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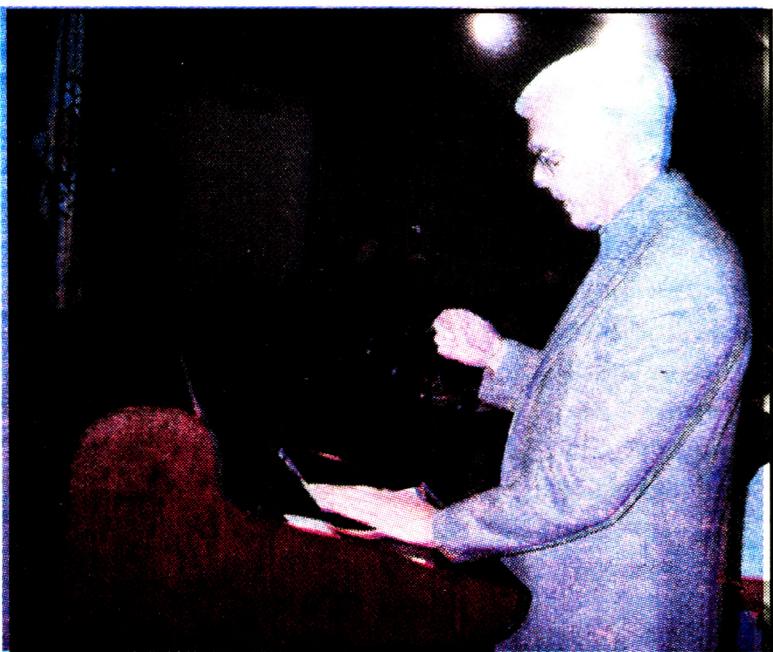
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## MLK Name Change Proposal Goes to City Council Committee

By Charles Gulubane



**Rev. George Saunders**

The Muncie City Council has introduced ordinance 10-03, the first step in the legislative drive towards renaming Broadway as Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The ordinance was proposed by City

Councilman Monte M. Murphy of the 6th district. It was referred to the Land and Transport Committee, chaired by Murphy. This committee will make recommendations to the full council at a later date, after it holds hearings. After that the proposed ordinance may be passed into law. The proposed ordinance calls for a change of the name of Broadway to Martin Luther King Boulevard in the City of Muncie.

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## Millennium Place Development Gets \$12.3M Federal Boost

-By Charles Gulubane

The Muncie Housing Authority (MHA)'s Millennium Place development was recently the scene of a groundbreaking ceremony attended by HUD Secretary Mel Martinez, community leaders and other dignitaries. Martinez came because of a recent \$12.3 million federal HOPE IV grant obtained by the authority.

According to Charles Weatherly, executive director at MHA, Muncie was one of only 26 housing authorities nationwide to receive the grant and the



**MHA Chief Charles Weatherly**

only one in the state. "In 2000 we hired MPCR, a consulting firm, to help write grant applications *continue on page 11.*



**Framing at the Maxwell Home**

## Habitat Resumes Home Building For Two Happy Families

By Charles Gulubane

On Sat. 5, 2003, volunteers from Habitat for Humanity began construction on two three-bedroomed houses in the Whitely neighborhood. The two houses belong to

Lenella Maxwell of Motivate Our Minds and Denise Hill of First Merchants Bank. "People started arriving at around 7:00 a.m. and at 8:00 a.m. we started

making preparations, but we didn't get a good start until about 10:00 a.m.," said Maxwell. "We got a lot accomplished.

We now have all *continue on page 4.*

**Coming Soon: Muncie's 50 Most Influential African-Americans**

# EDITORIAL

## Time to change Broadway to MLK Boulevard

The Muncie City Council has moved a step closer to having Broadway renamed as Martin Luther King Boulevard. That is a welcome, even overdue, step. We hope the City Council committee, chaired by Councilman Monte Murphy, named to hold hearings on the name change will meet soon, thus paving the way for the proposed ordinance to be placed before the City Council for its discussion and deliberation.

We are confident that the committee will report favorably on the need for an ordinance authorizing the name change. There have been those who have supported the move. They have been opposed by some who think that Dr. King should not be

honored by the name change. Opponents have brought forward various reasons why Broadway should retain its current name.

Some have argued that a name change would be expensive for businesses located along Broadway, which would have to pay for the name change and also get new stationery and letterheads. Some of these people appear motivated by economic concerns. We respect their views, but must point out that the name change would not go into effect until next January. This gives them time to use up their current letterheads, stationery and business cards.

This is a welcome step by those spearheading the name change. By the

beginning of next year, we feel they should have exhausted their current supplies and would be ready to become residents of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. This accommodation ought to silence the opposition, if economic costs were their sole consideration.

Others have offered a potpourri of reason. They seem to fall into a number of broad categories. There are those who claim that Martin Luther King Boulevard should be in a predominantly African American community, such as the Whiteley Neighborhood. Such people seem motivated by racism and are a throwback to this city's shameful period as a haven for members of white

supremacists, such as the Ku Klux Klan.

As Munsonians, we should repudiate these covert and overt racists because Muncie cannot afford to return to its discredited past. Dr. King dreamed of and promoted an idealistic dream of a colorblind United States of America. Dr. King was, although he was black, championed the idea of an America where people would be "judge by the content of their character, not the color of their skin."

That means this is a man who should be honored by all Americans, not just blacks. The America he dreamed about would be one that included "all of God's children," not. By honoring him, we also honor ourselves and the things that united us as human beings, not those things that seek to divide and polarize us.

Other reasons offered by opponents are eclectic, including the idea of naming a popular city street after an authentic African American hero, claims that Dr. King was a lawbreaker because he used his moral authority and suasion to campaign against unjust and unequal laws, or that some street(s) should be named after the city's slain police officers, to those who think this issue is not important enough to command our attention, all the way to those who can hardly hide scorn and contempt against honoring one of the greatest men of the 20th century.

We, on the other hand, remain firm and unshakable in our belief

the honoring of Dr. King is long overdue. Renaming Broadway would daily remind us of the King legacy and the things that he tried to do to bring Americans together. The United States has recognized his numerous contributions. So has the international community, which honored him in many ways, including awarding him the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize.

We have no objection if other groups in the city want other streets named after their heroes. That is their privilege. They should take it up with the City Council. But we do strenuously oppose attends to hijack the renaming of Broadway. We also equally oppose any efforts to divert attention away from the need to change Broadway to Martin Luther King Boulevard by raising extraneous issues.

We are confident that the City Council and its subcommittee will do the right thing by supporting the ordinance to rename Broadway as Martin Luther King Boulevard. When that happens, it will be a step forward in trying to transform Muncie from its reputation as an isolated, even parochial city and turning it into a community that is working hard to shed its racist history and become a progressive and modern community willing to unite its people to honor the many wonderful things that Dr. King stood for and did for this country.

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It reads,

“Whereas, in order to more demontsrably honor the memory, legacy, achievements and principles of Dr. Martin Luther King, and;

Whereas, in order to recognize the ethnic diversity of the citizens of Muncie and to centralize Martin Luther King Boulevard:

Now therefore, be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Muncie, Ind., as follows:

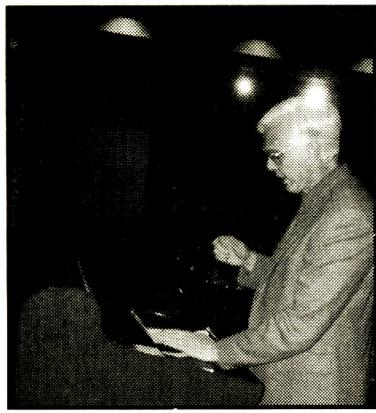
1. The existing Broadway Avenue, in the City of Muncie, in its entirety, is and shall be renamed Martin Luther King Boulevard.

2. That the city traffic engineer is hereby directed to erect such signs as necessary to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on Jan. 1, 2004, after its passage by the Common Council, signature by the mayor and any such publication by the city clerk as required by law.”

Eight people addressed the council during the Monday evening meeting. First to speak was the Rev. George Saunders of the Citywide Church Network, a partnership of 52 churches representing over 10,000 members. He

said that the renaming made economic, social and spiritual sense.



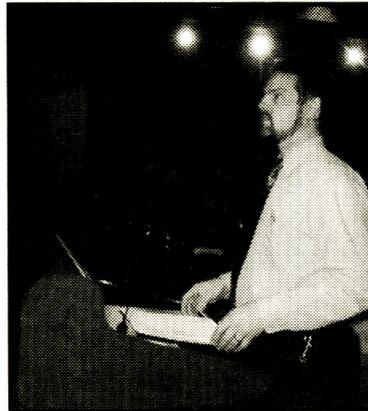
**Rev. George Saunders**

“When Texaco lost its racial discrimination lawsuit, its stock lost \$500 million in value. Even the stock market knows that a company that does not know how to handle ethnic diversity in a global economy is a dinosaur, ready for extinction. The same is true of our community,” he said. On the spiritual front, Saunders argued that the move would help mend race relations. “There is a racial divide in this community. There is a bitter root of racial hatred. Hatred is a spiritual disease that eats away at the soul of our community. In the 1920s this city was ruled by the KKK.”

“Today, let it be ruled by love. For our community to experience spiritual healing, we must put an axe to that root of racism. Honoring Dr. King, by renaming Broadway, will be a mighty blow of that axe,” Saunders said.

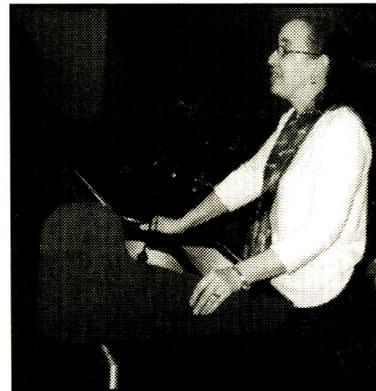
He proposed that the council set up a fund to assist those businesses

affected by the change. Saunders offered a \$100 cheque as the first contribution.



**Rev. Thomas Perchlik**

The Rev. Thomas Perchlik of the Unitarian Universalist Church, spoke on behalf of 16 area churches. He said, “It is absolutely important to respect a minority that has long been disrespected,”



**Pastor Karen Lang**

Pastor Karen Lang told the council that she moved to Muncie in 1968 but did not know, until recently, that there was a Martin Luther King Boulevard. “By renaming



**Judy Mays**

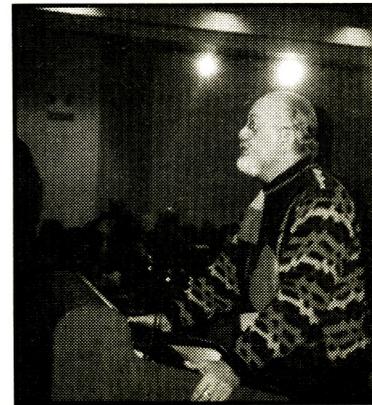
Broadway to Martin Luther King Boulevard,

we will have gone beyond tokenism to embracing all Munsonians,” she said.

Judy Mays told the council that her address at 1408 Broadway had changed over the years. She said she would embrace another change, this time to Martin Luther King Boulevard.

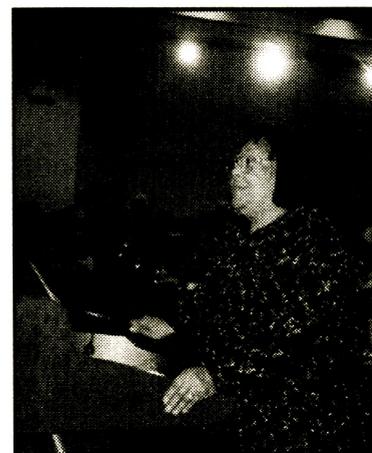
“Change is inevitable,” she said.

Bishop Michael



**Bishop Michael Millben**

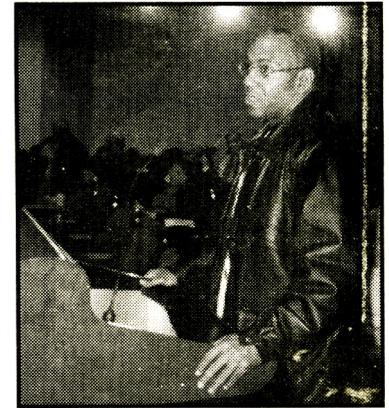
Millben, president of the Collective Coalition of Concerned Clergy, told the council that the ordinance had widespread support from churches and businesses. He invited Muncie Times owner/publisher Bea Moten-Foster to address the meeting as a business



**Bea Moten-Foster**

operator. Moten-Foster said, even as “the poorest business owner on Broadway”, she supports

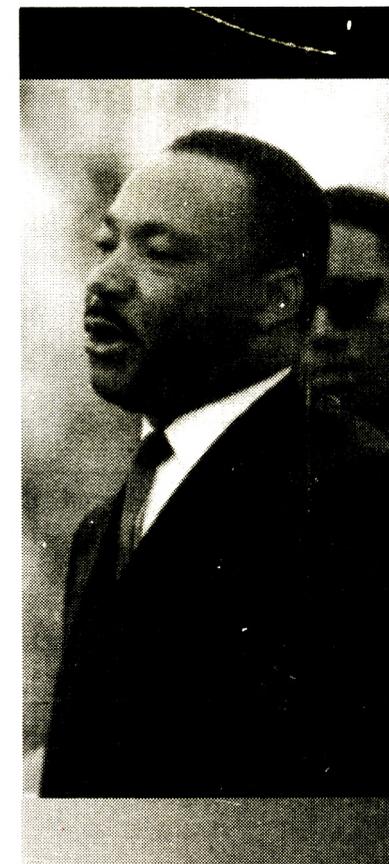
the change. “I grew up in the south and I’ve gone through some of the disappointments of America. Were it not for the teachings of Dr. King, I would have hated every



**Randall Sims**

white person,” she said.

Randall Sims, president of the Whately Neighborhood Association, who first came up with the idea for the name change, assured the meeting that the proposal was never intended to disrespect or inconvenience the business community.



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the exterior and interior walls up. I'm told construction will last 16 weeks, which puts the completion date somewhere in July," she said.

"I think that Habitat is a wonderful program although it's not for everyone because you have to be able to pay back. It helps people who otherwise would not get any loans from the banks because of low income. I am currently paying \$500 a month for a rented house. With Habitat, I'll be paying \$360, and that includes the principal, insurance, as well taxes. Being an avid gardener, I can now look forward to doing the landscaping and layout for my garden area," said Maxwell.

Maxwell is a mother of five children, four of them living and is going to share the house with her youngest child, Jessica. Her husband died 21/2 years ago.

Much of the same

thing was going on simultaneously, at the Hill home next door, the same morning. "We started the construction at 8:00 a.m. with the framing," said Hill. "I feel tremendously blessed. God has really worked through Habitat to bless me. Just knowing that He is on my side is all that matters," she said.

Hill expects her home to be ready in July too. She is a divorced mother of two young children. Her ex-husband, she said, had told her she

me that I can make it on my own with Christ's help," she said.

"We get phone calls everyday from families in desperate situations who want us to build houses for them, but because of lack of funding, we cannot help them all," said Laura Slavin, program director at the Muncie Chapter of Habitat. According to Slavin funding for Habitat comes from the community, churches, businesses, individuals

between \$44,000 to 46,000 to build and are usually appraised at \$60,000 to \$65,000, depending on the location. The families repay a no-interest, no-profit mortgage over 20 years. The construction is done by volunteers, including the beneficiaries, who are expected to put in 250 hours of on-site work as "sweat equity", she said.

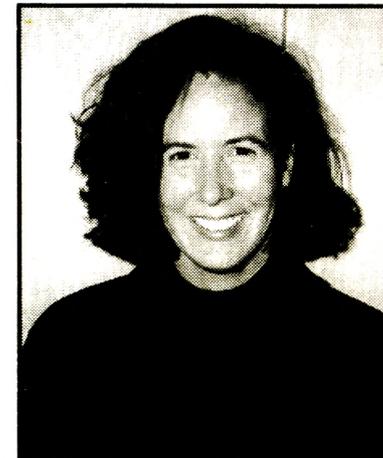
Slavin said that the criteria for selecting families were the same as used by Habitat International. A family has to satisfy three main conditions. First, there must be a demonstrable need for housing. Secondly, there must be an ability to repay the no-interest loan on the cost of materials. Lastly, the family must be willing to put in the "sweat equity" of at least 250 hours at their own site or on those of other Habitat projects.

Families are also provided with 25 hours of education in financial management, maintenance and good neighborliness. This is

designed to help them manage their finances, carry out minor maintenance needs and be active in their community.

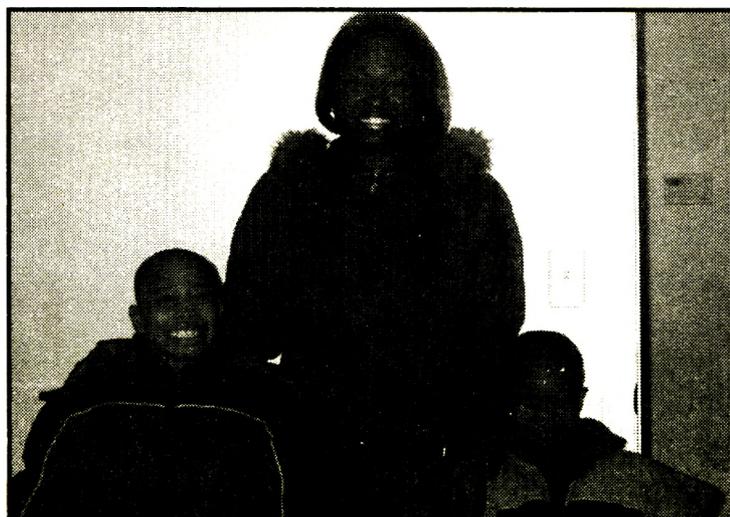
"At Habitat International, every thirty minutes a house is built around the world," said Slavin. "We built five homes in Muncie last year. This year, we are aiming at six."

Individuals who



**Habitat Program Director Laura Slavin**

wish to contribute their time, skills or in whatever other way can call the Muncie Habitat office at (765) 286-5739 or E-mail: munciehabitat@yahoo.com



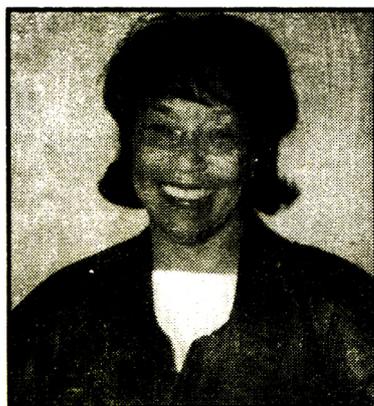
**The Denise Hill Family**

would never have anything. "For a while I began to believe him, but now I know that he was wrong. Habitat showed

and other local organizations and is getting harder to find of late.

"The houses cost

**What other people say about the Broadway name change.....**



**Joyce Marshel**

Joyce Marshel, Broadway Ave. Property Owner and Landlord:

"It would be quite

honorable to have the name changed to Martin Luther King. It will be more visible. My husband and I will not be affected by the name change. Personally, I'd be very honored."

Nick Marshel, Resident, 1306 Broadway Ave:

"I'm all for it. It might just be hard for people from

out of town to adjust to it. I've been living here for three years. The change won't affect me at all. I



**Nick Marshel**

just have to tell people about it, that's all."

"I'm totally in favor of renaming Broadway after Dr. King. It's a more visible street than the one he is at now. Our youth, who come here everyday, will be more exposed to his legacy. The renaming ceremony will also give them something more



**Robert Scaife**

tangible to look forward to, along with the other King day activities next year."

# NEWS BRIEFS

Compiled by Andre' Scott

## Supreme Court ignores University of Michigan's racism

The Supreme Court heard oral arguments Tuesday on whether two University of Michigan affirmative action programs should be left intact. But the Justices declined to listen to the strongest argument for continuation of the programs: The University of Michigan has a long history of racial discrimination that continues to this day.

To its credit, Michigan has vigorously defended its admissions programs for undergraduate and law school students, a decision that has cost more than \$10 million. The university has not always been progressive and that's the point that Ted Shaw, the lawyer representing Black and Brown students at the University of Michigan, had hoped to argue.

Because Shaw is a former law school faculty member who helped reshape the school's affirmative action program, the court excluded him from arguing the case.

Consequently, proponents of affirmative action were allowed to make only half of their argument before the Supreme Court. The University of Michigan made its case by stating that a diverse student body benefits all students

and is reason enough to institute affirmative action programs.

Fearing that it might expose itself to additional litigation, Michigan did not argue that affirmative action is needed because of its racist history. Meanwhile, the Bush administration joined the efforts of the Center for Individual Rights (CIR), the Right-wing group that brought both suits against Michigan on behalf of rejected White applicants, to overturn the programs.

Had Shaw, the lead affirmative action attorney for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, been allowed to participate in the arguments, he would have made the points that LDF and three other groups made in their friend-of-the-court petition supporting Michigan.

## The CBC raises questions on the war

The chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), Eliah Cummings, in a series of speeches now has raised questions on behalf of his colleagues about the war on Iraq, principally calling the necessity of the war into question and asking the White House for answers. Because the logic that leads to this war is so murky, Cummings has asserted that the only way his constituents can get the real answers is for

the White House to be candid. But they haven't come clean about the motives for this war.

Nevertheless, Cummings has written a letter to George Bush asking for a meeting to discuss the war with the CBC. Bush had one pro-forma meeting with the caucus in 2001 just after he became president, posturing that he would be president of all the people. However, now he is nowhere to be found. In fact, he replied to Cummings through a functionary that he would not discuss the War on Iraq at this time.

How arrogant that Bush continues to pursue this private war without a dialogue with the representatives that will carry the burden of the war most and will suffer the most from its economic outcome.

The fact is that George Bush can't answer these questions because it would reveal the nakedness of his legitimacy for pursuing this war.

For example, he has claimed that he needs no additional authority from the United Nations to attack Iraq, that authorization still exists from the 1991 Gulf War resolutions 678 and 687. Those resolutions, however, were passed by the United Nations to give legitimacy to Bush's father and a coalition of 20 nations to pursue the war against Iraq to

accomplish a limited operation-push Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait.

## Harlem Guard Unit is Prepared for Iraq

FORT DIX, N.J.

Military personnel here wear two types of uniforms: One is the regular dress, what veterans used to call a camouflage outfit, and the other a sand-colored uniform. When the soldiers are issued the latter, which is intended to blend with the sand of Iraq, it means their deployment is imminent. Members of the 719th Transportation Company, a National Guard unit based in Harlem at the armory, are still dressed in regular garb, waiting for orders to be sent to Iraq.

"We were activated back in January," said Lt. Patrick Williams, a platoon leader and a graduate of Wilberforce University with a major in computer science. "There is no way to determine when we will be deployed. But whenever that day comes, we're ready."

In a way, ever since World War I, the unit has been ready. As part of the legendary 369th Infantry—the "Hellfighters," which evolved from the 15th New York National Guard Regiment—members of the 719th can rightly claim some of the unit's courageous heritage.

During World War

I, the Hellfighters withstood 191 days of withering fire from German forces and never conceded an inch of territory. For their bravery, they received a number of Croix de Guerre, the French's government's equivalent to the Distinguished Service Cross.

"I know the history of this unit very well," said medical specialist Sgt. Thomas Williams, a Harlem resident, who like most of those gathered for a recent interview, is a qualified driver of light and heavy vehicles. "I used to teach that history to the cadet corps, reminding them of the outstanding tradition of the unit and what they had to live up to. Because of racism at their camp, they had to be shipped overseas before they finished basic training. They had to complete training in their backyards."

Williams, a 16-year veteran, said such is not the case now. "We've been highly trained and we're ready to go now that we're up to strength." At 169 troops, the unit is at full strength. "But if and when we're deployed, I don't think we'll be in harm's way," Williams added.

Even so, Specialist 4th Class Rowan Richards, one of 27 women in the company, is wary of the danger. "That's something you

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know you may have to face once you join," she said.

And how does she explain that danger to three children?

"I try to assure them that I'll be OK, but I don't think they really understand. I know my oldest daughter is a little bit confused."

Of those assembled, only Sgt. Robert Martin, 37, has actually been in a war zone.

"I was part of Desert Storm," he said. "I was one of the youngest squad leaders in my company, and with all the responsibility I had, it was necessary for me to keep a good frame of mind all the time."

Martin said his motivation for joining the army was to avoid the array of wrong paths before him growing up in Harlem. "I joined when I was 16 years old," he recalled. "My mother had to sign for me."

One of the things he enjoys most about being in the military is the camaraderie, "the chance to make friends and get to know people and to share your experiences."

Is there anything that troubles him about this second tour of the Middle East? "Well, the first time it was about getting the Iraqis out of Kuwait, which we did. This time it's a lot different since the objective is to take Baghdad. We never went

this far into Iraq the last time. It could be messy." Williams said he was a little afraid about going to war, but that's part of his mission now. "There always a certain amount of fear," he asserted.

Sgt. Derrick Wallace chimed in that "we can't let that bother us too much. When you put this uniform on, you have to expect that as part of your duty. That's where the training comes in."

Acquiring training, getting an education and travel were mentioned most as reasons for joining the military. "Being in the Army has given me an opportunity to meet other people and get some skills," noted Richards, a native of Antigua. She said she had experienced no discrimination and no abuse during her two and half years in the unit. However, she had taken a cut in pay from her regular job since being activated.

When asked about the antiwar demonstrations, Sgt. Maurice Mangra and others agreed that they were not affected too much by the outcry.

"Many of them have never been outside the United States to see how others live," he said. Wallace agreed. "Americans tend to take too much granted," he observed. "Our mission in Iraq is to give the people there some of the same freedoms we have here." Williams, who has nine children, said, "A lot them

don't understand that it could have been their son or daughter in the World Trade Center. Even the demonstrators ought to know that what we're fighting for gives them the opportunity to speak their minds."

The soldiers were similarly in accord on the "fragging" incident, when an African-American Muslim killed and wounded troops in his own battalion several days ago.

"We have Muslims in our company, and that's not a problem," Martin offered. "You have to deal with people on an individual basis, not because of their color or religion."

Is the group ready for Iraq? "Yes," they said almost as one.

The next generation of Hellfighters lack none of the fire and commitment of their glorious predecessors. They are ready for those other uniforms.

## 100 best Websites for African Americans

Atlanta, GA

When is the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater touring? What are the admissions deadlines at Historically Black Colleges and Universities?

Beginning this month, consumers can find the answers to these and other questions by visiting the 100 Best Web Sites for African Americans, an online

resource presented by EarthLink (NASDAQ: ELNK) one of the nation's leading Internet service providers, and MOBE (Marketing Opportunities in Business and Entertainment), a nationally recognized advocate for African American professionals and entrepreneurs.

Spanning topics such as business, culture, literature, travel, humor, genealogy, news and technology, among others, the 100 Best Web Sites for African Americans will be available through a link on the MOBE Web site at [www.mobe.com](http://www.mobe.com), as well as through a customized version of the EarthLink Personal Start Page (<http://start.earthlink.net/features/topsites/aa.jsp>).

Some of the sites featured include [www.alvinailey.org](http://www.alvinailey.org), [www.hbcu-central.com](http://www.hbcu-central.com), [www.realmencook.com](http://www.realmencook.com), [www.aalbc.com](http://www.aalbc.com), [www.blackenterprise.com](http://www.blackenterprise.com), [www.afrovoices.com](http://www.afrovoices.com), [www.blackhealthcare.com](http://www.blackhealthcare.com), as well as search engines such as [www.blackwebportal.com](http://www.blackwebportal.com)

"EarthLink has always focused on providing our subscribers with a high-quality, customizable Internet experience. By developing a list of top African American Web sites, we can provide valuable information to help customers get the most out of the Internet," said Victor Owens, senior brand manager for EarthLink.

The 100 Best Web Sites for African Americans is part of a year-long sponsorship agreement EarthLink has signed to provide support of MOBE conferences and events, including the annual MOBE Business & Technology Solutions Expo in Miami, Fla.

MOBE will announce the EarthLink sponsorship and list of 100 Best Web Sites for African Americans during the opening reception of its annual business and technology conference, which begins April 4. Throughout the year, MOBE will continue to promote the 100 Best Web Sites for African Americans at events and symposiums.

"We're proud to join forces with EarthLink to present this online resource for African Americans, and we look forward to working with EarthLink to develop additional value-added programs and services," said Yvette Moyo, president and CEO of MOBE.

## When Are We Going to Rebuild America?

Before the United States could target Iraq with its first Tomahawk cruise missile, a handful of companies—all with strong Republican ties—were already lined up at the government trough to see how they could divide up to \$100 billion for post-war reconstruction.

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Let me get this straight. We will spend \$100 billion to \$200 billion to bomb Iraq into oblivion. And after we've spent all that money to destroy a country about the size of California, along with our allies, we're going to turn around and spend \$25 billion to \$100 billion to restore the country to its pre-war state.

Who is going to rebuild America?

George Bush should visit some of our inner-city ghettos. He'll see that many look as if they were attacked by bunker-busting bombs and e-bombs long before those high-tech weapons of mass destruction were deployed in Iraq. "Dubya," have I got a deal for you: Just as you've done in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kosovo, declare that our 'hoods have been ravaged by war, and then line up your friends at the Halliburton Co. (formerly headed by the vice president) and the Bechtel Group to rebuild them.

Talk about "shock and awe." Think how much you'll save by not having to decimate our already devastated neighborhoods or bribe reluctant countries to join our lonely crusade. Since you're the first U.S. president to ever favor a tax cut during wartime, you can even throw in some Jack Kemp-styled tax breaks for businesses to relocate to the inner

city war zones. They can even sell "freedom fries." That's so fiscally responsible that the GOP-controlled House and Senate should go along with this idea. If you ask him, Britain's Tony Blair may throw in a few coins.

## **"Who is going to rebuild America? George Bush should visit some of our inner-city ghettos."**

If Bush wants to be a true patriot, he'll focus his attention on the United States. He can skip the corny "wanted: dead or alive" speech this time around. The 'hood is dead and bold action is needed to bring it back to life. While we're at it, let's make sure journalists are "embedded" in this effort. Maybe Bush can keep them in bunkers until they learn to stop describing "race-conscious" remedies that help make up for past discrimination as being "race-based." They may get so good that perhaps they'll even persuade "Dubya" not to mislabel carefully-crafted affirmative action programs as quotas.

According to "Vision for Post-Conflict Iraq," a 13-page document prepared for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the United States plans to rebuild 1,500 miles of "economically important roads and bridges" in Iraq

as well as key ports, hospitals, schools and airports.

Experts say the \$25 billion estimate to rebuild Iraq is conservative. While the White House refuses to supply a firm estimate, it is believed that the actual war will cost between \$100 billion and \$200 billion. It will cost another \$20 billion to occupy Iraq for the first year.

We could do some real nation building with that kind of money. Let that nation be ours. If Bush doesn't know how to spend the money here, let me give him a few suggestions:

- In 2001, 41.2 million Americans were uninsured. Those fortunate enough to be insured saw their premiums rise by 12.7 percent between the spring of 2001 and 2002. Those with and without insurance could use some help;

- There has been a 43 percent increase in the unemployment rate since Bush took office. Steps other than giving tax breaks to the wealthy should be taken to stimulate the economy. In the meantime, unemployment benefits should be extended;

- Under the president's "No Child Left Behind" law, education was underfunded by \$6 billion. All of that money should be restored;

- Reverse the trend of shifting college

financial aid from Pell Grants to loans. African-Americans and Hispanics depend on Pell Grants at nearly double the rate of Whites. Further, Pell Grants, which covered 84 percent of college costs two decades ago, now cover only 42 percent of the cost. This would be an obvious place to shift focus and resources; and

- Increase funding to assist victims of HIV/AIDs, not only Africa, but here at home.

Additionally, children's programs should be better funded and an initiative is needed to expand the supply of affordable housing. This is by no means my complete list, but it's a start.

"Dubya" has already demonstrated his skills in rallying Americans around a cause. He should ask everyone to join him in this one. If people are recalcitrant, he should give them a 48-hour deadline. And if they don't meet it, Bush will know what to do.

## **Brooks are brothers in arms**

Brig. Gen. Vincent K. Brooks is a hometown guy with a face seen around the world. On television, he is the Pentagon's voice in the Iraq war. He also belongs to a history-making Black family from Alexandria, Va., with three generals. Brooks has an older brother, Leo A. Brooks Jr., who also is a brigadier

general and serves as commandant of cadets at West Point, their alma mater. Their father, Leo A. Brooks Sr., is a deacon at Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Va., who achieved the rank of brigadier general before retiring.

Due to the war, none of the three men were available for interviews. Through a spokesman, Leo Brooks Sr., said he would not grant media interviews until after the war.

But that's not the case for his son, Vincent, now the spokesman for the U.S. Central Command headquarters in Doha, Qatar. Since the war began two weeks ago, Brig. Gen. Brooks has been providing briefings to the media and the world on the day's military action.

Whether explaining that an Iraqi missile may have been responsible for the death of civilians or reaffirming that America will be victorious, he has become America's information conduit.

Vincent Brooks has a "commanding" presence, said Lt. Herb Josey, a Central Command spokesman. "He is truthfully telling America what their sons and daughter are fighting for in Iraq," said the Navy officer from Bowie, Md.

Josey said the general is responsible for planning much of the tactical operation on the

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attlefield and “has the knowledge that we want here at the command center during this operation to free the Iraqi people.”

The Alexandria native has built an impressive military career. The 44-year-old officer is a 1980 West Point graduate and was

the academy’s first African-American “first captain.” He is also the first person from his graduating class to become a brigadier general and is fluent in German.

Before serving in Qatar, Brooks did tours in Germany, Korea, Kuwait and Kosovo. He was promoted to brigadier

general last year.

In an interview last year, Brooks said that he and his brother “are role models to a lot of young people, not just African Americans and soldiers. People can see the achievement and how hard work leads to it.” His brother, Brig. Gen. Leo A. Brooks Jr., graduated from West

Point in 1979 and is the academy’s 68th commandant.

According to information provided by the Army, Brig. Gen. Leo A. Brooks Jr. began his military career as a rifle and anti-tank platoon leader with the 101st Airborne Division and later as an aide in the 327th Infantry. He spent

four years assigned to the 1st Battalion, 75th Infantry Ranger Regiment. He later completed a three-year tour in South Korea as an operations officer in the 82nd Airborne Division.

Most recently, he was assigned to the 1st Armored Division, serving as an assistant division commander.

## EEOC SUES CONSOLIDATED FREIGHTWAYS ON RACIAL BIAS CHARGES

CHICAGO--The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) has filed suit in federal court in Chicago challenging a racially hostile work environment at Consolidated Freightways Corp.

Consolidated has been one of the world’s largest less-than-truckload freight carriers with up to 22,000 employees worldwide.

The EEOC’s suit under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, contends that African American employees working at Consolidated’s facilities in Bridgeview, Bedford Park, and Des Plaines, Ill., were harassed and required to work in an environment marked by racist graffiti and hangman’s nooses. The company is currently

in Chapter 11 liquidation proceedings in federal Bankruptcy Court in Riverside, Calif.

John Rowe, director of the EEOC’s Chicago District Office, said that the agency fully recognized that the liquidation proceedings sharply reduced any prospects for monetary relief in the case.

“On the other hand,” Rowe said, “if trucking operations are continued by successors from these facilities, it will be important to have a court order in place which bars repetition of what has gone on before.”

The EEOC lawsuit follows its administrative investigation of charges of discrimination filed by 14 African American Consolidated employees. After the investigation,

Rowe issued a determination finding “reasonable cause” to believe there had been a violation of Title VII. The EEOC’s attempts to resolve the matter through voluntary conciliation before filing suit proved unsuccessful.

EEOC regional attorney in Chicago, John Hendrickson, said, “What was going on at these Consolidated facilities was totally unacceptable. No employer should think it can permit graffiti like we saw here and nooses hanging around the workplace without drawing the attention of the EEOC. If it is at all possible, we want there to be good jobs available at these facilities after Consolidated’s liquidation-but the racially hostile work

environments cannot be brought back.”

The EEOC is seeking, principally, injunctive relief in the case, and compensatory and punitive damages, to the extent they may be available. The litigation was filed in the Eastern Division of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago under the caption EEOC v. Consolidated Freightways Corporation, and designated Civil Action No. 03 C 1714. The case has been assigned to District Judge Andersen.

Lauren Dreilinger, EEOC Chicago trial attorney, said, “The types and frequency of harassment endured by the African Americans at Consolidated illustrate how far some workplaces

need to move in order to achieve compliance with federal law. Our objective is to assure that, for these, it happens right here, right now.”

Racial harassment, a sub-category of race discrimination, is the most frequently cited form of harassment in EEOC charge filings. In Fiscal Year 2002, the EEOC received 6,685 racial harassment charge filings against private sector employers.

EEOC enforces Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex (including sexual harassment or pregnancy) or national origin and protects employees who complain about such offenses from retaliation.

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# The Muncie Times Outstanding Citizens Award Program

The last Saturday of every month, The Muncie Times will have a special program to recognize citizens who have made contributions to the Muncie Community. The next appreciation will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 26 at the Muncie Area Career in the President's room.



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These community leaders have impacted the lives of so many people. They have given time, money, resources and manpower in so many areas. This event is to provide a platform for the community who have given of themselves for years and in many cases the community has not properly let them know that we noticed their good and caring works. We would like for our readers to submit names of anyone they feel should be recognized for the Outstanding Citizen Award. Nominations should be sent to Outstanding Citizen, The Muncie Times, 1304 N. Broadway, Muncie, IN 47303. This event is free of charge. Invitations are available at The Muncie Times Charities. These programs will be broadcast every Monday at 1:00 p.m. on cable Channel 42.

# AFRICAN BRIEFS

## ETHIOPIAN ATHLETE IS DOUBLE WORLD CHAMPION TWO YEARS RUNNING

By Gabriel Packard

Lausanne, Switzerland, March 31 (GIN) - Ethiopian runner Kenenisa Bekene set a new record at the World Cross Country Running Championships in Switzerland this weekend by winning both the long and the short distance titles for the second year in a row.

Bekene, who is just 20 years old, said that as a boy he was inspired by world champion Ethiopian runner Haile Gebreselassie. "When I saw Haile running," Bekene told the BBC, "I thought that perhaps one day I could be like him."

And now, even at this early stage in his career, Bekene is in a strong position to ascend to the heights of success reached by Gebreselassie, arguably the world's greatest ever distance runner. Last month Gebreselassie said that when he retires from athletics he is going to enter Ethiopian politics.

Bekene's two wins helped Ethiopia to finish joint winners of the competition along with Kenya - both countries won six events.

## KENYA: PUBLIC OUTRAGED BY MPS' MASSIVE PAY HIKE

By Gabriel Packard

Nairobi, March 31 (GIN) - Kenya's people and its media have condemned a parliamentary vote in which members of parliament elected to award themselves about \$43,000 each to import duty-free personal vehicles.

The vote Wednesday came about one month after the government agreed to a massive pay rise for Kenya's 223 MPs.

This so-called "mobile indulgence" was presented to the House by Minister of Finance David Mwiraria, who was "blackmailed" into doing so by the MPs, according to a report in Kenya's Daily Nation newspaper.

According to the Daily Nation, the MPs threatened to block Mwiraria's bid to increase the government's budget to pay for free healthcare and primary education - both of these measures were election promises made by Mwai Kibake, who since being elected President in December has worked to reduce corruption in Kenya.

The national media has categorically condemned the car allowance, which comes at a time when Kenya's economy is ailing, its teachers and other public workers are underpaid, and its national debt stands at about \$5.3 billion.

## EGYPT: ARCHEOLOGISTS FIND OLDEST-KNOWN MUMMIES

by Gabriel Packard

Cairo, March 31 (GIN) - Inside a 5,000-year-old wooden coffin archeologists have found the mummified or preserved remains of a person who lived under Egypt's first dynasty - between 3100BC and 2890BC.

"This is...the oldest evidence of mummification in Egypt," said Zahi Hawass, Egypt's Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiques.

The discovery was made in one of more than 20 mud-brick tombs, once owned by officials during the first dynasty, in the desert near what is now Egypt's capital city Cairo.

"We are continuing our excavations to reveal more about the tombs of the officials who ruled Egypt under the kings of dynasty one," said Hawass.

The ancient Egyptian civilization was highly advanced and had technologies in medicine, construction and astrology thousands of years before modern science.

## ZIMBABWE: OPPOSITION WINS TWO BY-ELECTIONS AND CALLS FOR REFORM

Harare, Apr. 1 (IRIN) - As Zimbabwe's opposition party, the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC), celebrated two by-election victories in the capital on Monday, the country's security forces were setting up road blocks ahead of an opposition deadline for the government to meet demands on political reforms.

Delighted over winning the Harare seats of Highfield and Kuwadzana at the weekend, MDC information director Nkanyiso Maqeda told IRIN: "We couldn't be happier. This is a victory over oppression. The people have shown their resilience against all odds. They have had enough of the hunger and intimidation that has become part of their daily lives."

Electoral Supervisory Commission (ESC) spokesman Thomas Bvuma told IRIN that in Highfield, MDC candidate Pearson Mungofa won 8,759 votes against his closest rival ZANU-PF's Joseph Chinotimba's 4,844. In Kuwadzana, the MDC's Nelson Chamisa scooped 12,548 to ZANU-PF's David Mutasa's 5,022 ballots.

The seats were seen as a crucial test for the MDC who had lost a string of recent by-elections to the ruling ZANU-PF. Losing seats in their urban stronghold would also

have allowed ZANU-PF to inch closer to the two-thirds majority required to make constitutional amendments.

The conduct of the elections were also seen as crucial for the future stability of the country. The police and the ESC said their investigations into complaints of violence and intimidation had not turned up any evidence. But Bidi Munyaradzi, national director of the human rights NGO ZimRights, which had been among the poll monitoring groups, disagreed. He said his organisation would release a report on Tuesday.

Among those arrested was MDC vice-president Gibson Sibanda, who was picked-up on Monday in Zimbabwe's second city of Bulawayo. Assistant Commissioner of Police Wayne Bvudzijena told IRIN that although he was not yet in a position to provide details, Sibanda's arrest was related to alleged activities in an MDC-run general strike on 18 and 19 March.

## SA: ANTI-WAR PROTESTERS CALL FOR EXPULSION OF US & UK AMBASSADORS

By Gabriel Packard

Cape Town, Apr. 1 (GIN) - More than 10,000 South Africans protested

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against the war in Iraq by marching to the United States consulate in Cape Town Saturday and by calling for U.S. and British ambassadors to be expelled.

The demonstrators - including representatives from the ruling African National Congress (ANC) party and the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) - chanted slogans criticising President George Bush and set fire to U.S. flags.

This anti-war protest is the latest of many held in South Africa, whose government, as well as its people, is broadly against

the war in Iraq.

"They [the U.S.-led forces] have not uncovered any weapons of mass destruction," said chairman of Parliament's foreign affairs portfolio committee Pallo Jordan.

"What the war was about from the very beginning was to change the government of Iraq and to put their own government in there so they can gain access to Iraq oil."

## AFRICAN TRIBAL ART MASTERPEICES TO FETCH \$1.5M AT NEW YORK AUCTION

*By Gabriel Packard*

New York, Apr. 1 (GIN) - A collection of 130 peices of African tribal art is expected to fetch between \$1.5 million and \$2 million at Christie's auction house in New York this week.

"This is an extraordinary historical collection of African art and the most important one to be auctioned in the United States in more than a decade," said Christie's director of tribal art sales Tim Teuten, speaking to the New York Times. "Everything in it - from the 20th-century Masai shields...to the 16th-century Benin brass

high-relief image of a warrior king holding a staff crowned by a bird - is totally fresh to the market."

One of the highlights of the collection - which belonged to an American collector, the late Russell Aitken - is a 19th-century Fang sculpture of a seated man which may sell for as much as \$350,000.

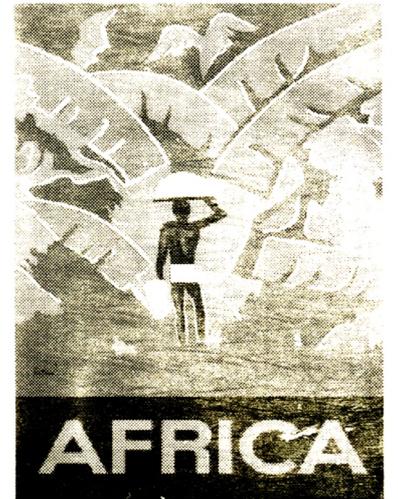
The Fang tribe are located in southern Camaroon and Gabon. Other peices in the collection come from tribes such as Benin, Yoruba (who live in Nigeria and Benin) and Kota (also from Gabon).

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*Chief Charles Weatherly  
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for us. Our first two attempts failed but we were successful this year on the third," said Weatherly.

Over the years there have been noticeable changes in public housing under the watchful eye and direction of Weatherly. "Crime has diminished significantly and we are trying very hard to eliminate problems altogether," he said.

MHA started the Millennium Place project with 10 units of public housing and 20 units of affordable housing. Of these, 18 were on MHA property. Finance for this phase was by tax credit. "We showed them we had the ability and capacity to move forward"

construction. HUD needed to show that the money was going to good use. We were one of the housing authorities that demonstrated readiness to receive preference this year," Weatherly said.

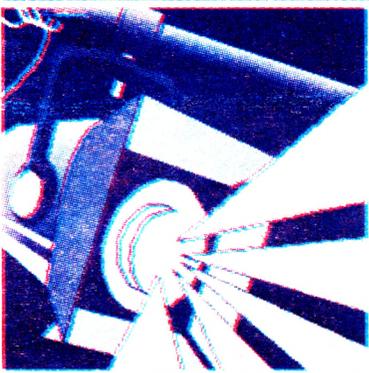
"Martinez commented on how good of an application we had and how good our working relationship with the city was. He said very few housing authorities have such a good working relationship," said Weatherlee.

The NHA chief said the grant was going to be used on demolition of the remainder of the Munsyana Homes. "We are going to build single family units, duplexes and Victorian quads. There will also be a new grocery store, daycare center and community center," he said.

The NHA is currently planning on redeveloping North Whitely community and Parkview on Centennial and Brady St. "We have 64 units targeted for demolition and rebuilding a year or so down the line. We will be relocating about 50 families. The development will be carried out in phases so that the families can be moved from old apartments straight into new ones," Weatherlee said. "For that we are going to seek other types of funding such as bond issue and things of that nature."

"The staff here is excited and ready to go to work. We need to show our appreciation to the mayor for the city's cooperation through the Community Development Department," he said.

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# Youth Spotlight

## Look Who's In The Spotlight This Week... *Celisha Faye Simpson*

by Charles Gulubane

Simpson was born in Lexington, Kentucky Sept., 4, 1984 to Pastor Jerry Simpson and Faye Simpson. Her family moved to Muncie in 1992 when her father was called to pastor at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Her mother works at G.W Barlett.

Simpson went through kindergaten and elementary school in Stanford Elementary School in Lexington and moved to Storer Middle School when she came to Muncie. At Storer she made the A/B honor roll. Her favorite subjects were English and Social Studies. She was also a member of the Safety Patrol Team.

In 1996 she transferred to Northside Middle School where she continued to make the honor roll. After Northside she went to Muncie Central High School where she developed a love for

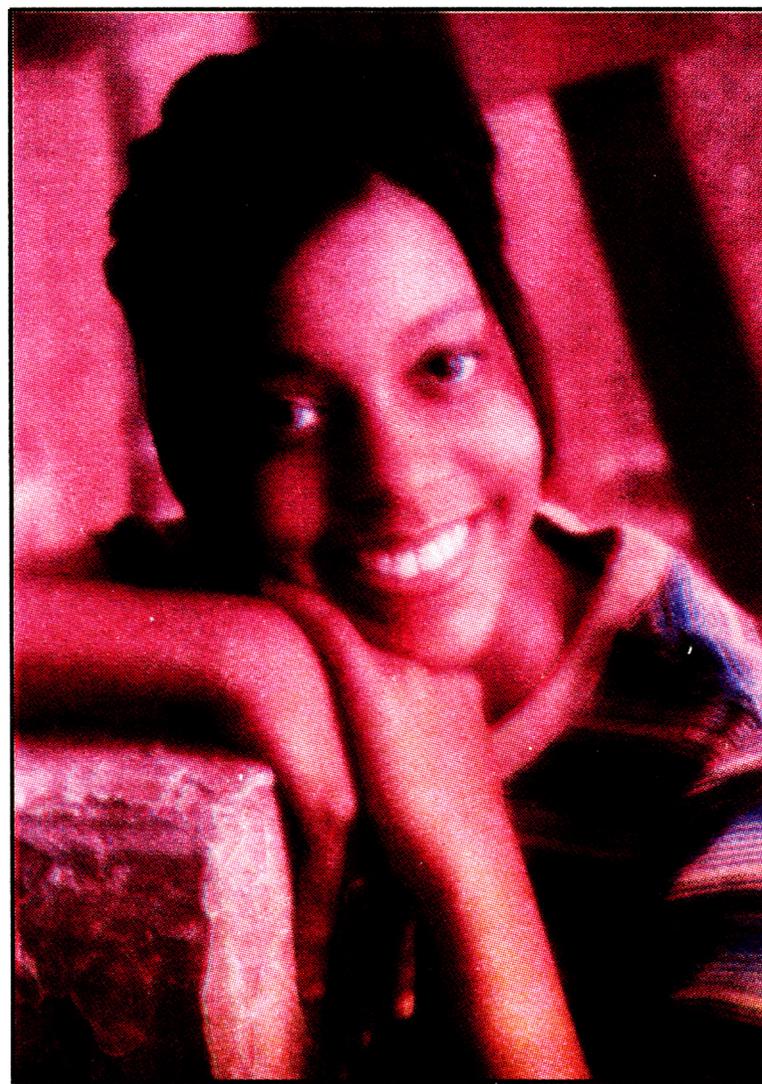
science, particularly Anatomy and Physiology. She also enjoyed studying Bible Literature. At high school Simpson maintained a G.P.A of 4.0. She was honored not once but three times in the Who's Who list for high school students, a privilege reserved for the nation's best and brightest. In 2002 she was the spokesperson of the winning team in the school's Bible Bowl. She graduated in 2002.

In the fall of 2002 Simpson went to Ivy Tech State College where she took up nursing. Her G.P.A of 4.0 at the college earned her a slot on the prestigious dean's list. Her favorite subjects are Medical Terminology and Psychology. Simpson intends to specialize in pediatrics. She hopes to transfer to Ball State University soon. After school, she works at Target Department Store.

Simpson's favorite

book is "We'll Meet Again" by Mary Higgins-Clark. Her favorite song is "Melodies from Heaven" by gospel artist Kurt Franklin. She is a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and the Sister 2 Sister Drill Team. At church, she is president of the youth group, member of the choir, youth ushers and head of the youth praise team. Just recently, Simpson and her friends started a singing group called the Supreme Angels. She was voted first runner up at the Muncie Black Expo beauty pageant for 1999-2002.

"My role model is my mother. She is a strong woman and an even stronger Christian. She has experienced many things, including sickness and surgeries but has not allowed her faith to be shaken. In this day and age faith is usually the first thing to go. She lives by the motto "I can do all



*Celisha Faye Simpson*

things through Christ who strengtheneth me". Looking at my mother gives me the encouragement to believe that if I believe it and keep the faith, then I too can achieve anything I set out to do in school and in my life," Simpson said.

# Shine On Celisha

## BOOK REVIEW

### JUNEBUG, A FASCINATING STORY ABOUT 2 MEN

*Anybody Seen Junebug?*

**Delores Thornton, author  
iuniverse, Inc., publisher**

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*Anybody Seen Junebug?* is the third novel written by Delores Thornton.

The 121-page book is a spin-off of her last novel, Babe.

Born Robert Turner in Natchez Miss., Junebug was raised in what could be described as a Christian, middle class home.

It is when his paternal grandmother, Mary Lizzie, comes to live with the family that he is given the name Junebug.

Acutely aware that neither of his religious parents seemed too fond of grandma, Junebug begins to spend time with her.

He listens to the songs she hums, the Bible passages she recites daily

and greatly admires the beautiful quilts she makes.

Through the quilts Junebug learns his family's history.

Years later (and where the story begins), Junebug sitting in an Indiana jail cell, tells his cellmate, John, about the quilts his grandmother used to make.

John, a convicted arsonist and brother of a prominent psychiatrist, listens intently as the story of Junebug's life unfolds.

Much of what Lizzie passed on to Junebug was represented in the squares of fabric she had sewn.

After she dies, Junebug holds on to her through the family quilt.

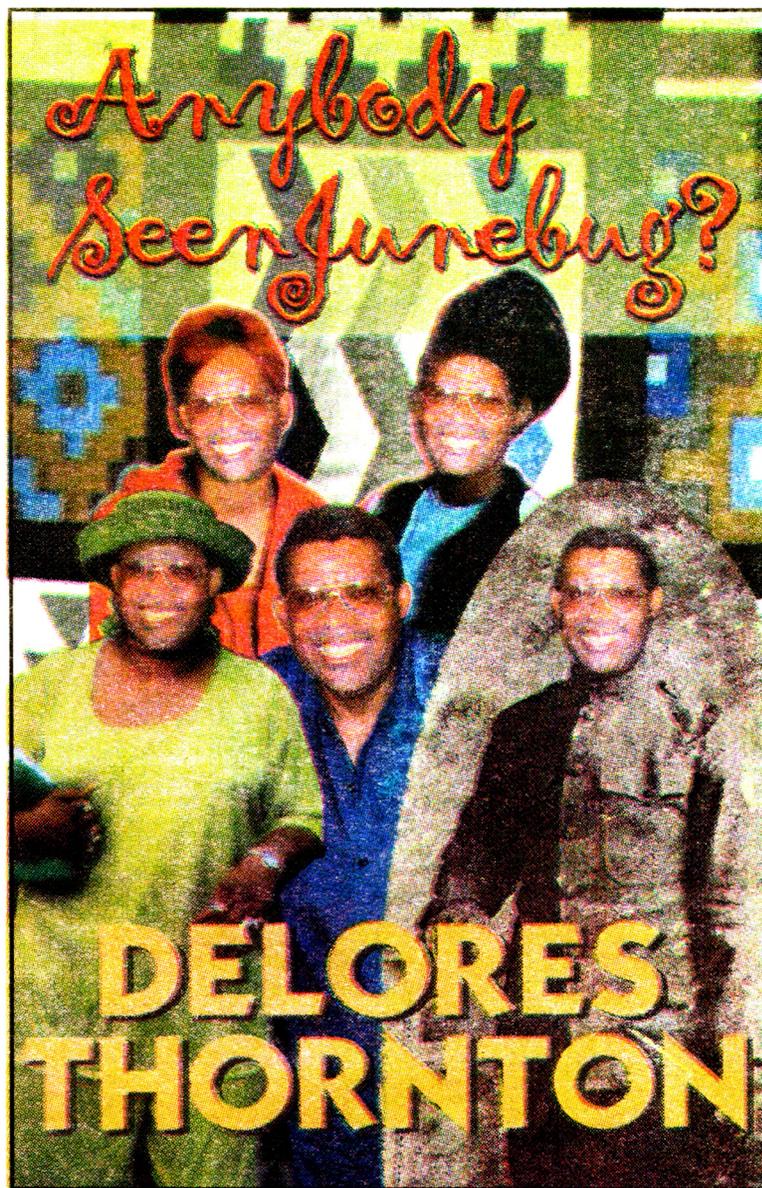
He recalls the

stories she had told him about her handsome but double-minded husband, how her twin sisters had been sold into slavery and the life of her own mother, Idelia.

Junebug is so wrapped up in these memories that he becomes his grandmother and all the other personalities remembered in the quilt.

This book is full of twists, turns, laughs and surprises. It takes the reader through the valleys and mountain top experiences of two men with very complex personalities.

Both men are handsome, intelligent and hardworking. Yet the deep wounds of their past are masked by irrational and desperate acts that keep landing them in jail.



### *Anybody Seen Junebug?*

Soon they form a lasting bond, a friendship which enlarges itself to include their families.

The end result brings more revelation and ultimately healing for the men and their families. It is an amazing story you won't want to put down.

Delores Thornton is a native and life-long resident of Indianapolis. She is the founder and

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Thornton also hosts the radio show "Around 2 It" on [www.deloresthornton.com](http://www.deloresthornton.com)

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-- By Judy Mays

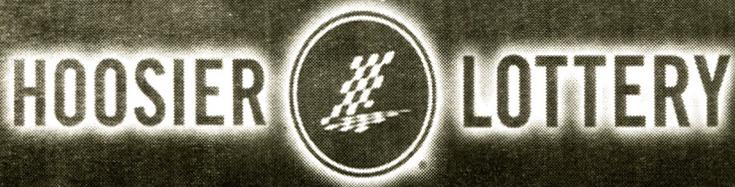
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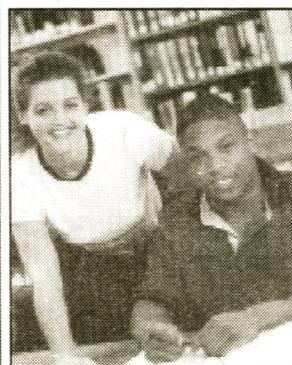
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## MOYNIHAN HELPED CONTRIBUTE TO BLACK FAMILIES RESEARCH

The late Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the unflappable former Senator from New York, was a scholar and an individual with a marvelous bent toward public service: he served in the administration of two Democratic presidents and two Republican presidents.

But many African Americans may not view him favorably at all: They remember his 1965 report that declared the female-headed family structure as a self-perpetuating tangle of pathology which was primarily responsible for most black ills.

Many critics charged the study with blaming the victim because it appeared to minimize the role of such external forces as racism, economic oppression and destructive government policies. Blacks also recall the "benign neglect" memorandum that Moynihan prepared as an adviser to President Nixon in 1969—a memo that was widely construed as urging this nation to shift its attention from racial concerns.

These were the sources of the feeling among some that Moynihan was anti-black and anti-poor.

That view is wrong. For example, Moynihan's intent in that controversial report: "The Negro Family: A case for National Action," which he prepared for President Johnson to incorporate in his 1965 commencement

address at Howard University was to spur policymakers to enact major legislation to strengthen black families.

However, legislators in the Congress and the statehouses ignored their responsibilities in this area. Such efforts did not materialize, and the report itself was roundly condemned by many blacks and liberal whites.

Yet, much of Moynihan's document had strong empirical support:

It made a convincing case for assessing the lasting effects of slavery, historic discrimination, unemployment, and poverty on black family instability. It referred to studies that found strong correlations between single-parent families and low educational achievement and high rates of delinquency and crime. And it predicted that the declining ratio of males to females would have detrimental consequences for black families.

Unquestionably, the most troubling aspect of the report was the casual role attributed to the female-headed family structure.

Here, Moynihan was on less sure ground. Although he cited the African American sociologist E. Franklin Frazier extensively in the document, Frazier himself viewed single-parent black families in urban areas as a consequence, not a cause,

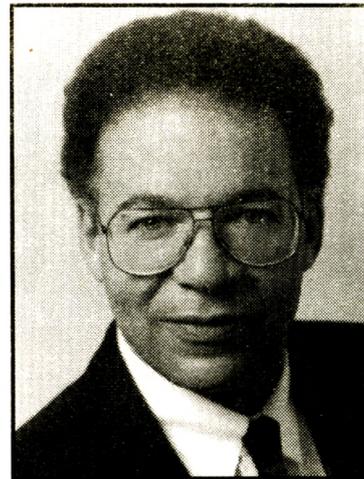
of such developments as recessions, discrimination, unemployment, and poverty.

In his influential 1968 book, scholar Andrew Billingsley asserted that one couldn't fully understand how the black family functioned without examining the impact of social forces and institutions in the larger white society, as well as in the black community.

Moreover, the 1972 National Urban League study, "The Strengths of Black families," which I authored, contended that most black families headed by women were not characterized by a weak work ethic and moral defects, but by strong kinship networks and other assets. My focus on female-headed families, and also on out-of-wedlock births, followed a path forged in preceding years by numerous black scholars.

Indeed, at the 1930 White House Conference on Children noted black sociologist Ira DeA. Reid, then director of research for the National Urban League, presented a 'pre-Moynihan' report that highlighted the alarming rates of single-parent families, out-of-wedlock births, infant mortality, poverty, overcrowding and ill health among blacks.

Reid concluded that the black community would be willing to address these issues itself if it were provided adequate resources.



**Hugh B. Price**  
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Of course, his plea, and those of others along the same lines, were unremarked upon by the larger society for a generation—until the Moynihan report appeared.

Moynihan's commitment to progressive public policies can be seen in such things as the major role he played in ensuring that the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program provided more adequate income to elderly persons who had been domestics or farmers when those job categories weren't covered by the 1935 Social Security Act.

He also spearheaded the expansion of the progressive Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to reduce the disparate tax burden on low-income working families. Both of these measures disproportionately help poor blacks.

Furthermore, Moynihan's efforts were crucial to the passage of the innovative Family Support Act in 1988; and he was an early and vigorous critic of President Clinton's support for the so-called welfare reform act of 1996. Moynihan rightly predicted that this

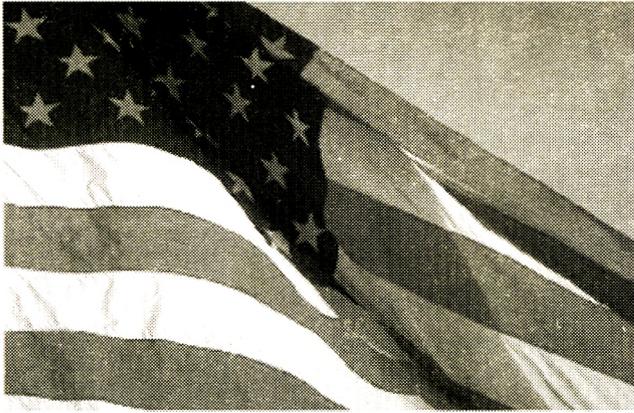
"anti-family" legislation would have harmful consequences for many poor families, a prediction subsequent research has vindicated.

Moynihan should also be credited with another legacy that is rarely mentioned. Although many have complained that the controversy over his report stifled research on black families, in fact, it was the catalyst for hundreds of such studies by black and white scholars which have markedly increased our understanding of family life among black and other economically disadvantaged groups.

Daniel Patrick Moynihan labored unstintingly over the years to improve the social and economic well being of families of all races. His passing marks the loss of a truly visionary scholar and statesman.

"Guest columnist Robert B. Hill, a former National Urban League research director and current senior researcher at Westat Inc. in Rockville, Md., is substituting for National Urban League President Hugh B. Price."

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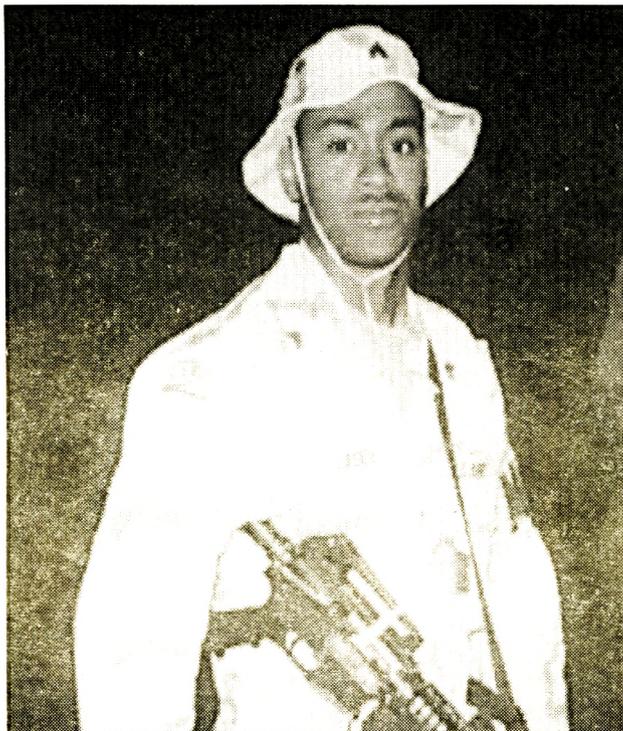
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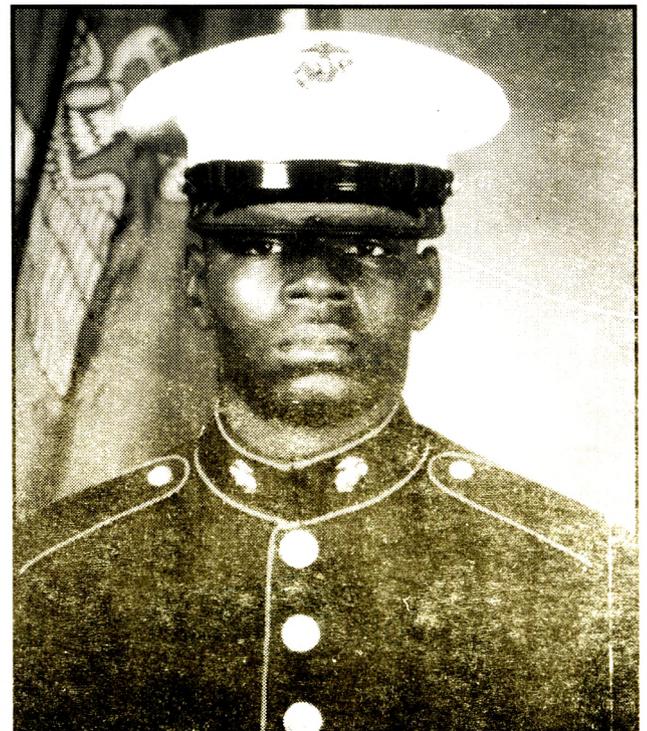
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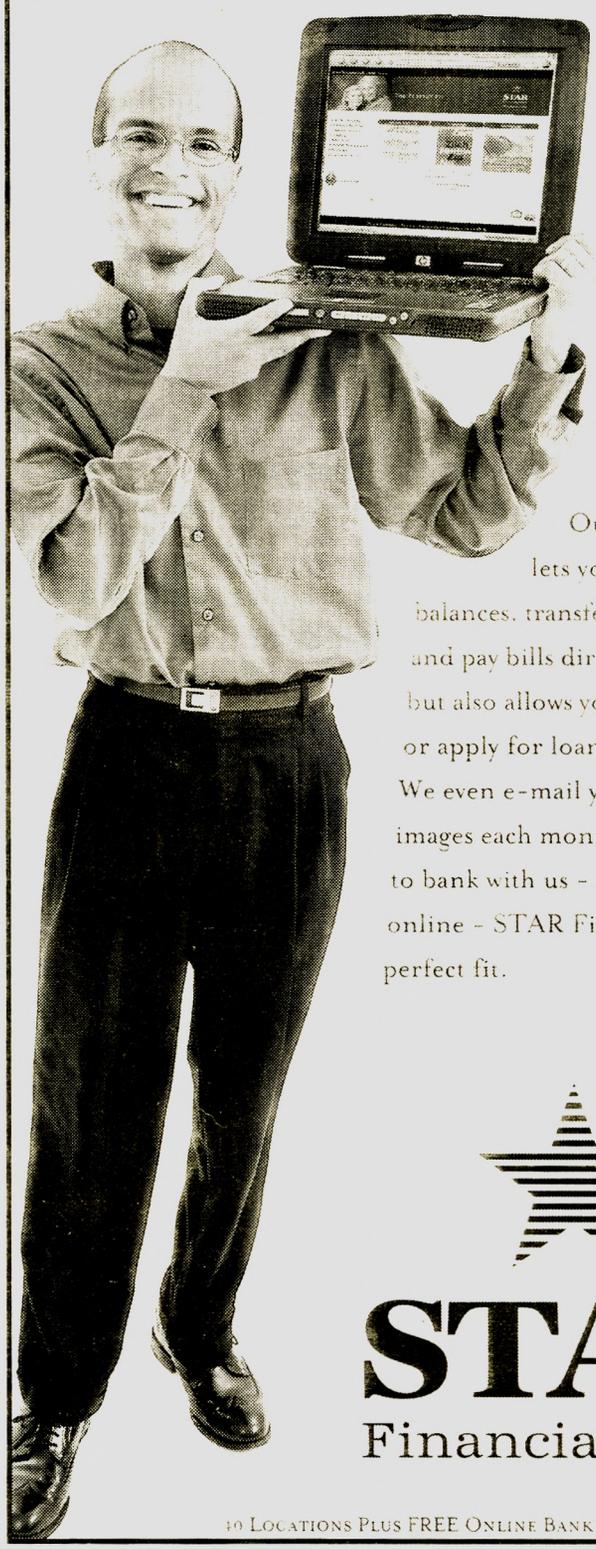
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## MARCH MARKS END OF FIRST QUARTER OF SS EARNINGS

By James Warrner

District Manager in Muncie

The end of March marks the end of the first calendar quarter in 2003. And this might be a good time to remind you that calendar quarters no longer are significant time periods when it comes to earning Social Security coverage.

I will bet that you still use the term "quarters" when referring to the amount of time you've spent paying into Social Security. It is very common to hear someone say something like: "I've got my 40 quarters for Social Security."

For the first four decades that Social Security was in place, coverage was earned on a calendar quarter basis. The general rule was that you earned one "quarter of coverage" if you made at least \$50 in a specific 3 month period: January through March, April through June, July through September or October through December. The number of so-called "quarters" you needed to be eligible for Social Security benefits depended on your age and the type of benefit in question. Most people needed 40 quarters for retirement benefits.

But for the last quarter-century, Social Security coverage has not been tied to calendar quarters. Since 1978, it has been based on the

amount of money earned. For example, in 1978, you were given the maximum of four "credits" once you earned \$1000. (If you made less than \$1,000, you received one credit for each \$250 you earned.)

We started calling them "credits" because they were no longer earned on a quarterly basis. But old habits die hard because, 25 years later, most Americans still refer to them as "quarters."

The amount of earnings necessary to earn credits for Social Security purposes was tied to increases in the average national wage. So the rate has gone up every year since 1978. In 2003, you get the maximum of four credits once you make \$3,560. If you earn less than that, you get one credit for each \$890 in earnings.

And whether you call them credits or quarters, you still need 40 to be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits. Younger people need fewer credits to qualify for disability and survivors benefits. The number of credits required depends on your age. For example, if you were born in 1960 and became disabled this year, you would need 21 credits to be "insured" for disability benefits.

The federal government's top watchdogs have removed the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program for the "high-risk" list.

The General Accounting Office (GAO) recently announced it removed the SSI program from its list of government programs that show the greatest risk for waste, fraud and abuse. In doing so, GAO recognized that the Social Security Administration (SSA), the agency responsible for overseeing the SSI program, has made great efforts to improve the management of the program. SSI makes monthly payments to people who are disabled or elderly and have limited income and assets.

"The American people expect and deserve well-managed programs," said JO Anne Barnhart, commissioner of Social Security. "The removal of the SSI program from the high-risk list is an example of our commitment to good stewardship. I want to thank the deputy commissioner, Jim Lockhart, for his leadership in developing a corrective action plan that ultimately led to GAO's favorable decision."

The GAO report states that "SSA has made sufficient progress in

improving SSI's financial integrity and management to warrant removing its high-risk designation." SSA established a task force to determine ways to improve the management of the SSI program. This task force meets monthly to discuss progress.

Some of the key initiatives include:

- increasing the number of financial reviews, which verify that SSI beneficiaries continue to be eligible, from 1.8 million in 1997 to 2.4 million in 2001;
- increasing the number of reviews used to determine that a person is still disabled;
- increasing access to online data from financial institutions, federal and state government agencies and nursing homes to verify information about applicants;
- improving SSI overpayment collections through tax and Social Security offsets;
- establishing cross-agency Cooperative Disability Investigation teams led by SSA's Inspector General; and
- developing program simplifications initiatives.

SSI provides or supplements the income of disabled, blind or elderly individuals with limited income and assets. In 2002, SSA made \$38 billion in payments to

more than 6.8 million SSI beneficiaries. Approximately 36 percent of SSI beneficiaries also receive Social Security retirement, survivors or disability benefits.

"I agree with GAO's assessment that SSA must remain vigilant on issues of program integrity," said Barnhart.

"I'm pleased that the comptroller general agrees with me and shares my commitment to improving the disability process and to assisting people with disabilities to go to work. My service delivery budget, which I submitted last fall to the Office of Management, addresses these and other stewardship and service goals."

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The M. and W. Club will meet Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Scott on East Willard Street.

Household of Ruth 4618 will meet Friday evening in the hall on East Willard Street.

The Martha Adams Missionary Society will meet Thursday afternoon at the Bethel AME Church. Officers will be elected.

The General Missionary Society of the Calvary Baptist Church will observe Women's Day Sunday, July 11, with a program at 3 p.m. at the church.

Mrs. Anna Mae Head of Marion, president

of the Northeastern Missionary Convention, will be the guest speaker. Members of all missionary societies in the city are invited to attend this service.

The Senior Choir will met at the Bethel AME Church Saturday at 7 p.m. for rehearsal.

Services will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at the New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ on East Jackson Street. Out-of-town guests will attend the services.

The Men's Club will meet at the Union Baptist Church Saturday at 7 p.m. The Rev. J. L. Manuel of Indianapolis will be guest speaker

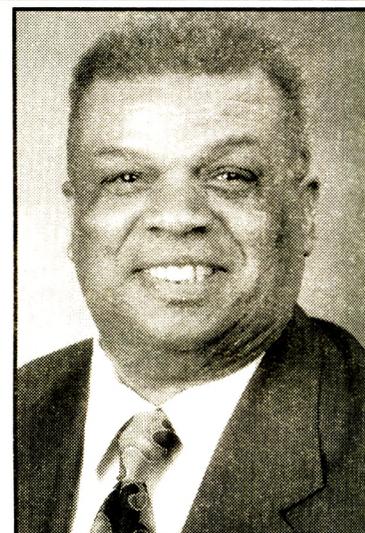
Sunday at 3 p.m. at the church for the usher board.

Mrs. Clem Findley Jr. entertained the members of the OME Club of the Bethel AME Church Tuesday evening at her home on East sixth Street for the last meeting of the current season.

The Friendship Federated Club held its last meeting for this season Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Eugene Ware on East Highland Avenue.

Officers elected were president, Mrs. Lewis Lacey; secretary, Mrs. John Lucas; assistant secretary, Mrs. Ray Alexander, and treasurer,

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Mrs. Clyde Skates.

The next meeting will be held in September at the home of Mrs. Earl Burnam on North Wolfe Street.

The deacons will present the Voice of Hope and Queens of Harmony quartets in a "Battle of

Music" Sunday at 3 p.m. at the New Hope Baptist Church, 723 S. Elm St. A bake sale will be held at the church Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. by the Missionary Society

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# LEE GRAY'S INSPIRATIONAL PAINTS ON DISPLAY IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO - - Johnnie Lee Gray's childhood was a hardscrabble existence.

As a young child he worked alongside his sharecropper family and attended inferior, segregated schools. After serving in Vietnam, Gray returned to South Carolina and worked in textile mills and as a carpenter.

The violent racism of the Jim Crow era overshadowed his every move and action. Art, however, provided an unexpected escape route from the harsh realities of Gray's formative years.

At 37 Gray, born 1941 taught himself to paint, relying on his imagination for guidance. His artistic materials were often improvised. As a young man he took discarded pieces of plywood from construction sites to use for canvases and he made paint by mixing local clay with oils and leftover house paints.

Despite these limitations, Gray's paintings soar with longing and hope. As the artist progressed in technique and sophistication, he created a body of work as notable for its aesthetic composition as its social significance.

"Gray's work demonstrates the eloquence of art in capturing history," says Lonnie Bunch, president of the Chicago Historical Society. "His paintings are an emotional filter

through which we can feel the impact of history on an individual who lived outside the dominant society. Gray's work provides a rare and powerful perspective of a turbulent era."

Gray's work had fallen into obscurity until his widow, Sally Sims Gray, responded to a request from an educational Web site that was seeking eyewitness accounts of the Jim Crow South. New York Life Insurance Co. had sponsored the site in conjunction with The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow, a four-part PBS documentary underwritten by the company that aired last October and February.

After viewing Gray's work, New York Life immediately decided to underwrite an exhibition, Rising Above Jim Crow: The Paintings of Johnnie Lee Gray, which opened at New York's Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture last November. The 35 paintings contained in the show are framed in their historical and social context with a selection of archival photographs.

In conjunction with Black History Month, the Chicago Historical Society brought this lauded exhibition to Chicago from Jan. 18, through May 26, 2003. The showing is part of an ongoing effort to introduce the nation's museum-going public to Gray's exceptional and inspiring works.

Among the themes of the exhibition are the strength of family, the sense of community in rural and urban settings, the power of the African American church and the process of migration as African Americans searched for a better way of life.

Also in connection with Black History Month, CHS presented John and Sarah: A Family's Journey to Freedom. This unique mixed-media installation documents the lives of two slaves owned by families who lived 125 miles apart.

The couple met by chance in the mid-1800s and, overcoming the barriers of distance and slavery, they fell in love, married and created a family that thrives to this day. John and Sarah Clark's great-grandson, artist Curtis Reaves, researched and created this exhibition.

Rising Above Jim Crow and John and Sarah continues the Chicago Historical Society's commitment to documenting, preserving and presenting the diverse history of Chicago and America through a variety of means, including artwork, oral history collections and innovative initiatives, such as the current teen and neighborhood outreach programs. The purview of CHS is not limited to the distant past, but is equally focused on the history that is being created today.

For more information about these events, call CHS at 312-642-4600 or visit [www.chicagohistory.org](http://www.chicagohistory.org).

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Johnnie Lee Gray was born Aug. 18, 1941, outside Spartanburg, S.C., about 100 miles northwest of the state capital of Columbia. After losing his father to a car accident, he went, at age 5 to live with his grandparents, who were sharecroppers.

While still a child, he worked in the fields as water boy during peach and cotton harvests. He also began to draw at an early age, amusing himself during the long hours he spent along while his grandparents were in the fields and his mother, a housekeeper, was at work.

"Johnnie's family was so poor they couldn't afford to buy him anything," said his widow, Shirley Sims Gray. "So when he wanted something, he'd draw it, and that way he could make it his."

As his other pastimes, he listened to the radio and read voraciously, activities that fed his imagination.

Gray attended the county's segregated high school for African Americans, Lincoln High School, where his classmates and teachers recognized his artistic talent and put him in charge of billboards and displays. During this time, he received his only formal training as an

artist, from a correspondence course advertised in a magazine. His only self-portrait dates from this period and shows him in cap and gown-a substitute for the graduation photograph that his family could not afford.

Upon graduating from high school in 1960, Gray joined the U.S. Army. He served for 7 years, including an 18-month tour of duty in Vietnam. After his discharge, he returned to South Carolina, where he found work in the textile mills and as a carpenter. He continued to draw, however, and to identify himself an artist.

This was the claim he made in 1978 when he met Shirley Sims, a Spartanburg native who was trained as a science teacher and cell biologist, but was working for a regional insurance company. Wanting to decorate the doors of her living room, she commissioned Gray's first paintings. Three weeks after he began the assignment, Gray married Shirley Sims.

At first, Gray painted on canvas, using acrylics. Gray ultimately completed about 150 paintings. Although they encompass devotional images, landscapes, abstractions, and pictures about Africa, most of his works are autobiographical, dealing with the subjects he knew best: daily life during the last years of the Jim Crow era, social change in the

South, his experiences in the Vietnam War and those historic events (the Civil War, the triumph of the Tuskegee Airmen) that he felt affected his life.

Gray was diagnosed with lung

cancer in January 2000. After a 4-week hospital stay, he returned home and set about painting feverishly, continuing to paint until he was no longer able to hold a brush. He died April 27, 2000.



# RISING ABOVE JIM CROW

## THE PAINTINGS OF JOHNNIE LEE GRAY

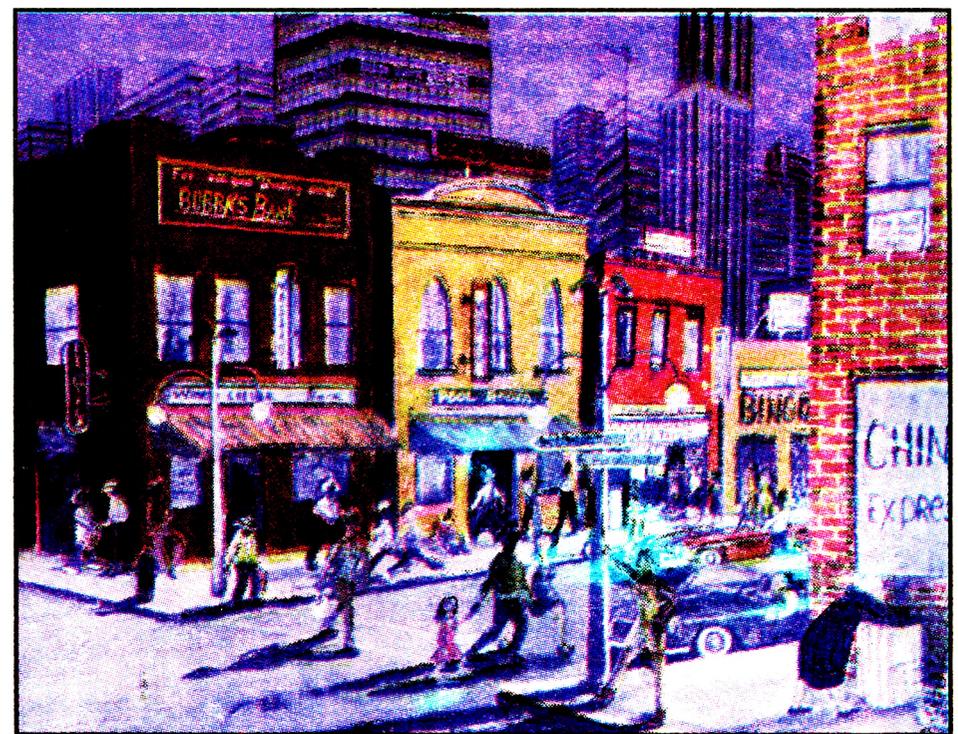
For information, more images or to schedule and interview, please contact: Marty Cusack, Chicago Historical Society, 312-799-2161 or Bree Jeppson, The Kreisberg Group, Ltd, 212-799-5515. *Rising Above Jim Crow* will be on display at the Chicago Historical Society January 18 to May 2, 2003



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## New Restaurant Gives Muncie "A Taste of The World"

By Charles Gulubane

A Taste of The World restaurant opened up in Muncie Feb. 14,th at 2700 S. Hoyt St., in what was formerly Uncle Monte's Soul Food Restaurant. The restaurant offers a variety of dishes but is distinctly Caribbean in character. It is owned by Sy-Ayre Ky-Les, a native of Trinidad and Tobago.

Guests at the restaurant can expect to be treated to daily specials in Caribbean cuisine, personally described to them by Ky-Les. Each one then decides which dish arouses the most culinary curiosity and orders accordingly. "I tell them what Caribbean dishes I have and they choose which one they want to try. The

menu is for those people who want the usual restaurant treats," he said.

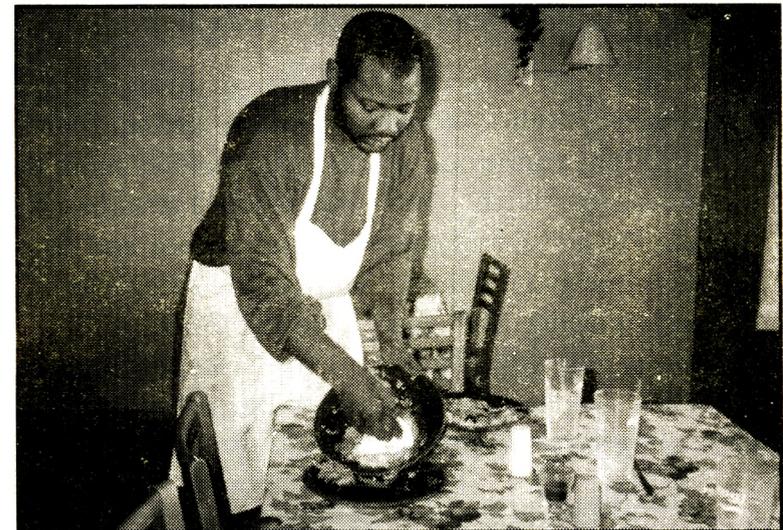
"I want to show Muncie a whole new way of cooking and eating. Don't expect me to rush on the food. I cook everything from scratch. There is nothing here that is pre-cooked," said Ky-Les.

Situated at the edge of town, away from the hustle and bustle, A Taste of the World provides the perfect atmosphere for a romantic getaway, a private party or just a just a short dash to get hold of a truly satisfying meal. There are two dining rooms, one for daily catering and a much larger one at the back for special events. The music comprises a flexible mixture

of styles ranging from reggae, jazz, blues to hip-hop and R&B. On Friday evenings, diners are entertained by the jazz sounds of the band, A Moment's Notice.

Ky-Les was born in Port of Spain, Trinidad on Aug. 15th 1973. He learnt how to cook primarily from watching his parents. "They had different styles. My father was an aggressive cook and my mother was more passive. I particularly enjoyed the laid back cooking style in the villages," he said. Ky-Les also enjoyed going to many different restaurants and getting a taste of the different foods they offered.

He is by profession a nurse, a graduate of West



Sy-Ayre Ky-Les

Indies University in Grenada. Before coming to Muncie, Ky-Les helped establish Club Zambezi, an African and Caribbean restaurant and night club on High School Road in Indianapolis. "Club Zambezi inspired me to someday own my own

restaurant," he said.

The restaurant will be sponsoring the popular play "Hair Tales" along with other entertainment at the Muncie Civic Center on April 19, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Call (765) 288-2225 for ticket information.

## MUNCIE TEACHER WINS \$3,000 AWARD

FT. WORTH, Texas--RadioShack Corp. has presented a 2003 RadioShack National Teacher Award to Mike Wolter, math and science teacher at Muncie Central High School.

Wolter received a \$3,000 cash award. He was among 110 educators receiving RadioShack National Teacher Awards this year for demonstrating a commitment to academic excellence in mathematics, science or technology, according to Mike Braun, media relations coordinator with RadioShack of Ft. Worth, Texas.

In addition, Muncie Central High School will receive a \$500 RadioShack Tech Tool Grant. The school may use the grant to buy

equipment, software or supplies to enhance the learning experience for students in the classroom.

"The RadioShack National Teacher Award affirms that I'm doing things in my classroom that are valuable to my students, my school and my community," Wolter said.

Wolter, an educator for 34 years, teaches algebra, physics, physical science and chemistry. He also teaches a course on science projects and techniques. He earned a bachelor's degree in education (majoring in physics and math) in 1969 from Ball State University and a master's degree in physics in 1973 from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

He is a member of

the National Education Association, Indiana State Teachers Association, Muncie Teachers Association, American Association of Physics Teachers, National Science Teachers Association, Sigma (national physics honor society) and Pi Lambda Theta (international honor society and professional association in education).

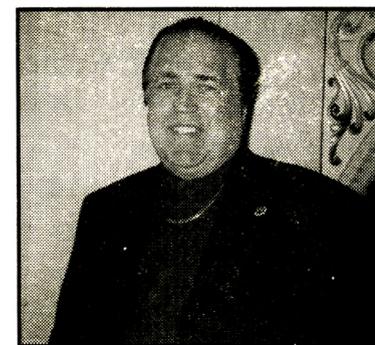
"I was always destined to teach," Wolter said. "It's gratifying when I hear from students who were in my classes years ago that I guided them into their chosen profession."

Wolter is one of four Indiana high school educators who received RadioShack National Teacher Awards. The other honorees are Sarah Collins, a math teacher at

Arsenal Technical High School in Indianapolis; Greg Louk, a science teacher at Jefferson High School in Lafayette; and Jeff Sayers, a math and science teacher at Northview High School in Brazil.

The recipients were recognized at the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) convention last month in Philadelphia, Penn.

"The RadioShack National Teacher Awards program is RadioShack's multiyear, multimillion dollar corporate citizenship effort to improve math, science and technology education," said Laura Moore, senior vice president and chief communications officer RadioShack Corporation. "By investing in teachers, RadioShack is strengthening



Mike Wolter

communities and ensuring that more American youth prosper. We are committed to rewarding and retaining quality teachers, which is essential to the continuing growth and prosperity of our nation."

Since the RadioShack National Teacher Awards program began in 1988, RadioShack has awarded over \$4.5 million in cash and prizes to 1,440 individuals for their commitment, excellence and innovation in the classroom.

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Students can access [www.LearningEXpressLibrary.com](http://www.LearningEXpressLibrary.com) from home

simply by using their library card to access the site. According to Jeff Weiss, students cannot share a library card number for the database because each library card number becomes a student's account number and is an access number for

individual personal test scores and test performance.

Weiss provided promotional packet information to Jo Seidel, director of student curriculum and assessment, for distribution by the high schools' guidance

counselors. Practice tests can also be accessed from the schools' libraries.

For more information, call Central High School guidance counselor Muriel Weeden or Southside High School guidance counselor Dale Basham.

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## BUSH BUDGET CUTS IMPERIL MINORITY AFTERSCHOOL UNIT

WASHINGTON, D.C.-A study released on Feb. 3 by the U.S. Department of Education showed that African American and Hispanic students who participate in afterschool programs realize great benefits from those programs.

Yet, despite these findings, the Bush administration is proposing to slash funding for the federal afterschool program in fiscal year 2004 by \$400 million, or 40 percent.

Conducted by Mathematical Policy Research Inc., the evaluation found that African American and Hispanic students, as well as girls participating in federally-funded 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) afterschool programs, showed significant academic gains. African American students in programs had higher math grades, a reduced incidence of being absent from class and were judged to have shown increased effort in the classroom.

Hispanic students also had higher math grades and reduced absence from class. Girls in the afterschool programs were found to have higher math grades and improved class participation. Despite these encouraging findings, on the very day the study was released, President Bush proposed reducing the budget for the 21st CCLC program from \$1 billion to \$600,000 in fiscal year 2004.

"This study underscores the great promise of afterschool," said Judy Y. Samuelson, executive director of the Afterschool Alliance.

"So it is terribly disappointing that the report highlights only negative findings and that the Bush administration is using it to justify a deep, indefensible cut in the federal afterschool program."

The Bush plan to reduce the 21st CCLC funding would deny afterschool programs to more than 571,000 children. Among the

findings of the Mathematical study:

- Middle school African American students who participated in afterschool programs had average mathematics grades 1.7 points higher than African American students who did not participate in afterschool; were 7.4 percentage points more likely to participate in class; and were absent 1.6 fewer days.

- Middle school Hispanic students who participated in afterschool programs had average math grades 1.5 points higher than Hispanic students who did not participate in afterschool; and were absent 1.3 fewer days.

- Middle school girls who participated in afterschool were 5 percentage points more likely to complete homework to the teacher's satisfaction; 4.4 percentage points more likely to participate in class; absent 1.3 fewer days; had 9/10ths of a percentage points higher grades in mathematics.

In middle school centers, 40 percent more parents

whose children participated in afterschool attended open houses than parents whose children were not in afterschool. Twenty-two percent more parents whose children were in afterschool programs volunteered to help out at the school than parents whose children were not in afterschool.

Samuelson charged analysts with highlighting only negative findings that supported the administration's claim that afterschool programs provide neither academic nor safety benefits. She also noted numerous methodological problems with the study.

Among them:

- The findings are based on just one year of data, collected early in the life of the original 21st CCLC initiative when improving test scores and grades was not an immediate goal of program and not a mandate of the programs studied.

The study examined a small fraction of the afterschool programs that participate

in the federal 21st CCLC program. The elementary school data are based on 18 out of 1,758 centers, or roughly 1 percent. Because of problems with the size and makeup of the sample, Mathematica has conceded that these findings cannot be applied to the universe of 21st CCLC elementary programs.

Hispanic students were vastly underrepresented in the study. Less than 2 percent of elementary students in the study were Hispanic, while 27.6 percent of students in 21st CCLC elementary school centers nationwide are Hispanic.

The Afterschool Alliance is a non profit public awareness and advocacy organization supported by a group of public, private, and non profit entities dedicated to ensuring that all children and youth have access to afterschool programs by 2010.

More information is available at [www.afterschoolalliance.org](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org)

# COOKING

## SALMON CROQUETTES

MAKE 6 SERVINGS

Croquettes for breakfast? They're a favorite of the breakfast crowd at Sylvia's. These croquettes can be made entirely ahead of time and panfried at the last minute. Serve them with fried eggs and grits and pass a basket of warm biscuits

1 15 1/2 ounce can pink salmon	2 large eggs
1 medium onion, diced	1/2 cup flour
1 medium green bell pepper, cored, seeded and diced.	1 teaspoon salt
	1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
	Vegetable oil for cooking

Drain the can of salmon and place the salmon in a large mixing bowl. Add the remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly. The croquette mixture should be moist and not too chunky.

Grease one or two large heavy skillets lightly with oil and heat over medium heat. (A seasoned cast-iron skillet is perfect.) Use about 1/4 cup of the croquette mixture to form patties 3 inches across and about 1/2 inch thick. Cook the croquettes, turning them once, until golden brown on both sides, about 4 minutes. Serve hot.

Note: You may have to cook the croquettes in batches. Keep the cooked ones hot on a baking sheet in a preheated 250 F oven while cooking the rest.

## SYLVIA'S WORLD-FAMOUS TALKED-ABOUT SPARERIBS

MAKES 8 SERVINGS

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2 slabs pork spareribs (about 3 1/2 pounds total)	1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper
1 1/2 teaspoon salt	flakes
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper	2 to 3 cups white wine vinegar

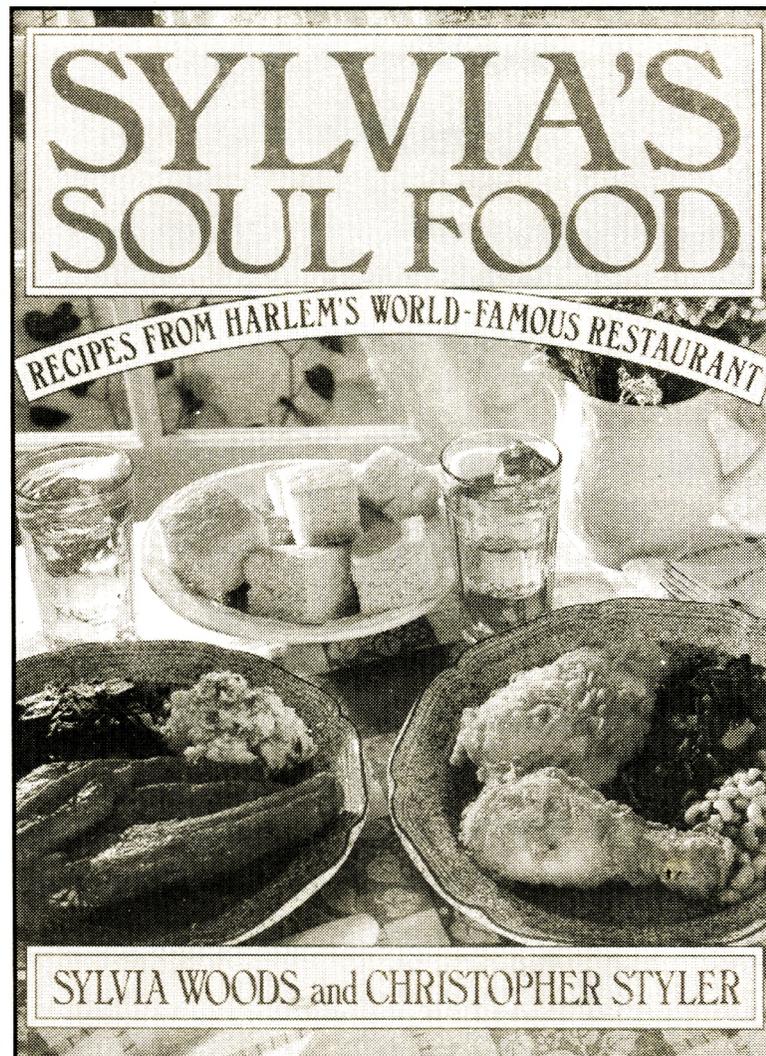
To make the ribs easier to handle, cut each slab between the middle bones into 2 equal pieces. Rub the salt, black pepper, and red pepper into both sides of the ribs. Place the ribs in a deep baking dish, cover them, and refrigerate overnight.

Preheat the oven to 450 F. Pour the vinegar over the ribs and bake 1 1/2 hours. Rotate the ribs two or three times during baking and spoon some of the pan juices over them.

Remove the ribs from the baking dish and place in a single layer on baking sheets. (Line the baking sheets with aluminum foil for easy cleanup.) Bake 450 F for 1 hour. The ribs should be tender and well browned. This much can be done up to a day in advance. Cool

The ribs, cover tightly, and refrigerate. Bring to room temperature for about 1 hour before continuing

To finish the ribs, preheat the oven to 400 F. Cut the slabs between the bones into individual ribs. Place the ribs in a baking dish large enough to hold them comfortably. Spoon enough of the barbecue sauce over them to coat lightly. Cover the pan with aluminum foil and bake until heated through, about 20 minutes. Serve with additional barbecue sauce on the side.



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2 1/2 teaspoons crushed red pepper flakes	
1 1/2 cups water	
1 small onion, sliced	1 1/2 cups sugar
1 small stalk celery, sliced	1 lemon, sliced

Combine all ingredients in a heavy pot and heat just till hot. Don't bring to a boil or the sauce will turn dark and become thin. Cool the sauce to room temperature, strain it, and store it in a tightly covered jar in the refrigerator.

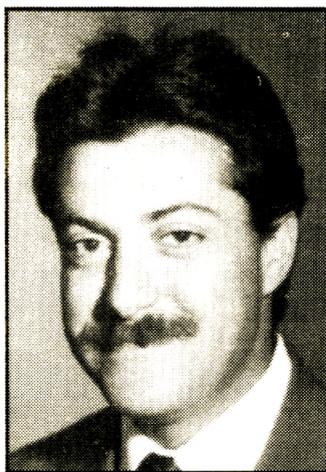
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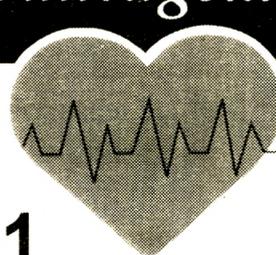
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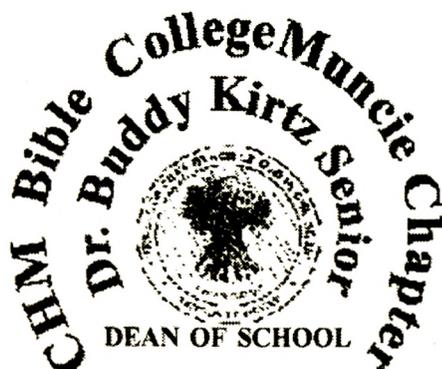
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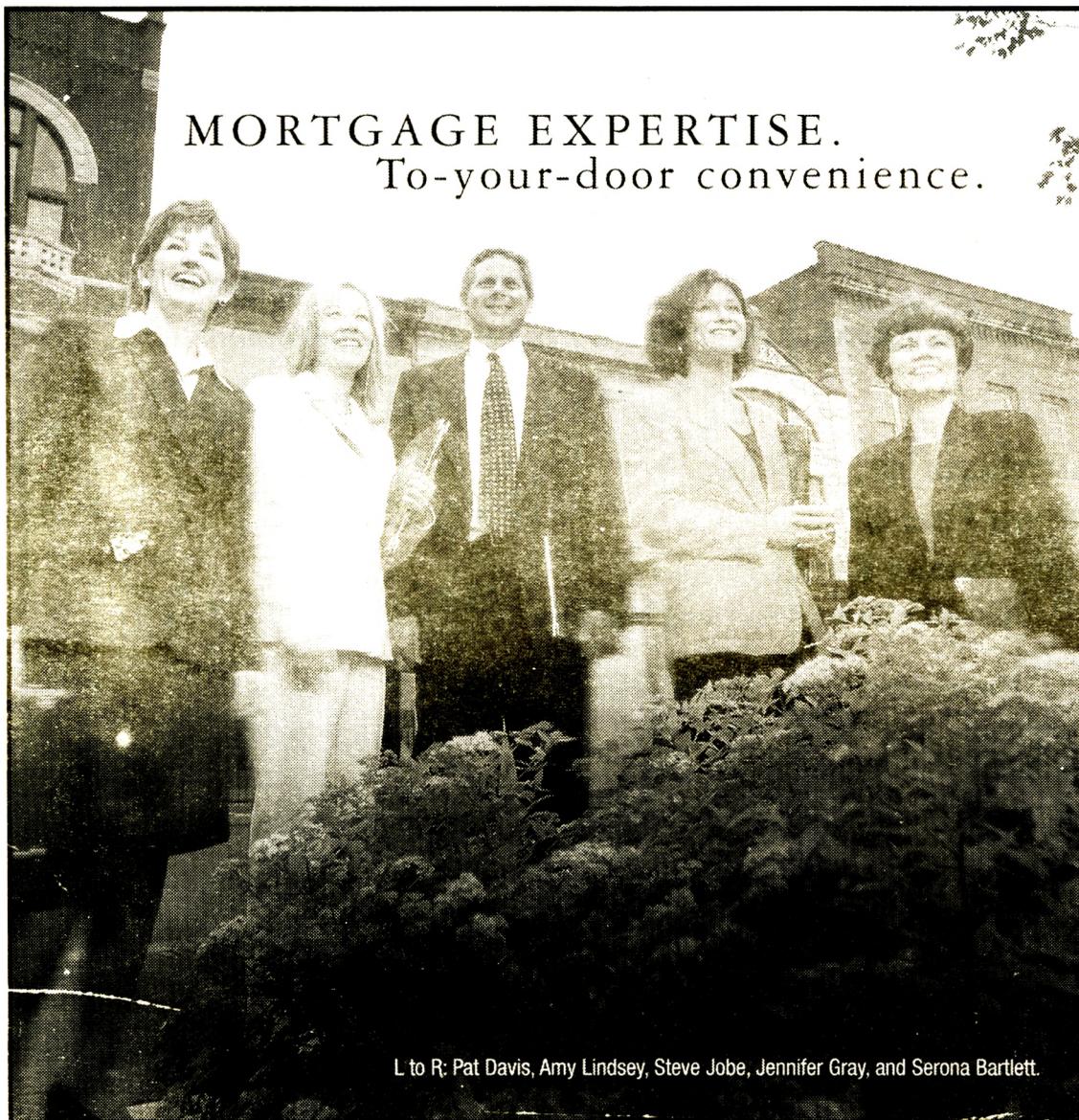
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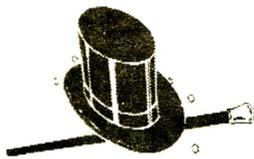
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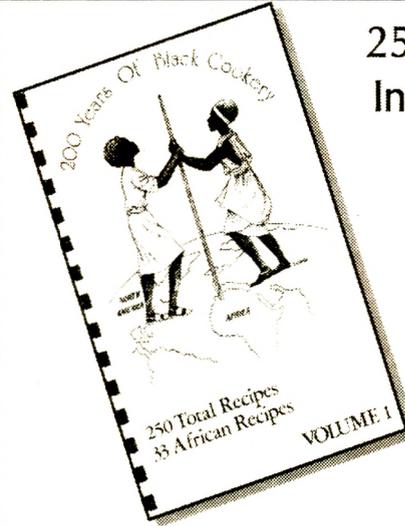
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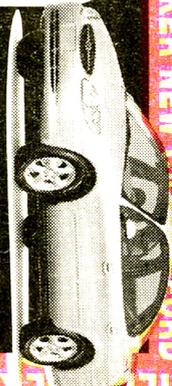
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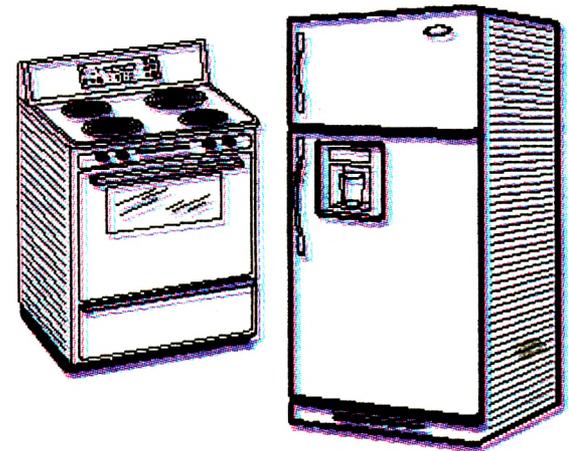
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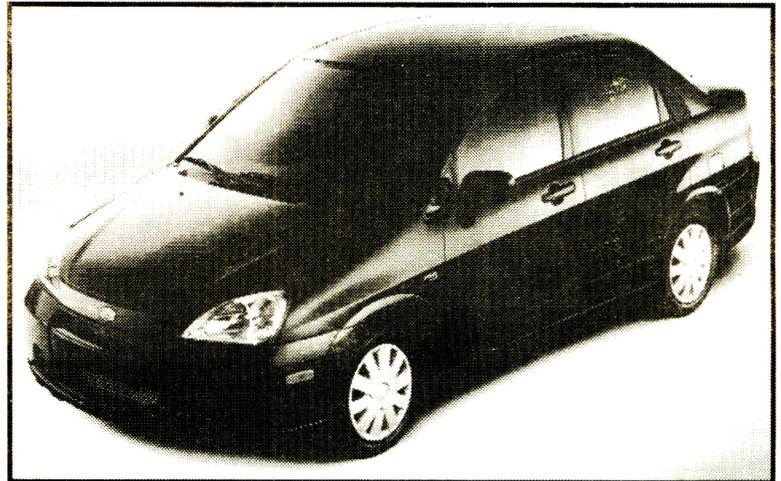


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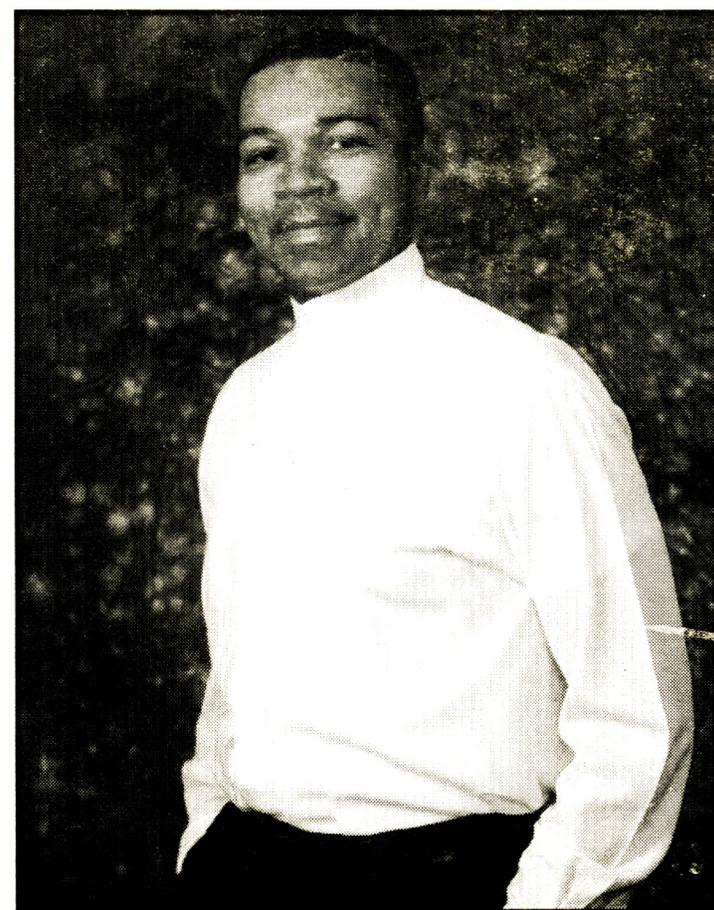
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Sunday School • 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study • 6:30 p.m.

Phone: 289-3418



Pastor Renize Abram

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1020 E. Jackson

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 Tuesday Bible Study • 11:00 a.m.  
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1431 E. Willard

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 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer • 6:30 p.m.

Phone: 287-1655



Pastor J.D. Hill

## Calvary Baptist Church

1117 E. Jackson

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 Sunday Morning Worship • 10:45 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study • 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 288-7511



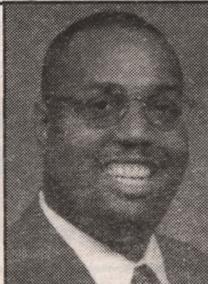
Pastor J.E. Moorehead

## Cathedral of Praise Church

1005 E. 26th St.

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.  
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Phone: 289-6002



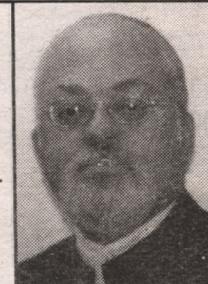
Pastor Adrian Leavell

## Christ Temple Church

654 N. Jefferson

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 284-1783



Pastor S. Michael Millben

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 Tuesday • 7:00 p.m.  
 Friday • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 288-7852



Pastor H. Royce Mitchell

## Faith Center For All Nations

600 S. Lane St.

Morning Prayer • 8:44 a.m.  
 Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship • 10:45 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday Youth Night • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 282-1915



Pastor Larry Carther

## Greater Grace Apostolic Church

319 W. Howard

Sunday School • 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening Service • 6:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday Prayer Meeting • 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Class • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 284-2399



Pastor Kendrick Winburn

## Good Samaritan

1423 S. High St.



Phone: 288-7852

Pastor Willie J. Seals

## Greater Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church

723 S. Macedonia

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting • 5:30 p.m.  
 Bible Study •

Phone: 286-4367



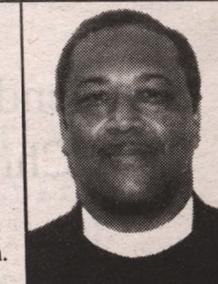
Pastor Samue F. Burress

## Prayer House of Deliverance

1805 Wall Ave.

Sunday School • 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:30 a.m./5:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study • 6:00 p.m.  
 Friday Prayer & Worship • 6:00 p.m.

Church: 288-8990 • Home: 284-4316



Pastor John L. Smith

## House of Prayer for All People

2725 S. Hackley St.

Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.  
 Children's Church • 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday Bible Study • 11:00 a.m.

Church: 744-7214 • Home: 284-9687



Pastor Edith Hutchinson

## Kirby Avenue Church of God

701 Kirby Ave.

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship • 10:45 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 284-8676



Pastor Thomas Stanton

## Midtown Church Of Christ

901 E. Willard

Sunday School • 9:45 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening Service • 6:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.



# L O C A L C H U R C H E S

## Mt. Calvary Church of God in Christ

1524 E. Butler

Sunday School • 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship • 12:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday Bible Study • 6:00 p.m.

Phone: 289-6262



Pastor Charles Coatie

## Mt. Olive Church of God in Christ

821 S. Hackley

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:30 a.m.  
 Tuesday Bible Study • 7:30 p.m.

Phone: 288-7565



Pastor Jessie Branson

## Mt. Zion Baptist Church

820 S. Penn St.

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer • 12 Noon & 6:00 p.m.

Phone: 284-0138



Pastor Jerry W. Simpson

## New Hope Baptist

524 E. Willard

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 288-7023



Pastor W.C. Edwards

## New Liberty Baptist

1615 N. Elgin

Sunday School • 10:00 a.m.  
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 Sunday Bible Study • 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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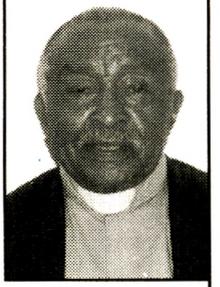


## The Original Church of God

921 S. Penn St.

Sunday School • 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study • 6:00 p.m.

Phone: 284-8531



Pastor Elder Thomas Sowell

## Paramount Community

1405 E. Willard

Broadcast • 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School • 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study • 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Phone: 282-3748



Pastor Charlotte Levi

## Bread of Life Ministries

1405 S. Hackley  
 Muncie, IN

Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.  
 2nd Service 13th Hoyt • 1:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study • 6:30 p.m.  
 Friday Evangelistic Service • 6:30 p.m.

Phone: 288-8804



Pastor Clara Rankin

## Shaffer Chapel AME

1501 E. Highland Ave.

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.  
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting  
 Wednesday Bible Study • 12:00 Noon  
 Wednesday Evening Study • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 284-6890



Pastor Martel Winburn

## Shiloh Church of God in Christ

820 N. Blaine

Sunday School • 10:15 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship • 12:00 Noon  
 Evening Y.P.W.W. • 6:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.  
 Friday Worship • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 282-1869



Pastor Buddy Kirtz

## Spiritual Baptist

1201 E. Jackson

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 282-1034



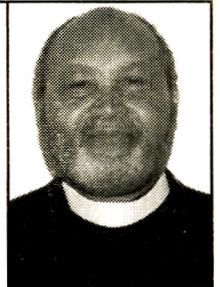
Pastor Mack Moses

## Terrestrial Temple Church of God in Christ

2112 N. Turner

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday Bible Study • 6:00 p.m.  
 Thursday Worship • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 288-8181



Pastor James Lawson

## Trinity United Methodist Church

1210 S. Hackley St.

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.

Phone: 284-4515



Pastor James M. Nave

## Triumph Church

920 E. First St.

School of Wisdom • 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship • 12:00 Noon  
 Evening Worship • 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday Bible Study • 7:30 p.m.  
 Friday Evangel & Praise • 7:30 p.m.

Church: 289-6262 • Home: 644-3953



Pastor Wayne Redding

## True Vine Holiness Tabernacle

1205 E. Willard

Sunday School • 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m. & Thursday 7:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday - Friday Prayer • 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Phone: 286-3031



Pastor Wade Sloss

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4622 N. Broadway

Sunday School • 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Services • 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.  
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 Saturday Night Service • 5:30 p.m.

Phone: 288-8383



Pastor Gregg Parris

## Union Missionary Baptist Church

1103 N. Macedonia St.  
 Sunday School • 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship • 7:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study & Prayer • 10:0 a.m./6:00 p.m.  
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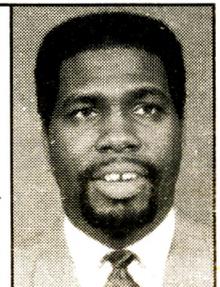
Pastor Willie J. Jackson, Sr.

## Word Of Life Christian Church

1401 E. Kirby Ave.

Sunday Prayer • 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship • 10:30 a.m.  
 The Zone (Youth Service) 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer • 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Service • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 284-6269



Pastor Bryant R. Crames

# L O C A L C H U R C H E S

## Holy Ghost Temple Church of God in Christ

1518 E. 17th St.

Sunday School • 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship • 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer • 6:00 p.m.  
Friday Worship • 7:30 p.m.

Phone: 282-9158



Pastor Jerry D. Bumpus

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915 E. Memorial Dr.  
Muncie, IN

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.

Church: 288-3264  
Home: 219-745-9052

Ex. 4:22 Israel is my son even my first born



Pastor Bishop Flanders  
Carswell Sr.

## Spirit And Truth Ministry

400 E. North St.  
Muncie, IN

Sunday School • 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.  
Thursday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 287-0960



Pastor Beverly Ann  
Plummer

## The New Testament Christian Ministries

6207 W. Taylor Rd. at Hoffer

Sunday Bible Study • 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.  
Friday Prayer Service • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 282-7666



Overseer Dee Johnson

## My Father's House Apostlic Church

1208 E. Centennial Ave.

Sunday School • 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Service • 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday Prayer • 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.

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Pastor Michael W. Boyd

## Fig Tree Ministries

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Monday • 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday • 7:00 p.m.



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## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Evangelist Pastor Charles Duncan from Louisville, Ky., will be in revival at the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church 1700 East Butler Street on April 22nd thru 24th. Services at 7:00 P.M. all 3 nights.



# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

## RELIGION

## CARBON COPY CHRISTIANS

By La Joyce Martin

“And be not conformed to this world...”

Conformity to the world is the polio that is rendering some of our churches paralytic.

We see this problem arising in the lives of more and more Christians, to judge by their appearance, words, and actions. They are becoming CARBON COPIES of their neighbors, the world, other religious groups.

Pentecost has come a long way. But in shaking off the greenhorn clothes and manners and becoming more educated, I wonder if we have not also lost some of the deep faith and devotion to God which made our parents and grandparents different. Have we “thrown out the baby with the bathwater?”

In fighting for acceptance, these carbon copy Christians have become nothing more than religious chameleons, taking on the coloration of their surroundings. It's easier to go along with the crowd than to take the high road of consecration. After all, it takes very little effort to be a duplicate of everyone else. It avoids so much personal inconvenience to just go along with the current, as driftwood, down the stream of life, not upsetting the accepted standards of the community.

But remember, to

be somebody else is to be nobody. Duplicates do not count. The man who tries to be like somebody else is merely a copy. He is not himself; he is not somebody else. He is a counterfeit.

The desire to be “just like other people” is no new fad. The children of Israel said to Samuel, “Now make us a king to judge us LIKE ALL THE NATIONS” (1 Sam. 8:5). Though it was against divine advice, they insisted, “... Nay; but we WILL have a king over us; THAT WE ALSO MAY BE LIKE ALL THE NATIONS...”

With this conformity, trouble began. Saul was a failure. Solomon gave way to idolatry. Under almost every king from then on Israel drifted farther and farther from the Lord and nearer and nearer the judgments and wrath of God.

Samson confided to Delilah that if his hair were cut off he would become weak and be LIKE ANY OTHER MAN. Samson's long hair was his mark of non-conformity to the world. When this was taken away, his power with God was gone. (Note: A Pentecostal woman's long hair is a mark of non-conformity to the world. When it is cut she loses power with God and becomes LIKE ANY OTHER WOMAN.)

Peter tried to be a CARBON COPY of those about him the night of

Jesus' arrest. He sat down among them by the fire. He even cursed and swore as would any other of the rough, hardened temple guards. But this act of conformity caused him much bitter grief.

We often hear these carbon copy Christians make statements similar to this: “But we must be careful not to become too narrow. You know the world is changing.” Then we look around and see 85 per cent of the young people reared in Christian homes turning their backs on God and linking arms with the world. Is this not enough to challenge us to refuse to follow the example of the world?

When Mom and Dad are readable carbon copies of their sinful, money-mad neighbors, what initiative will their children have to keep a clean slate? None whatsoever! The children simply become duplicates of duplicates.

Of course, carbon copy Christians are not usually as open and clear with their sins as are their original bold-face type neighbors. “And,” thinks the carbon copy Christians, “my sins are much easier to erase than those of the ‘original’ sinner.” But the carbon copy Christian never stops to think of the ever-present smudges!

“... but be ye transformed...”

Are we willing to break the chains of conformity and be transformed even though it means unpopularity



among our unsaved neighbors? It is better to have the approval of your own conscience than the applause of all mankind!

By the very nature of our religion, we are a “peculiar people” (Titus 2: 14). Our very mission is to be a different people, to lead the way, to avoid conformity. To fulfill the commission Jesus left for us, we must not allow ourselves to become carbon copies of the lowest common denominator.

**How can Christians expect the world to want to be like them when they are striving to be like the world?** When sinners convert saints rather than saints converting sinners, the saints have wandered a long way off the track. Let's drive our chariots as far from the brink of sin's canyon and as close to the Mount of God as possible!

Be CONformed and be CONdemned.

Be TRANSformed and be TRANSlated.

“... by the renewing of your mind...”

Carbon copy Christian, for the sake of your soul, turn away from your sin-blackened friends and renew your

consecration to God! Start on a clean sheet and stay clear, white, and unsmudged.

One good gauge of how far one has gone toward conformity is to measure his actions, dress, and daily life against the teaching of our own United Pentecostal Church. Do we measure up to the Articles of Faith; tithing, trusting God for healing, godly living, holy dress, no worldly sports or amusements, no dancing at school or wearing gym shorts, no ungodly radio programs and music, no television.

It's easy to be conformists, but our faith requires us to be DIFFERENT! II Cor. 6:17 declares, “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.”

“... that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

By our daily lives, the world reads either godliness or worldliness. Only when we cease to be carbon copies of the sin-filled world can we PROVE to the world that we are CARBON COPIES OF GOD.

## WITNESS FOR JUSTICE

# TAX FREEDOM DAY IS NOT CELEBRATED BY ALL AMERICANS

BY: the Rev. Ron Stief

The romantic notion of April is that spring showers will bring May flowers. But the reality of April is more likely experienced when we all send our annual tax payments to federal, state and local governments.

Every year, about now, the Tax Foundation releases a report showing how long you, the average American taxpayer, must work to pay your total tax bill for the year.

Tax Freedom Day, as it is called, usually arrives somewhere around April 27. By their calculations, you will work approximately 117 days for Uncle Sam and 228 days for yourself. Not a cheery thought.

Many major media outlets pick up on this idea and repeat it as gospel.

But wait a minute. Do our tax payments really break down so neatly into these two categories?

In his new book, *Wealth and Our Commonwealth: Why America Should Tax Accumulated Fortunes*, William S. Gates Sr.-- the father of the more famous Bill Gates Jr.-- observes that in a democracy, it is not necessarily true that what is mine is mine and what is the government's

is not mine.

"One way or another, a certain amount of money must be paid in taxes to the U.S. government to support its activities," the elder Gates writes.

Gates observes that the wealthy and powerful have been able to privatize their personal and family needs through private education, private ownership of books and learning tools, private transportation, and so on. The rest of us, however, depend on the existence of strong community and public institutions, he says.

Libraries, state parks, municipal pools, public education, police and fire protection, garbage services and dozens of other public needs come to mind.

Who pays for all this? Government.

Even so, do we really use up 117 days of work a year to pay our taxes? Not according to economists who have criticized the method of calculation used by the Tax Foundation.

To arrive at the average taxes we all pay, the Tax Foundation simply averages your salary with the tax bill of people like Bill Gates Jr. or Oprah Winfrey. It isn't

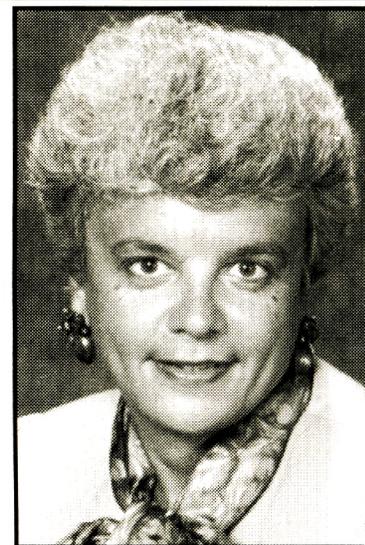
hard to imagine how that skews the result. Averages can be deceiving. Economist Robert Reich, who is 4 feet 10 inches tall, often jokes that the average height between him and Wilt Chamberlain is 6 feet--even though Reich sure doesn't feel 6 feet tall on most days.

Because this country has a progressive tax structure for federal income tax and for some state income taxes, the wealthy pay a much higher percentage of their income in taxes than the rest of us. This is the way it should be, because if you had to pay taxes based on the straight average between you and Bill Gates Jr., you would be required to work your entire lifetime--in fact, your next several lifetimes--without ever taking a penny home for yourself.

So relax, it's not as bad as it looks. Your tax freedom day, if the concept is even valid, probably comes way before April 27.

But here's a final disturbing thought. There are some in Washington, D.C., who want to eliminate the progressive tax system and are hoping that you will see all the alarmist reports on "the

## Bernice Powell Jackson



tax burden" this April and do what most Americans do--support every tax cut that comes along.

President Bush, who obviously enjoys taking advantage of our lack of understanding of tax policy, is pushing a \$726 billion tax cut which prominently features a new exemption of taxes on investment income. You know, the tax break he's talking about. It's on that extra check you get each month from your huge stock holdings that are probably worth several million by now.

For the huge majority of us who still depend on public services, this tax cut translates into guaranteed ongoing cuts in programs as varied as public education, health care, Medicare, Medicaid, veterans assistance, schooling for children on military bases, food

stamps, farm programs, and first responder homeland security, such as police, fire and other emergency protection.

In order to pay for these crucial public services that can no longer be funded, guess who will receive state and local tax increases next year in exchange for this year's federal tax cut for the wealthy?

Should Congress ultimately approve this ill advised tax cut scam, the wealthy will get their May flowers and the rest of us will be left knee deep in the mud.

The Rev. Ron Stief is director of the Washington, D.C., office of the United Church of Christ's Justice and Witness Ministries. He is substituting for Bernice Powell Jackson who is on sabbatical.

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## POETRY CORNER

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# Clarence Motley

## & Friends

### THE PRIZE

Today is a new day ... yes a new beginning  
 With numerous possibilities before it's ending  
 One again I've been given the chance for change  
 Even the opportunity to see after fortune and fame

I can use my talents... even perfect my gifts  
 Explore my possibilities...destroy the myths  
 I can be much more than I even realize  
 That's if I stay focused with my eyes on the prize

*-Clarence E. Motley*

### MOMMA

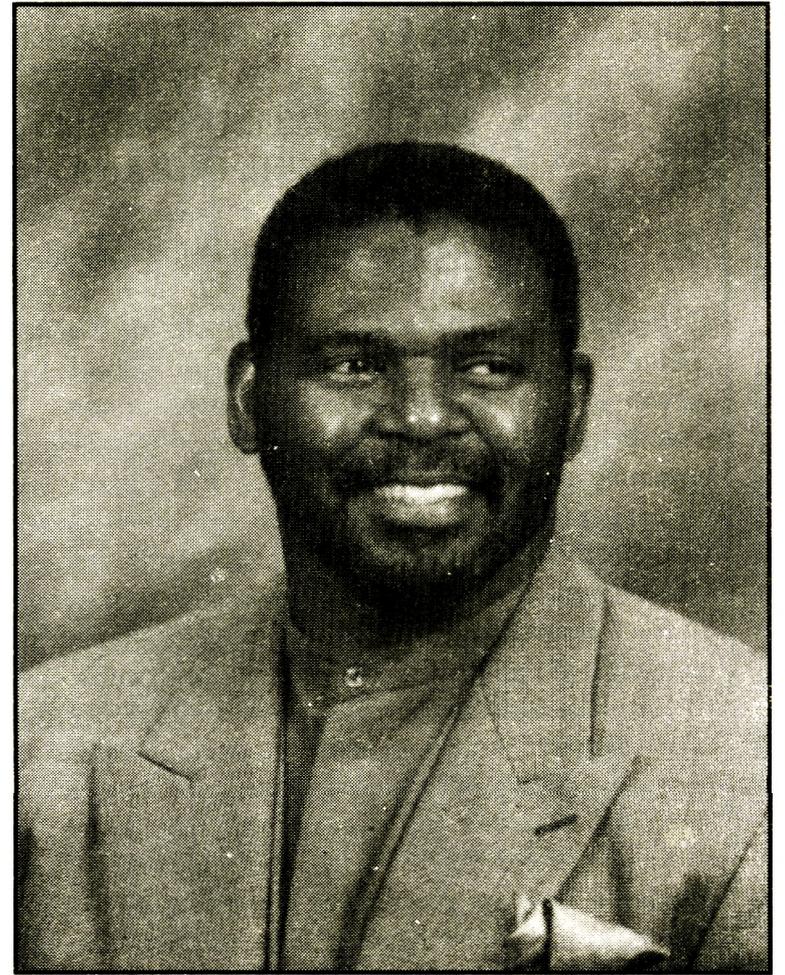
When I was little, and you kept me under that protective wing  
 You made me do things that I didn't want to do; like read a speech or be in the  
 Christmas  
 sing I see now that those things have helped me in the long run and I'll probably do the  
 same, if I have a daughter or son

Momma, you were the first teacher I ever had  
 and I realize over the years I have made you happy and sad  
 You were there before I knew I was here  
 You're always a phone call away, if not near  
 When I have a problem you're the first one I go to  
 Because no one loves me and understand me like you do

You always see right through me when I try to lie  
 You're the first to pick me up when I feel like I could die  
 Momma, when there's no one to talk to, you're always there  
 And you're so understanding, when no one else cares  
 It amazes me, that many times you know me better than myself  
 And how you are able, for peace's sake, to put you feelings on the shelf

You are slow to anger and slower to judge  
 Eventhough, you are known to hold a grudge  
 Momma, you're not only a good cook, but you're a chef  
 And you work wonders with leftovers ... if anything is left  
 I won't talk about you having my first eighteen  
 For that mother-hold can still be felt and seen  
 And sometimes, it seems you don't care what you say  
 For you'll add more to it, before you'll take any way  
 Yes, you are stubborn, hard headed, and no one can tell you a thing  
 And many times you feel as if you're the only one who know the truth, it seems  
 I know many times I have treated you worst than a step-son  
 But please, try to forgive me for the wrong I've done  
 And do try to overlook my selfishness and my disrespect  
 Because momma, I haven't stopped lovin' you yet

*-Clarence E. Motley*



### ROOM ENOUGH FOR ALL

I will hang my head's logic on Jesus' Cross  
 and lay my heart is love in his empty tomb  
 Then pray that my enemy's soul be not lost  
 For Christ has prepared mansions with plenty of rooms

*-Michael E. Boykin*

### ALL THOUGH

Take your trials in stride.  
 Remember he dwells inside.  
 And most of those rumors are lies  
 Though haters always try

Take God's love and share it  
 Overloaded one can not bare it  
 And you may not get more of it today  
 If you don't give the extra away

Be blessed to be a blessing to others  
 As we're testedso you can help your brother  
 And humbled to keep you in stride  
 Till we all reach the otherside

*-Michael E. Boykin*

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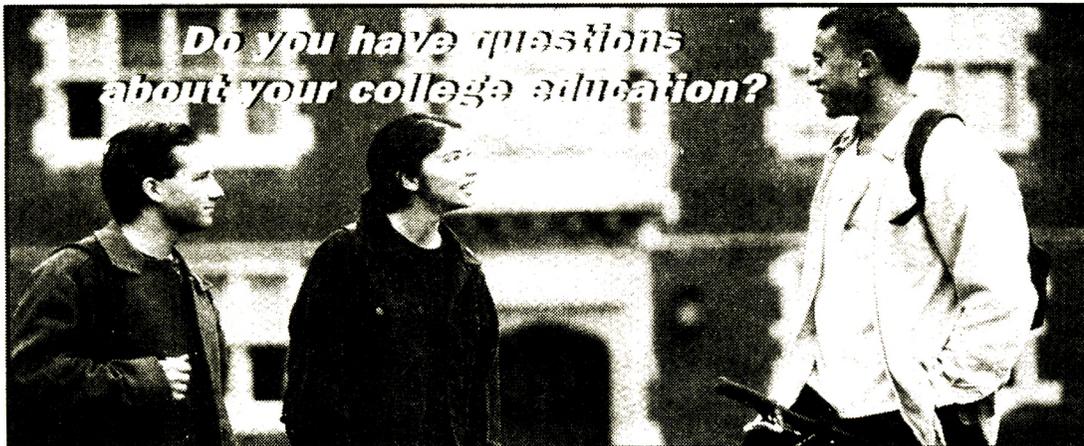
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**John E. Worthen Arena**

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR



## Monthly Community Meetings

MUNCIE BLACK EXPO; 1306 N. Broadway	3rd Thursday, 5:30 P.M.	Dr. Maria Williams-Hawkins 282-1997
Muncie Community School Board; Anthony Administration Building	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 6:30 P.M.	Robert Kellem; 747-5205
Muncie City Council; City Hall Auditorium	1st Monday, 7:30 P.M.	Chuck Leonard; 741-9625
Muncie NAACP; 1306 N. Broadway	2nd Thursday, 5:00 P.M.	Pat Mitchell-Fields, President 284-7338
Muncie Commission On The Social Status of Black Males; South Madison Community Center; 900 S. Madison St.	1st Saturday, 9:00 A.M.	John Young-El; 747-9008
Widow's Son Lodge #22 Masonic Lodge, 1514 E. Willard Street	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.	Bobby Pirtle Sr., Worthy Patron; 759-5290
Naomi Chapter Of The Order of Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge, 1514 E. Willard Street	1st and 3rd Monday, 7:00 P.M.	Alice Elkins, Worthy Matron; 289-9886
Coalition of 100 Women; Kennedy Branch of Public Library	3rd Saturday, 10:30 A.M.	Dr. June Payne, President; 289-2995
Millie P. Hoffman Federated Club Lynd House 2410 E. McGalliard	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 3:00 P.M.	Emma Sue Davis, President; 289-2118
Lucille Lucas Williams Federated Club	2nd Thursday, Rotating Home Meetings	Lula Mann, President; 747-5125
Whitely Neighborhood Council; 1306 N. Broadway	1st Monday, 6:00 P.M.	Randall S. Sims, 212-1188
Industry Neighborhood Council; 1407 S. Wolfe Street	2nd Tuesday	Information Pending
Household of Ruth #4618 Industry Neighborhood Center; 1407 S. Wolfe Street	1st Friday, 4:00 P.M.	Loretta Miller, MNG; 288-6987