cheadle ("Crash"), Terrence Howard ("Hustle & Flow"), Samuel L. Jackson ("Coach Carter") and Will Smith ("Hitch"). Nominees for Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role include Kimberly Elise ("Diary of a Mad Black Woman"), Meagan Good ("D.E.B.S.") and Queen Latifah ("Beauty Shop").



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Lionel Richie to headline jazz festival

BRIDGETOWN,
Barbados (AP) — Lionel Richie will be the headline act at next year's Barbados Jazz Festival, organizers said this week.

Richie will be joined by Grammy nominated jazz artist Jill Scott and saxophonist Bony James at the Jan. 9-15 festival, organizer Gilbert Rowe said.

Richie, 56, is an original member of the funk-pop band the Commodores with solo hits that include "Truly," "Hello" and "All Night Long." He last performed in Barbados in 1978 with the Commodores.

Next year will be the 13th staging of the Barbados Jazz Festival. Previous performers included Alicia Keys, Luther Vandross and Pattie LaBelle.

Tupac screenplay being produced as film

(AP) — A screenplay written by slain rapper Tupac Shakur is being produced as a feature film.

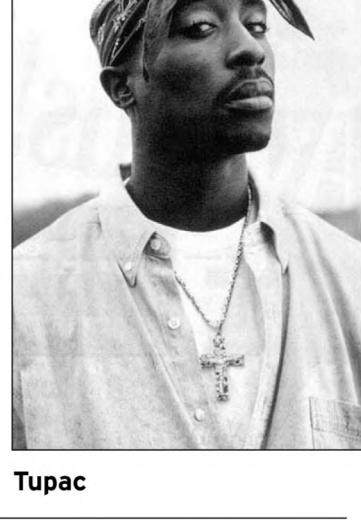
"Live 2 Tell," a script Shakur wrote in 1995 about an inner-city Black youth who becomes a drug kingpin and later goes straight, was acquired by Insomnia Media Group, which plans to begin production in March, company chairman Bret Saxon and chief executive officer Jeff Bowler said.

Insomnia acquired the rights from Tupac's mother, Afeni Shakur, who will be a producer on the film, which has not yet been cast.

Tupac, who appeared in such films as "Poetic Justice," "Above the Rim" and "Gridlock'd," had written "Live 2 Tell" for himself to star in.

The rapper was gunned down on the Las Vegas strip in 1996. His murder remains unsolved.

Other projects by Insomnia include an upcoming film biography of Napster creator Shawn Fanning and the tattoo-parlor reality TV show "Inked."



Gina Torres talks about 'Serenity's' unlikely road to the big screen

Electronic Urban Report



Gina Torres

This has to be a first — a television series that was canceled after one season has been adapted into an eagerly-anticipated feature-length film.

"Serenity," which opened last week with actress Gina Torres among the lead roles, is adapted from Joss Whedon's 2002 TV show "Firefly," which also starred Torres as the second in command on a space ship (Serenity) as it tries to survive a galactic war

some 500 years in the future.

The show was canceled by Fox after one season, despite a deluge of rabid fans demanding the show be given another chance. When its 14 completed episodes came out on DVD, stores couldn't keep the discs in stock. Universal Pictures stepped in to adapt the popular series into a film, and suddenly the cast and crew of "Firefly" found themselves back under the guidance of writer-director Joss Whedon.

"We all knew we were working on a miracle," said Torres.

One of the challenges of resurrecting a dead television series for filmgoers who may have never heard of "Firefly" is unraveling the back story for new fans without boring the old ones. Torres says that the characters' histories are cleverly revealed in the first 15 minutes, thanks to the writing wizardry of Whedon.

"Firefly" had a short run and they found us anyway," says Torres of the fans. "When the DVD sets hit the stands, they were gone inside of 48 hours. That, to me, just spoke to the fans and their commitment to us, and trying to make us successful, which is unbelievable."

"When they saw something that was wonderful, that was unique, that was intelligent, that was well-written, that's what they became attached to and committed to, and fans of," she said.

Torres' next big screen project is "Five Fingers," a film due next year that pairs her with husband, Laurence Fishburne in the story of a Dutchman (Ryan Phillippe) who is abducted by a terrorist (Fishburne) while in Morocco to set up a food charity.

On the opposite side of the budget scale, the extremely indie "Five Fingers" offered the couple their first chance to work closely together on screen.

"It was everything that we hoped it would be," Torres said of the experience. "We're two very strong people and have strong convictions about work and character and approach. The fact that we were able to come together and create something was wonderful."

The couple celebrated their third anniversary on Sept. 20.

2005 Circle City Classic parade



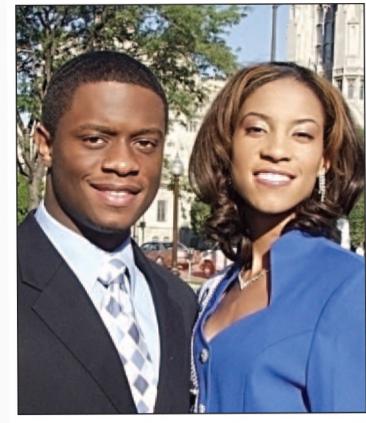
Actress Michael Michele served as grand marshal for this year's American Family Insurance Classic parade. Michele is most recently known for her role on last season's UPN series "Kevin Hill."



Recorder employees (left to right) Denise Petty, Sharon Maxey and Darnell Jemison.



Indiana state Reps. Gregory Porter and Carolene Mays, both Indianapolis Democrats, were each participants in this year's parade.



Jose Robinson, president of the Tennessee State University (TSU) Student Governor's Association and Miss TSU Tomeika Dobson.



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Indiana Fever forward Tamika Catchings waits patiently for the Classic parade to begin.



The Arlington High School Band is a frequent participant in the Classic parade.



Members of the Indianapolis Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Marvin Bardo, pole mark (left), and Nate Lofton, vice pole mark.



Arvis Dawson, Indiana Black Expo (IBE) board chair, and Joyce Rogers, president of IBE.



Dorothy Davis, mother of the late Rev. Charles Williams waves to attendees. Williams was the longtime president of IBE at the time of his death in July, 2004.

Sabra Logan, founder of the libada Dance Company performs with her troupe.



Indianapolis Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Eugene White was one of many notables who participated in this year's parade.



Ensamble Folclorico, the Indianapolis Mexican Folk Dance Group, added diversity to the Classic parade.



IBE Summer Celebration Senior Queen Deja Tibbs (left) and Junior Queen Crystal Twyman.



Singer Kevin Edmonds with nieces Brooklyn Hudson (left) and Logan Reed. Edmonds, an Indianapolis native, is a member of R&B group After 7.



Michigan City, Ind. High School Band. (Photos/C. Guynn)

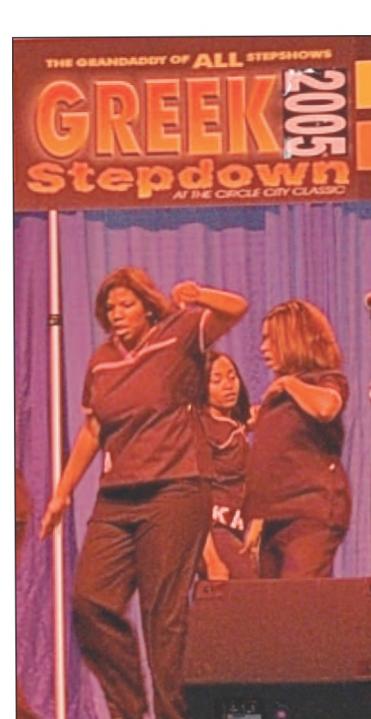
Omegas rock the party



The Omegas step to one of their theme songs "Atomic Dog."



Members of the Zeta Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity hosted the Omega 2005 Victory party last weekend at the downtown Marriott Hotel. Fans and alumni of Tennessee State and North Carolina A&T party on the dance floor. (Photos/J. Hurst)



Greek Stepdown
Left: During Circle City Classic's Greek Stepdown, members of the Chi Chi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., perform a routine.

Above: The Phi Beta Sigmas were also on hand to show their moves. (Photos/J. Hurst)

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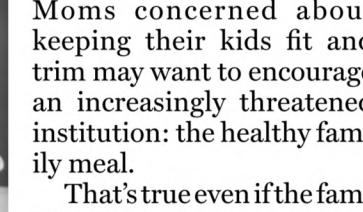
Inaugural family reunion

Etta Mai Foster, 76, known to family and friends as "Mother" hosted her family's first reunion at Riverside Park on Sept. 17. Originally from Tennessee, Foster moved to Indianapolis 30 years ago and wanted to get her family together to fellowship with them as well as feed them. The theme for the family reunion was We Come This Far By Faith, which she believes is her testimony. (Submitted photo)

PARENTING TIPS

FROM THE DESK OF JADA

Moms' view on family meal



(HealthDay News) — Moms concerned about keeping their kids fit and trim may want to encourage an increasingly threatened institution: the healthy family meal.

That's true even if the family's goals of eating together each day falls short occasionally, according to a study published in a recent issue of the journal *Obesity Research*.

Eating together as a family has long been recommended by nutrition experts.

"I certainly recommend people eat together at least a few times a week," said Lola O'Rourke, a Seattle dietitian and spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association. Doing so helps parents teach kids healthy eating habits, she said, and also gives them some control over what their children eat.

Researchers speculate that maternal attitudes towards the importance of family meals may reflect a broader respect for good nutrition. This might extend to practices such as keeping healthy foods in the house or limiting the amount of times their children can eat "junk food."

That interpretation makes sense to O'Rourke. "You would think people who are more concerned about family meals are also probably more concerned about nutrition," she said.

Mothers who encourage family dinners

may also be providing more emotional support to their teens, she said, or building self-confidence in them so they are less likely to turn to food for stress-relief.

Eating together as a family, at least a few times a week, gives everyone a chance to connect, she said, and "parents have more influence in terms of what is being put on the table."

Parents can also take the opportunity to discuss healthy eating habits and set guidelines for eating at school, where junk food is common. A study released in September by the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress, found that nine out of 10 schools have candy, soda, pizza and other snacks readily available, and that schools are one of the largest sources for unhealthy food for today's children.

In the sample, the GAO surveyed 656 schools, with 51 percent of the principals responding. Vending machines were available in nearly all high schools and middle schools but less than half of elementary schools. Junk food has become more common in middle schools in the past five years, the survey found. And the investigators found that vending machine foods and "junk foods" offered in a-la-carte lines in school cafeterias are crowding out healthier choices.

The result? Obesity among children and teens has more than doubled in the past three decades, according to experts at the Institute of Medicine.

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EDUCATING HOME BUYERS

THE WHOLE PICTURE

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Owning a home isn't as farfetched as people think. If you're single, divorced or make \$25,000-\$30,000 annually you can own a home.

Financially, home ownership offers many benefits including tax advantages that may help you build collateral and financial independence.

But before you can take part in those benefits you must first budget how much you can afford to purchase a home.

"That is going to be your primary decision maker," says Scott Bowers, spokesperson for CP Morgan, a local homebuilder. "A lot of financial organizations recommend that you don't spend more than 28-32 percent of your net pay on your home. I think that is a pretty good guideline."

Before making the decision to purchase a home, it's ideal that your credit is in good standing. Paying outstanding bills and loans, and recovering from bankruptcy or foreclosure will make it easier for most to get approved for loans, if needed.

"A lot of it is making sure that your bills are paid on time," Bowers said. "When you're making sure that you're

following through on your outstanding financial commitments it's important that you're not over extended as far as credit card debt or other debt that will be ongoing."

Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership (INHP) is an organization that was established in 1988 to provide access to safe, affordable housing to residents, particularly those with low to moderate incomes.

"There are several organizations that specialize in assisting prospective home buyers repair their credit," Bowers said. "People should take advantage of those services."

Outside of budgeting, if you can afford to purchase a home on your income, it's important to remember that owning property includes upkeep and maintenance responsibilities, which may lead to unexpected expenses.

Potential buyers can also prevent expenses by hiring a home inspector.

Home inspectors visually inspect structural, electrical, heating, air conditioning units, plumbing, as well as other necessities so that homebuyers know that they're getting a house that's in working condition.

"You want to ask a home inspector as many questions as possible," said

Marc Jackson, chief inspector of LBG Home Inspections. "The client should be there for the inspection so they can learn about the product they're buying. If they're going to pay \$100,000 for something, they need to be there and ask as many questions as possible about the working conditions."

Ask your realtor or builder these important questions:

- How much can my house increase in value each year?
- Are the taxes on my home fully assessed?
- Which loan product is the best for my situation?
- Why is an appraisal needed in the loan process?
- What percentage of my take-home salary should I commit to my housing costs?
- Where do I turn if I get into financial trouble and can't make my house payments?
- Will my house payment change in the next five years?
- Does my monthly payment include a mortgage insurance premium?
- Who will file my tax exemptions?

Information from the Builders Association of Greater Indianapolis

\$800,000 revitalization grant for Martindale-Brightwood



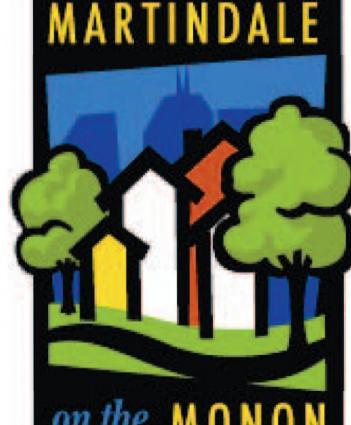
Special to the Recorder

As construction crews began work on another new house within the Martindale on the Monon redevelopment area, city officials and community partners celebrated an \$800,000 grant that will further bolster efforts to revitalize the near-Northeastside neighborhood through the new construction and rehabilitation of more than 150 homes.

Inspired by the success of Fall Creek Place - a formerly blighted neighborhood being transformed through the construction and rehabilitation of nearly 400 homes - Martindale on the Monon is a three to five-year initiative led by Martindale-Brightwood LLC in partnership with the Martindale-Brightwood Community Development Corp. (MBCDC).

The first phases of the project are focusing primarily on the 1600, 1700 and 1800 blocks of Yandes Street.

For more information on Martindale on the Monon, call 262-9347 or visit martindaleonthemonon.com.



As part of the Martindale on the Monon initiative, more than 50 abandoned or vacant houses in the Martindale-Brightwood area either will be rehabilitated or demolished and built anew. By the end of October, nine new homes will be under construction, including several on vacant lots where run-down, abandoned houses once stood.

"The new, quality homes

NYSC open house



The National Youth Sports Corporation (NYSC) recently hosted an open house at the organization's office in downtown Indianapolis. Rochelle Taylor, NYSC president, is shown with Bernard Franklin, NCAA vice president of governance.



Kim Ford judges the drawings of local students for the 2006 National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) Calendar. Ford is associate director for the NCAA Office of Diversity and Inclusion.



President of the Black Coaches Association Floyd Keith (left) and Ross Whitfield, assistant director of NYSP, were among the many that attended the open house. (Photos/J. Holman)

Black Business Profile

Full name of business:

Traci's Urban Jamm Dance Studio



Address:

4641 W. 30th St., Suite C- Indianapolis 46222

Phone:

(317) 299-3952

Year opened:

2005

Owner:

Traci Bishop

Number of paid employees:

3

Products/services:

Teach ballet, tap, jazz, hip-hop, praise dance classes and Pilates for adults.

Significant business advances/achievements:

Our youths performed with "Rize" cast and dancer/actor Darrin Henson during Black Expo. I (owner) participated with Soul Train Awards and the American Choreography Awards in Los Angeles, 2001-2003.

Future goals:

To become a competitive dance studio where youths can travel and have life experience skills.

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

Due to when school is out and churches or other community centers are booked, we have nowhere to practice or perform. Our resources are limited in the urban areas for performing arts outside of the schools and churches. Upon opening we're growing due to quality instruction and "it takes a village" to raise our children mentality.

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

Sexism, I overcame it by staying focused and pursuing my dream for the kids. As for the men, they soon realized, women are about business too!

Who does your business best serve and why?

Youths, because I give an outlet for the youths to express themselves in positive ways. I try to show that there are other types of dance besides what is seen in the urban videos (BET, MTV etc).

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

Being a dancer we have personality! Working with the public and living your dream through others takes a lot of patience, personality and smiles. As we say, "the show must go on whether the music plays or not!"

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

Well, I was raised in the urban area of Gary, Ind., and we just don't dance we JAMM! So I named the studio after my life.



Owner Traci Bishop works with Nia-Morgan Hayes on her posture. Students at Traci's Urban Jamm Dance Studio are now preparing for an upcoming dance recital. (Photo/J. Hurst)

If you would like to be featured in The Recorder's Black Business Profile, call (317) 924-5143.

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**Health care conference**

Roslyn Brock, vice chair of the NAACP, educated area lawmakers on the organization's work in the health care field at the recent 12th annual health care conference of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators and the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus. The event focused primarily on the rollout of the new Medicare prescription drug benefit and its impact on minorities with mental illnesses. Enrollment for the benefit begins Nov. 15. (Photo/ Ron Foster)

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**Eric Ellsworth**

**new president
of Indy YMCA**

Special to the Recorder

The Board of Directors of the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis has accepted the recommendation of a special search committee to name Eric J. Ellsworth the new president and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis. He will begin his new duties Nov. 14.

Ellsworth comes to Indianapolis from the YMCA of Greater Charlotte, N.C., where he has served since 1994 - most recently as executive vice president and chief operating officer. He succeeds Norris D. Lineweaver, who will leave Indianapolis in mid-October after 11 years to become director general of the Jerusalem International YMCA in Israel.

"Mr. Ellsworth will bring the kind of experience, management expertise, and creative thinking that will continue and expand our reputation as one of the most successful and innovative Ys in the nation," said board chair Mary Moses Cochran. "The opportunities and challenges that the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis presents in the coming years are an excellent fit with the skills and expertise that he will bring to our association."

Prior to his work in Charlotte, Ellsworth, a native Hoosier, was the CEO of the YMCA of Southwestern Indiana, serving a five-county area out of Evansville from 1989 to 1994.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

INDIANAPOLIS HOUSING AGENCY REQUEST FOR BID
COMMUNITY PARKING LOTS
VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Indianapolis Housing Agency (IHA) is seeking verifiably qualified contractors or combinations of verifiably qualified contractors to submit sealed bids on various community parking lots at Blackburn, Hawthorne, Indiana Ave St Community and Twin Hills. Bids will be received at the IHA Administrative Offices, 2nd floor at 1919 N. Meridian Street on October 24, 2005 at 2:00 P.M. local time. Bids will not be accepted after 2:01 PM local time. After receipt, all valid bids will be open and read aloud.

A more detailed description of the locations, work and other requirements, provisions, plans, specifications and instructions to bidders, contract forms, bid requirements, insurance, and other documents related to the project will be set forth in the specifications and deemed a part of this notice.

All bids will be on a lump sum basis and will include, but not limited to, all labor, equipment, and materials for the entire project. All contracts will be with the IHA.

On or after September 29, 2005, bidders may obtain the bid documents from the IHA Administrative office, 2nd floor, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The documents may be obtained by paying a non-refundable fee of \$50.00. Checks or cash only and they should be made payable to the Indianapolis Housing Agency. Labor Day, September 5, 2005 is an Agency holiday.

Bid Packages, for review only, are also available at:

IRMSDC Indiana AGC Plan Room
2126 N. Meridian Street 10 W. Market Ste 1050
923-2110 656-8993

Dodge McGraw Hill Plan Room Construction League
6666 E. 75th, #199 603 E. Washington, 9th Floor
845-3000 423-7080

A pre-bid conference will be held October 13, 2005 at 1:00 P.M. local time at Twin Hills Community Room, 2210 East 36th Street. Attendance is not mandatory but all prospective vendors are encouraged to attend. Prior to submission of bids, bidders must visit the site and become thoroughly familiar with existing conditions. Submission of bid shall serve as formal acknowledgement that a site visit has occurred. Contact Darren Bost, Construction Contract Monitor, 317-261-7208 for scheduling site visits.

At the option of the IHA, bids may be held for a period not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days from the opening of bids.

Notice of requirements for affirmative action to ensure equal employment opportunity are set forth in HUD-5370, General Conditions of the Construction Contract and shall be included as part of the bid documents and contract.

The contractor's compliance with the executive order and its regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4 shall be based on its implementation of the equal opportunity clause and specific affirmative action obligations required to meet the goals, and its efforts to meet the goals.

The hours for female and minority employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the Contract, and in each trade, and the contractor shall make good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from contractor to contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the contractor's goals shall be a violation of the Contract, the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 6-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

3. Where applicable, the contractor shall provide written notification to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Programs within ten (10) working days of award of any construction subcontract in excess of ten thousand (\$10,000.00) at any tier for construction work under the Contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor; estimated dollar amount of the subcontract; estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontractor; and the geographical area in which the subcontractor is to be performed.

4. As used in this notice, and in the Contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana.

Prospective bidders are also advised that the project is a "Section 3" covered project as described in 24 CFR 135, which implements Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended ("Section 3"). Without limitation of any other applicable affirmative action requirements, the successful bidder and any other subcontractors will also have an obligation to cause the work to be performed to the greatest extent feasible by business concerns located in or owned in substantial part by persons residing in the area of the project (i.e., City of Indianapolis), as those terms are defined in the documents.

The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 170u (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing. The parties to the contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 13, which implement Section 3. The Section 3 information requirements and regulations are included as part of the bid package and it is the responsibility of the successful bidder to read and comply with all applicable regulations.

Bidders are hereby informed that this project is subject to Davis Bacon Wage Rates and those rates are found in the bid specifications.

Non-compliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

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SUMMONS

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CAUSE NO.
49D07-107-CT-1595

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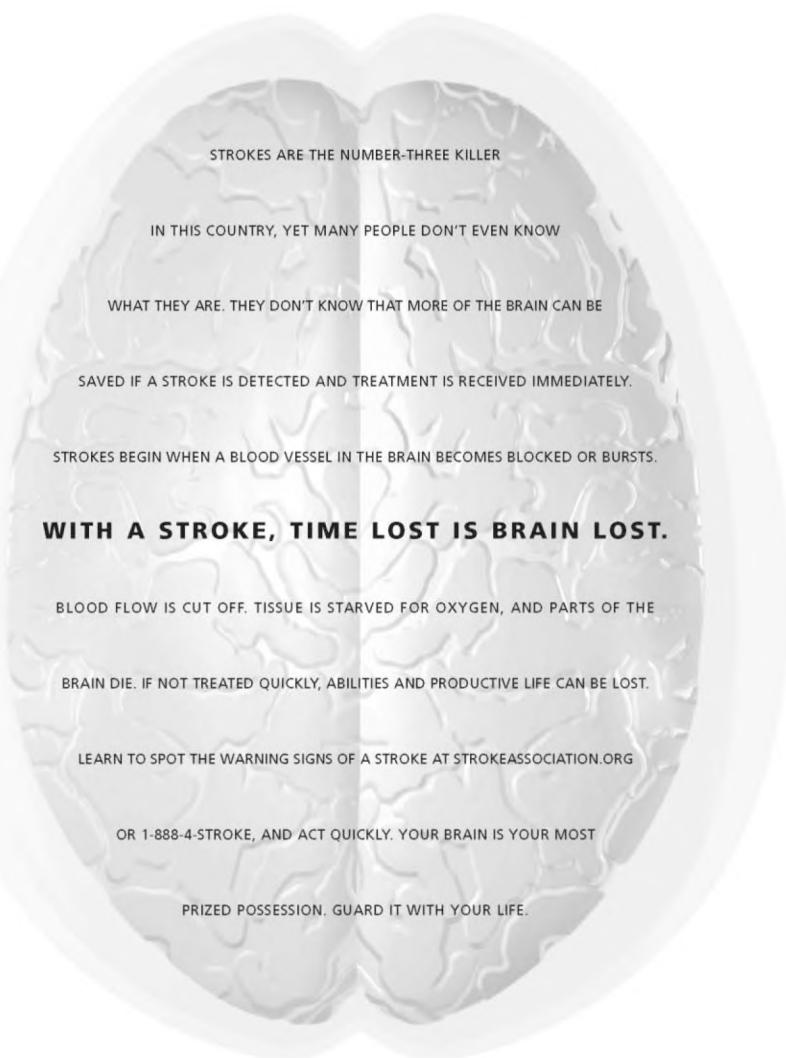
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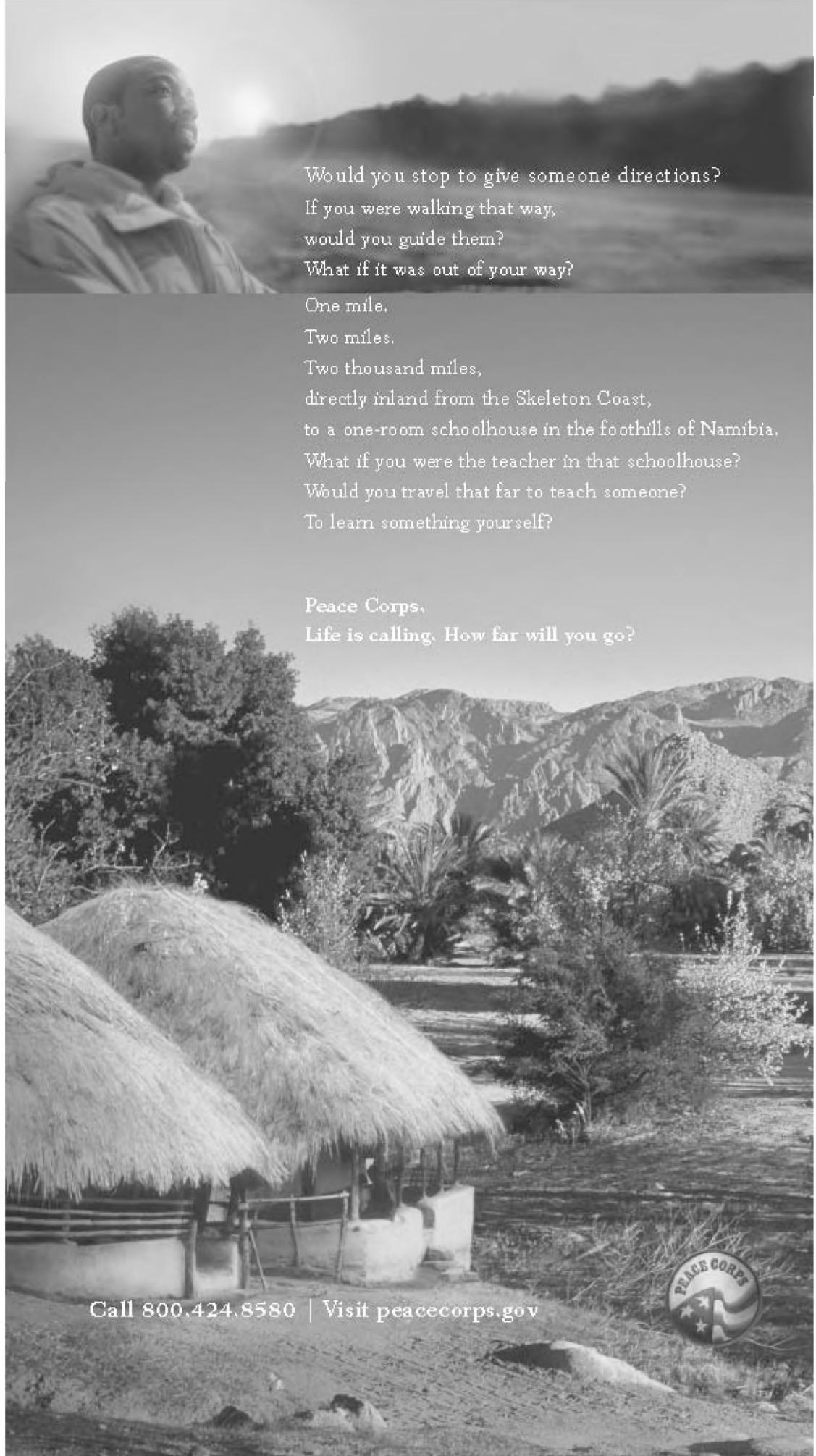
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GAME POINT



Roar, Lions roar

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff writer

"Hopefully we made a little bit of a statement."

- Penn State quarterback Michael Robinson

I was like the rest of the folks who'd written off the Penn State Nittany Lions and coach Joe Paterno.

After enduring four horrible losing seasons I had my mouth on a bullhorn shouting that Paterno needed to say goodbye to his beloved football team before he ruined his legacy.

But Paterno was steadfast though he was over 70 years old and knocking on 80, his football IQ and recruiting skills still remained.

So far, he's proved a lot of haters wrong.

The Lions are off to their first 5-0 start since 1999 and are ranked No. 16 in the nation.

Before Saturday's 44-14 dismantling of the Minnesota Gophers, questions still lingered if the Lions were just lucky beating South Florida, Cincinnati, Central Michigan and Northwestern.

As the team hugged each other while trotting off the field after defeating the Gophers I'd have to say this team might be the real deal, at least in the Big Ten.

It was supposed to be the high-powered teams Michigan, Purdue and Iowa reminding the rest of the nation how potent Big Ten football was.

Instead Michigan lost their mojo after losing to Notre Dame and losing running back Michael Hart who returned Saturday against Michigan State and ran for 218 yards and a touchdown proving how important he is to the Wolverines.

The Boilermakers should still be hanging their heads after getting embarrassed AT HOME to Notre Dame 49-28. There is a rift in the Purdue locker room and that won't help team chemistry on the field.

When Iowa lost to Iowa State 23-3 they also lost their firepower and when they got handled by Ohio State 31-6 the fire completely fizzled.

So that leaves the Lions who look rejuvenated and ready to prove to everyone that they can still compete.

The test though comes in the form of Big Ten rival Ohio State who is ranked No. 6 in the nation on Saturday.

Do I think the Lions are a BCS team? No.

Do I think they can contend with a BCS team? No doubt.

Which means if things stay in tact, next season they'll be flying above the radar.

So yes, Mr. Robinson I'd say you did make a small statement.

TRAINING CAMP

PACERS ARE BACK

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

For the Indiana Pacers there are no more excuses.

There is no more Reggie Miller.

There are no more suspensions.

There are no egos.

They're united to win an NBA championship and according to the Pacers, no one can stop them but them.

Ask around the league and you'll find that regardless of how impressive the Miami Heat look on paper or how much the Detroit Pistons are out to prove, the Indiana Pacers are the team to beat in the Eastern Conference.

And according to Pacer forward and christened leader Jermaine O'Neal the team that will take court Nov. 2 against the Orlando Magic may be a better squad than the 2000 team that went to the NBA Finals.

Only time will tell.

It's a new day

O'Neal has one favor for the media and fans.

"Give Ron (Artest) a chance to prove himself," he says. "Then when he proves you right or wrong, you can talk about it."

All eyes will be on Artest this season to see if he is indeed the changed a man he claims to be.

The Nov. 12 brawl that was sparked when Artest went into the stands to fight a Detroit Piston fan and the 128 game suspensions between Artest, O'Neal, Stephen Jackson and Anthony Johnson is old news, at least to the Pacers.

"My memory is so short term I barely remember what happened last year," coach Rick Carlisle said. "It's a moving forward situation."

Artest, who has bulked up to 270 lbs., says he just wants to play basketball.

He's worked out all summer - in the weight room and on the basketball court - to prepare for a game he hasn't played in nearly a year.

"This year is about winning," he said during Pacers media day. "I'm more focused on the team and winning. I just want to be a part of the team and do what it takes to win."

Indiana has welcomed Artest back with open arms.

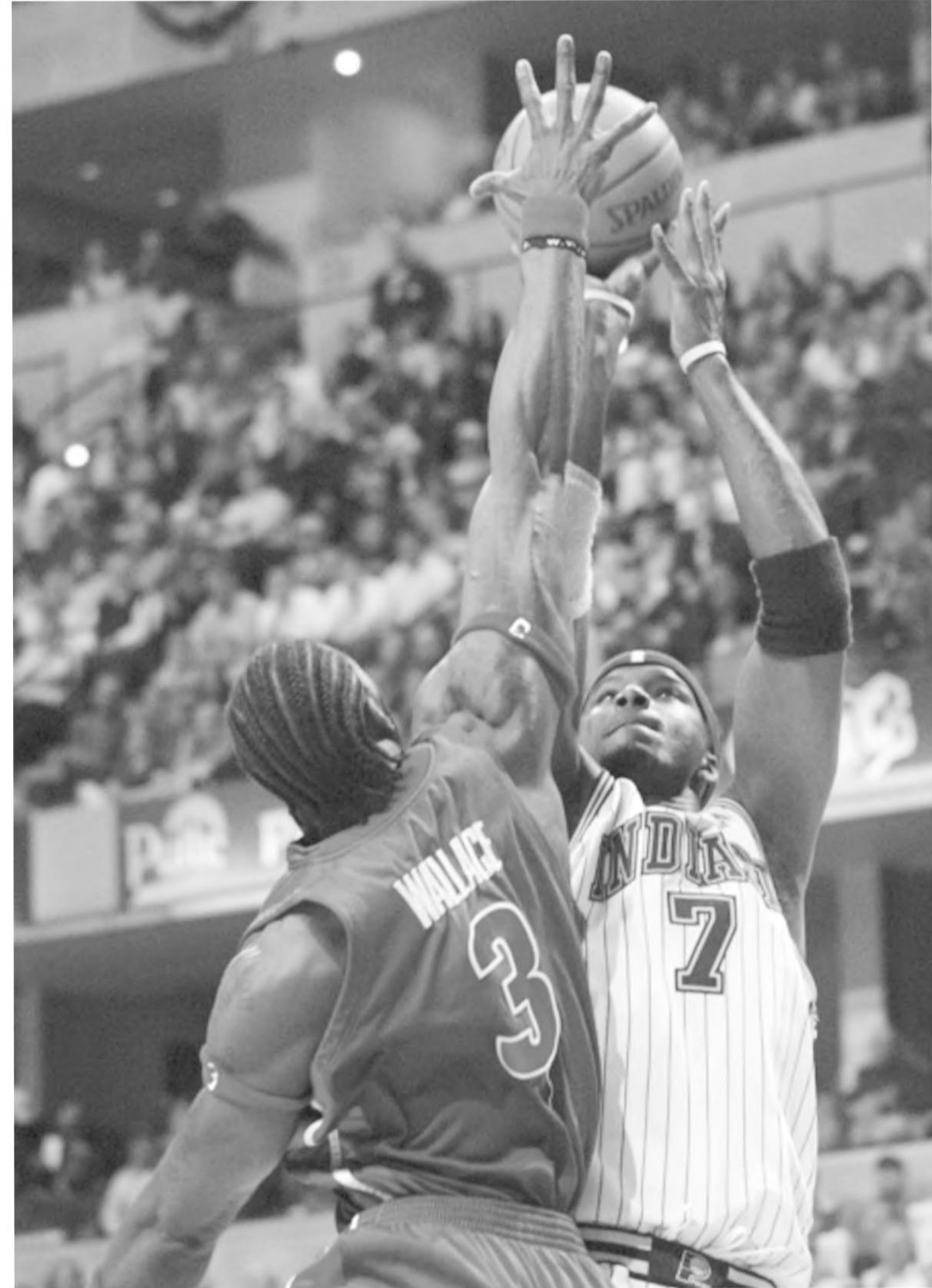
Last year is over says O'Neal and they need Artest's defense, aggressiveness and scoring to get over the hump.

"Being suspended 72 games was a lot for (Ron), but at the same time I think it was positive for him because it gave him a chance to evaluate everything," he said. "We've accepted him back and he's accepted us back. I think he's ready to go."

Dig deep

The Pacers are arguably the deepest team in the East, possibly in the entire league.

They have scoring power, tenacious defensive ability and a bench that proved last year that



Jermaine O'Neal believes the 2005-06 Pacers are the best team Indiana has seen. (Photo/W. Thomas)

they can hang with just about every team in the NBA.

"This is the best team that this city has seen in a long time," O'Neal said. "Though we've talked about (winning a championship) the last two

years I think we have a legitimate chance to win. This team reminds me of the team that won 61 games because we were extremely deep at every

► See PACERS, D8

Colts superstars making way to Canton

By BARATO BRITT
Recorder Correspondent

Attention Colts fans.

In case you hadn't noticed, with each passing week, you have the privilege of watching at least two sure-fire Hall of Famers do their work with deadly precision.

Time can only tell if that list will grow to include others on this year's roster, but for now, be assured at the very least that Marvin Harrison's and Peyton Manning's busts will soon join those that currently reside in Canton, Ohio.

While their team remained among the ranks of the unbeaten, with their 31-10 week 4 handling of the Tennessee Titans, the duo took yet another step toward immortality.

Harrison, the perennial all-pro receiver became only the third player in league history to amass 100 touchdown receptions. The receiver's 101st touchdown was also his 85th from Manning, tying the two for the most touchdowns between a quarterback and receiver, a feat they now share with Steve Young and Jerry Rice.

By now, setting league re-

cords has almost become commonplace for these seasoned vets. But the competitors that they are remain focused on that piece of hardware that has as of yet eluded them.

"We know we have a great offense and a great team, but we always have room for improvement," said Harrison.

One of only three teams to reach the 4-0 mark, the Colts have a firm hold on the AFC South division lead. The Colts have already beaten the two teams most likely to compete for the division title, with Houston still waiting to get into win column.

The team's schedule through the bye should not necessarily instill fear in this team, as their next three opponents combined record is a paltry 3-8.

Should the team continue to play a complete game on both sides of the ball, an undefeated record going into their bye is well within their collective grasp.

Still, four games do not a season make. For this group, no team is overlooked, and this week's goal is clear: to return from San Francisco this week free from a season-altering setback.



Peyton Manning (left) and Marvin Harrison tied Steve Young and Jerry Rice for the NFL record for most touchdowns between a quarterback and receiver duo.

Pinstripes erased, Pacers get new uniforms



Stephen Jackson (left) and Jermaine O'Neal show off the new Indiana Pacers uniform. (Photo/W. Thomas)

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

No one really liked the Indiana Pacers pinstripe jerseys.

Not even Pacer forward Jermaine O'Neal.

"I didn't really like the pinstripes that much," he said during the team's unveiling of the new uniforms. "The new uniforms feel nice, the material looks good and it looks good on us. I'm happy about it."

The uniforms are the 11th in franchise history, replacing the pinstripe look that the team had worn for several seasons. They have a classic look featuring the team's traditional blue and gold, with a new accent of gray that is also added to the logo.

Pacer guard Stephen Jackson believes the new uniform signifies a new start.

"I like the uniforms," he said. "It's a new look and a new season. We're coming with a new style this year trying to get rid of all of the bad news. We have Ron (Artest) back and some great, new additions to the team. We're ready to show the world what we can do."

At Conseco Fieldhouse, the team will wear white uniforms with the word PACERS with a gold outline. On the road, they will wear blue uniforms with the word INDIANA also outlined in gold.

"It's the perfect transition period obviously without having Reggie (Miller) for the first time in the last two decades," O'Neal said. "It kind of sets a tone for a new era."

The jerseys may also help increase O'Neal's growing popularity.

"I was in the top 10 of jersey sales last year so (the new uniforms) should drive my jersey sales way up this year," he said with a smile.



Fore

During the Indiana Pacers Foundation golf outing, rookie Danny Granger takes a swing as coach Rick Carlisle looks on. (Photo/W. Thomas)

Brewster stops Krasniqi in ninth round

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) — American Lamont Brewster stopped German challenger Luan Krasniqi in the ninth round of a bruising defense of the lightly regarded WBO heavyweight title last week.

Brewster was struggling until he landed a hard left in the eighth round that sent Krasniqi to the canvas stiff-legged.

Brewster, who is from Indianapolis, then landed a right that sent Krasniqi sprawling into the ropes with 12 seconds left in the ninth round.

Brewster (33-2, 29 knockouts) was staggered by lefts

from the taller Krasniqi (28-2-1, 14 knockouts) from the opening minutes. He was behind on the cards in the third defense of his belt until two successive lefts turned the bout around.

"It was just my willpower, my determination. I had to wait a long time," Brewster said.

Brewster also turned around the fight against Vladimir Klitschko, knocking out the Ukrainian in the fifth round to gain the WBO title in April last year.

In May, he stopped Andrew Golota in under a minute.

What's ahead for Roy Jones Jr.?

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Roy Jones Jr. walked to his corner, relieved to be standing. But where does his boxing future stand?

The former champion in four weight classes failed in his bid to regain the IBO light heavyweight crown from Antonio Tarver on Saturday night, losing a unanimous 12-round decision that raised more questions about whether it's time for him to retire.

Jones said he's not sure.

"I'm a true champion," he said. "Being the champion I am, I may come back."

In a post fight interview with ESPN's Brian Kenny, Jones (49-4) said that he would like to fight again. He would welcome a fourth bout with Tarver or another duel with Glen Johnson.

The loss was his second to Tarver in 16 months. He's dropped three straight fights - two by knockouts - after winning 49 of his first 50 pro bouts.

Tarver won his title with a stunning second-round knockout of Jones in May 2004 and nearly dropped him again in the 11th round Saturday night. The champion was unable to finish him off, and that enabled Jones to leave the ring with a sense of accomplishment.

"It was hard to go out like I did after getting knocked out two times," Jones said. "I'm satisfied with my performance."

The fight was Jones' first since he was knocked out by Johnson in September 2004. To prepare for Tarver, he enlisted the help of his father and original trainer, Roy Jones Sr.

The elder Jones did not shed much light on what the future might hold for his son, once generally regarded as the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world.

"He can do whatever he wants to do," Roy Jones Sr. said.

"Whatever he wants to do with his life, I can't live it. I can't be a man for him. And even if I could, I wouldn't. So whatever he decides is fine with me."

But the father did feel Tarver faced a boxer better prepared than Jones was for his previous three fights, including a split-decision win over Tarver in November 2003. He felt his son showed he is still capable of performing well.

"He doesn't need to learn anything new. A lot of stuff he had forgotten because it had been such a long period of time since anybody pushed him," the father said.

"But you saw him. He didn't look like a fighter who had been off a year. He didn't look like a fighter who only had 4½

weeks training in preparation for this fight. He didn't look like a fighter who had been knocked out twice."

The former champion danced and played to the crowd of nearly 21,000, at one point sticking out his tongue at Tarver before unleashing a flurry of punches.

Tarver, meanwhile, hopes beating Jones for the second

time will bring respect he feels is long overdue.

The judges scored it 116-112 on two cards and 117-111 on the other. Tarver threw and landed nearly twice as many punches, and Jones never really hurt the champion.

Jones did.

"Tarver could give me a hard time in my best days as a light heavyweight," Jones said.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Make way for the Space Pioneers

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

The Northwest Space Pioneers have gone under the radar all football season.

Why?

They've only lost one game, the season opener against Lebanon in which they competed with only half of their offensive line because of an attendance mix up.

They're talented, quick, disciplined, focused and determined to win.

Is it because they don't have a burly nickname like the Warriors, Panthers or Wildcats?

"(Nobody) respects the conference," said coach Ken McMitchell. "The explanation I've been given is that our conference scheduling is weak and the team's don't do well therefore if there's a good team in the conference you're held accountable for everyone else being weak."

Since the Lebanon mishap, Northwest (6-1) has devoured its opponents by an average of 48.8 points per game. Their defense has only allowed a total of 24.3 points a game.

Their quarterbacks are accurate, the running backs are effective, the offensive line is one of the most underrated in the state led by 6 foot, 4 inch Robert Battle and the defense takes pride in stopping the other team.

Is it the competition?

"You shouldn't be held accountable for everyone else's misfortunes," McMitchell said. "People should base our talent off of what we're doing on the field. I don't think people pay close attention to the work that we do in the public schools. We don't seem to get that nod and all we're looking for is a small one."

Compared to the Warren Central Warriors (7-0) who are the two-time defending state champs, the North Central Panthers (6-1) and the Lawrence North Wildcats (6-1), the Space Pioneers are small fish in a big pond and they're not part of a township school system that has won state championship after state championship.

They're part of the Indianapolis Public Schools system that hasn't hoisted a trophy since Washington won back-to-back titles in 1974 and 1975.

Still, McMitchell believes anything is possible.

"I'm not going to short our team," he said. "I'd put us up against anybody."

Northwest will host Bishop Chatard (6-1) Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.

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Lawrence Central at Arlington	Blackford at Rushville
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North Carolina Aggies win Circle City Classic



North Carolina A&T celebrate its 16-3 victory over Tennessee State during the 2005 Coca-Cola Circle City Classic last Saturday.

Tennessee State quarterback Richard Hartman tucks the ball as **North Carolina linebacker Chamar Milton** tries to prevent him from picking up extra yardage. Under pressure throughout the game, Hartman completed only five of 13 passes for 49 yards and threw two interceptions.



PACERS

► Continued from D6

Jamaal Tinsley ran the Pacers offense until an injured foot forced him to miss the bulk of the season. (Photo/W. Thomas)



position and guys really came to camp in shape competing for time and that's what we have right now."

With Artest back in the line up, Jackson can switch to his true position at shooting guard. The two can possibly swap positions at times since both are equally talented at the small forward and shooting guard spot.

"I'm definitely comfortable at the (shooting guard) spot," Jackson said. "We're both interchangeable and can play both positions. Ron is the stronger guy and I'm the quicker guy. We compliment each other."

Pacer rookie Danny Granger whom Artest gives high praise can also play multiple positions at the small forward and shooting guard position.

Indiana's point guard situation is slightly unique having four – Tinsley, Sarunas Jasikevicius, Eddie Gill and Anthony Johnson – under contract. Tinsley though will likely be the starter with Jasikevicius backing him.

"We're going to make running an emphasis this year because we believe we can be a better fast break team particularly with our depth and abilities at the point guard position," Carlisle said. "All of our point guards can play up-tempo and they all have a high enough basketball IQ to make the right plays."

With everyone seemingly healthy (except Jeff Foster; hip) and in shape – David Harrison lost 25 pounds – the Pacers just may be worth the hype.

"We have all the talent in the world. It's unbelievable," said O'Neal. "If we go out and compete every single night and I mean really compete we have a chance to win every single game."

Championship thoughts

O'Neal is the leader of the Pacers. There is no doubt.

Two days after Indiana lost to Detroit in the conference semi-finals he and Larry Bird, president of basketball operations, had a conversation that concluded with just that: he is the leader.

"It's Jermaine's team," Bird said during media day. "Jermaine always looked up to Reggie; now it's his turn to lead."

And O'Neal plans to lead the Pacers to a championship, something he promised to Miller but never delivered.

"We don't need a babysitter on this team. We're not dealing with a first year team, we're dealing with a team that's been together and that has been through a lot of different things," he said. "The point of emphasis this year is that you can't stay with the team, be with the team and on the same page as the team then you will be left behind."

Artest understands.

"It's a realistic goal; God-willing that we stay injury free," he said. "We just have to do the right thing; but actions speak louder than words."

So does Tinsley.

"The sky is the limit," he said. "If everyone can stay healthy and stay on the same page our goal is to win the championship."

And so does the coach.

"We're in a position now where one of our major goals has got to be to reach a high level of team unity," said Carlisle. "I don't think you can get to the highest levels in this league without having a group of players that are not only talented but completely committed to each other and committed to winning."