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Despite temporary lull, battle renaming Broadway as Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard refuses to go away

By Cynth'ya Lewis Reed

Leaders of the grassroots movement to rename Broadway Street as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard reiterated this week they will continue to push for the change.

In separate interviews, Bishop Michael Millben of the Collective Coalition of Concerned Clergy, Pastor Thomas Perchlik of the Muncie Unitarian Universalist Church and Aamir Shabazz, president of the Muncie Islamic Center, said they would not be deterred from their efforts to have a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Muncie.

"As far as the name change of Broadway, when we first were approached by Randall Sims who brought this issued to the Concerned Clergy, it was not the only issue he brought to us. There were also concerns about other issues, such as more minorities on the police and fire departments, along with a few other issues," Millben said.

The CCCC, he said, took up those concerns with Muncie Mayor Dan Canan, who told them the City Council would be the most appropriate body for dealing with the name change.

"We, obviously, have a

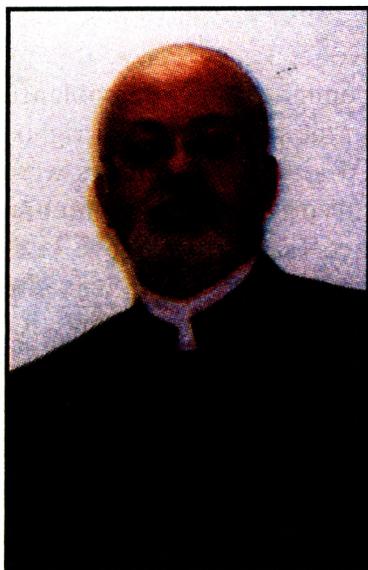
variety of opinions on the particulars of the Broadway issue. But we are all supportive of it. We're open to other possibilities, but we feel strongly, at this time in the process, that we seem to have (a) very strong sentiment in the minority community that it needs to be resolved. This one's on the table and we want to see it taken to its ultimate conclusion," he said.

Millben said there was a good reason to try to rename Broadway instead of, say, McGalliard, as the logical street to be renamed.

"Broadway seemed to go through a section of town that kind of interfaced with a diverse population. At the same time, Broadway bordered a predominantly African American community," he said.

Millben said the street renaming will be a factor in next month's Muncie mayoral election and could determine how African Americans vote and whom they will vote for.

"I believe this issue, to some extent, serves to measure the degree to which we, as African Americans, are valued as members of this community. Therefore, if considering it important makes us one-issue voters, then let it be," Millben said.



Bishop Michael Millben of the Collective Coalition of Concerned Clergy

"As far as what I'd like to share with all of the candidates about this issue, the Broadway renaming issue in and of itself may not seem that significant...but I think that the climate of community is such that we (as African Americans) are always being dictated to as far as what issues are important. This issue is one that we have come together on."

Millben denied that the CCCC was divided over or apathetic about the name change. He said that this is one of the issues that the CCCC is focused upon. It is also an issue that the Concerned Clergy wants candidates in next month's election to address.

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MOM prepares to expand its digs on Highland Avenue

By T. S. Kumbula

On Nov. 10, Motivate Our Minds (MOM) will break ground for its biggest yet expansion project at its 2923 E. Highland Ave., Muncie, address.

What started out as a summer enrichment program in a Whitley living room is about to become a major after-school program for at-risk children.

GMT Construction of Yorktown won the bid to build a state-of-the-art facility that will continue MOM's expansion program and leave it poised to become a major player when it comes to after-school cultural enrichment and tutoring.

Juanita Crider, MOM's program coordinator for almost 5 years, is amazed by the progress the nonprofit organization is making. Crider, who has a bachelor's degree in history from Ball State University and is nine units shy of getting a master's degree in the same field said:

"When I came here, we had this facility and three satellite stations. Since then, we have added two more satellite stations and are getting ready to add another one. We have grown in numbers. We have also grown technologically and have incorporated technology into our

curriculum. Our students are now introduced to the latest in technology."

When Crider joined MOM, the group served about 350 students. Last year, it served 600 students. Those numbers will grow more once the new building is operational.

"One of the biggest impacts from the new building is that we'll be able to serve more students on more days. One of the complaints we have heard from parents is that they would like us to be open more days per week. We could not do that in the present quarters because of the cramped space," Crider said. "Once the new building is completed, we'll be able to serve more students on more days. We'll also be able to offer more programs.

"For example, those students who finish their homework early or who are not participating in tutorial programs will be able to participate in other programs, such as the arts, science and dance.

"I am very excited about the expansion, about the new building. I am particularly excited about our outdoor classroom. That's my baby. The MOM's kids were involved in this one. They will be *continue on page 3.*

EDITORIAL

Aluta continua. Struggle for MLK Boulevard must continue unabated

In the past this community has developed a well-deserved reputation for complacency and apathy. It gets excited about some issue now and then and then lets it slide. It gets frustrated by failure. It exhibits a short memory span.

We are pleased to see that malady has not been exhibited when it comes to efforts to rename Broadway as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. It is time people in the community stood up for something. It is time they refuse to accept the actions of the cowardly Muncie City Council, which lacked the integrity, the guts and the political fortitude to do what is right.

Other than for two members, the rest of the City Council failed to demonstrate leadership. Dr. King, an icon of the civil

rights movement whose young life was cut short by an assassin's cruel bullet 35 years ago, deserves a place of honor in our city. He is a man who gave up his life and liberty because he believed very strongly in the immortal words of the U. S. Constitution that all men (and women) are created equal. He fought for equality, regardless of color or ethnicity. He died for that ideal, a society of equal men and women, where people would be judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin.

He was a man who believed in civil and human rights for all. He struggled to find the humanity in all of us, whether it was in the South, in the North, on the East Coast and on the West Coast. He took literally the meaning of the Constitution.

The least we can do is to honor the memory of the man who was our conscience raiser. He challenged us to treat each other as human beings.

Renaming Broadway as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard is the least that we can do to immortalize the work that this man did. He received national and international accolades, including the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize, for his commitment to nonviolence in the pursuit of civil rights. At a time when others were advocating "all means necessary" to achieve civil rights, Dr. King was the voice of reason in calling for dialogue and nonviolence as effective protest methods.

Nobody pretends that the long-overdue renaming of Broadway Street is going to be a panacea for Muncie's

many ailments. But it will be important as a benchmark in the city's history. It will be an example of what can happen when people of goodwill, blacks and whites, come together in a common cause. It will have a lasting symbolic effect because it will show that we can come together to deal with issues that transcend color lines. It will show some of the covert racists who oppose the name change, some under the guise that it will hurt their businesses, that this is an issue that unites the different sectors of the city.

To the naysayers, let them be reminded, once again, that nobody has ever suggested that the fight to rename Broadway should put on hold all efforts in the city to improve schools, improve job opportunities and help bring the various races together to build a better Muncie. Those efforts must and should continue. But they should not be allowed to distract us from

the need to have a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Muncie.

Since many of the city's leading politicians have failed us or have failed to provide leadership on this issue, it will be up to ordinary people to make this happen. Ordinary people have a chance to mobilize and bring about the overdue renaming. Having Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard replace Broadway is not going to hurt business, despite the shrill protests of opponents. Instead, it will honor a man who did so much to try and make this country, including Muncie, a much better place.

No matter how long it takes, we encourage those spearheading the name change to keep it up. Despite temporary setbacks, they should not despair. They must keep up the heat and continue to organize. If they do not despair, one day they will be able to celebrate along Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard.

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When it comes to the election, he said, people are going to ask, "Who is the best man? I know, basically, that Broadway is the issue that is on the table and changing the name to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard is what we want to see happen. Now, what is going to make that happen?"

Perchlik, who is white, said in discussions Mayor Canan has said he wants to address racism in the city. Perchlik, along with the Concerned Clergy and Pastor George Saunders of the Citywide Church Network, has met with the mayor about renaming Broadway. He is also a member of It's Time for a Change committee, headed by Randall Sims, who has spearheaded the name change idea.

Perchlik was disappointed by the Muncie City Council

vote in the summer against the name change and by the fact that Canan turned the issue over to the council.

"I don't know what he (Canan) said to them, but it is clear that he did not effectively communicate how important it was for this city to address institutional racism. If he could have done that, then the City Council could have responded in a much more healthy way than by holding divisive hearings and then voting down the proposal, without any chance for negotiation," Perchlik said.

"I agree that since the City Council was given the power to make the decision, the mayor should not take that power back. But he needs to work with the council to make sure they understand the consequences of their actions and the fact that they, unintentionally, have become the embodiment of institutional racism in this

town.

"If we come together to undo racism, will that give us greater power to address even the challenge of separating city sanitary and storm sewers, providing animal control, ending methamphetamine labs and developing skateboard parks?"

To Shabazz, the issue is "more than just naming a street." He said the challenge faced by the white majority in Muncie is how to address and respond to issues that are critical to the interests of the city minority, largely African American minority. He said there is a need for "moral leadership" that would unite, rather than divide, the community.

Shabazz said, "The legality of (the) majority rules philosophy leads to tyranny when you have minorities as part of any democracy, because of benign

neglect...The majority has a moral responsibility to listen to the aspirations of the minority community, as they define their own aspirations for themselves. That is the basic, underlying principle of self-government, that entities have an inalienable right to speak to their own aspirations, whether they are the majority or minority.

"This was recognized by the founders of this country when they said there are certain inalienable rights and these begin with life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This whole issue is in pursuing that which will make us happy, not what others feel will make us happy."

He said the Dr. King name on the Tillotson overpass ramp was not an appropriate memorial to the slain civil rights leader. Muncie, he said, needs an appropriate way to honor what King did for this

country. To accomplish that, Shabazz said, renaming Broadway would be a fitting tribute.

"Those who were blocking it (the renaming) never liked Dr. King during his life, period and it's a testimony to how they operate the community today. If they believed in the principles of Dr. King, then we wouldn't have a lilly white all-everything-in-everything, with separate but equal philosophies being perpetrated upon the minority community."

As the dispute continues, Anita Cochran, a Chicago-based U. S. Justice Department official, has traveled several times to Muncie in an effort to mediate the dispute among the proponents of a name change, the mayor and those who object to Broadway being renamed as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

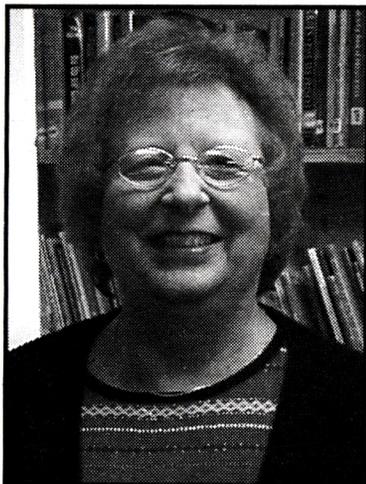
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part of an exciting program that will teach nature, science, planting, reading and writing across the curriculum, all in an outdoor classroom. The kids are excited about this program."

Crider said beside the Highland facility, MOM has satellite sites at Ross, South Madison and Buley Community centers, Delaware County Housing Authority Center and the Muncie Housing Authority's Earthstone Terrace site. A new site is schedule to open at the Muncie Housing Authority's Southern Pines' facility.

The student population served by MOM is becoming more diverse. Crider said of the 600 students, about 72 percent are African American, 18 percent are whites, 9 percent are Latinos and the remaining 1 percent fall into the other category.

MOM Executive Director Sharon Collis, who has been



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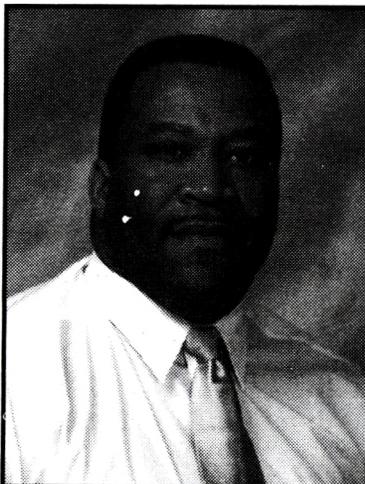
at the Highland facility since 1997, said the capital expansion project will expand MOM from about 2,400 square feet to over 8,000 square feet. It will cost \$569,000 (about \$31,000 under budget) to complete the project.

"I am excited about the building. It will beautify the community and provide the community with a place where they can come and hold meetings," she said.

"It's been a continuous growth process since I came here, In 1997 MOM had one

computer. Today we have 15 desktops and 10 laptops that are networked and have the Internet. Families who have children here can borrow the laptops and take them home so the parents can learn how to use the laptops in a non-threatening environment," Collis said.

"In the new building, we'll be able to have a large complete computer lab and be able to serve more people. We'll be able to teach the kids things such as web design and desktop publishing."



Vincent Orange

Vincent Orange, a former

Oklahoma State University football player, is the new president of the 16-member MOM board. He will preside over the Nov. 10 groundbreaking ceremony.

"I anticipate that it will be 6 to 12 months before the project is completed. I am glad we are finally able to move forward with the project so we can serve more students and families," he said.

Orange said GMT Construction, a civil engineering firm from Yorktown, was chosen for the project even though it was not the lowest bidder because board members felt it would do a good job. Except for one company, he said all the bids came in below what MOM had budgeted.

Some board members have voiced concerns that none of the companies involved were minority owned or had minority subcontractors. Orange said he had hoped some minority general contractors would bid. Now

he hopes there can still be diversity by encouraging GMT to have minority subcontractors.

"As a board, we wanted to engage minority contractors. We want to have diversity. So we will work with GMT on that," he said. "I feel real good about what has happened. We came in under budget. I am proud of the planning work that went into this. Everything has been done in a timely and efficient manner."

Orange and his wife, Lisa, came to Muncie in 2000. They had moved from Tulsa, Okla., to Bluffton, Ind., because Franklin Electric, the company he worked for 23 years, had transferred him to the Midwest. Eventually he was relocated to East Central Indiana. Today, Orange, who has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Oklahoma State, owns a consultancy company on Walnut Street.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Minister Speaks Out

By Rev. George Saunders, Citywide Church Network.

Many have asked me why I support renaming Broadway after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. A recent letter to the editor of the Muncie Star Press by Adam Southerland, a BSU senior says it best, "I was completely indifferent about the renaming of Broadway to Martin Luther King Boulevard until a week ago. That is when I finished reading a book called *Life on the Color Line* by Dr. Gregory Williams, president of City College of New York. I had no idea how bad the African American community was treated in Muncie.

This book is absolutely enlightening on the struggles of these citizens during the 1950s. I did not fathom the amount of torment that they suffered at the hands of police, politicians, schools and most of the white community. After reading this book, I believe that it is our duty as citizens of

Muncie in the 21st century to give back something, anything, to the community that we openly oppressed, demoralized and basically treated as second-class citizens. And if African American citizens would like a street named after Martin Luther King Jr., an American hero who stood for the equality of all men, then they deserve it. We as a community need the ability to count on our leaders in these modern times to apologize to local African Americans for past transgressions.

I ask everyone in this great city to do the right thing." Some people think the battle over Broadway is trivial. I have three replies. First, you have not really listened to the Black experience of Muncie. I challenge you to read *Life on the Color Line* and become part of a Study Circle. You can participate in Study Circles by calling Christian Ministries - 288-

0601.

Second, the battle over Broadway is not trivial because it is just the beginning. Our slogan is, "Its time for a change, beginning with Broadway." The Broadway issue has become a window, bringing to light other concerns of the African American community.

Finally, I believe we greatly underestimate the offense of God at corporate sin. Broken promises, lynch mobs, and the moans of the oppressed from years ago continue to echo in God's ears. Although God loves us, he will not bestow His blessing upon a community that fails to repent of its sin.

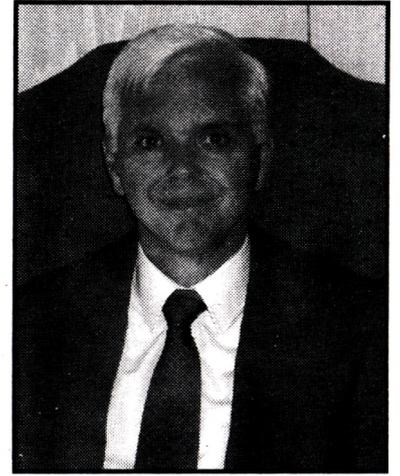
Racism is sin. Let's put God first by repenting of our sin and making restitution, beginning with Broadway. Then we "will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; (we) will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations" (Isaiah 61:4).

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Inmate Charges: Judicial System discriminates against poor, people of color

To the people of the State of Indiana, as citizens of this state and these United States, We respectfully urge you as citizens to investigate your constitutional rights under the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Article I, Section 23, of the Indiana Constitution.

In the Indiana trial courts and Supreme Court, it seemingly has been ruled that the U.S. Constitution does not apply to the poor and disadvantaged. We understand that this may be hard for some of you to believe, but the facts are as follows: the Constitution of the United States of America

guarantees every citizen (no matter what our economic status, race or beliefs) "indictment of a grand jury" according to Article V of the amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

The instrument the courts have been using called "information" in which it is used to base all of its prosecutions of the poor in the last 14 years. The law will show that in order for the prosecution to be based upon "information" the defendant prosecution by "indictment."

We ask you to check and see for yourself that the rich and affluent are almost

always indicted by a grand jury! While, on the other hand, the poor disadvantaged (black, poor whites, Hispanic or others) are always prosecuted based on "information."

Amendment Five (1791) guarantees that: "No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury." An infamous crime has been defined in "Notes of Advisory Committee on Rules, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rule 7 (a) and (b) as : a crime punishable by death or by

imprisonment in penitentiary or at a hard labor....Consequently any offense punishable by imprisonment for a term of over one year is an infamous crime."

Prosecuting the poor and disadvantaged by information, isn't an accident, it is a blatant disregard of our rights, simply because we couldn't afford to pay an attorney to protect them. In reference to the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution guarantees due process to every citizen, whether he/she is poor or rich. Due process has proven to be very

expensive and the conspirators devised a means to short circuit the poor and disadvantage people of their rights. In addition, this Amendment provides:

"NO STATE SHALL MAKE OR ENFORCE ANY LAW WHICH SHALL ABRIDGE THE PRIVILEGES OR IMMUNITIES OF CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES: NOR DENY ANY PERSON WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION THE EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAW"

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Similar to the Fourteenth Amendment, Article 1, Section 23, if the Constitution of the State of Indiana mandates that; "The General Assembly Shall Not Grant To Any Citizen Or Class Of Citizens, Privileges, Or Immunities, Which Upon The Same

Terms, Shall Not Equally Belong To All Citizens."

The law of the State of Indiana and the Constitution of the United States, does not allow for a double standard. The General Assembly of Indiana has not abolished the grand jury system and, therefore, each of Indiana's

92 counties in the State of Indiana seats a "grand jury."

Thus, for the rich to receive their right to an "indictment of a grand jury" and to deny the rights of the poor to "indictment of a grand jury" is a double standard of law and unconstitutional both by the U.S. Constitution and Indiana Constitution.

The framers of the U.S. Constitution enacted Article VI (2) that: This Constitution, and the laws of the United States; shall be the supreme law of the land; and judges in every state shall be bound thereby, and things in the Constitution or laws of any state to the contrary notwithstanding.

Slavery Ain't Over Yet
Robert E. Keeby,
Legal Service

Legislators seek reasonable gas pricing methods

As chairmen of the committees that hear utility-related legislation in the Indiana General Assembly, we soon expect to be in eye of the political storm known as the high heating bills.

While we are of different political parties, we are of one mind on a number of critical points. So before the heating season begins-and before the heat of election-year politics scorches us all-we'd like to set out some of our feelings on the issue.

First, let's be very clear about the cause of the problem:

Your heating bills are likely to be high this winter because of the wholesale price of natural gas is high.

Wholesale prices are up because, nationally, the demand for natural gas continues to outpace the supply.

The problem is that simple and frustrating.

Your local gas utility

cannot control the wholesale price of natural gas. In addition, neither state regulators, nor the Indiana General Assembly, nor the governor have the ability to control the wholesale price of natural gas. Suggestions to the contrary, at best, show a basic misunderstanding of the system. At worst, they constitute the type of unadorned political pandering we intend to avoid.

Second, many people incorrectly believe that high gas prices mean high profits for your local gas utility. In truth, your gas company makes its profit from a regulated, per-therm fee known as a "rate." This charge...which does not include the price of natural gas...pays for everything from the pipes in the ground to the people who operate the company.

In return for this fee, your gas utility is required to obtain and deliver an adequate supply of natural

gas, and to sell to you for the same price it paid for it on the wholesale market. Put another way, there is no retail mark-up by any Indiana utility company on natural gas sold in this state.

When the wholesale price of gas is low, your bill reflects that. When the price is high, your bill reflects that too. Unhappily, the price now is high. While many factors contributing to high wholesale prices could be the subject of debate, one major factor is the increasing use of natural gas, instead of coal, to generate electricity.

What can we do about it? We can focus on the things we can control.

State regulators must continue to ensure that the wholesale purchasing practices of Indiana's gas utilities result in the best prices reasonably available. They can also press gas utilities to keep their operating expenses in check and to avoid rate increases.

And they can act promptly on any proposals that might be of practical help to customers in dealing with high wholesale gas prices.

Utilities must make every possible effort to buy gas at the most advantageous prices. And they must always be available and helpful to their customers. While we can't blame local utilities for high wholesale gas prices, we can, and must hold them accountable for poor or rude service.

We can all be smart consumers. Conservation will lower your bill. Ensuring that your furnace is in proper repair will, too. Weatherizing your house will help lower your heating bill (and electric bill in the summer). Not only that, But, the cost of weatherizing is tax deductible in Indiana. Also, consider enrolling in your local utility budget-billing plan. Some companies offer several such plans, all of which help

make ballooning energy bills manageable.

And, most importantly, If you are having trouble paying your bill, or fear that you will have trouble, tell someone now. Don't wait. Call your local utility. They have a number of ways they can help. Let them.

For our part, we must fairly consider proposals that will make high wholesale gas prices manageable for everyone. We intend to do just that.

Sincerely,
State Rep. Dan Stevenson
(D- Highland) State Sen.
James Merritt (R-
Indianapolis)
Chairman, HouseCommerce
Chairman, Senate Utility
and Economic Development
Committee and Regulatory
Affairs Committee

Kudos to The Times

I saw the article in your paper, "Trinity United Methodist Church Once Again Rises to the Community Civil Rights Challenge."

I was so pleased to see that I am remembered and respected in the Muncie community.

I would like a copy of my picture you had with the article. Could you send me a copy of the picture? I don't have this picture at all anymore.

I appreciate The Muncie Times in how it gives a positive voice to the black community.

The Rev. J.C. William Sr.
Forest Park, Ohio

Racism thrives in Muncie

I've worked at the same job for almost five years. I like my job.

The only thing I don't like is the racism being hidden behind a fake smile.

I have white co-workers that try to tell me how to do my job. I let them know I do my job the way my supervisor wants it to be

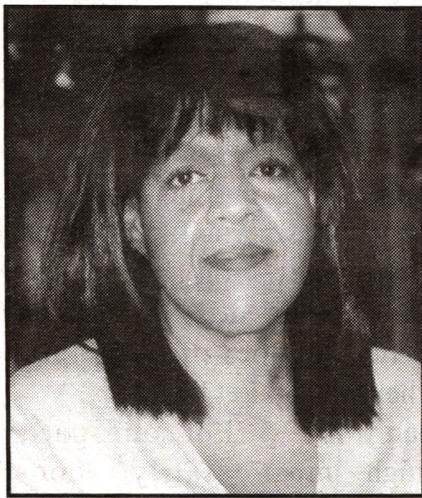
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While I'm working, my white co-workers sit around talking to each other. If black employees sit around talking to each other on the job, we would be fired. Race relations in Muncie, are moving backwards, instead of forward.

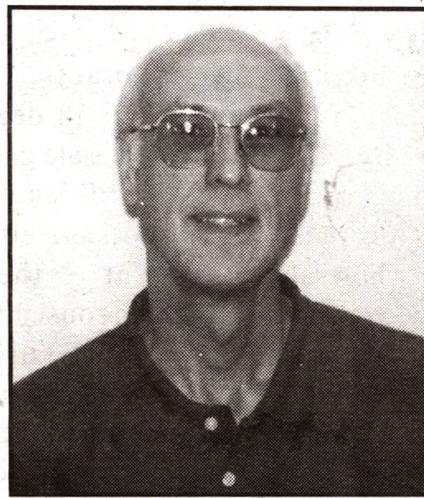
Concerned Worker

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, October 25, at the Muncie Area Career Center in the President's room.



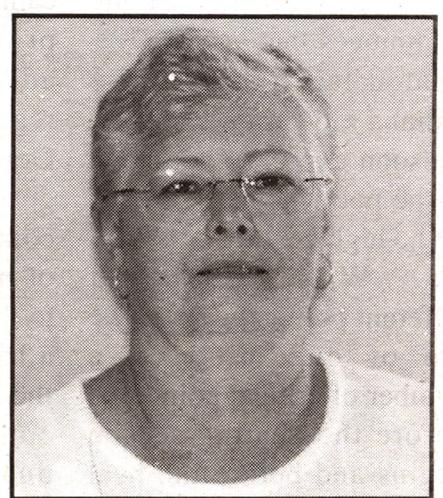
Linda Branson



Keith Doudt



Jerisa Howard



Billie Burkett



Dillard Family

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.



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NIGERIA AND BENIN TEAM UP TO FIGHT CHILD SEX TRADE

By *Toye Olori*

-LAGOS, Oct. 10 (IPS/GIN) -- Barely two weeks after 116 children were returned to neighboring Benin, another set of 120 children kidnapped from that country have been rescued by the Nigerian police.

They are victims of child trafficking and forced labor.

They will be handed over to Beninois authorities, according to the Nigerian police.

"The Nigerian police is ready to arrest those involved in child trafficking and rescue the children. There will be no hiding place for those behind this nefarious act," says a senior police officer in Lagos.

Nigeria's police chief, Tafa Balogun, handed over 116 Beninois children aged between four and 13 years, rescued from slave masters inside Nigeria to the Beninois authorities at Seme, a border town between Nigeria and Benin, on Sept. 26.

The children, all males and malnourished, were part of the inmates of about seven child-slave camps discovered in the western Nigerian States of Ogun, Oyo and Osun, in a major breakthrough by security operatives fighting cross-border crimes, especially child trafficking and forced child labor.

"With this breakthrough in the arrest of the child traffickers and the handing over ceremony, we have succeeded in complying with the agreement contained in the Memorandum of Understanding signed on

Aug. 14 with Benin Republic," said an elated Balogun.

Six Beninois traffickers, among the nine persons arrested for the trafficking offence, were handed over to the Beninois authorities along with the rescued children. Three of the arrested traffickers are Nigerian accomplices who will face the law in Nigeria.

Nigeria's human trafficking law, signed recently by President Olusegun Obasanjo, prescribes life terms for persons who traffic in human being or forces such a person into prostitution within the country or elsewhere in the world.

The arrest of the traffickers followed the discovery of slave colonies in the three states after a report that two Beninois children aged five and six years died while being smuggled into Nigeria. The death was reported to the leader of Egun Community, an ethnic group which straddles the Benin-Nigeria border.

Immediately, the Egun leader sought the assistance of Bose Akinola, co-ordinator of a non-governmental organization - Voice of Women in Nigeria. They discovered the existence of a slave camp in the region and reported their findings to the police which swung into action, arresting the traffickers and rescuing the children.

The traffickers confessed that the children were smuggled into Nigeria in sacks disguised as goods from Benin at the border. Most of the children are said to be on the list of missing persons compiled by the Beninois authorities. Preliminary police reports showed that at least 13 such

trafficked children died in the last three months.

The children were camped in the bush without any shelter and were made to sleep on bare floor in the open. They were used as slaves to crush granites and stones at quarry sites in the camps for peanuts.

A joint Nigeria-Benin task force, which raided one of the camps in a jungle near Mawuko village, about 18 kms from Abeokuta, the capital of Ogun State, some 80 kms north-west of Lagos, succeeded in rescuing 60 of the children. They were returned to Benin in August.

Sikirou Soule, a Beninois diplomat in Lagos, said the traffickers handed over by Nigeria, and the parents of the children, would be prosecuted in Benin.

"Parents who are able to identify their kids among the inmates would be prosecuted for negligence. We have carried out aggressive enlightenment campaign, publicity, publications and the pasting of posters in Benin indicating that child trafficking had become a heinous crime. Anybody who is still in the business will be dealt with accordingly because our law prescribes a minimum of five years imprisonment for anybody convicted for the offence," he said.

As part of efforts to check trans-border crimes especially armed robbery, drug trafficking as well as human trafficking across the Nigeria-Benin border, the two countries in August signed the Memorandum of Understanding following Nigeria's closure of their common border to force Beninois authorities to cooperate in the fight.

Under the accord, both countries agreed that criminals identified in future shall be returned immediately to the appropriate authorities in the requesting country. They also agreed to identify, investigate and prosecute agents and traffickers as well as protect victims of human trafficking and return them promptly to their countries of origin.

The problem of child trafficking and forced labor is not just a problem between Benin and Nigeria but it also cuts across international boundaries.

Despite efforts by the government and non-governmental organizations in the last decade to fight the menace, child trafficking and forceful child labor still thrive within Nigeria's borders.

Ekori and Nko in Cross River states, southern Nigeria, have recently been identified as centers where children aged between 12 and 18 years are trafficked especially to the western states of Ondo and Ogun for cheap labor in the rubber plantations.

At least 50 children of that age bracket are abducted yearly from the two communities to work in plantations in Ondo or Ogun state, according to human rights groups.

Thomas Ukagu, a local government official in Cross River State, says the children are often taken away without their parent's consent.

The situation, Ukagu says, has subjected parents to psychological torture which have led to some untimely deaths in the region. The abducted girls are forced into prostitution, according to him.

UN Children's Fund

(UNICEF) blames poverty and lack of education for child exploitation in Nigeria.

"More than eight million children are now trapped in exploitative child labor. Besides, thousands of them are being trafficked to other countries to be sexually exploited," says a UNICEF report.

Eki Igbiniedion, founder of the Idia Renaissance, an NGO, helps to rehabilitate and integrate victims of human trafficking and prostitution, most of who were deported from foreign countries.

"The clandestine nature surrounding human trafficking hinders the effectiveness of the universal measures and legislation to eliminate the vice and associated activities," she says.

JAMAICA: TOP PARTIES WOULD DROP QUEEN AS HEAD OF STATE

By *Dionne Jackson Miller*

-MONTEGO BAY, Oct. 10 (IPS/GIN) -- Jamaicans are moving closer to dropping the Queen of England as their titular head of state and severing the country's last formal ties with its old colonial ruler.

The ruling People's National Party (PNP) administration is determined to abolish Jamaica's existing monarchical system of government by the next general elections as part of the country's attempt at constitutional reform.

"After 41 years of independence, the time has come where the final symbol of the country must be one with whom we have our own national connection," Prime Minister

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Percival Patterson said in a recent speech. "The time has come when we must have a head of state chosen by us, representative of us and immediately accountable to us."

The PNP favours an executive style presidency with an elected president as head of state, while the opposition Jamaica Labour Party wants a ceremonial representative, with the president largely assuming the ceremonial functions now carried out by the governor general, the queen's representative in the country.

The country's current constitution, with the queen of England as head of state, came into effect shortly before Jamaica gained political independence from Britain in 1962.

After independence, Jamaica remained within the British Commonwealth and is one of 12 Caribbean countries that retain the queen as head of state. There has been repeated criticism over the ensuing decades that public participation in that process was inadequate, limited to 30 days for submissions.

The current reform process has been over a decade in the making. In December 1991, the government established a constitutional commission to hear proposals on constitutional reform. The commission submitted its final report to Parliament in 1994.

In 1999, four bills were tabled in Parliament to advance the cause of constitutional reform, including one expanding the categories of persons eligible for Jamaican citizenship, and another

establishing the office of the public defender. A charter of rights bill was also tabled in Parliament two years ago, but has not yet been passed. The charter would replace chapter three of the Jamaican constitution, which outlines the fundamental rights and freedoms of the citizenry.

The government has also embarked on a controversial process of revoking the constitutional right of appeal to the United Kingdom-based Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and is preparing to establish, along with other Caribbean countries, the Caribbean Court of Justice as the region's final court of appeal.

The Prime Minister is now pressing to complete these reforms within 18 months.

"I have no doubt that the majority of the people of Jamaica are ready to confine to history the last vestiges of colonialism by establishing our own regional and final court of appeal, and by the appointment of a Jamaican as the embodiment of our national identity in the role of head of state," Patterson says.

But chairperson of the local human rights group Jamaicans for Justice Carolyn Gomes describes the progress towards constitutional reform as "pathetic" and objects to what she sees as a piecemeal approach.

"It just seems like waffling around in a political soup," Gomes told IPS.

"The monarchy we can dismiss tomorrow, but the dialogue that we need to be having is the broad system of governance that we have," she said. "We need to be having that

broad-based constitutional discussion, not little bits and pieces here and there."

Merely changing the system of government from a queen to a ceremonial president will have no impact on the country's fundamental problems, she says.

Another group that says the reform process does not go far enough is one of the country's minor political parties, the National Democratic Movement (NDM), which was founded several years ago on a platform of constitutional change. NDM General Secretary Michael Williams describes the proposed changes as cosmetic.

"It is tinkering, and it is not going to affect in any way the serious issues that need to be addressed. The most fundamental change that needs to take place with the Jamaican constitution is to give sovereignty to the people of Jamaica," Williams told Radio Jamaica in an interview.

"We cannot accept any constitutional change unless it is going to be fundamental," Williams argued. "Just to change the governor general and call him president, and give him the same powers the governor general has now, is not going to the heart of the issue."

The NDM has championed a call for radical reform that would see the prime minister elected by the people in a separate election from that held to elect members of Parliament, and with a president as head of state to be appointed by Parliament.

For human rights group Jamaicans for Justice, issues that remain to be addressed include concerns

about the protection of rights under the proposed new legislation, the need for structured systems of participation in governance, and the balance of power between the legislative, the executive and the judiciary.

Given these concerns, Carolyn Gomes questions the prime minister's stated timetable of 18 months to complete the reform process.

"Why go through all that effort for that little gain? Two years, I would think, would be a good time to have a broader-based discussion," Gomes said.

CORRUPTION FOUND IN BOTH RICH AND POOR NATIONS

By Emad Mekay

-WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (IPS/GIN) -- Corruption is not only rampant in developing nations but in many rich nations as well, says a watchdog group that monitors businessmen, civil servants and politicians around the globe.

The Berlin-based Transparency International (TI) said Tuesday in its annual Corruption Perceptions Index for 2003, which charts levels of corruption in 133 countries, that seven out of every 10 countries score less than five out of a clean score of 10.

The report also found that half of developing countries score less than three out of 10.

"Today's CPI demonstrates that it is not only poor countries where corruption thrives," said Laurence Cockcroft, chairman of Transparency International in Britain, in a

statement.

"Levels of corruption are worryingly high in European countries such as Greece and Italy, and in potentially rich oil-rich countries such as Nigeria, Angola, Azerbaijan, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Libya, Venezuela and Iraq," Cockcroft said.

Corruption levels increased in Argentina, Belarus, Chile, Canada, Israel, Luxembourg, Poland, the United States and Zimbabwe, says the report.

"The new CPI points to high levels of corruption in many rich countries as well as poorer ones," said TI chairman Peter Eigen.

The report named Bangladesh, Nigeria, Haiti, Paraguay, Myanmar, Tajikistan, Georgia, Cameroon, Azerbaijan, Angola, Kenya and Indonesia as countries where corruption is perceived to be pervasive. These scored less than two in the new index.

Nations that scored above nine are considered to be less corrupt. These are Finland, Iceland, Denmark, New Zealand, Singapore and Sweden.

The report noted that improvements since last year's index were recorded in Austria, Belgium, Colombia, France, Germany, Ireland, Malaysia, Norway, and Tunisia.

TI officials started a campaign that targets oil-producing countries in a bid to help ordinary people share in the oil wealth of their country. The watchdog organization, along with other civil society groups, is calling on international oil companies to disclose what they pay to governments and state oil companies in

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poor nations.

"This will enable citizens and civil society organizations in countries such as Nigeria, Angola, Iraq, Indonesia and Kazakhstan to have a clearer picture of state revenues," said Cockcroft.

Cockcroft said this would allow citizens to "call their governments to account where the state budget is not used to improve scarce public resources, but instead disappears on expensive vanity projects or into the secret offshore bank accounts of politicians and public officials."

The group also urged developed nations to crack down on the long-time practice of bribing officials in poor nations to win contracts and favours for foreign businesses.

Eigen said that private businesses should fulfill their obligations under the Anti-Bribery Convention, namely to stop bribing public officials around the world.

Under the push for more reliance on private investors, spearheaded by rich nations and marketed by the international financial institutions, private sector companies have come to play a major role in many costly projects, especially in energy, telecommunications, airports, rail and water and sanitation.

But few governments have publicly disclosed the terms and conditions under which service providers operate.

While acknowledging that the move towards privatization does present the possibility of having lucrative companies taken over by

cronies or relatives of those in government, for example, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund say that the private sector generally faces stronger incentives to minimize costs and reduce leakages in the form of bribes.

But Transparency International in its report urged donor countries and international financial organizations to take "a firmer line" against corruption in poor nations by slashing financial aid to corrupt governments and punishing companies that pay bribes.

For developing nations to get out of the web of graft, their governments, too, must implement results-oriented programs to fight corruption.

"For less developed countries, it is in their own interests to introduce transparency measures in public procurement because the waste of their own scarce resources is at stake. If corruption in procurement is not contained, poverty will grow," Eigen said.

"But they also urgently require practical help tailored to the needs of their national anti-corruption strategies," the TI chairman added. "Rich countries must provide practical support to developing country governments that demonstrate the political will to curb corruption."

TI Vice Chair Rosa Ines Ospina Robledo said in a statement that transparency in public contracting is essential to build solid foundations for removing corruption from government and public services.

"In particular, the

private sector must take full responsibility for its conduct at home and abroad, and take urgent steps to stop paying bribes," Robledo said.

The TI index reflects the perceptions of business people, academics and risk analysts from different countries around the world.

U.S. MUSLIMS FEAR GOVERNMENT HARASSMENT WILL WORSEN

By Emad Mekay

-WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (IPS/GIN) -- Muslims in the United States say that they are being treated like characters in Arthur Miller's novel, 'The Crucible', a story of 17th Century villagers punished for crimes they did not commit in an atmosphere of hysteria.

Set in Salem, Mass. in 1692, the novel tells the story of Puritan villagers preoccupied by a fear of the devil. Because of the fear, 19 innocent people are hanged on the signature of a deputy governor, who has the authority to try, convict, and execute anyone he deemed sinful.

"This novel represents deeply and honestly the plight of Muslims' and Arabs' rights and liberties in the United States at present," said a press release from the Washington-based Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on Wednesday.

Muslims have been subjected to forms of scrutiny and discrimination after the Sept. 11 attacks on U.S. targets, attributed to Saudi dissident Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaeda group.

In June, a report by the Washington-based Migration Policy Institute (MPI), an influential think tank, found that the roundup and detention of hundreds of Muslims after the attacks were particularly abusive.

It said that the government's effort to depict some of those who were detained as "terrorists" was simply wrong. The only charges brought against nearly all of them were actually for routine immigration violations or ordinary crimes.

A report released in July by CAIR found that anti-Muslim incidents in the United States increased by 15 percent over the previous year because of the anti-Muslim fervor in the United States.

Incidents and experiences of anti-Muslim violence, discrimination and harassment rose from 525 confirmed incidents in the 2002 report to 602, according to the study.

Muslims say that the government is partly to blame for actions that led to wider suspicion of Muslims, including the March 2002 raids on Muslim families and businesses in Virginia and Georgia, the compulsory special registration program for Muslim visa-holders, and the questioning of thousands of Iraqi-Americans.

"Many people had their homes raided, many had been confronted by the FBI which requested information, many people have been subpoenaed for grand jury investigations, organizations have had their finances looked at and, to various degrees, mosques have been asked to provide lists of their worshippers to

the FBI," said Raed Tayeh of the Muslim American Society in Washington.

Yet Muslim groups say the past few months saw a new twist -- a shift towards targeting of Muslim community leaders, who were trying to organize Muslims, and of pro-Palestine activists.

Abdul Rahman al-Amoudi, who directs the Washington-based advocacy group, the American Muslim Council (AMC), was arrested last week as he returned to the United States from London. The FBI says he made unauthorized visits to Libya, which violated sanctions against the North African nation.

Muslim groups however say that the arrest was made at the behest of writers on Islam Jerusalem Post columnist Daniel Pipes and his protege Steven Emerson, author of the book 'American Jihad'. Both are widely seen in the American Muslim community as anti-Islam.

Pipes had written in June against the AMC, saying that the FBI should put the organization under surveillance, ascertain its funding sources, look over its books, and check its staff's visa status.

In July, Abdelhaleem Ashqar, a University of Mississippi graduate who had called for an independent Palestinian state, was arrested after FBI agents brought immigration charges against him. But his advocates claim that the powerful pro-Israel lobby in Washington politically motivated the case.

Also earlier this year, a university of Southern Florida professor, Sami Al-Arian, who was

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The Allurement of the Forbidden

"By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Hebrews 11:24, 25).

CHOOSING...CHOOSING! Inwardly you are a composite of desires, good and bad. Each of us is! Endeavoring to subdue the bad and pursue the good is a battle fought in every human heart. The waters on which we make the voyage of life are littered with the shipwrecks of many that have fallen victims to that battle, while true victors are in the minority. Penal institutions throughout the land are packed beyond designed capacity, filled with individuals who did not resist the urge to take that which they desired, though doing so involved transgressing the law. What did it matter that the car was not theirs; or that the law, God's and man's says: "Thou shalt not steal"? They wanted to "live it up"; take a joy ride!" So steal they did. Now, behind bars, the penalty is being paid. When two avenues are open to man, it is his prerogative, through the power of choice which God has given him, to choose the avenue he will take. It is inevitable however, that he shall bear the consequences of his choice.

There are youthful lusts (2 Timothy 2:22) that war against the soul, and they hold great enticement. Sin does offer its pleasures, but those pleasures are only for a season! Walking with

God has its afflictions, true, yet these, too are only for a season, while the pleasures of God are eternal. "In thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures evermore."

We are admonished "...come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." I am sure that each of you now reading these lines has a strong desire to be received by the Lord when he calls His church out of this world to ever be with Him. Yet, on the very brink of the coming of Jesus Christ, there are people failing God. Why?

This human weakness of yielding to wrong desires is an inherent trait bequeathed the human family by our first parents. Free access was granted to eat of every tree in the garden, with the exception of one. Only one forbidden and the others to be enjoyed, yet it was to the forbidden that Eve was allured. In the momentary enticement of that tree, forgotten was the decree: "...In the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die." The tree was "pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired," thus the temporary allurements obscured the eternal values: the right to the tree of life. "She took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and did eat." In reaching for one they all lost their access to all. If you yield to the allurements you must also suffer the consequences. Sin's pleasures are for a season, but that season always ends-then the harvest.

From the first Adam, inherited his proneness to fall to seducement.

Generations later this tendency to err displays itself, as the glitter of gold and the tinkling of the silver beckon in attraction. Then, too, the garment was so dazzling compared to the dullness of his own robe. After all, Achan did not literally wear his old cloak for years now? It was time to shed it!

"This garment (which by now he had picked up and was fondling) is 'sharp.' Dressed in this robe and with that gold and silver I could really 'do the town' when we are settled there in Canaan."

"And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. But all the silver, and gold...are consecrated unto the Lord: they shall come into the treasury of the Lord." It was unnerving the way those words of Joshua, God's man were now ringing in his heart and convicting him. These, then, were forbidden items that were alluring him.

"Maybe I could just slip the garment on for size, to see how I would look. Then I'll destroy it and place the gold and silver in the Lord's treasury." He proceeded to go just one little step farther in his dabbling.

"Hm-m-m. Feel the texture of the cloth. Man, it is soft! It's not from some local shop. This has been imported. From Babylon, no less! The fit is good too; it's perfect. Say this is really

nice. I look good in it, it - does something for me." Surely there couldn't be any harm in my keeping one little garment and this golden-wedge. The silver would never be missed either. Besides who will ever know it? I'll do it! I'll hide them in your tent." The sin was committed.

"I saw....then I coveted....and I took them..." were words that Achan used to in relating the story to Joshua when his sin was found out. "I looked and they allured me. Forbidden, I knew, but I took them anyway."

"And all Israel stoned him with stones." "For the wages of sin is death." Here, then, God's word pictures, another life shipwrecked by the allurements of the forbidden.

At times the enemy makes you feel that your garment of salvation is old and completely out of date. Some dazzle and glitter of the world beckons you to lay aside your robe of righteousness and don the Babylonish raiment. The Devil will see to it that there is a cloak that will "just fit you" if you linger in his territory. Its appeal will be most alluring, of that you may be assured. "Flee...was the admonition regarding youthful lusts. Run for your life, lest they snare you.

The church dare not import Babylonish raiment in an attempt to make itself more attractive. It will not "do anything" for us other than seduce us from the ways of God. Be patient. Our change is coming. And what a glorious change it shall be. Not merely the outward garb but our whole being, "for the trump shall

sound...and we shall be changed." "We shall see him as he is." We are looking for the return of Christ "...who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorified body." This will be pleasure, not for a season, but eternally.

True, from the first Adam we inherited our proneness to fall to seducement. However, the second Adam came-the Lord from heaven. Through Him we have been granted power to become the sons of God. By virtue of the new birth we have become "partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

Young people, make a deliberate decision to walk with God. Be more than conquerors through Him that loved us. Look not at the glitter of things that are seen but look on the things that are not seen. Make up your mind to serve the Lord, and your vision of "him who is invisible" will transcend the temporary allurements of the forbidden.





Youth Spotlight



Alexis Howard-Orr

Look who's in the spotlight Alexis Howard-Orr

By Maurice Taylor-EL.

Alexis Howard-Orr is nine years old and was born in Muncie, IN. December 23, 1993 to Mr. William Orr and Mrs. Jerisa Howard.

She started school in Indianapolis at Brook Park Academy for Talent and Development in Lawrence Township.

After completing kindergarten, first and second grade, her family moved back to Muncie. Alexis attended Storer Elementary school third grade classes last year and earned A/B average. Her favorite subjects were spelling, reading and science. While in the summer program at

Motivate Our Minds (MOM), she exhibited excellent citizenship and was always willing to help other without being asked. She was involved in the media /technology summer camp. She also completed the Toastmaster's Youth Leadership course during summer camp.

Alexis's family actively attends Christ Temple, she is a member of the Worship team and learns Karate, dance, reading, and drawing, she says these courses have become her hobby because most of her spare time is spent practicing them. Although she enjoys playing volleyball and basketball at

school.

I asked Orr what was her favorite foods, she said it was her grandfather's Norman Hawkins barbecued ribs. Orr's grandfather was once the proprietor of Hawks Nest, a barbeque shop located across the railroad tracks at Jackson and Tillotson avenue. Alexis really enjoyed the way her grandfather's ribs tasted. She also enjoys corn Cheetos, and vanilla coke.

Alexis want to attend a historically black college after she completes high school, so she will be able to learn more about her history and culture.

Kids should limit Halloween candy intake

For many youngsters, Halloween is a time to gobble down as much candy as possible.

But, it also can be an opportunity to teach children about healthy eating, says a registered dietitian at Ball State University.

The lessons children learn now can help keep them from becoming overweight or obese, said Judith Burns Lowe, director of Ball State's dietetic program.

"Parents are in charge of what children

have available to eat," Lowe said. "Parents should be creative in teaching children that to use anything in excess, can contribute to serious problems."

According to a 1999 report by the U.S. Surgeon General's office, 13 percent of children 6 to 11 and 14 percent of adolescents 12 to 19 were overweight.

Risk factors for heart disease, such as high cholesterol and high blood pressure, occur with increased frequency in overweight children and adolescents compared to

children with a healthy weight.

Lowe's strategies for parents include:

- Be actively involved in restricting access to sugar excess at school.

- Limit children's access to friends' homes where too much candy is readily available.

- Establish guidelines before Halloween on how much candy children can eat each day.

- Provide healthy meals before trick-or-

treating or Halloween parties.

- Make sure children get plenty of exercise on a daily basis to burn calories from treats.

- Be a good role model for children. Don't limit your children's snacking, only to be caught eating a stash of goodies.

- Lowe said that children should enjoy candy collected during Halloween activities.

"As a parent I always emphasized that other foods were more valuable to good health but that candy in small amounts was not a problem

especially if children brushed their teeth after eating it," she said.



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one of the most vocal supporters of Muslim political empowerment and a man who had met with administration officials and dozens of members of Congress, was accused of being the head of Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

"The government says it has nine years of evidence, but yet again why they did they sit on such evidence for nine years?" said Tayeh. "This is the pattern we are alluding to."

Muslim Americans say have also suffered targeting under the USA Patriot Act. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) says that the act was passed only 45 days after the Sept. 11 attacks with little debate in Congress.

"Without a warrant and without probable cause, the FBI now has the power to access your most private medical records, your library records, and your student records ... and can prevent anyone from telling you it was done," says the ACLU in its description of the Patriot Act.

Muslims say they also witnessed a surge in hate crimes and endured continued stereotyping in the popular media - and even at times Islamophobic rhetoric by high-ranking officials and by evangelical leaders such as Franklin Graham, Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson.

Last week, a republican representative, Cass Ballenger, claimed the stress of living near the offices of a Muslim civil rights group, CAIR, caused the breakup of his marriage.

In an interview with the Charlotte Observer newspaper, Ballenger said that proximity to CAIR "bugged the hell" out of his wife.

He said his wife also objected to women "wearing hoods" going in and out of CAIR's Capitol Hill headquarters and he accused the group of raising funds for terrorists.

"Ballenger's statements are a perfect example of Islamophobic hysteria at the highest levels of government. We view this incident as a direct byproduct of the campaign currently being waged by neo-conservative opinion leaders to marginalise and disenfranchise the American Muslim community," said Arsalan Iftikhar, CAIR's director of legal affairs. CAIR says it may take legal action against Ballenger.

A recent incident that sent reverberations through the community in the Washington D.C. area was the stabbing from behind of a Muslim woman who was wearing an Islamic headscarf, in a K-Mart parking lot in Springfield, Virginia.

The white male teenage attacker allegedly shouted, "you terrorist pig," before running away.

Miller wrote 'The Crucible' in response to the "witch hunts" that took place in the 1950's, known as McCarthyism, which persecuted suspected Communists and their sympathizers.

"The novel shows two main sources for hysteria," said Allaa Baioumi of CAIR. "One of them is fundamentalists in the village. These are the right wing and neo-conservatives now. The other section was people who benefited from the crisis like rich folks who wanted to punish their opponents. Now these are the pro-Israel lobbyists."

1.2 BILLION OF WORLD'S YOUTH NEGLECTED, U.N. SAYS

By Thalif Deen

-UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 10 (IPS/GIN) -- The international community is being blamed for neglecting the social and economic needs of the largest generation of adolescents in history -- about 1.2 billion out of a world

population of 6 billion.

"Investing in young people will yield generous returns, but their needs continue to be shortchanged," the U.N. Population Fund (UNFPA) said Wednesday.

Half of the world's adolescents, between the ages of 10 and 19, are poor, with one in four living in extreme poverty on less than a dollar a day, the New York-based U.N. agency said.

In its annual 84-page report on the 'State of World Population, 2003' released here, UNFPA said that neglect and under-funding of programmes enabling young people to avoid unwanted pregnancy, unsafe childbirth and sexually transmitted infections are undermining development and spreading HIV/AIDS.

"Investment to correct this will be repaid many times over," UNFPA Executive Director Thoraya Ahmed Obaid told reporters. "Governments need to do more in order to meet their international development goals and commitments to young people," she added.

The study points out that neglect and underfunding of adolescents' sexual and reproductive health needs are actually perpetuating poverty and the spread of HIV/AIDS.

At the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo, the international community pledged to meet one-third of the costs of a package of population and reproductive health services in developing countries -- \$17 billion a year in 2000, \$18.5 billion in 2005, \$20.5 billion in 2010 and \$21.7 billion in 2015.

"But amounts contributed by the international community are declining," says the study.

In the year 2001, total expenditure for population programmes worldwide was about \$9.6 billion. The international assistance

portion of that was \$2.5 billion -- about one quarter of the total.

"The costs of failing to support young people will have serious consequences at both the individual and societal levels," the report warns.

Werner Fornos, president of the Washington-based Population Institute, told IPS that if world governments continue to fail to live up to their responsibilities, "the consequences will be dire, if not deadly".

Fornos, a recipient of the 2003 U.N. Population Award, said that industrial countries, which pledged to provide one-third of the \$17 billion pledged at ICPD in Cairo, have failed to meet their international obligations.

"The United States, with the greatest wherewithal to lead the way, has made giant strides backward," he said.

At the time of the Cairo conference, the United States was spending about \$585 million on population assistance. This has not only dropped to \$425 million, he said, but Washington is now funding dubious programmes to promote abstinence at the expense of providing condoms, which protect against both unwanted pregnancy and venereal diseases, including HIV/AIDS.

"For the investment of pennies today in the appropriate interventions, we could save billions of dollars that will have to be spent tomorrow on the inevitable social disintegration resulting from hordes of disillusioned young people -- homeless, powerless, uneducated, unemployed and unemployable -- seeking refuge in the easily accessible northern hemisphere," he added.

Fornos also pointed out that by choosing to pour billions of dollars into, at best,

"questionable military ventures that bring death and disability, we squander the opportunity to invest these same resources in the education and the health of future generations."

Melissa May of the Population Council underlined the importance of adolescence, which marks the developmental transition from childhood to adulthood -- "a time when many important social, economic, biological, and demographic events set the stage for adult life".

"The nature and quality of young people's future lives, as well as a country's future social and economic development, depend largely on how well adolescents navigate this transition," she added.

The Population Council, she said, has done extensive research in this area in at least eight countries: Bangladesh, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Kenya, Pakistan, South Africa and Vietnam.

Obaid said that this year's UNFPA report is a "wake-up call" to listen to young people and acknowledge their needs.

"It's a wake-up call to increase funding and expand information and services to young people. It is a wake-up call to support them so that they can lead healthy, productive and dignified lives," she added.

She specifically singled out AIDS as a disease of young people, fuelled by poverty, gender inequality and a severe lack of information and services.

Today half of all new HIV infections occur among youth aged 15 to 24. An estimated 6,000 youth a day become infected with HIV/AIDS -- one every 14 seconds, she added.

"There is a critical need for more education and increased access to youth-friendly reproductive health services," Obaid said.

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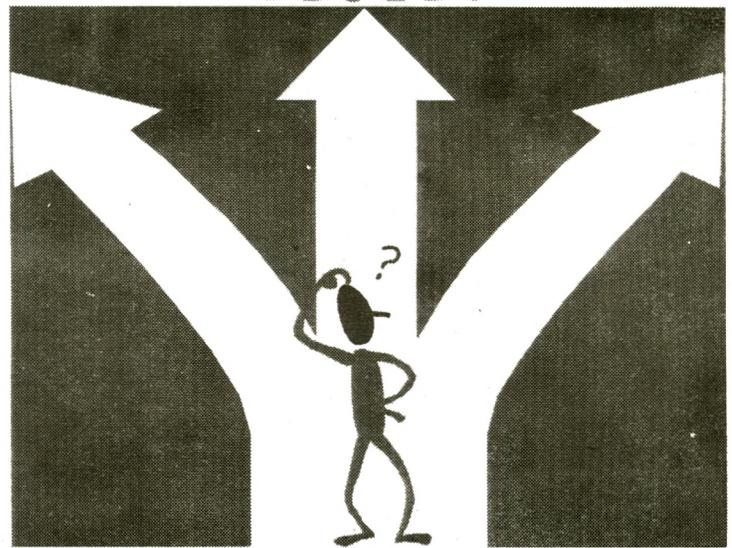
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October 31-Halloween Party



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Black Caucus, Joint Center develop presidential election questionnaire

Washington D.C.- The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Inc. (CBCF) kicked off its 33rd Annual Legislative Conference (ALC) at the new Washington Convention Center with an unique partnership with the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, which could impact the 2004 U.S. presidential race.

“The two national institutions will develop a comprehensive questionnaire that presidential candidates will be asked to complete. Each presidential candidate’s response to the questionnaire will be telling,” said ALC Chairperson Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-Calif.) during the opening news conference. “Answers to the questionnaire will greatly help voters gauge where the candidates stand on the issues that matter most to African Americans and influence what happens

in the voting booths in 2004.” “Our partnership with the Joint Center is an example of collective leadership in action,” said Rep. William J. Jefferson (D-La.), Chairman of the CBCF. “Together we are exemplifying the theme of this Annual Legislative Conference and propelling the foundation’s new proactive agenda that seeks to effect positive and sustainable change in the African-American community.” “The CBCF is focused on finding innovative ways to eliminate the disparities that exist in economic development, education, and public health for African Americans,” said CBCF President Weldon J. Rougeau. “The presidential questionnaire will be largely shaped by the intellectual exchange of ideas and data on these issues plus African globalism during the 14 days if the legislative conference. The voices



Rep. William J. Williams (Chairman, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Inc.), Douglas West (Senior vice-president Toyota Motors North America Inc.), Eddie Williams (President, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies), Rep. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D-Michigan), Rep. Frank Balance (D-North Carolina), Rep. Juanita Millender McDonald (Chair, CBCF ALC) and Rep. Donald Payne (D-New Jersey)

heard this week will inform future policy decision-making.”

With close to 30,000 people in attendance, the ALC is the largest gathering in the United States of

African-American leaders from public and private sectors. The ALC is made possible by individual contributions and corporate sponsorships, which include funding from Toyota Motor

Sales, USA. Inc. The news conference ended with the automobile manufacturer presenting the CBCF with a check for \$105,000.

Paige announces \$4.5 million teacher reading program

U.S. Education Secretary Rod Paige has announced a \$ 4.5 million grant to help the nation’s minority-serving higher education institutions prepare future teachers on how to teach reading using scientifically proven instruction methods.

Paige made the announcement as he kicked off the annual celebration of the nation’s historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), which are being recognized for their valuable contributions to America’s economic, cultural and social process.

Reading First Teacher Preparation Network, a partnership with

the National Council for Accreditation of teacher Excellence (NCATE), will enhance teacher preparation programs in reading by engaging colleges and universities in realigning their reading instruction programs with effective research-based practices.

“As educators, we know how important reading is and you can’t read to learn until you learn to read,” Paige said. “President Bush is investigating a historic \$5 billion in his Reading First Program to make sure that our current teachers have the support and assistance they need to teach reading using the very best methods. But we’ll keep losing

ground if our schools continue to produce teachers who haven’t had access to these methods.”

“That’s why today, I’m announcing a \$4.5 million grant to the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. This initiative will allow reading professors from 25 institutions to participate in the best training available on scientifically based reading instruction, which will help ensure that their students...who are our future teachers...have as solid foundation. We know from research that the key to a child’s success in school is to have a good teacher and I have full confidence that with the right kind of

support, all of our teaching institutions can continue to produce the world-class teachers our students need and deserve.”

The reading network is a collaboration between the Department of Education, the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development, NCATE, the Center for Reading and Language Arts and minority-serving institutions across the nation.

Paige also announced that he has asked Morehouse School of Medicine President and former Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan to chair the president’s advisory board

on HBCUs. Dr. Sullivan will be meeting with the secretary or administrator of every federal agency to garner a closer cooperation between HBCUs and federal agencies.

“As African Americans, we have a great history and we have an even greater future. We have the chance to make even greater strides in the weeks and years ahead,” Paige said. I know that students from historically black colleges and universities will be at the forefront of that effort, helping to shape our nation’s future.”

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Assistant Professor Maude Jennings At the Cross Roads

By Maurice Taylor-EL.

Maude Jennings is a very special person at Ball State University. She is good at her job as an English instructor and a unique, intelligent, interesting, and kind person.

She is interested in the cultural background of others, while never losing contact with her own roots," said Steve Guy English professor at Ball State University.

Born in New York City and a personal acquaintance of the late Langston Hughes, Jennings has been an assistant English professor at Ball State University since 1978. Jennings was born in Harlem, New York. Her mother was Alice Walker, from Jamaica and her father Lancelot Smith James, a school teacher from Trinidad.

Her parents met and married in New York City. Jennings attended public school and went to the high school of Music and Art, the same school Fame the movie and the television series were based on. After graduating high school, Jennings attended Hampton Institute in Virginia on an art scholarship.

Her father insisted she become a doctor. He forced her to give up her art scholarship and attend Hampton Institute as a science major. Later he decided to send her to

Wilberforce college in Ohio. There she met William Jennings from Ohio and was married.

William was a music major and band instructor. After his graduation he accepted a job as band director in Lynchburg, Virginia. Jennings did not want to go South with her husband. She described her relationship with her new husband: "I was a babe in the woods when it came to marriage." She moved to Washington, D.C., and took nurse training at a local hospital and her husband commuted to Washington on the weekend.

After 12 years their marriage ended. Six months later William died of a pulmonary embolus (blood clot in the pulmonary aerie). She made her way through nurse training. Jennings' road then led her back to New York. She graduated from Manhattan Catholic College. Earning a bachelors' degree, Jennings decided to come to Ball State University instead of Brown College in Rhode Island to study for a master's degree, because the stipend (small amount of money is offered to some graduate students) was a little more at Ball State University, than Brown College.

She was a registered nurse and worked as a registered nurse supervisor

before coming to Ball State University, and living on a stipend was difficult for her.

In 1979 soon after coming to Ball State University, she was involved in a car accident and both her legs were broken. Jennings did not have any kind of insurance. The result of that accident remains with her today. Usually she walks with a walking cane or rides in an electric wheel chair to her office and classes. She said if she had had good insurance when her accident occurred, she perhaps would not have the problem with her legs today.

Jennings did not let having two broken legs deterr her from her goal. She earned a masters degree in English and entered the doctors program in 1980. In 1986 she received a doctorate degree in British and American latitude, Composition, theater, and Rhetoric.

Jennings ended her interview with the words, "where she rode to is where she is today, began, the road.' don't worry about the torn up carpet or the stairs too dim but she still climbs them. Life for me ain't been no crystal stair case." (Langston Hughes)

When I asked Jennings what motivated her to reach for such lofty goals she said, "I did it for the children and also because it needed to be done."



Educational studies professor Charles Payne said, she is a terrific person, extremely bright.

Sometimes abstract and very deep in her thinking. I could always tell when she did not agree with me by her facial expression. You can learn lots about being human from attending her class.

Along with English she teaches life experiences. Lots of faculty members often sit in on her classes,

and there is no greater compliment to a professor than that.

Doing an interview with Jennings was one of the most stimulating events of my career. She is one of the most remarkable persons I have ever met. I think the road she has been traveling is a lot longer than she or I can imagine. Ball State University has only been the point where the paths of the road cross.

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WITNESS FOR JUSTICE

Homeless need protection from violence--prone things

In Cleveland, Public Square is the symbolic heart of the city. It is neither east nor west in a city where everyone is identified by whether he/she lives on the east or west side.

It is the place where the Cleveland Orchestra holds its annual free Independence Day concert. It is the place where, until economic hard times hit a few years ago, there was an ice skating rink set up amid the Christmas decorations.

It is the place where monuments honor veterans and where the key Cleveland financial and corporate entities are located. It is also the place where homeless persons were recently attacked with stun guns while sleeping.

Not too long after that attack, I received an e-mail and an essay written by a seminary student in St. Louis on the growing number of attacks on the homeless across the nation. I began to look around me. According to the National Coalition Against the Homeless, last year there were 123 homeless persons

murdered by non-homeless persons and another 89 violent attacks which did not result in death.

These murders and attacks against the homeless by those who were not are not just crimes, they are hate crimes. They include horrible beatings with baseball bats, beheadings and setting homeless persons on fire.

They are directed against homeless persons because they are homeless and vulnerable, mentally disabled or addicted and vulnerable, alone and vulnerable.

Some of the attackers are white supremacy group members, such as those in the Pacific Northwest, who have attacked white homeless men, telling them they need "more white pride." Some attackers are individual citizens who harbor hatred against the homeless or see themselves on a mission to cleanse the world. Some attackers are thrill-seeking teenagers in some horrible "Lord of the Flies" moment. Indeed, most of the attackers

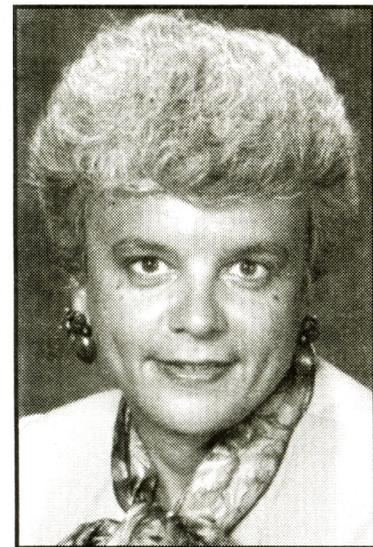
of homeless persons were teenagers and adults.

The attackers assault the homeless because they feel they can get away with it. Crimes against the homeless, except the most egregious, receive little media attention. Some of the attacks on the homeless are never reported to the police, especially in cities where police target the homeless for arrest for vagrancy and so-called "quality of life" violations.

And even though many of these crimes are directed at a class of persons the homeless are not a part of current hate crimes protected classes.

Moreover, as our society has dehumanized homeless persons over the past decades and rendered them invisible, attackers feel little more remorse about attacking homeless persons. When talk show host Michael Savage said last year society should take "bums" and beat them up, throw them in a van and take them to a work camp, he in effect gave public permission to attackers.

Bernice Powell Jackson



Yet we know from the U.S. Conference of Mayors and from governmental and human service agencies across the nation homelessness is rising. One of the frightening aspects of this increase is the number of working families with children now homeless. There is no reason to believe they will be immune from this violence against homeless persons.

As a society we will be judged not by our strength, but by how we treat the most vulnerable. As communities, we can insist that we stop both criminalizing and ignoring the homeless and find creative ways to provide housing and human services

for homeless persons, even in difficult financial times.

As parents, we can monitor the activities of our teenagers and talk to them about the value of all of God's children. As individuals, we can write our congressperson and urge them to include the homeless in hate crimes legislation and insist that our nation invest in affordable housing for all Americans.

Bernice Powell Jackson is executive minister of the United Church of Christ's Justice and Witness Ministries; You can reach her at: 700 Prospect Ave, Cleveland, OH 44115-1110 or by calling 216-736-3700

United Way Campaign: On track to reach target

United Way of Delaware County co-chairs Mike and Cindy Lunsford have announced that the 2003 campaign is off to a fantastic start.

The work of United Way volunteers, who include the campaign cabinet, loaned executives, and board of directors, in addition to coordination from agency staff helped to facilitate positive momentum toward the goals for the 2003 campaign.

Companies that run early campaigns, commonly known as pacesetters, have helped to pave the way for others to follow by presenting United Way with \$665,000, 22 percent of their \$3 million goal.

"We are extremely pleased with the dedication and hard work of everyone involved." "We are really pressing hard toward that 100 percent ask initiative and it's working" Lunsford

said.

In addition to the 28 United Way agencies that ran pacesetter campaigns, there are more than 10 other companies that agreed to take on the challenge of setting the pace for the months to follow. Now more than 3 weeks into the campaign, United Way is encouraged by the results. Despite the weak economy, the campaign is doing well, he said.



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SOCIAL SECURITY

Check social security statement carefully for retirement benefits

If you're like most people, that vacation you took this summer was, at least in part, provided by your employer. By that I mean you probably earn a certain number of paid vacation days every year. And, as you get older and reach retirement age, those paid vacation days might have an impact on your Social Security benefits.

Many American workers accumulate large amounts of vacation time and sick leave. After you retire, you may receive some accumulated vacation and sick pay. You might wonder if those payments count towards the earnings limit imposed on Social Security beneficiaries under their full retirement age. Usually, they won't, if we know they are compensation for work done before you retired. However, many times we don't know this, unless you tell us. We call this compensation a "special payment."

If you worked for wages, income received after retirement counts as a special payment if the last thing you did to earn the payment was completed before you stopped working for your employer. Besides vacation and sick pay, the most common types of special payments include bonuses, severance pay, back pay and sales commission.

If you are a Social Security beneficiary whose total yearly earnings exceed the annual limit and these earnings include a special payment, you should contact Social Security. Tell us if you think you received a special payment. If we agree, we will not count the

amount of the special payment as part of your total earnings for a year.

The example below shows how a special payment is treated under Social Security rules. Mr. DeSilva retired at 62 in January 2002, from his job at Crown Jewelry Co. and began to receive Social Security benefits. A few months later, DeSilva received a check from his employer for \$12,000 for vacation and sick time he earned while he worked.

Simultaneously, the jewelry company reported those "earnings" to Social Security. That report generated a letter we sent to DeSilva telling him that he was paid more Social Security benefits than he was due, because his 2002 earnings exceeded the \$11,280 limit for that year. But DeSilva contacted us immediately and explained that the \$12,000 payment was not earnings for work done in 2002, but vacation and sick pay he accumulated before he retired. We agreed that the \$12,000 was indeed a "special payment" and cancelled the overpayment.

The next example involves insurance agents. Many insurance salespeople continue to receive commissions after the year they retire for policies they sold prior to retirement. Maria Juarez worked as an insurance agent for Safety Net Insurance Co. She retired at 62 in 2002 and began to collect Social Security benefits.

In July 2003, she received \$8,000 in renewal commission of life insurance policies she sold before retirement. In addition, she continued to

work part time in 2003 as a self-employed contractor for another insurance company. She received \$12,000 in net commissions from new policies she sold in 2003 working part time.

Although her total 2003 income is \$20,000, the \$8,000 in renewal commissions will not count toward the earnings limit, because Juarez did the work to earn that amount before she retired. However, the \$12,000 will count as earnings because Juarez sold these policies after she began receiving Social Security benefits. Because the \$12,000 earnings slightly exceed the \$11,520 limit for 2003, her Social Security benefits will be adjusted.

When it comes to Social Security, a lack of basic knowledge can put you at a big disadvantage. What you don't know could have a negative impact not only on your Social Security, but also on your overall financial future.

Here are five common misconceptions people have when it comes to thinking about one of their most important financial lifelines--Social Security:

•Thinking that social security can do it all--- Social Security never was intended to be your only source of retirement income. Along with private pensions and savings, it was meant to be part of a "three-legged stool" that supports your financial future.

Most financial planners tell people to figure out how much money they'll need in retirement--usually 70 to 80 percent of their pre-retirement incomes. But, for

average wage earners, Social Security will replace about 40 percent of what they make before they retire.

•Thinking there's no harm in giving your social security number to others--With ever-increasing reports of identity theft, more and more people understand the potential problems that can come about from letting the wrong person get hold of your Social Security number. Most of the time, giving businesses or organizations your Social Security Number seems harmless enough.

But do you know what they will do with it? Or to whom they will pass it along? Next time you're asked for your Social Security number, ask them why they need it, what they plan to do with it, what happens if you refuse and what law requires you to give your number.

If you're not satisfied with the answers, you can choose not to give it to them. But keep in mind that if you refuse, the business or organization may refuse to give you the goods or service that you are seeking.

It is also a good idea to keep your Social Security card in a safe place. You shouldn't carry it with you in your wallet or purse.

•Thinking Your Social Security Taxes Are Building Up a Personal Retirement Account-- Because they have a Social Security number and they pay Social Security taxes, some people think there's a special account that has all the money they've paid into Social Security, plus interest.

That just isn't so.

Social Security is basically a pay-as-you-go system. The benefits people get today are being paid from the taxes of today's workers. Any taxes in excess of those needed to pay benefits go into the Social Security trust funds, which are invested in U.S. government securities.

Social Security is based on a simple concept. You earn Social Security credits when you work in job in which you pay Social Security taxes. The credits are based on your earnings. We use these credits to determine your eligibility for benefits. Social Security uses Social Security numbers to keep earnings records of all workers, because the amounts of benefits are based on those earnings.

•Thinking you can ignore your social security statement--if you are 25 or older and you work, you should be receiving a Social Security Statement in the mail each year, about 3 months before your birthday. One of the biggest mistakes you could make is to ignore it.

The statement has a lot of useful information in it. If you don't already have a plan for where your money will be coming from after you stop working, Social Security should be the first place you look. The statement shows how much you paid into Social Security through the years and what you can expect to get back at various retirement ages. It also shows how much you'll get if you become disabled and

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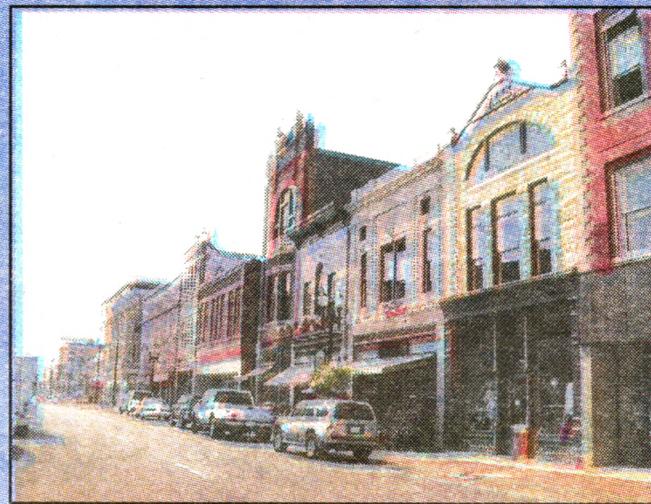
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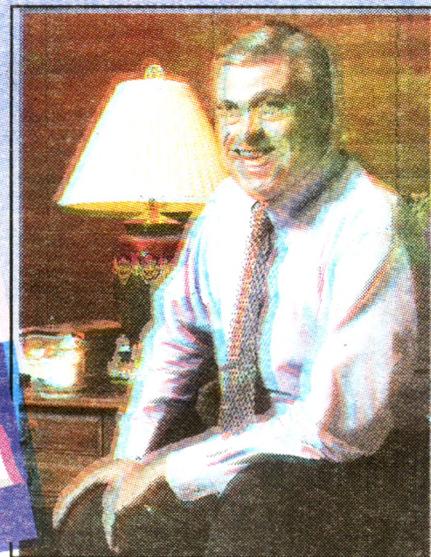
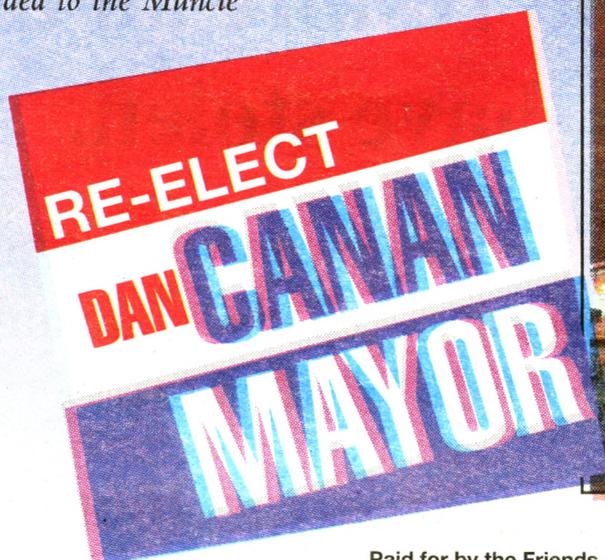
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Answer:

You will get an automatic increase in your retirement benefits if your earnings are high enough to increase your lifetime average earnings, which forms the basis for your Social Security benefit amount. You do not have to apply for it, You generally get any increase by October

of the next year. In other words, if you worked in 2002 and your earnings increased your monthly Social Security benefit, you would get a benefit adjustment by October 2003 that pays you back to January 2003 and increases your monthly amount thereafter.

Survivor benefits

Question:

My mother was married to my father for 30 years, before he committed suicide several years ago. Mother never remarried and is about to turn 60. She has never worked outside the home. Is she eligible for widow's benefits on my father's Social Security record? A neighbor told us that Social Security does not pay survivor's benefits in suicide cases.

Answer:

Your neighbor is wrong. Assuming your father worked and paid Social Security taxes, usually for at least 10 years, your mother would be eligible for widow's benefits as early as age 60. About 3

months before birthday, she should phone 1-800-772-1213 (TTY: 1-800-325-0778) to make an appointment to apply for benefits. She will need her birth certificate, marriage certificate and your father's death certificate when she applies.

Question:

My neighbor receives Social Security disability benefits, and I know he is working. How do I report him to Social Security investigators?

Answer:

Before calling the investigators, you should know that people who get Social Security disability benefits are encouraged to try working, with a long-range goal of becoming self-sufficient. In fact, there are many incentives built into the disability program intended to help people with disabilities to re-enter the workforce. Usually, people can receive a disability payment and a paycheck from work for a period of time while they test their ability to work and hold a substantial paying job.

However, if you really believe there is some wrong-doing, call our fraud hotline at 1-800-269-0271.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Question:

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Answer:

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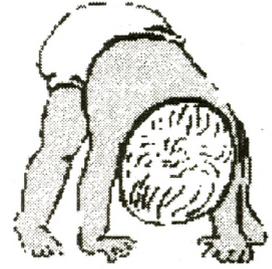
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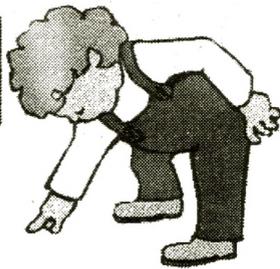
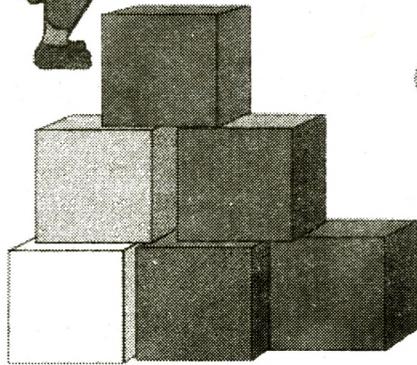
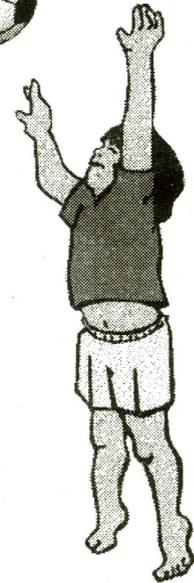
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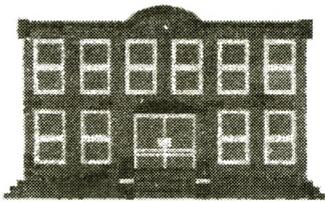


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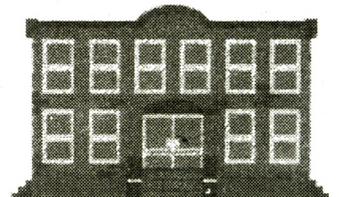
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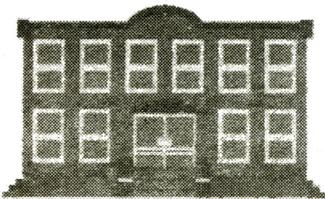
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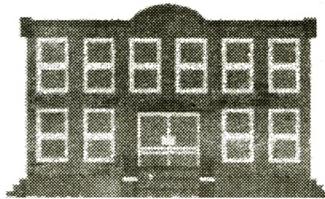
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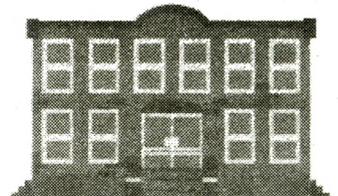
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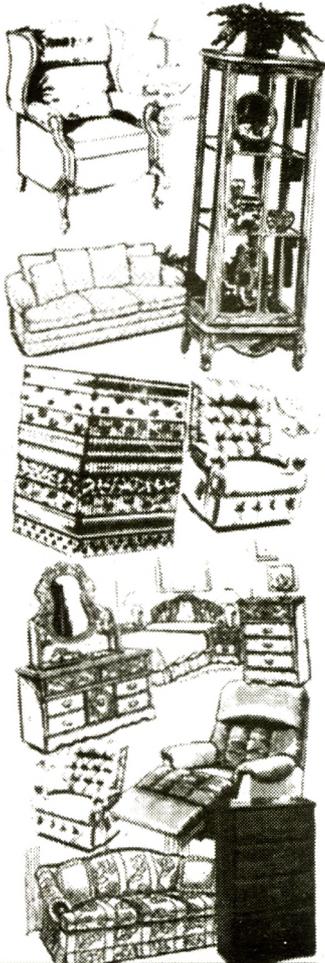
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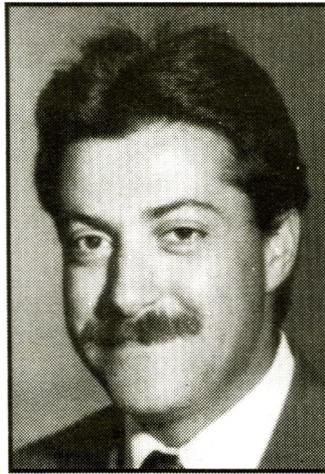
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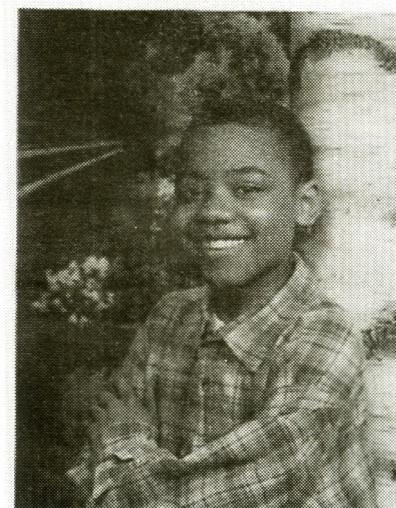
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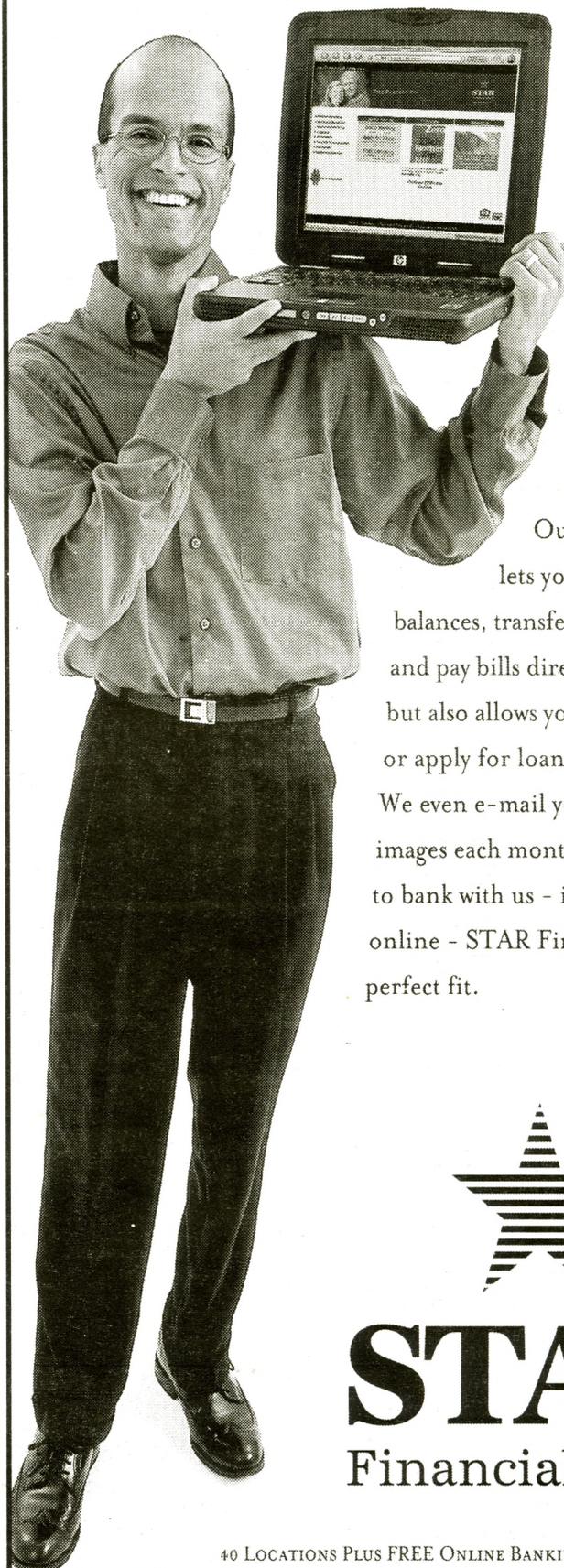
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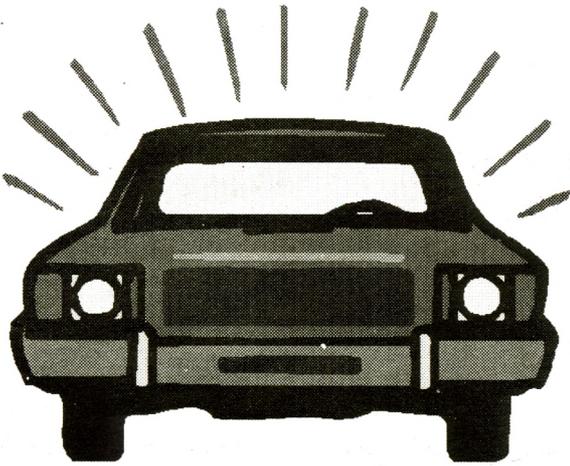
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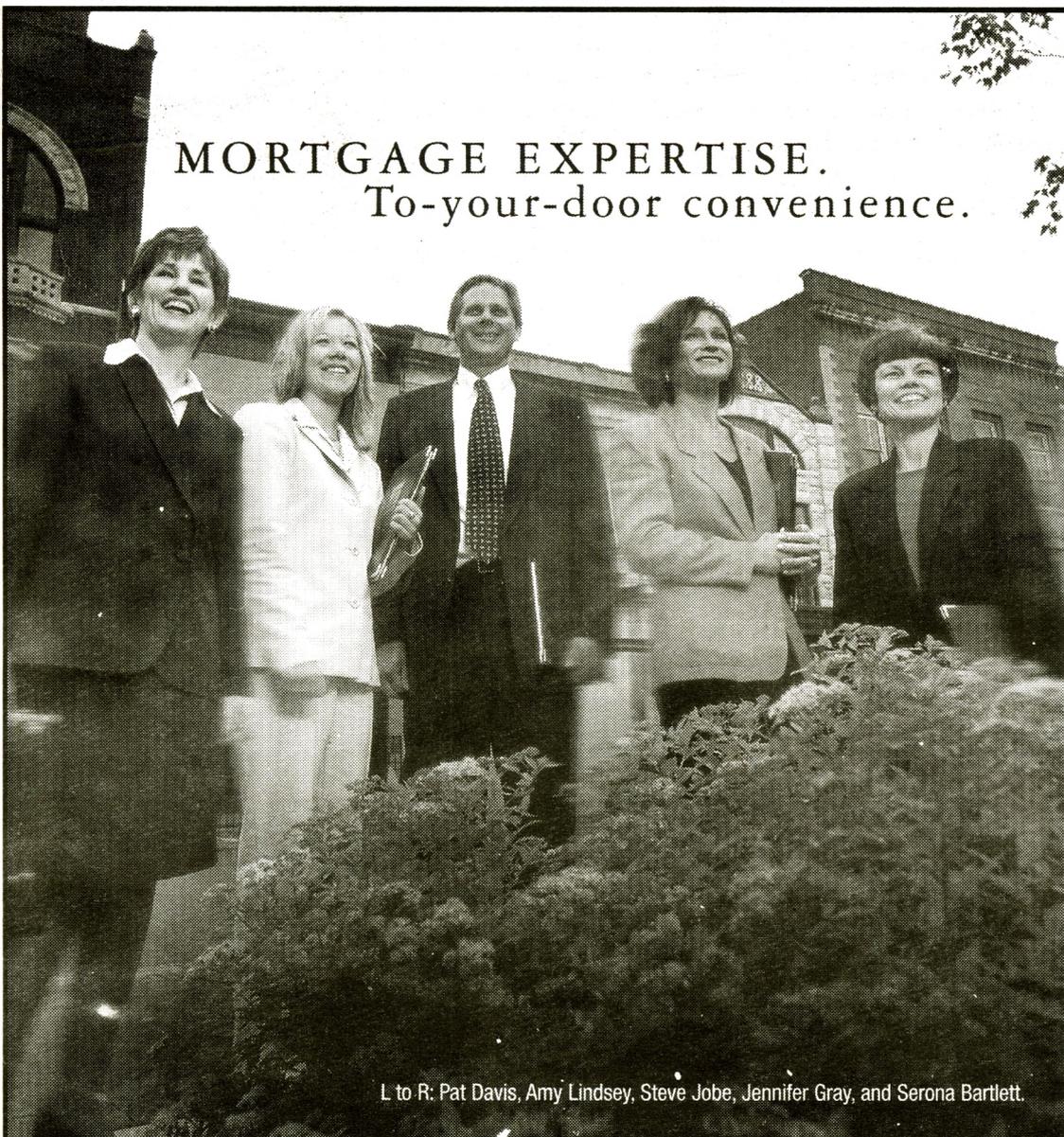
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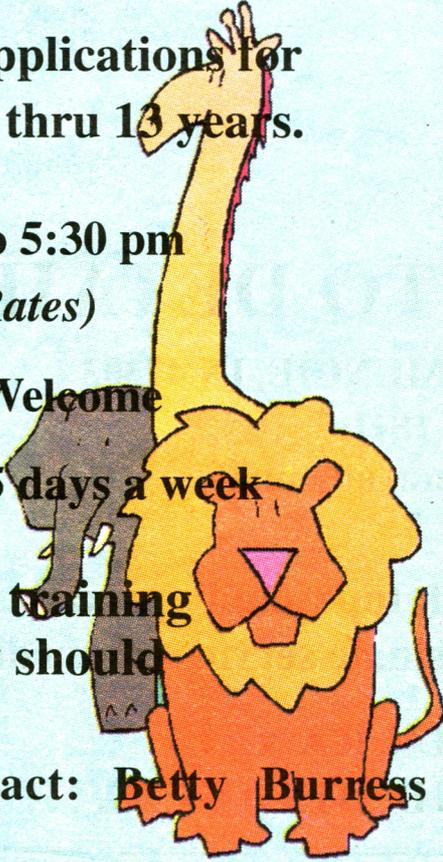
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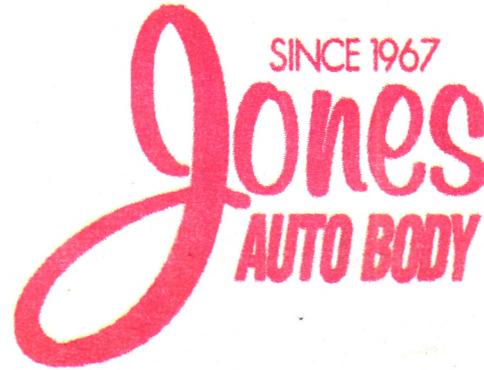
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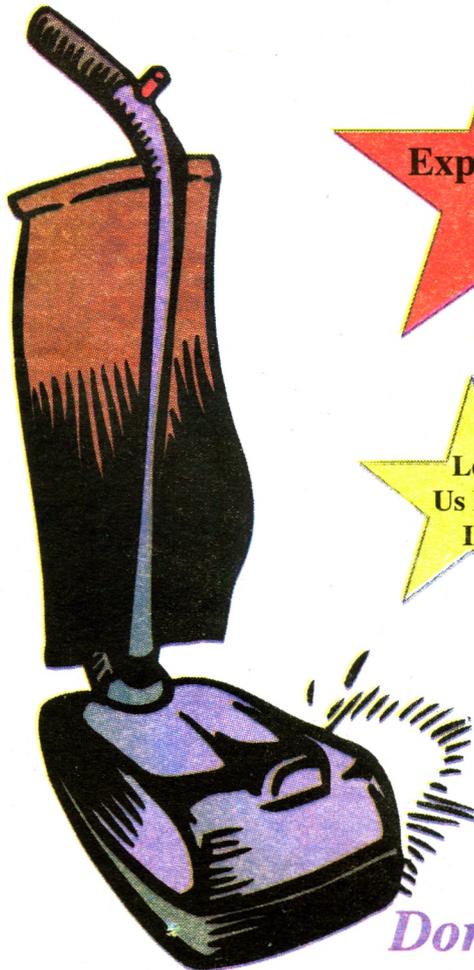
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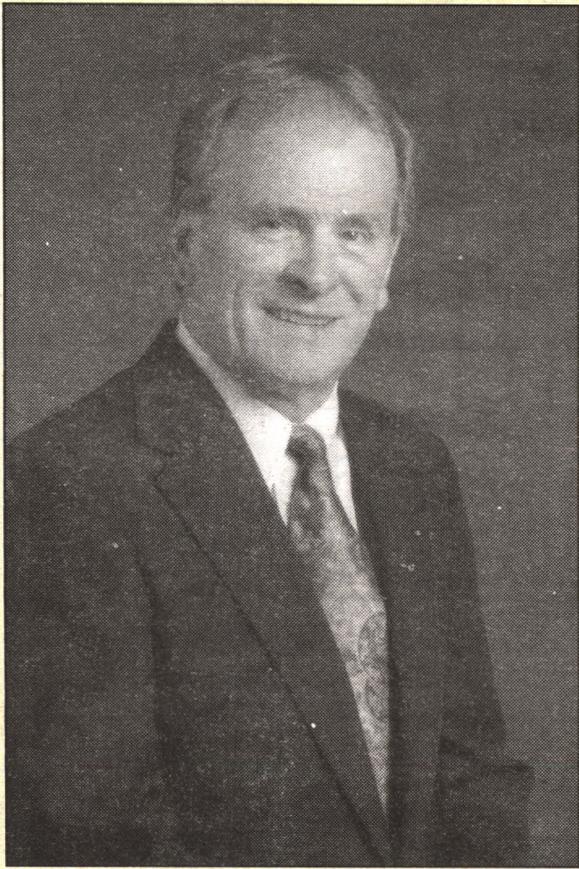
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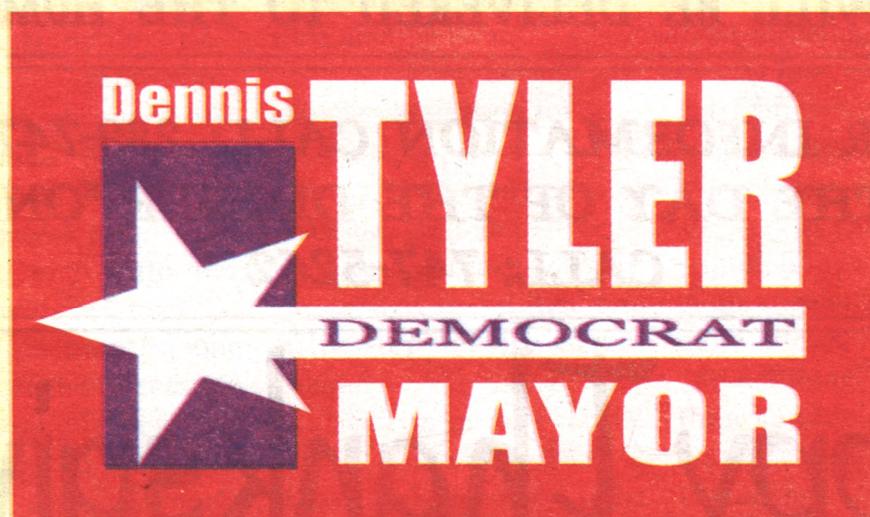
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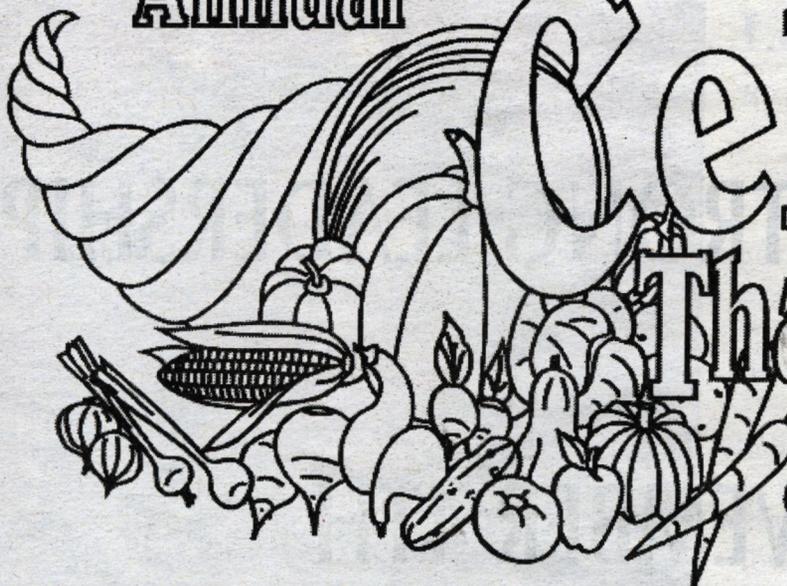
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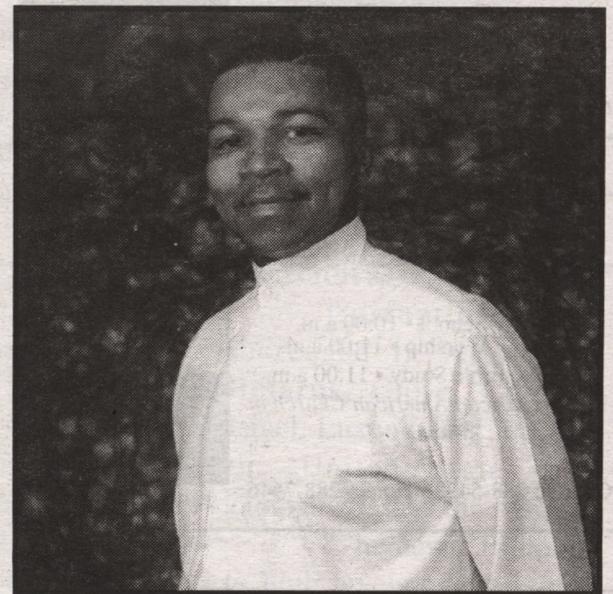
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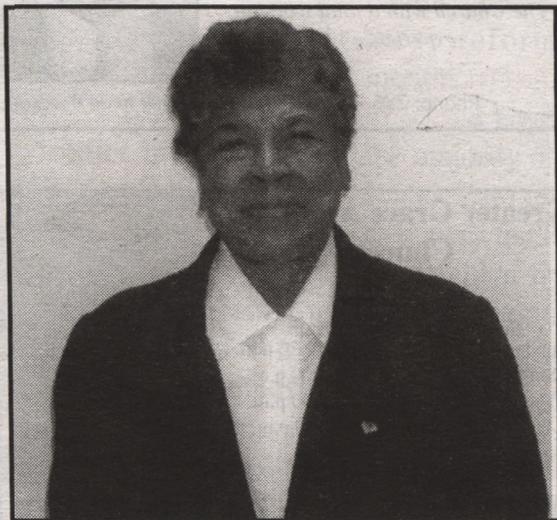
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10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

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LOCAL CHURCHES

Ambassadors of Christ
700 S. Madison St.

Sunday Morning • 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening • 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study • 6:00 p.m.
Prayer • Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 a.m.



Church: 288-7214 • Home: 289-3663
Pastor John Slaughter

Antioch Baptist Church
1700 E. Butler

Sunday School • 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship • 10:40 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer • 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.



Church: 288-4992 • Home: 289-8572
Pastor Eddie Long

Berea Apostolic Church
1615 E. Williard

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

Bethel AME Church
1020 E. Jackson

Sunday School • 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Study • 11:00 a.m.
"Oldest African-American Church in Muncie"



Church: 288-5473 • Home: 288-7646
Pastor Barbara Harris

Bethel Baptist Church
1431 E. Willard

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer • 6:30 p.m.



Phone: 287-1655

Calvary Baptist Church
1117 E. Jackson

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.
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.
Sunday Worship • 11:00 a.m./5:00 p.m.
Tues. Prayer & Bible Study • 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Prayer, Praise, Worship • 7:00 p.m.



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

Church of The Living God
1120 E. Washington St.

Sunday Morning Worship • 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer • 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.

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Phone: 286-4322
Pastor Kevin Woodgett

Deliverance Temple
903 S. Pershing

Sunday • 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday • 7:00 p.m.
Friday • 7:00 p.m.



Phone: 282-7852
288-2671
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 Samuel 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.



Phone: 288-6748

LOCAL CHURCHES

Greater 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



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



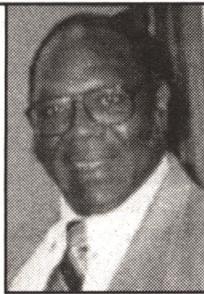
Pastor W.C. Edwards

New Liberty Baptist

1615 N. Elgin

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

Church: 284-8231 • Home: 642-4012



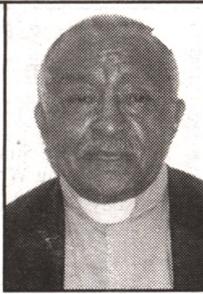
Pastor L.D. Clay, Jr.

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



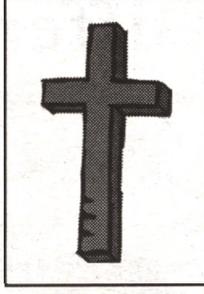
Pastor Buddy Kirtz

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



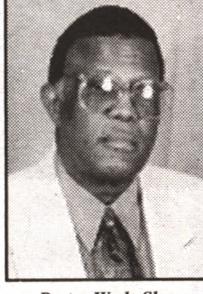
Pastor Wayne Redding

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

Union Chapel Ministries

4622 N. Broadway

Sunday School • 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Services • 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
 180 Youth Event • Sunday 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday Night Service • 5:30 p.m.

Phone: 288-8383



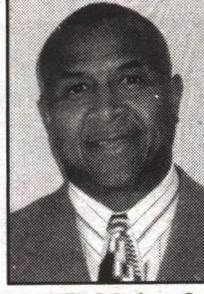
Pastor Gregg Parris

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.
 Wed. Children's Bible Study • 6:00 p.m. (annex)
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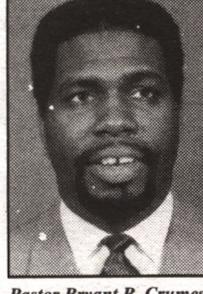
Pastor Willie J. Jackson, Sr.

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. Crumes

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

The Spiritual Israel Church And It's Army

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: 215-1285



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



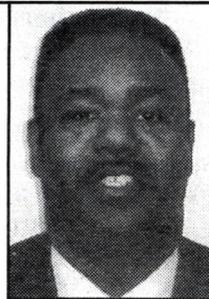
Overseer Dee Johnson

My Father's House Apostolic 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.

Phone: 287-9221 • Home 282-3224



Pastor Michael W. Boyd

Fig Tree Ministries

219 W. Main
 Muncie, IN

Sunday Morning Worship • 10:00 a.m.
 Monday • 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday • 7:00 p.m.



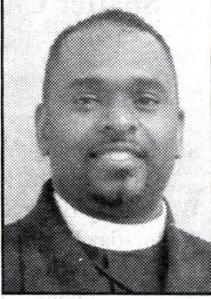
Pastor Kay Morehouse

New Kingdom Builders

326 W. Charles

Sunday School • 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:30 a.m.
 Tuesday Bible Study • 6:30 p.m.
 Friday Praise and Worship • 6:30 p.m.

Phone: 286-0825 -
 Home: 288-5205



Pastor Iry Hogan

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails

1 Corinthians 13:6-8

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City Council Dist. 1

Jack Isenbarger

City Council Dist. 4

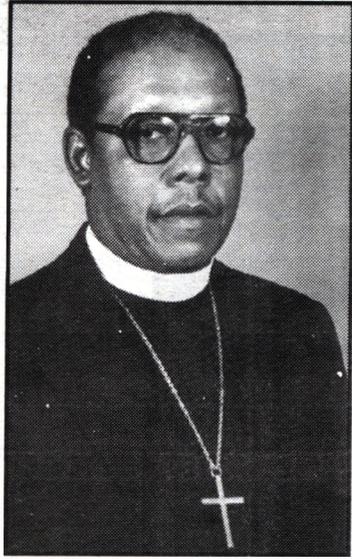
David Taylor

City Council Dist. 2

Under Mayor Canan's leadership, the City of Muncie has climbed from beneath crushing debt and entered into fiscal accountability. The downtown has enjoyed a revitalization. Munsyana homes are being replaced. Roads are being paved and because of recycling our city is cleaner.

With the help of like-minded candidates like those featured here, even better things are to come. Please consider the candidates on the ballot this November, and vote for a team that is dedicated to the further improvement of our community.

Vote Republican in 2003!



Elder Jesse

*And ye shall hallow the 50th year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof; it shall be a JUBILEE! Unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family
Leviticus 25:10*

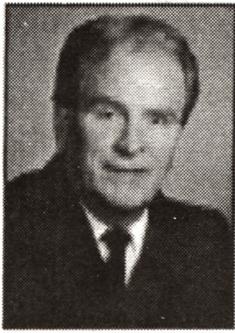


**First Lady
Dorothy**

Mt. Olive Church of God In Christ is celebrating Elder Jesse and First Lady Dorothy Branson's 50th Pastoral Anniversary on Sunday, November 2, 2003 @ 12:00 noon. This joyous day will be filled with song and praises as we honor two leaders who have served God and this community faithfully. We invite everyone to join us and witness a BLESSED event!

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City Clerk

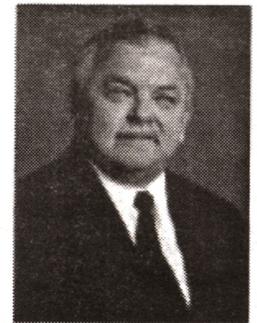


Linda Ralu Wolf
City Court Judge

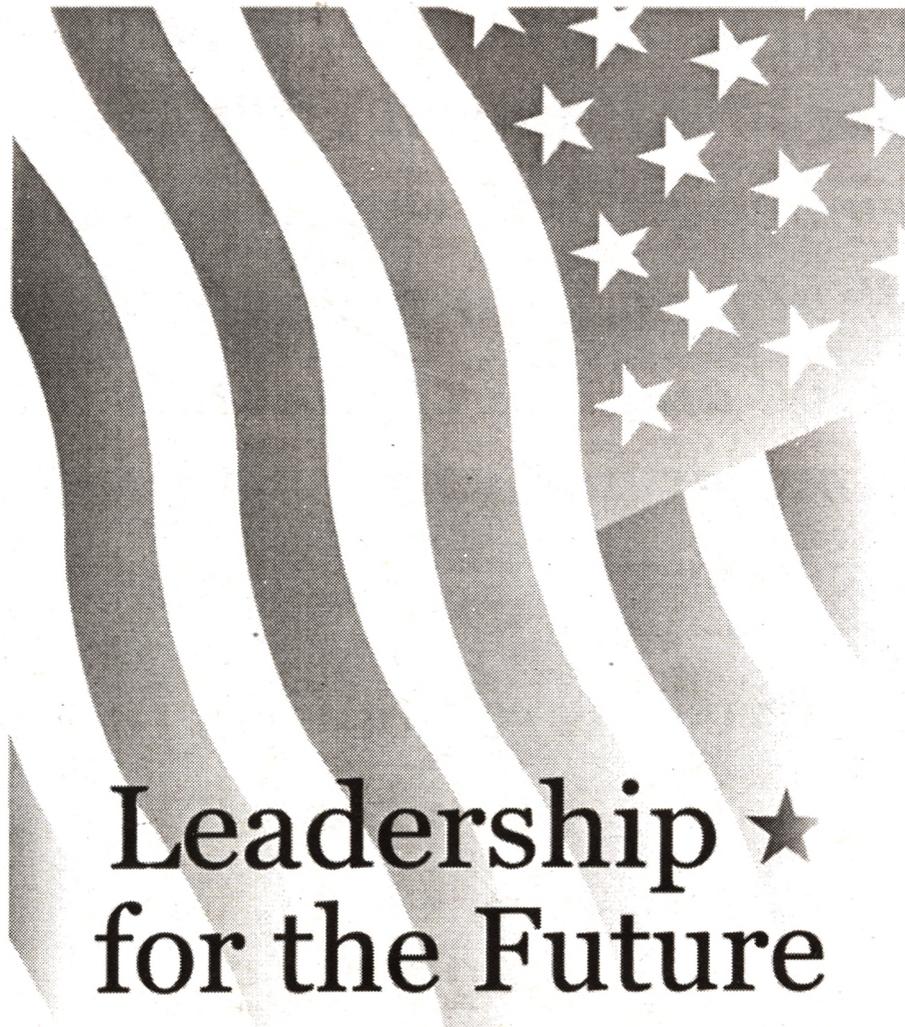
★ DEMOCRATS



Sam Marshall
City Council District #1



Bruce F. Wiemer
City Council District #5

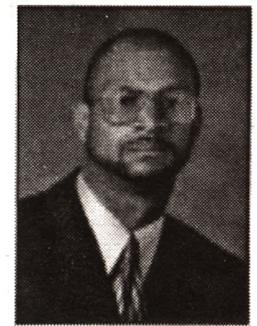


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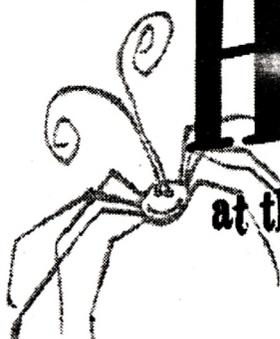
Monte Murphy
City Council District #6



William O. (Bill) Shroyer
City Council at Large



Alison Quirk
City Council at Large



Halloween at the YMCA

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- 10/18 11-1pm - Playwright and author Vanessa Miller "Former Rain"
- 10/19 5-7pm - Open Mic Poetry featuring Cheryl Floyd Miller, will read from her newest book
- 10/21 7-9pm - Dr. Raymond Windbush Editor of "Should America Pay?" Slavery and the Raging Debate on Reparations.
- 10/23 7-9pm - Essence Best selling Novelist Margaret Johnson-Hodge author of "A Journey To Here"
- 10/25 2-4pm - Award winning Meteorologist and author Chris Wright newest novel "Heartstopper"
- 11/06 6-8pm - Maryum "May May" Ali (Daughter of Muhammad Ali) will talk about her new book " I Shook Up the World" an exciting new biography for children about her father.



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Come and receive a tour of the Breast Center, breakfast, gifts, games and information on breast health, free Clinical Breast Exams, and free mammograms for women who qualify.

All of this will be offered at the open house.

For more information contact Denise at 284-9063.

* "Reaching Out" is a cooperative effort of Cancer Services of Delaware County-Little Red Door, Ball Memorial Hospital, Comprehensive Breast Health Center, Patient Education, Family Practice Residency, Open Door/BMH Health Center, The Cancer Center a BMH, Indiana Breast And Cervical Cancer Program, and Minority Health Coalition of Delaware County



Above: George Frame, executive director, dealer development, Ford Motor Co. congratulates Dr. Jerry Young, second vice president, National Baptist Convention, USA Inc. for the church's initiatives toward economic empowerment in its' communities.

Winning Women's Conference 2003

November 13 - 14

Main St. Church of God

4211 S. Main St., Anderson

Prayer 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Friday Brunch @ 11:00 a.m.

Brunch Tickets: \$5.00

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Overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal

This notice is published in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations (49CFR, Part 26). The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is proposing an overall goal of eleven and one-half percent (11.50%) for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2004. The goal and its rationale are available for inspection during normal business hours at INDOT for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication. Comments on the proposed overall goal will be accepted for a period of forty-five (45) days from the date of this publication.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Monthly Community Meetings

MUNCIE BLACK EXPO; 1306 N. Broadway	3rd Thursday, 6:00 P.M.	Dr. Maria Williams-Hawkins 282-1997
Muncie Community School Board; Anthony Administration Building	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 6:30 P.M.	Jennifer J. Abrell; 289-6389
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.	Eddie J. Chappell, Worshipful Master; 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.	Linda Branson, President; 282-0492
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