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A new community service group is busy planning social, educational and spiritual activities they believe will uplift the African-American community in Muncie. Assistant to the Dean of

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Circle City Classic: Dungy, Catchings win 2007 Major Taylor Award

INDIANAPOLIS- Tony Dungy, head coach of the Super Bowl XLI champion Indianapolis Colts, and Tamika Catchings, Olympic gold medalist and All-WNBA performer for the Indiana Fever, have been chosen by the Coca-Cola Circle City Classic to receive the 2007 Chase Major Taylor Award. Previous recipients of the Major Taylor Award include boxing great Muhammad Ali, Olympic gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey and legendary Grambling head coach Eddie Robinson.

"We are extremely happy to recognize the efforts of both Coach Dungy and Tamika with the Major Taylor Award, the first time we have selected a male and female winner in the same year," said James

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EDITORIAL

An African American, a woman, a Mormon = next year's presidential potpourri

Next year's presidential election is shaping up as a political donnybrook. Although it's far too early to predict whether the Democrats will retake the White House or the Republicans will retain it, one thing is sure: the election will usher in a new administration, since no one from the current administration is in the running.

For one thing, it is the first time in history that a woman, an African American and a Mormon are serious

contenders. A win by one of them would be historic. So we are in for a season of high political theater, pregnant with all kinds of possibilities and opportunities. Former first lady Hillary Clinton is the first spouse of a former president and the first woman to seriously contend for the nation's highest officer. So far she is leading in the public opinion polls among the Democratic candidates. She has already made history by being elected (and re-

elected a U.S. senator, after her husband's 8-year White House stint. U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, a freshman Democrat from Illinois, is among the top three Democratic presidential candidate. He is the only African American in the 100-member U.S. Senate and the second black from Illinois to enter the Senate.

Earlier, Obama had been ridiculed for being too ambitious in seeking the presidency before he had even completed a full Senate

term. No one is laughing at him now, although his lack of experience is often pointed. Obama has also faced some controversy over those who ask if he is "black enough."

Obama is the son of a white Kansas mother and an African father. They met in Hawaii, where his grandparents were living, and his Kenyan-born father was a college student. This has raised questions from some naysayers who question his commitment to blackness and black since he did not have a "typical" black experience and his experiences were not necessarily shaped by the civil rights experiences of the 1960s and 1970. Others also point out that during some of his formative years, Obama lived in Indonesia. His mother had married an Indonesian husband.

These, however, see, to false litmus tests. Obama has never denied his blackness and is fond of pointing out that in his early adulthood he was a community organizer in the tough, black-dominated Chicago South Side.

Besides, who is considered black enough?

Who makes that decision? On the other hand, there are many young blacks and whites who have been inspired by Obama, have been attracted to his campaign and have begun to believe it is just possible that he can win. Many celebrities are rushing to his side, just as others are rallying to Hillary Clinton's side, seduced by the idea that American voters might be willing to breach the glass ceiling by electing a woman president.

The other imponderable comes from the Republican Party where former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney, is seeking to become the first Mormon to try and win the White House.

We have a crowd of Democrats and Republicans seeking to win next year's primaries to compete in the November 2008 presidential election. A primary election campaign in which an African American, a woman and a Mormon are considered serious contender will surely produce spirited debates, political fireworks and offer voters clear choices. Let the count down begin.

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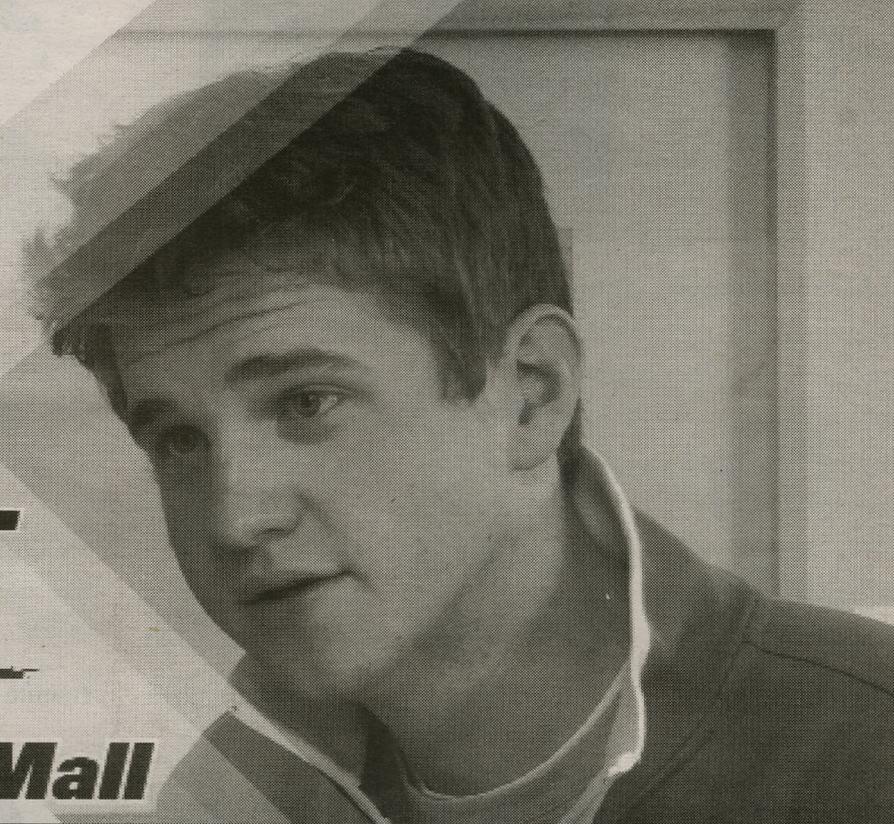
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Greenwood Family History

Charles and I arrived in Muncie in the summer of 1961 with our daughter Lisa. We had both been music teachers for two years in the East Chicago, Indiana Public Schools where we met. In a visit to Muncie of that summer we visited Dr. John Emens and Dr. Ben Ervin whom Charles had known since his undergraduate and graduate days at Ball State. They told us that they wanted Charles to join the Ball State Faculty. They wanted to add more minority members to the college. (At that time it was known as Ball State Teacher's College) They told us to be ready to come in about a year. But to our surprise, before we got home from our vacation, Charles received a call from our superintendent that he had received a call from Ball State and he had given them the go-ahead to offer Charles a position if that was his desire. Of course, we were excited and in two weeks we landed on campus ready to take on our new, unknown world.

We weren't permitted to buy a house on this side of White River, so for four years we were forced to live in student housing. Those years were filled with trials as well as some wonderful



Dr. and Mrs. Charles Greenwood

memories of the caring people who came to our aid and worked to help make the changes Muncie sorely needed. The city has made some progress, but there is room for so much more for the African American Community.

Charles is an Anderson native having graduated from Anderson H.S. His father, Huddie was from Alabama and his mother Lida Lampkins was from Kentucky. Charles became well known in his home town for his beautiful tenor voice and received scholarships from DePauw and Indiana University to pursue his education. During the summer before beginning college he attended

Anderson College. He served in the U.S. Army and attended college in Colorado at the same time. Later, he received his Master's Degree from Ball State and his Doctorate from Indiana University.

Charles has been very active serving in many capacities including: Muncie Housing Authority Board for ten years, Several Mayoral Committees, United Way, Indiana Kiwanis Governor, Ball Memorial Hospital Board, Wing Commander for Indiana Civil Air Patrol, Ball State Liaison for The Washington DC Internship Center, and International President for The Singing Hoosiers. He received

the Rockefeller Fellowship which allowed a one year sabbatical to Northern Illinois University for the whole family. And in the year 2006 he was honored on the floors of both the Indiana House and Senate with an Accommodation for his work with CAP and Ball State University. Over the years he has sung for Ball State's Football, basketball and Graduation Ceremonies.

Charles and I have a shared love of our faith in God and our love of learning and travel. We have traveled to 45 states and over 30 countries.

I grew up in Decatur, Illinois as Theresa Winfrey and graduated from Millikin University with a Bachelor of Music Education Degree and later from Ball State with a Master's in Education and a Doctorate in Education.

For four years I wrote an educational column The Magic of Learnin' for the Star Press and have published two small books and dozens of articles. The books are Psalms of a Black Mother and Gospel Graffiti. For a few years I served on several boards: Red Cross, WIPB (One of the Founding Mothers) United Way and

appeared in two Civic Theater Musicals.

I enjoyed my short assignments at Longfellow, Anthony, Morrison Mock however in January 1979, I was asked to join the Burriss Lab School Faculty. It was a magnificent experience to help train hundreds of college students for the profession and explore the learning process. I taught in the 2-3 grade loop, the gifted and talented program for about

14 years which provided me unique opportunities to guide students though many enrichment activities. I am grateful to God for the many honors and prizes that came my way including: A Ford Fellowship to complete my doctorate, Indiana's Christa McAuliffe Fellow, Walt Disney Teacher Alternate, Eli Lilly Fellow to France and as a Fulbright Memorial Fellow to Japan. I ended my career in the middle school teaching Language Arts for two years.

We have two children, Lisa who lives in Brazil, S.A. and has her own gourmet food company. She graduated from DePauw University and from Ball State with a MBA in Finance and Entrepreneurship.

Our son Marc attend-
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The Family of Arthur and Pastor Edith Hutchinson

Peru, Indiana was the birth place of Arthur L. Hutchinson, being the son of the late Mildred Settles and Lawrence Webb.

He moved to Muncie as a young child and attended the elementary school and completed his high school education. He did partake in classes at Ball State University. Arthur became a self-taught guitarist at an early age, developing a unique style of music. He also was a teacher of music and became a great guitar player, playing in bands in Muncie and various places.

Muncie to live with their aunt in order to enroll at Ball State University. Her first marriage was to James Smith; they had a daughter, Michelle Smith.

Arthur retired from the Muncie Chevrolet plant after 32 years. He was the first black reserve police office as a major. He was also the first black Delaware County Housing Commissioner at the Middletown Gardens Apartments. He was honored by them naming the community room after him (The Arthur Hutchinson Community Room). There is also a stone marker on the outside of the building. Arthur is a member of A House of Prayer for All People, and also a born-again Christian and has been a musician there and also a trustee.

Pastor Edith earned a bachelor's degree in English and later a master's degree in education. She later married Arthur L. Hutchinson. After substituting in the Muncie School System, she was hired and taught 8 years at Kuhner Jr. High and 9 years at Storer Middle School.

After becoming a born-again Christian, she was called into the ministry. Ten years later she was called to be a pastor and to establish A House of Prayer for All People Inc. The church, located at 2725 S. Hackley St., held its 23rd Church Anniversary on September 2.

Pastor Edith has been a piano and organist who has played for different churches and also taught. She is also a writer of a book of music, and four other



Pastor Edith Hutchinson was born in Indianapolis, Indiana to Irving and Vernel Cornett being the seventh daughter.

Because of the death of her mother, she was raised by her Aunt Lucille Jenkins and grandparents, James and Elizabeth Miller.

Pastor Edith completed elementary education and graduated from Crispus Attucks High School. In 1935, she and her sister, Laura Watson moved to

books as well. Pastor Edith and Arthur Hutchinson are the parents of Larry, Michelle, and Kelly. Two other children, Michael Hutchinson and Marsha Ison, are deceased.

Larry Hutchinson - He was born in Muncie. He completed elementary and graduated from Central High School. After graduation, he followed in his



Arthur and Edith Hutchinson

father's footsteps and became an employee at Muncie Chevrolet where her retired after 30 years. Larry also took courses at Ball State University.

Larry and wife Glinda are the parents of John, Dwight, Thomas, and Myron Hutchinson. He also has several grandchildren. Larry is very industrious toward building and repairing, and spends time toward performing various jobs and helping many people. Since retirement, he is employed at Calvary Baptist Church and also at their apartment complex.

Being a born-again Christian, Larry has worked in Calvary Baptist during his young years, and has been a member of A House of Prayer for All People. Larry and wife Janet also are born again Christians. They have a beautiful home, planning a garden and distributing their fruit to many people.

Kelly Irving

Hutchinson - He was born in Muncie to Edith and Arthur, becoming the fifth child. He completed his elementary education and graduated from Northside High School. In high school, he became interested in music and basketball. After a few years, his interest drew toward the drums

therefore he is a drummer at Greater Grace Church. However, lately he has received lessons from his father, Arthur, and he is beginning to play the guitar. He, too, is a born-again Christian.

After graduating from high school, Kelly also was encouraged to work at Muncie Chevrolet, but he chose to go to Ball Hospital for employment. He began as a medicine deliverer, but after a few years, Kelly advanced to the security department. Later on Kelly advanced and has been captain of Ball Hospital Security. He has received various certificates from attending different classes pertaining to the FBI program. He is quite an asset to his church, our home, and his job.

Michelle (Hutchinson)

Dowdy - She was born in Muncie to James Smith and Edith as her parents. She completed her elementary education and graduated from South Side High School. At an early age, she took piano lessons, which lead toward her musical talent.



After high school graduation, Michelle enrolled at Ball State, majoring in music. She studied there for nearly 2 years, majoring in music. She was married to Mason Dowdy, who is

deceased. A child, Jeremy Dowdy, entered into the marriage from adoption. Michelle also was born again at an early age and during the early years, she was the pianist at Christ Temple, Greater Grace and she also played for the young people's choir for various conventions.

During her high school education, Michelle became interested in secretarial work, therefore she was qualified to work various jobs. The first one was at Ball Corporation. Later in life, she moved to Washington D.C., and attended the University of Washington where she earned a paralegal certificate. While there, she worked at several law firms.

Michelle resides in Indianapolis, and is a paralegal secretary. She is also a licensed evangelist and organist for House of Prayer for All People Inc. where she is a member. Hutchinson's Children:

Michael (deceased) -- Sherry, Leisa, Natalie, and Michael

Larry -- Dwight, John, Myron, and Thomas

Marsha (deceased) -- Tyree

Michele -- Jeremy

***They also have many great-grandchildren**

Carl Kizer Sr.: An Example to Young Men

Carl Kizer Sr. was born in Muncie to Ione and Clark Kizer but was raised in Fort Wayne. He graduated from Central High School in Fort Wayne. When Kizer was growing up, he admired heavyweight boxer Joe Louis. "I admired him because he was on the top. He was the champion."

He also admired the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. because of his leadership and sacrifices. He believes that God inspired him. Without doing any danger to himself, he stuck to his cause. "I admired

George Washington Carver because of all the wonderful things he did with a peanut," Kizer said.

Kizer enlisted in the U.S. Army medical department, where he received a certificate of completion from The Medical Field Service School. He served in World War II as a commanding officer from 1943-1946 in France and Britain.

He has received the Loyal and Dedicated Award from the Muncie NAACP chapter, the Delaware County Convention and Tourism Commission Award for leadership and dedication a certificate of recognition from MOM's Inc, a Muncie Public Library volunteer



service award, an award from Calvary Baptist Church Ushers Board for service, an award from Widow's Son Lodge for appreciation and service and an award from Meals on Wheels for his service.

Kizer worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 33 years, before retiring at age 63. He still works with the Muncie Public Library. "My advice to young people is to believe in positive thinking. Believe that you can set goals and reach for them. You may have to make some sacrifices, but you can reach for them. Get an education; it doesn't have to be professional, but vocational. Stay in school," he said.

His advice to young

males is to select the goals and the company they travel with. "Don't be discouraged. Believe in yourself. We are all one family. God put us here and we are to help one another. We are given different talents, more brain power, money or skills, but we are to use those to help others. We are just one big family, God's family. Money, brains and color make no difference to God," Kizer said.

Kizer is the father of four children: Carlease, Carl, Deborah and Walter. He also has five grandchildren.

Vernice Kizer: Remembering a Remarkable Life

The late Mrs. Vernice Kizer was born September 26, 1920 in Portsmouth, Virginia to Walter and Georgia Williams. She resided in Muncie for 56 years.

Mrs. Kizer was a First Lieutenant in the Army Nurses Corp. with active service during WWII. She was assigned to General Nursing Duty from October 15, 1942 to January 10, 1946. She served at the Eastern African Middle Eastern Theater 168 Station Hospital from August 6, 1944 to November 1945.

Her Army decorations included the European Theater of Operations and a ribbon from the American Theater Ribbon/American

Victory Ribbons. Mrs. Kizer received her RN Diploma in 1941 from St. Phillips School of Nursing at the University of Virginia, in Richmond, VA. Her Masters Degree in Nursing was completed in 1953 from Ball State University.

Mrs. Kizer's major recognitions included being named "First Lady of the Year of Muncie" for her civic activities in 1970 by Beta Sigma Phi International; first African-American registered nurse to work at Ball Memorial Hospital; 1968 founding member of Gateway Clinic, serving on the Board of Directors for 20 years; and a Certificate of Appreciation from Blue Cross, Blue Shield Acordia Senior Ambassadors Corp.

She was an active member of Calvary Baptist Church and held membership in the Visiting Nurses Association. Mrs. Kizer was a nurse in the Muncie Community Schools and retired from Ball Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Kizer passed away at Ball Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, July 1, 2003. Her family established a scholarship fund for minority nursing students in her honor.

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Academic Affairs at Ivy Tech – is one of the founders of the new group, Forward Vision, which seeks to bring positive programs and events to the city as a whole. The group – which introduced itself to the community during the Muncie Homecoming Festival parade – was formed with the hope of strengthening community through events and activities that focused on helping others and building family and friendships.

The group initially met to discuss taking on the planning of the Muncie Homecoming Festival in 2011, but Wagner said that event is no longer the focus of Forward Vision. The Debonair Club – who organized the spectacular event this year – are considering their role in planning the 2011 event and have said they will announce their decision by the end of the year.

Forward Vision – who would be prepared to adopt the Homecoming Festival if future events dictate – is now indeed moving ahead with vision, Wagner said.

“We don’t even discuss it because we’re focused on so many other events,” Forward Vision President, Wagner, said.

Since their beginning in June, the service group has grown to 20

members and was made official in August, Wagner said. They are currently working on several social and fundraising events for the year.

The group will be hosting a food drive November 3, which is their first event. The donations will go to pantries around the city because many of them were bare, Lathay Pegues, vice-president of Forward Vision, said. “We are going to try to raise as much food as possible to fill all the pantries in town,” he said.

The events sponsored by Forward Vision are geared toward the whole community, which means it provides activities for the young and old. Next summer, the group is planning to bring back Black Music Month. Every weekend in June, people can come to the park to listen to music and dance. The event used to be a tradition in the community, but it ended in the early 90’s, Pegues said. Since there isn’t much for African-American adults to do Muncie, Pegues said, the group is also planning a New Years Eve Bash for this year.

While larger events are being planned, the group also plans to have fundraisers to contribute to its scholarship fund, health awareness activities and voter registra-

tion drives. Pegues has noticed the people from Muncie have a lack of pride in the city, he said. Everything many Muncie residents have to say is negative, but Forward Vision wants to restore that pride. “Muncie isn’t a bad place to live, and we are going to make it better,” Pegues said.

Though, the activities are centered around African-American culture doesn’t mean they are only for African-American’s, he said. “We want to include everyone in the events,” Pegues said. “Hopefully we can use these events to bring awareness of

our culture to those who don’t know.”

Whether the Muncie Homecoming will be passed on to Forward Vision or any other community group is up to the Debonair Club. The club has not decided to give up the responsibility and won’t know before the end of the year, club President, Robert Thompson said. He said some groups are inquiring about getting the responsibility of hosting the homecoming, Thompson said, but they want to keep that information private until the club makes a decision.

Thompson has promised whoever plans

the Muncie Homecoming in 2011, will be from the African-American community.

Members are (in the IA photo from left to right):

- Ronnie & Judy Hill
- Lathey & LaShea Pegues
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Perkins, chair of the Major Taylor Award Committee. "We thought this was appropriate to do at this time because both are richly deserving of this honor. We could not have found better representatives, especially these two who serve our central Indiana community so well."

"I am extremely honored to be receiving the Major Taylor Award, especially alongside Mr. Tony Dungy" said Catchings. "I know there were quite a few great nominees besides me so I truly appreciate the opportunity to stand as a representative of my family, the Catch the Stars Foundation and the Indiana Fever."

"I am very honored to receive the Major Taylor Award," said Dungy. "Obviously, getting an award with Tamika Catchings is something that I'll cherish. I know how much Tamika does for our community and just to be put in that same category is quite an honor."

Catchings and Dungy will be recognized during halftime of the 24th Annual Coca-Cola Circle City Classic on Oct. 6 between Florida A&M University and Winston-Salem State University).

Catchings will also be honored during the Indianapolis Colts Classic Coaches



Indianapolis Colts Coach Tony Dungy (2007 Super Bowl Champions)

Luncheon noon to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 5 at the Indiana Convention Center's Sagamore Ballroom. This event also features the head coaches of Florida A&M University, Rubin Carter, and Winston-Salem State University, Kermit Blount.

In 2002, Catchings joined the Indiana Fever and was named the 2002 WNBA Rookie of the Year. Later that year, Catchings was runner-up in voting for the league's MVP and Defensive Player of the Year. She also became the first Fever player to be named to the All-WNBA First Team.

Often known as Indiana's "do-everything" forward, Catchings led her team

in points, rebounds, assists, and steals in each of her first five pro seasons. Named the WNBA's Defensive Player of the Year in 2005 and 2006, she has asserted herself as one of the world's premier players.

She is the franchise's first 2,000-point scorer. Catchings is a five-time WNBA All-Star and the only player in WNBA history to finish in the league's top 10 in points, rebounds, assists, steals, and blocks in the same season.

While playing for The University of Tennessee 1997-2001, Catchings was a Kodak All-American recipient for four consecutive seasons, becoming only one of four women to ever

obtain this honor. She became just the second member of the Lady Vols to score 2,000 points and grab 1,000 rebounds. She finished her college career ranked third in the school's history in points (2,113) and rebounds (1,004).

Catchings graduated with honors with a degree in sport management.

In addition to her work on the court, Catchings has worked diligently to provide opportunity to youth. Catchings launched the Catch the Stars Foundation, Inc. in December 2004 to assist disadvantaged youth. She annually conducts fitness clinics and basketball camps in areas

surrounding Indianapolis; Dallas, Texas; Knoxville, Tennessee; and Chicago. Catchings has also been an annual participant and sponsor of the Indiana Pacers' annual Thanksgiving Dinner to feed the area's less fortunate.

Current programs for her foundation include the Catch the Fever Youth Holiday Basketball camp, Catch on to Fitness Clinics, Catchings Corner, and S.T.A.R.S. (Sisters Teaching and Reaching Sisters).

In 2004, she was invited to President George W. Bush's State of the Union Address, and was named a finalist for the 2006 Wooden Citizen Cup, presented annually to the nation's top professional athlete who exhibits outstanding community service. In 2000, Catchings was honored with the Reynolds Society Achievement Award by the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston. The award is given annually to an individual who has overcome hearing, vision or voice loss. Catchings was born with a hearing disability and wore a hearing aid as a young girl. Catchings is the current president of the WNBA Players Association.

Dungy, one of the most respected and pop-

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Marshall's Thank Family, Friends for 50th Wedding Celebration

Walter and Lillie (nee Goodvine) Marshall would like to express their heartfelt gratitude and love to their children, grandchildren, other family members and friends for the recent anniversary gala held at Cornerstone Center for the Arts.



Walter and Lillie Marshall

An estimated 200 people gathered to celebrate the fiftieth wedding anniversary of the couple. The surprised couple entered the Colonnade Room of the center escorted by Angela Marshall and Byron Beard. The event was coordinated by the caring couple's children, Brenda, Lisa, Eric, Kyle and Clarence.

A time of praise and worship preceded the entrance of the honorees who were married August 10, 1957 by Bishop O.H. Sanders. The couple renewed their vows with Pastor

John Slaughter as the officiate. National recording artist, Evangelist Monique Walker blessed them and their guests with powerful testimony and songs. Musical accompaniment was provided by Randall "Fats" Blakely of Gary. Guest soloist Greg Lockett, also from Gary, rendered two selections.

A very tasty dinner was catered by Uncle Monte's Soul Food Restaurant and after dinner fellowship was enjoyed by all. Various family members and friends offered words of encouragement and thanksgiving to the couple prior to the cutting

of the cake.

Among the many gifts received were airline tickets to North Carolina presented by the couple's daughter Brenda and her son Quentin. Additionally, daughter Lisa, sons, Kyle, Eric, Clarence Driver and grandson Eric Lamar presented the couple with an open ticket to anywhere in the world.

Kyle and his wife Angela completed the package with a special travel amenity.

The couple was deeply touched and are very appreciative for the many acts of kindness, love, celebration and special gifts they received.

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ular NFL coaches, led the Colts to a Super Bowl title in February.

Dungy enters his sixth season with the Colts. He has directed the Colts to a 60-20 regular-season record, five playoff appearances, four AFC South titles, two AFC Championship game appearances and to a 29-17 victory over Chicago in Super Bowl XLI.

Dungy's coaching excellence is illustrated by his career regular-season record of 114-62 and his overall mark of 123-70. Dungy became the 35th coach in NFL history to earn 100 career victories with a 38-20 win at Houston on Oct. 23, 2005. Dungy, along with Mike Ditka

and Tom Flores, is one of three individuals to win the Super Bowl as both a player and head coach. Dungy was a defensive back for the Pittsburgh Steelers when the team won Super Bowl XIII.

After playing in the NFL for two seasons (Pittsburgh Steelers and San Francisco 49ers), Dungy returned to his alma mater, the University of Minnesota, to begin his coaching career. Dungy played for the Gophers from 1973-1976. He served as the defensive backs coach for one season before transitioning to the NFL. In 1981, Dungy became a Defensive Assistant Coach for the Pittsburgh Steelers. By 1996, Dung

y had worked his way into the head coaching position with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. On Jan. 22, 2002, after serving six seasons with Tampa Bay and becoming the most successful head coach in the team history, Dungy became the head coach of the Indianapolis Colts.

Though his NFL career should be commended, his work with community youth is even more impressive. Dungy helped implement a local Basket of Hope program that benefits Riley Hospital for Children. He teamed with others in assisting All-Pro Dad, a family-based organization, and he was a spokesman for Arby's Combo to benefit Big Brothers/ Big Sisters and the Boys and Girls Club. Dungy's reach includes works and appearances with the Black Coaches Administrators National Convention and Indiana Black Expo.

He participates frequently in speaking appearances at area faith-based events and family football clinics. Indiana Black Expo and Indiana Sports Corporation honored him with the Indiana Pathfinder Award in 2006 as part of Youthlinks Indiana.

In August 2007, President George W. Bush appointed Dungy to the President's Council on Service and



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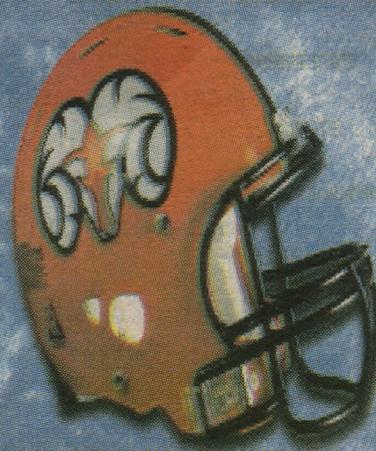
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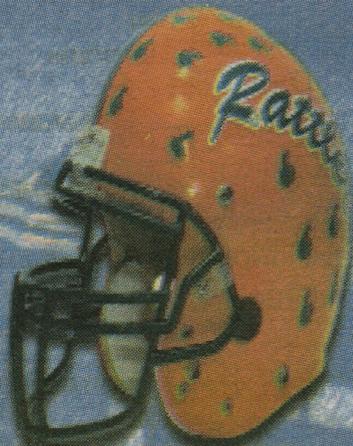


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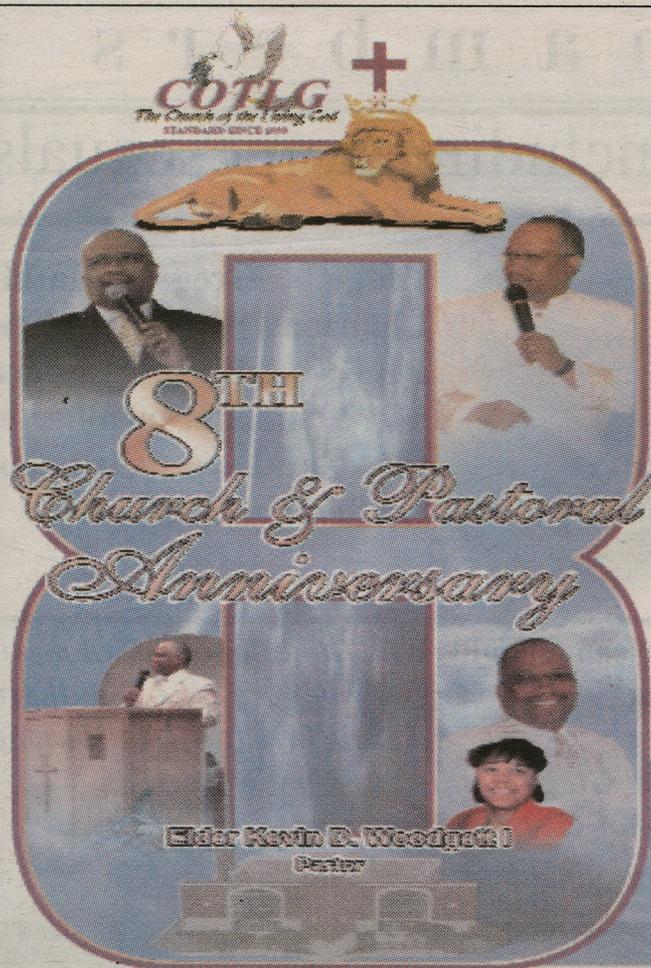
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Hate crimes legislation should cover all, including homosexuals

Hate crimes are legally defined as crimes, usually violent, that target a victim because of his or membership in a certain group, usually defined by race, religion or ethnicity.

According to the FBI, more than 15 percent of hate crimes reported to police in 2004, the last year for which data is available, were committed against homosexuals. Over 60 percent of these attacks were against gay men and 14 percent against lesbians. These numbers are significant and clearly illustrate that a homosexual's very being is threatened, simply because of his/her lifestyle. Yet, there are many, including large sections of the religious community, who don't think the pending hate crime bill should be expanded to protect gays.

Currently, federal law increases the sentences, extending to life in prison, for violent crimes motivated for no other reason than the attacker didn't like the victim's racial, religious or ethnic group.

The new hate crime bill, which just passed the House and is pend-

ing in the Senate, would extend the law to protect gay and transgender victims and expand the circumstances under which local authorities could ask for assistance from federal agencies. The law's critics, many of whom are conservative religious leaders, say this expansion will limit their ability to speak out against homosexuality from the pulpit, criminalizing their sermons. This fear, however, is unfounded. The law criminalizes violent acts against gays. It does not limit free speech. There are ministers who support the bill, recognizing the basic human right to live a life free of persecution. In fact, many of these ministers, along with prominent civil rights leaders, have come forward in support of the extended law.

This debate is not about sexual orientation. It's about justice. And making sure all groups receive it.

The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights calls the expanded hate crime law "one of the most important civil rights issues currently facing the country."

For those who protest homosexuality on the basis of religious beliefs, it is important to remember that the Bible also teaches us to lift up and protect our fellow man. The Book also teaches us that all man is worthy of love and protection. It is time we move beyond our personal feelings on this issue and acknowledge and accept that no

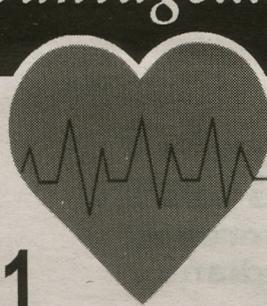


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Opera star Luciano Pavarotti dead at 71

ROME (AP) — Luciano Pavarotti, whose vibrant high C notes and ebullient showmanship made him the most beloved and celebrated tenor since Caruso and one of the few opera singers to win crossover fame as a popular superstar, has died. He was 71.

His manager, Terri Robson, said in an e-mailed statement that Pavarotti died at his home in Modena, Italy, at 5 a.m. local time Thursday. Pavarotti had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer last year and underwent further treatment in August.

For serious fans, the unforced beauty and thrilling urgency of Pavarotti's voice made him the ideal interpreter of the Italian lyric repertory, especially in the 1960s and '70s when he first achieved stardom. For millions more, his charismatic performances of standards like "Nessun Dorma" from Puccini's "Turandot" came to represent what opera is



Luciano Pavarotti

all about.

The son of a baker who was an amateur singer, Pavarotti was born Oct. 12, 1935, in Modena, Italy.

In 1961, Pavarotti

won a local voice competition and with it a debut as Rodolfo in Puccini's "La Boheme."

He became a true media star in the mid-1970s, appearing in television commercials and mega-concerts outdoors and in stadiums around the world. Soon came joint concerts with pop stars. A concert in New York's Central Park in 1993 drew 500,000 fans.

Pavarotti's recording of "Volare" went platinum in 1988.

Instantly recognizable from his charcoal black beard and tuxedo-bu sting girth, Pavarotti teamed with Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras and they toured as the "Three Tenors."

He starred in a film called "Yes, Giorgio" (though its failure scuttled his hopes for a Hollywood career) and appeared in a filmed version of "Rigoletto." He wrote an autobiography, "I, Luciano Pavarotti," and made more than 90 recordings.

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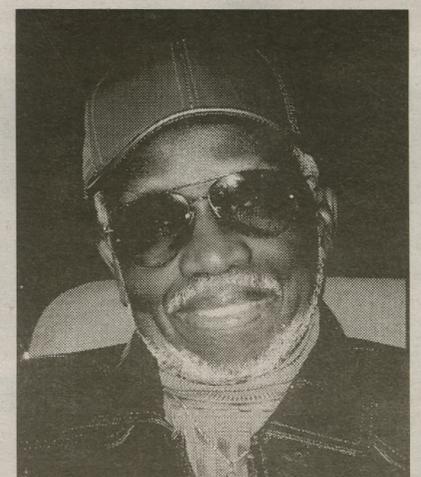
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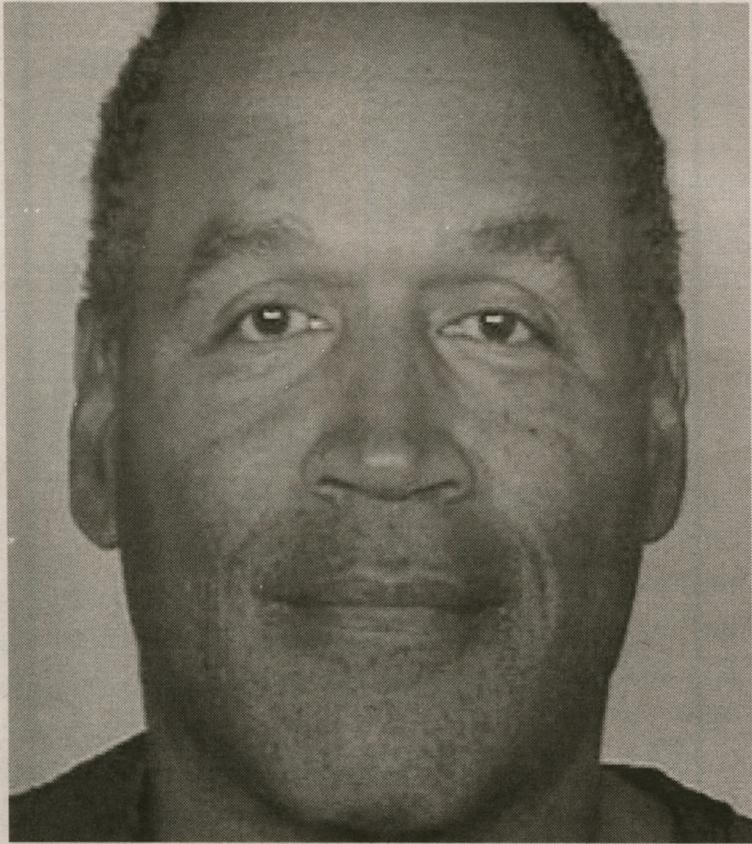


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O.J. Simpson arrested for robbery



Football great "O.J." Simpson

Football great O.J. Simpson has been arrested and charged with armed robbery in connection with a hotel break-in and theft of sports memorabilia in Las Vegas, CNN reported Sunday.

(The former NFL record setting running back is being held without bail, which has prompted a support rally and press conference from activist Najee Ali.)

Citing unidentified sources, TMZ.com says Simpson was one of several men who broke into a memorabilia dealer's room on Thursday night and held him at gunpoint while they retrieved items once owned by Simpson and other sports stars.

Police have also

arrested a man who was with Simpson during the alleged armed robbery, the Las Vegas Review-Journal newspaper reported on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the sports memorabilia collector who accused Simpson of armed robbery said Saturday that he is now "on O.J.'s side" and prefers that the whole case be dismissed.

"I want this thing to go away. I have health problems," said Alfred Beardsley, the Burbank, Calif. collector who told police on Thursday that Simpson and several other men broke into the room and stole the items at gunpoint.

"I have no desire to fly back and forth to Las Vegas to testify," he said. "How are they

going to have a witness who's on O.J.'s side?"

Beardsley said he contacted authorities only because the items were valuable and if he had not reported them as stolen he would be "held accountable for all the stuff." Beardsley said Friday that Simpson had called him to apologize.

Simpson said he never once thought about calling the police to help retrieve personal items he claimed was stolen from him, because the cops have been unresponsive to his calls for help ever since the 1994 murders of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ron Goldman.

"The police, since my trouble, have not

worked out for me," he said, noting that whenever he has called the police "It just becomes a story about O.J."

"I'm at the point where I don't rely on the police and this is not a police issue anyway," he said, expressing hope that it will soon be resolved.

Simpson, 60, said Saturday he was just trying to retrieve memorabilia, particularly photos of his wife and children.

Meanwhile, TMZ.com has obtained an audio tape of O.J. Simpson's confrontation with the sports memorabilia dealer that led to his arrest. Simpson repeatedly says, "Think you can steal my s**t and sell it?"

The site says the tape was recorded by Thomas Riccio, who co-owns the auction house Universal Rarities. Riccio met up with Simpson just before the confrontation at the Palace Station Casino on Thursday night.

Riccio was reportedly with Simpson to help him prove certain memorabilia being auctioned by Alfred Beardsley was stolen. Riccio says he believed Simpson was going to confront Beardsley in the hotel room to give him an ultimatum -- either hand over the goods or Simpson would call the cops.

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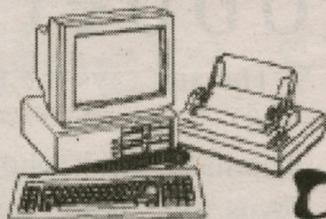
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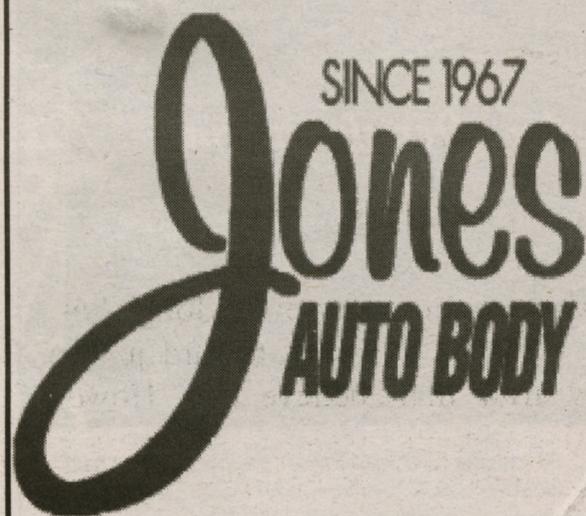
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FREE THE JENA SIX



**Marian Wright
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The recent conviction of Black high school student Mychal Bell in the small rural town of Jena, Louisiana, demonstrates why the struggle for civil rights and equal justice must continue with renewed vigor. In a vindictive miscarriage of justice, LaSalle Parish District Attorney J. Reed Walters brought the full weight of his office as a prosecutor down on Bell, 17, who may face a 15-year prison term for aggravated second-degree battery for participating in a school fight. Five other Black students are at risk of similar convictions. These young men, known as the Jena Six, are victims of a double standard too common throughout America where the scales of justice are weighed against African Americans and other people of color. It is also a disturbing reminder of the increasing criminalization of

Black youths and trying them as adults.

The chain of events leading up to the Jena Six arrests began with an old oak known as the "white tree" in the middle of the Jena High School campus. According to news accounts, by twisted tradition, the shade of the tree's spreading branches was reserved for White students only. In September 2006, a Black freshman asked if Black students could sit under the tree. The administrators said that Black students could sit where they liked.

Shortly after the query, several Black students gathered under the tree. The following day, three hangman's nooses were looped over one of its boughs. There's no mistaking the symbolism of this act. It recalls warnings of impending violence by the Ku Klux Klan and other vicious White terrorist groups permitted to flourish in the South for more than a century.

Despite the seriousness of their act, the three White students responsible were merely suspended for three days and given a verbal reprimand. The principal's recommendation of expulsion was overruled by the superinten-

dent of schools who thought that was too harsh a punishment for an adolescent "prank." Tensions escalated in the town of about 3,000 where the number of African Americans is around 350. Black students tempered their outrage at the nooses and the school superintendent's lenient treatment of the offending students by staging a peaceful protest at the tree.

Somehow, District Attorney Walters perceived a danger to the public, not in the nooses, but in the protests against them. Instead of attempting to bring the parties together and calming the agitated atmosphere, he made things worse by calling a school assembly accompanied by local law enforcement officials. Directing an ominous threat toward the Black students, he said, "I can be your best friend or worst enemy. I can take away your lives with a stroke of a pen."

Walters didn't help matters by winking at White violence like the beating of a Black student attempting to attend a White Friday night party in December 2006 — the incident was very much related to the school

events. The next day a White Jena graduate confronted a group of Black youths at a convenience store with a shotgun. Fortunately, they wrestled the weapon away from him without injury but were arrested for assault and stealing the gun. The gun owner was not charged with a crime.

The racial tension in the town came to a head on Monday, December 4, when Justin Barker, a White student who was vocally supportive of the noose hangers and called Black students "niggers," was beaten by some Black students. Barker went to the hospital and was released the same day and attended a ring ceremony that evening. The six Black youths involved in the incident were arrested and initially charged with attempted murder. None of the Jena Six has a prior police record.

In a July trial that turned justice on its head, Mychal Bell was convicted as an adult of aggravated second-degree battery and conspiracy. He was found guilty by an all-White jury in a trial presided over by a White judge. District Attorney Walters argued that

Bell's tennis shoes were deadly weapons because they were used to kick Barker.

On September 4, Judge J.P. Mauffray threw out the conspiracy conviction against Bell. He also granted a defense motion that trying Bell as an adult was improper and agreed that he should have been tried as a juvenile. But the judge let stand the conviction on aggravated second-degree battery, which means Bell may be condemned to a prison term of up to 15 years at his sentencing hearing on September 20.

Regrettably, what is happening in Jena reminds me of the racial injustices I witnessed as a civil rights attorney in the Deep South during the 1960s. We cannot go back to those times.

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. used to say that the arc of the universe is long but it bends toward justice. I believe that. However, those of us who love justice must take a hand in bending the arc faster. We can start by taking action today and calling LaSalle Parish District Attorney J. Reed Walters at (318) 992-8282 and demand justice for the Jena Six.

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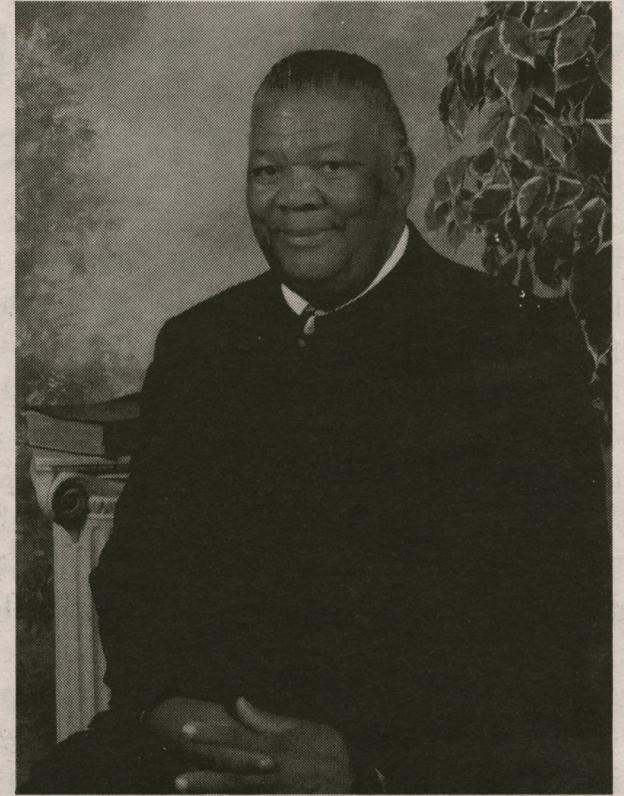
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Film Review - "What Black Men Like"

Film Review

By Kelly Y. Alexander

Discussions about stereotypes surrounding Black men are not new. But the refreshing approach intent on reversing these negative images that the new film "What Black Men Think" gives off is both new and newsworthy. It is the film's stark intellectual quality, its brutal honesty and sharp commentary by some of America's most brilliant minds and the impressive control the director has over it that create a most provocative and insightful documentary film worthy of notable mention. After viewing the movie, I was reminded of the famous quote, 'just because the movie ends doesn't mean the story does'.

"What Black Men Think" is a black diamond of a film, naturalistic and smartly done; an accomplished piece of first-time filmmaking that knows exactly what it wants to do and then goes out and does it. It is a beautifully calibrated model of political and social documentary filmmaking, made with deft and intelligence. The feelings it goes for are almost never the easy and obvious ones; it simply keeps pushing

questions and myths forward putting Black men on display and daring you to be indifferent to it, and the levers it presses are all the more effective for that.

Janks Morton has shot a series of strong interviews with local residents of Washington, DC and with a number of highly respected Black professional and public figures who have been ringside to witness the creation and perpetual damage stereotypes have had on the image of Black men and how these stereotypes have seeped so deep into the public psyche. He craftily includes government reports from the Census Bureau and Justice Department to help uncover the stereotypes while cleverly connecting the fact that this misinformation has and is being perpetuated by the government, mainstream media and even Black political leaders.

Black American culture is a culture that greatly admires oratory, and this is what gives the film its poignancy; it's interviews with a diverse group of intellectuals, journalists, doctors and politicians as well as with everyday people. The film's message manages to

not get lost in any one political or economic spectrum; the message of those interviewed was most often the same. Another effective element of the film is the director's ability to not interfere, manipulate nor stage his subjects during the interviews. Instead, Mr. Morton poses questions like, Are there more Black men in college or jail? What is the leading cause of death within the Black community, and then allows his camera to unobtrusively observe and record the feedback. And though the answers that are uncovered in the film are arresting, it is in fact, a side light to why this film is so important. For what this film really focuses on are what Black people think about themselves and how one generation ago the Black community at large did not have the social and economic woes it faces today.

But potent as that is on that level, "What Black Men Think" is even more effective when the director personalizes the film's message by asking the viewing audience "What will you do now that you have this information?" In other words, only Black

America can stop the media from distorting their images, stop the government from pervasively echoing it and stop letting Black leadership exploit them. For at its heart this film is a story about a people caught between mendacity and disconnection. As told in this singular film, this story becomes not only Black America's story, but in many ways America's story of the past 400 years.

INTERVIEW WITH PRODUCER JANKS MORTON

The first time I met Janks Morton he wore a striking royal blue dress shirt, had impeccable manners and that bright-eyed energy of a first-time filmmaker eager to promote and build support for his film. Three months later I finally caught up with him again in hopes of getting an interview to find out how well the film was doing and how well the director was doing. I expected to see him in his trademark royal blue dress shirt but instead he arrived at the café wearing a white Fonzie T-shirt, jeans and 3 months of jet lag on his face. After a warm embrace and some flirtatious teasing we sat

down together over bagels, cream of broccoli soup and a really big soda to discuss his film "What Black Men Think".

How and why did you choose to profile the people featured in the film? How did you meet and develop a relationship with them, and gain access to them? As you look throughout the history of Black people in America, we have always had complimentary voices with somewhat differing ideologies, but all with the goal of advancing our people. As you look at the state of Black America today, and those luminaries who would propose solutions for our empowerment, there is a significant number of "voices" I believe that have been omitted from discussion, all of whom whose ultimate goal is the advancement of our people.

I don't know if I would call it a relationship, however I will say, because most of the gentlemen in the film are truly vested in the long term success of the community, once I explained to them the thesis of proposition advanced in the film, all of them said "I'm IN!" relatively quick.

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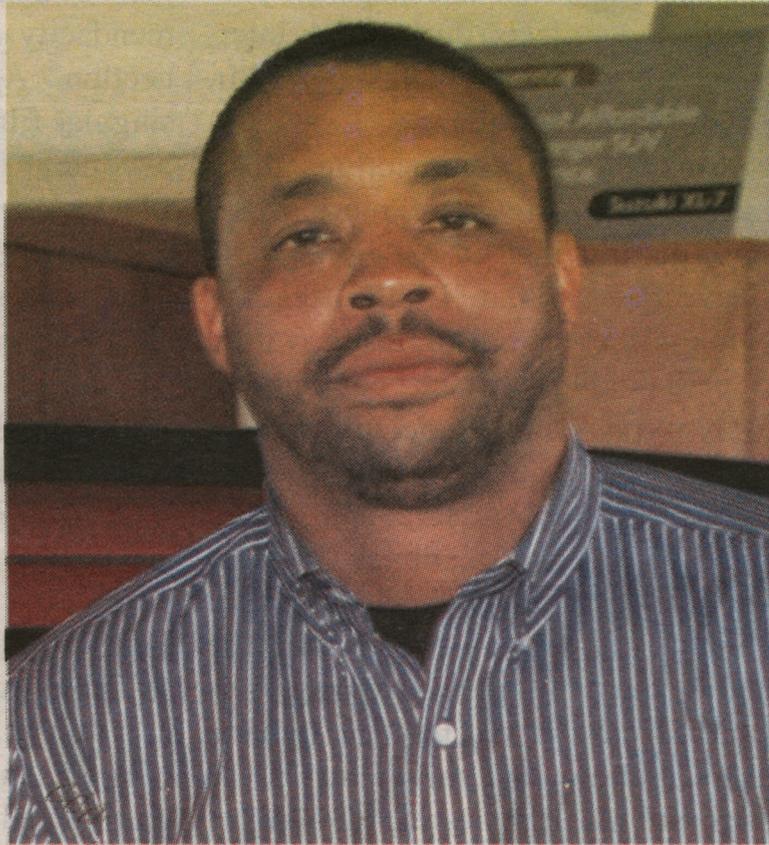


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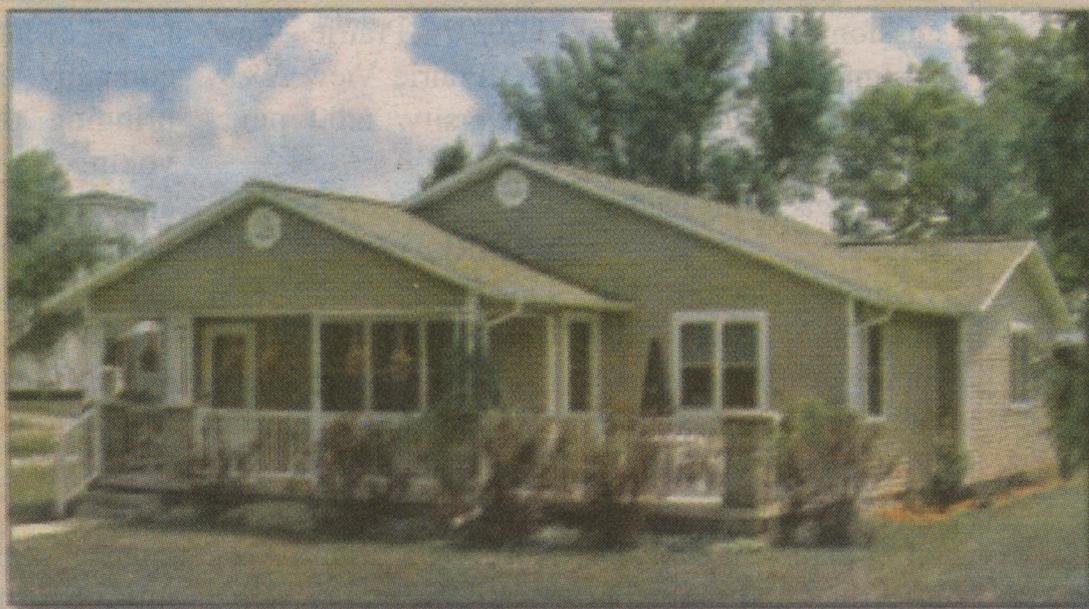
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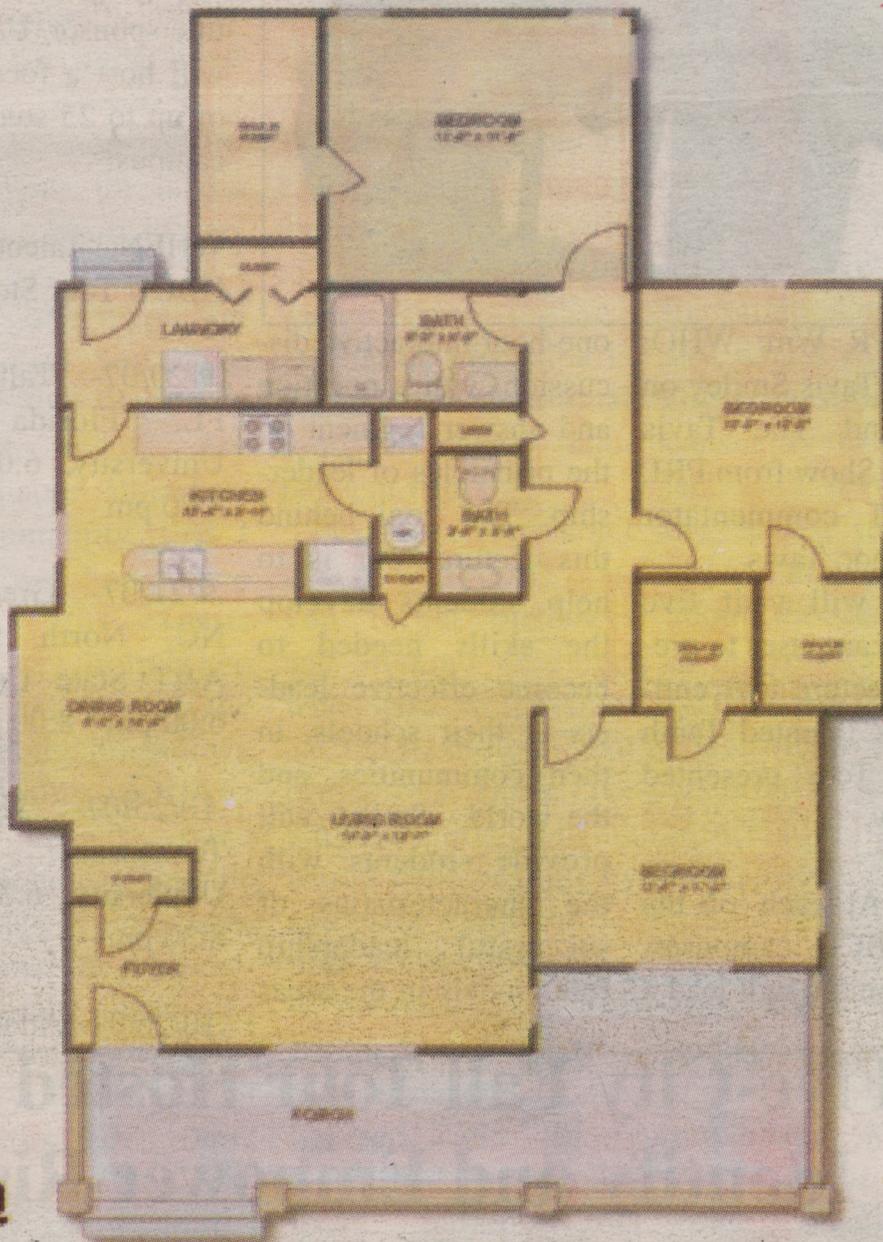


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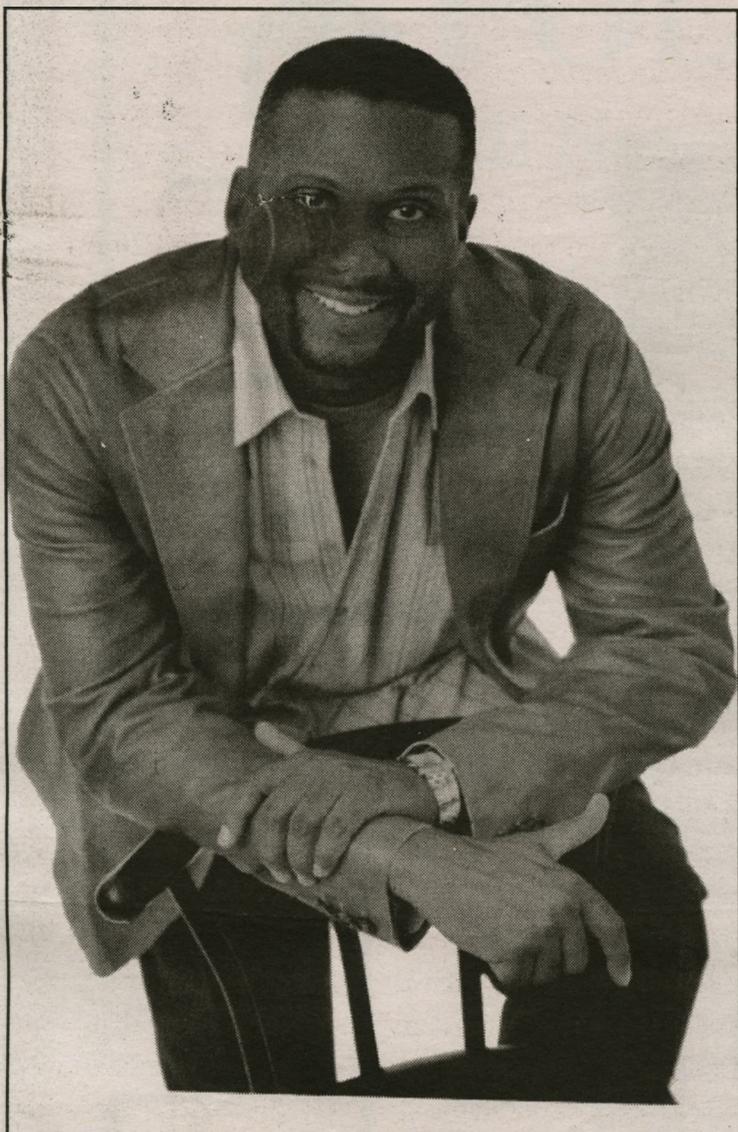
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Black PR Wire WHO: Host of Tavis Smiley on PBS and The Tavis Smiley Show from PRI, political commentator and author, Tavis Smiley will visit five HBCU campuses to present a lecture tour entitled the Talented Tenth HBCU Tour presented by Navy.

WHAT: At each of the five HBCU campuses, Tavis Smiley will lead a

WHO: one-hour interactive discussion with a question and answer segment on the principles of leadership. The goal behind this lecture tour is to help students develop the skills needed to become effective leaders at their schools, in their communities, and the world. Smiley will provide students with the characteristics of successful leadership role models in the areas

of business, public service, religion, and academia. The tour and discussion sessions are designed to motivate students to think about how they can build their own legacy of leadership.

Smiley's lecture will not only address the future of Black leadership, but its existing issues and challenges while placing emphasis on examples of ethical, effective and transformational leadership for emerging leaders. The title sponsor, U.S. Navy, will host a focus group of up to 25 students per campus!

WHEN: Talented Tenth HBCU Tour Stops:

.9/20/07- Tallahassee, FL, Florida A&M University, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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Tavis Smiley Presents is an event production company dedicated to bringing thought provoking discussions, engaging town hall meetings, and consumer expos to communities across the country. During the last six years its programs have reached more than 300,000 conference attendees and attracted millions of television viewers nationwide. Tavis Smiley is the host of Tavis Smiley on PBS, a weeknight half-hour talk show, and the host of The Tavis Smiley Show from PRI, a two-hour news and opinion program featuring provocative commentary and exclusive interviews. He's the editor of the Covenant with Black America and author of ten books including the October 2006 release, What I Know for Sure. He founded the Tavis Smiley Foundation to provide leadership training skills to youth ages 13-18. For more information, visit: www.TavisTalks.com.

Five-City Fall Tour Hosted by Tavis Smiley Aims to Identify and Empower Rising Leaders Attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities

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Most of these men are pretty accessible. It's pretty simple to look up their credentials, find out which academic, or political institution they are associated with, and get access at least to their AA's and most times them directly.

What impact do you hope this film will have?

It is my sincere hopes that this film will jumpstart the conversations, which I believe are already happening, but kept quiet in the community. We have been so conditioned since the late 1960's to focus on ourselves, and to stay out of other people's business, that while we shake our heads in disappointment at some of the less desirable behaviors in the community (i.e. pants hanging around your knee caps), if we look back just 40 years ago, the Black community had to have a dignity, respect and morality to condemn a system that has treated us immorally.

What were some of the challenges you faced in making this film?

There really were no major obstacles in assembling, staging or promoting the film, I think the biggest challenge to overcome was time (I worked a full time job until 6 weeks

before the premiere) and that provided for some interesting last minute vacation requests!

The independent film business is a difficult one. What keeps you motivated?

The beauty of this new digital era we live in is that the traditional avenues for production, marketing distribution and cost have been absolutely obliterated over the past 5 years or so. If a film school is still teaching a business model of shopping a script, petitioning a studio for advances, and praying the distributor gives you 7 cents on the dollar, then I would transfer.

Time Magazine really set the stage for a lot of up and coming filmmakers by declaring the person of the year to be YOU. It's really just that simple. You can get the equipment from eBay, you can edit on your desktop, you can make digital copies, you can distribute; every tool you need to do a project is more readily available than ever, and it is similar to the entrapments that hold a segment of the black community hostage. If you keep the people uninformed to ALL the options, you can continue to control and exploit them.

How have you chosen to present your film to the public?

Through screening

and panel discussion throughout the country, as well as direct to DVD release via Amazon

Most filmmakers work with material that has a personal connection for them. How personal was this film?

I'm a black man! (smile). My preface to the whole discussion throughout the film is that there is an undeclared civil war happening between black men and black women, and that while the myths, stereotypes and misperceptions we have of one another may fuel our division, the community really needs to understand that our division is a profitable industry for government, the media and some Black leadership.

What didn't you get done when you were making your film?

There is a very untouchable subject in the community, that I have watched even some of the experts back away from when asked, and that is the role that the breakdown in the family has had on young Black men. Without getting into the dynamics of the absentee fathers in the community, the other side of the coin is that the primary influencer of behaviors of these young boys is the mother. And while it is easy to say anything

negative about Black men, if you suggest any corrective measures for Black women in these circumstances, prepare yourself for crucifixion. You just can't talk about mamma in the Black community.

If you weren't a filmmaker, what kind of work do you think you'd be doing?

Technically I don't consider myself a filmmaker. I worked in health care for close to 20 years, and if you understand the psyche of any health care provider, be them a doctor, nurse, even the person sterilizing surgical instruments, we all are trying to fix situations, or trying to heal. This film is probably an expression of many men and women trying to heal the challenges we are facing.

What do you think is the most inspirational food for making independent film?

Passion. You don't sleep, you don't eat, you forget birthdays and all kind of things when you are passionate and focused on your project. I think the hardest thing for me would have been to try and make a work of fiction. While story telling is necessary, the real expression of our people, unscripted, unrehearsed and freely assembled, has so much more passion and drama than some over-

ly dramatized Hollywood script.

Which filmmakers have most influenced your work?

Spike Lee, Quentin Tarantino, Orson Wells and anything sci-fi.

If you could have one motto, what would it be?

Your attitude determines your altitude

What sparks your creativity?

I'm so linear and analytical I think my creative processes are far removed from artistic talent. I developed an outline for how I wanted the movie to flow, followed the bullet points, and created the narrative from the contributors to tell the story.

If a studio said 'we love this, we love you, you can make anything for \$40m' what film, if any, would you make?

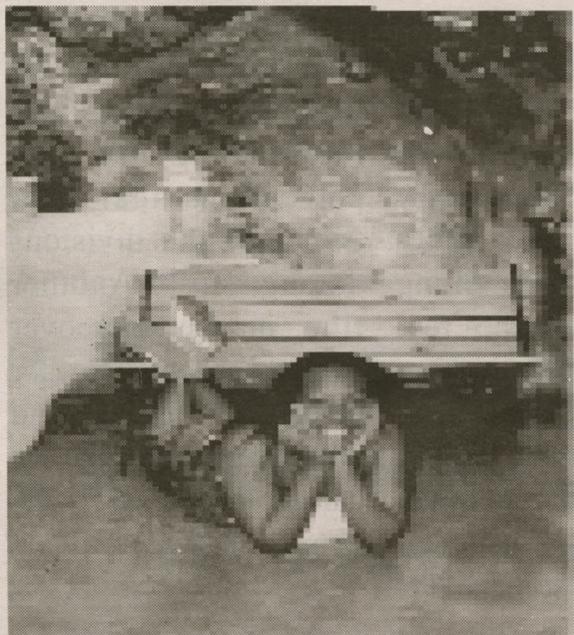
Great question! I say constantly that this project isn't really about me, and it really isn't about the film. It's about the reclamation of the Black community, the Black family and Black men from the distorted imagery, false information and misperceptions that contribute to the divisions among us. Another film, maybe, moreover something that further instills our heritage and our history so that we can continue to overcome....together.

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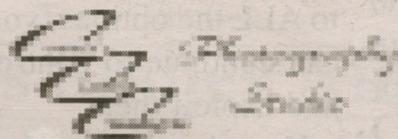
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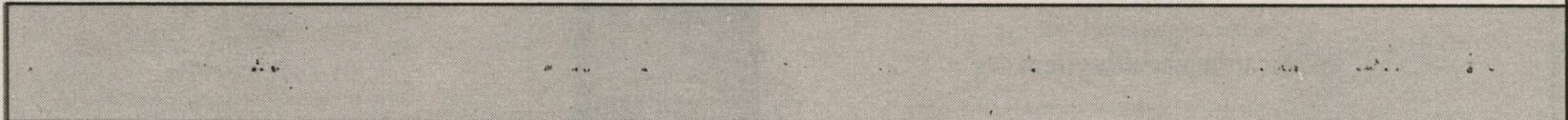
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Refugees from Darfur expelled from Israel

(GIN) - In an ironic replay of World War II history, refugees from persecution seeking asylum were turned away from safe haven - only now the refugees were from Sudan and the safe haven was Israel.

Under a new policy of accelerated deportation, Israel will turn away all illegal entrants from Sudan's war-torn region of Darfur, a senior official in the office of Prime Minister Ehud Olmert told the press in an off the record interview.

The policy applies to new arrivals only, while some 500 people from Darfur already in Israel will be permitted to stay for "humanitarian reasons," said another official.

Israel says it is struggling to stem the flow of Africans entering the country via its southern border with Egypt. This week, some 48 Sudanese people were sent back to Egypt, which has threatened not to accept more.

Human rights groups have denounced the deportation plan. The Hotline for Migrant Workers, based in Tel Aviv, accused the government of violating Geneva Conventions

regarding obligations toward refugees. A Hotline spokesman noted it was Israel that had promoted the clause after World War II, remembering that German Jewish refugees had been sheltered in Britain.

But Efraim Zuroff of the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center said Monday he supported the government's decision to stop the entry of refugees into Israel. "This is not a question of saving people from genocide, but about economic refugees who come here to improve the quality of their life," said the organization's chief Nazi-hunter.

"Under no circumstance should Israel simply open the gates to anyone who wants to come," he said.

Sudan has seen a massive exodus of refugees in the past several years as a result of fighting in the western region of Darfur between ethnic African rebels and the pro-government janjaweed militia.

Since the conflict began in 2003, more than 200,000 people have been killed, and over 2.5 million driven from their homes.

Africa: From slave trade to feel trade

(GIN) - On the eve of the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition on Aug. 23, a new book reveals how its successor - "free trade" - is undermining democracy and justice in Africa.

Published by the Africa-focused FAHAMU, the book, edited by Patrick Burnett and Firoze Manji, is a collection of essays first published on the web at Pambazuka News.

Topics in the book range from the absence of women's voices at global level negotiations to the decimation of a country's health system as a result of World Bank policies or the sacrificing of community rights in the interests of multinational corporations.

The International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition, first proclaimed by the U.N.'s cultural organization, UNESCO, was designed to remind the international community of this tragedy, of its persisting consequences for modern societies, and of the role played by both enslaved Africans and abolitionists in bringing to an end this crime against humanity.

In a related develop-

ment, the National Museums Liverpool will inaugurate the International Slavery Museum on Aug. 23, in line with that city's 1999 apology for its involvement in the European slave trade.

Liberian leader's war crime trial postponed

(GIN) - The court trying ex-Liberian President Charles Taylor for war crimes has postponed the case until January 2008.

The court approved a defense request for more time to evaluate new evidence.

Charles Taylor is accused of responsibility for atrocities committed by rebels during the war in neighbouring Sierra Leone from 1991 to 2001, some of which are described in the moving book "A Long Way Gone, Memoirs of a Boy Soldier," by Ismael Beah.

Court orders Chevron to be tried for abuse

(GIN) - A U.S. judge has ruled that the Chevron Corp. must face charges that its subsidiary Chevron Nigeria hired Nigerian military and police to fire weapons on Nigerians during a protest.

The protestors, Concerned Ijaw Citizens, were staging a protest at a Chevron oil platform in 1998, after numerous letters to the company over environmental degradation, youth unemployment and the lack of basic amenities, went unanswered.

Soldiers, on the alleged invitation of Chevron using its helicopters, reportedly swooped down on protesters, killing 2 on the spot and injuring 30 others.

The Nigerians also claim the company was complicit in an attack on two villages in the Niger Delta, during which at least four villagers were killed.

This week, Judge Susan Illston of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California gave summary judgment in favor of Chevron on some issues -- throwing out claims of property damages by the villagers -- but allowing wrongful death and other suits against the company to proceed.

EarthRights program office Akinbode Oluwafemi said the ruling has raised hopes that the multinational giant will not escape justice over its atrocities especially in the Niger Delta.



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Bishop Albert L. Jamison, Sr., GMWA Chairman of the Board and New York Chapter Representative, presided over this year's national convention entitled, "Life Begins at 40: A New Beginning." Bishop Jamison came up as a youth in the GMWA and worked under the mentorship of Cleveland.

The local GMWA North Central Indiana chapter, under the prayerful leadership of Music Minister and Chapter Advisor, Pat Raymore of Anderson, was well represented at this year's national convention in Orlando. Raymore was awed by this year's international presence, as well. She said, "There were 70+ voices from the Japan Chapter, 150 from the Bahamian Chapter, and several from the Montreal [Canada] Chapter. New music was presented by the director from Denmark, Sweden, along with 63 chapter voices."

The official kick-off



Malcolm Williams Chicago Area recording star and Beth Leavell

of the convention started with Sunday's Communion and Consecration Service with Muncie's own 30-year GMWA Saint, Sister Virginia Leavell, and her daughter, Beth Ann Leavell-Davis, performing with the James Cleveland Chorus. Beth Ann lead the chorus in "God Is" before a congregation of 5,5000.

National gospel artists Richard Smallwood, Yolanda Adams, and Jeff Majors hosted the kick-off midnight concert as well as various events throughout the week. Spirit-filled

performances were made by The Georgia Mass Choir, Tramaine Hawkins, Martha Munizzi, Vanessa Bell Armstrong, Bishop Neal Roberson, and The Mime Boyz.

Daily convention events included academic Bible, voice, instrument, liturgical dance, and sound/recording classes, as well as, talent search events, nightly musicals, and morning, evening, and late night worship services.

"Our Daily Bread" morning worship services featured national clergy such as Bishop Noel Jones, Pastor

Jamal Bryant, and recording artist, Bishop Paul S. Morton, Sr. "Bishop Morton was simply spectacular", says Theresa Hunter. "He could've stopped with his pre-sermonic prayer in song, 'It's Not About Me!', but he continued to preach on the subject, 'Good Success.' He and his son, Paul, Jr. (or P.J., for short), blessed us with post sermonic song, 'Let Go and Let God Have His Way', with P.J. burning-up the keyboard." She continued to say, "Bishop Morton's closing testimony with his recent bout with colon cancer

just simply brought-down the house!"

The week's events ended with the GMWA 3,000-voice [national] Mass Choir recording and concert under the leadership of Ms. Rodena Preston-Williams, sister of the late, renowned national recording artist, Billy Preston.

Next year's National GMWA Convention will be held at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. "We're looking at sending 100 delegates to Nashville next year," said Raymore.

The local GMWA chapter was organized as the Anderson Chapter in 1976 by Raymore. A year later, the group expanded to include Muncie and was renamed the Anderson/Muncie Chapter. As interest grew throughout the state, East Chicago, Kokomo, Marion, and Fort Wayne were included to form the North Central Indiana Chapter in 1987. There are currently 150 members from numerous Indiana cities north of Anderson.

The local chapter is in the process of completing a CD project, which started with last year's live recording session. The final product is expected to come out early 2008.

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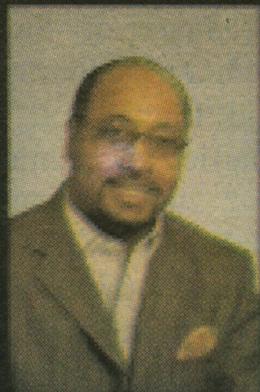


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Mrs. Kizer left to cherish her memory many loved ones, including her husband, Carl E. Kizer Sr., Muncie, IN; two sons, **Carl Kizer Jr.** (wife: Valerie), Muncie, IN and **Walter Clark Kizer**, San Diego, CA; two daughters, Carlease Ione Chandler (husband: David), Riverside, CA. and Deborah Ann Kizer Brown, Fort Wayne, IN; one brother, Walter Williams Jr. (wife:Flo), Columbus, OH; one sister, Clarine McRae, Portsmouth, VA; and five grandchildren, Nicole York, San Francisco, CA.; Patrick Chandler, Burbank, CA; Jason Brown, Fort Wayne, IN; Kristin Kizer, Muncie, IN; Cindy Kizer, Kalamazoo, MI.

Her parents and two brothers, Osborne Williams and Edinburgh Williams preceded Mrs. Kizer in death.

**Carl Kizer Jr.:
Commitment to
Community**

At Kizer's Carpet Care, Carl E. Kizer Jr. is the owner-operator and Carl E. Kizer, Sr. is the head of quality control. Carl Kizer, Jr. is equally proud of his involvement in and service to the Muncie community. Born on June 19, 1949, he attended Muncie Central High School in the class of 1968.

He then went on to graduate from Ball State University, marry Valerie Jean Epperson Kizer and raise two children, Kristin and Cindy. Carl and Valerie are also proud grandparents of Kaizen Kenneth Baldwin. Among the local civic organizations that Carl Kizer Jr. has belonged to are:

- * Member, Calvary Baptist Church, serving on the senior usher board
- * Academy of Community Leadership, 3rd Class
- * United Way of Delaware County
- * Muncie Rotary Club, 19 years
- * Alpha Center, 3 years
- * Motivate Our Minds Board, 2 years
- * Muncie Indiana Transit System Board, 20 years to present
- * Muncie Community School Board, 7 years
- * Big Brother / Big Sister Board, 3 years
- * Big Brother to Terrence McNearly, August 2004 to present
- * 2006 Big Brother of the Year, Big Brother / Big Sister of Delaware County
- * Lily Scholarship Committee, 4 years to present
- * Concerned Athletes in Action, 2 years to present
- * Friends of Heekin Park, 1 year to present
- * Liberty Bell Award – 2006, Delaware County Bar Association
- Deborah Kizer Brown



Daughter of Carl E. Kizer Sr., and the late Vernice Williams Kizer Born in Muncie in 1948, raised here as well. Attended Muncie Southside High School and Ball State University Member of the Rebelette Drill Team for Southside High School Worked in Graduate Office at Ball State University for over 6 years Worked at Muncie Chevrolet/General Motors for over 10 years Transferred to Fort Wayne Assembly/General Motors, retiring April 2004 Currently employed with Habitat for Humanity AmeriCorps volunteer with Habitat for Humanity Aluminum Recycling Coordinator and Habitat Restore Assistant Manager Currently serve on the Habitat Family Selection Committee (4 years)

Attend Summit Church in Fort Wayne, Pastor Dr. Albert Jennings One son, Jason Brown, 27. Graduated Ivy Tech Community College and Real Estate School. Currently working with Stine's Real Estate Company in Fort Wayne. One grandson, Teven, 4 Carlease Kizer Chandler Born in Muncie on September 8, 1946; resident of Riverside, California since 1970. Worked at the YWCA from 1962-1968 in the Saturday Program (Pigtails-Ponytails), Travel Day Camp director and camp counselor Education: Graduated from Ball State University with a bachelor's degree in education. Master's degree of Arts in Education (Curriculum and Instruction) at University of California Riverside, 1991 Taught at Lakeside Middle School, Fort Wayne from 1968 to 1970, World and Indiana History

Taught in Perris, and Riverside schools from 1971-2005

Taught grades 4-8, Middle School World and American History and AVID

Mentor teacher, head of the History Department at Central Middle School, AVID Coordinator, 1995-2005

Family: Married to David Chandler (Marion, IN) on August 30, 1969. Ameriprise Financial Advisor Daughter: Nicole M. Chandler - York. Graduate of Stanford with a major in Spanish and Linguistics, 1995. Married to Quentin York in 2002. Daughter, Mahalia Son: Patrick Chandler, graduate of University of California at Santa Cruz in 1999. Awards: Riverside Unified Teacher of the Year, 1986. Selected as member of State of California Social Studies Textbook Selection Committee, 1987-1991. Retired: June 2005 Currently at the Mission Inn, Riverside Supervisor of Interns and Student Teachers at National University Professor at National University teaching curriculum and instruction for secondary teachers Children's Church director and teacher at Amos Temple CME Church, Riverside.

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ed the Rhode Island School of Design and moved to New York where he freelances with some well known designers. Some of his designs have been seen at Old Navy, The Gap and Banana Republic.

My sister is Mrs. Connie Stanton (wife of Pastor Thomas Stanton.) We grew up in Decatur Illinois; our parents Hubert and Lillian Winfrey were very active in our CME Church and made sure we developed our faith in God (to whom we attribute all our successes.) Our Dad attended Lane College in Tennessee, Years later he became a postman then later a postal clerk until his retirement. He was our own Thomas Edison, always tinkering in the basement. I remember his old printing press with business from the black community including printing large placards for the "celebrities" that came to town, including Ike and Tina Turner.

Our maternal Grandfather was born during the last two years of slavery. We have a family Bible that contains records that date back to 1837. He copied the records from the Tennessee Plantation Family's Bible. As a way of including our earliest roots in this report, I wrote the following story about how

our Grandfather and Grandmother met and some of their memories of their parents' talks about slavery and freedom. (I call it a factional piece because it is based on real facts while the some of the setting is fictional. It is true that my grandmother rode a horse without a saddle and my grandfather taught school with just an eighth grade education.)

A Factional Snapshot of Our Maternal Family Roots

On a dusty road in Kentucky Edgar Williams (born two years before the Civil War ended) a tall handsome young man, makes his way to the small one room school house just after sun up to unlock the doors. It was still early and he wanted to be there as he says, "way fo' the young-uns show up. Got to get ma' lessons on the board." With only an eighth grade education, he was well qualified to teach geometry, script, ciphering, and geography. He was the new teacher in town.

A few days later early in the afternoon, Jennie was begging her father Isom Hall one last time to let her ride the family horse to town. Before long Jennie mounted the sleek steed and barreled away across the meadow kicking and yanking on the reins as hard as



The Greenwood Family

she could. Grinding her teeth and driving her knees hard into the horse's sides, the wind still whipped her muslin petticoats so high her black stocking showed.

By happenstance Williams was just stepping out the school house door and there in front of him was a pretty young lady riding bareback. He'd almost been run down by that fast-moving maid on a horse.

Instantly Jennie jerked the mare to a sudden stop. "Whoa there," she yelled, tugging at her layers of underclothes and clenching the reins tightly. Almost stumbling, Williams made his way to the side, dusting himself off, trying to gather his composure.

"Now, Now," he said, almost out of breath "You're quite a horse lady," smiling up at her. "You almost got me."

"Sorry, Sorry, I-I didn't know. . ."

"That'll be al-righty young lady. He said staring at her so long it made her blush. Jennie wanted to ride off; she

was uncomfortable and ashamed: almost killing a man, a handsome man at that!

"I hope you ain't hurt none." Seeing he was just dusty, she said, "I'll just be on ma' way," she insisted.

"No, don't hurry away. You live round here?" "Just up that road there," she said shyly.

"I'm Edgar Williams, what's yours?" Jennie was too nervous to say her name. Williams helped her down from the horse. Timidly she asked him, "Do you live here?"

"No, I teach here; I was just leaving; Class's over fo' the day. Mind if I walk you and yo' horse back yonder," he said pointing toward her place.

A few months later they married on December 28th 1887; Jennie Elvie Hall was 20 and Edgar Lemuel Williams was 24. They married in a small country church, but had considered jumping the broom like their slave parents: Eliza Ralston

and Major Williams (1830's) Isom and Ann Hall (1840's.) Edgar and Jennie had 12 children, our mother Lillian Theresa was the "last pea in the pod" as she liked to say.

Grandma Jennie Williams (born 1867) often told stories she heard her parents tell about the hard times of slavery. One that sticks like glue in my memory is about a young slave girl running around the old cabin shouting at the top of her voice, "We's gonna be free, we's gonna be free," Shut up chile, her mammy kept telling her, but she would not keep quiet.

One day, the mistress came by while she was yelling at the top of her lungs, "We's gonna be free; we's gonna be free, fo' sho!" The little girl whipped her head around and there was the mistress! But she did not stop; she yelled even louder, "WE'S GONNA BE FRE-EEE!!"

"Honey," the primly dressed mistress replied, "That'll never be. Nev-vah. Nev-vah!"

Little Mariah, ran around to the back of the cabin, bent down, scooped up a fist full of dark red Alabama clay and tossed it as hard as she could into the tub of clothes her mammy was "b'iling in that ol' iron pot for the mistress." Then she dragged the whole line of dry lacy petticoats toward the fire!

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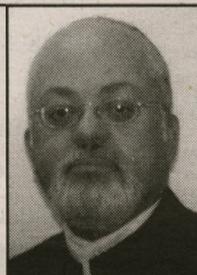
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 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:30 a.m.
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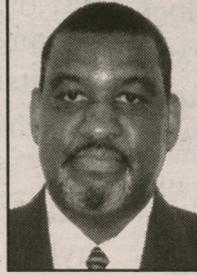
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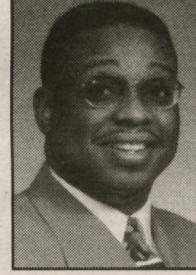
Pastor Larry Carther

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319 W. Howard

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 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Service • 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Class • 7:00 p.m.

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Pastor Kendrick Winburn

Walking By Faith Ministry

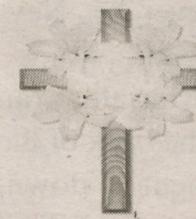
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 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

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 Wednesday, 7:00 PM



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 Deliverance Service • 11:00 a.m.
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Thursday

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 Tuesday Bible Study • 11:00 a.m.

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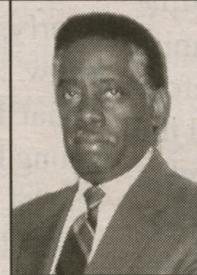
Pastor Edith Hutchinson

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



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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
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 Bible Class Wed 6:30 p.m.



Pastor Robert L. Brown

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1524 E. Butler
 Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.
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 Tuesday Prayer & Bible Band • 6:00 p.m.
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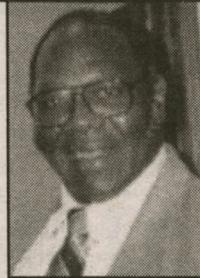


Pastor Charles Coatie

New Liberty Baptist

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 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.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

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

Phone: 284-0138



Pastor Aston R. Chambers

New Hope Baptist

524 E. Willard
 Sunday School • 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship • 10:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study • 5:30 p.m.
 Womens Ministry 5:30 p.m.
 Youth Church 5:30
 Single Ministry 6:30 p.m.

Phone: 288-7023 or 284-4459



Pastor W.C. Edwards



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 Sunday Evening • 6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday Service • 7:00p.m.

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Morning Star Ministry

2000 S. Hoyt
 287 - 0021
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Services

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.
 Friday Worship, 7 p.m.



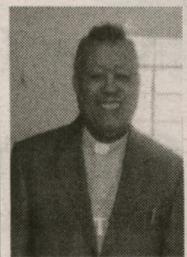
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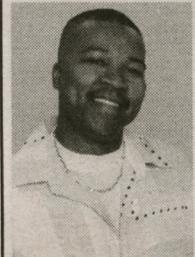
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 Sunday School • 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship • 12:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 10:30 a.m.
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Phone: 284-6890



Pastor Dorothea Norwood

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.

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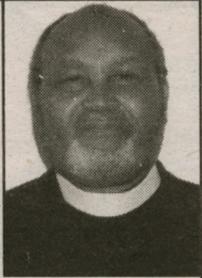


Pastor Mack Moses

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

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Pastor Wade Sloss

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Pastor Gregg Parris

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 Sunday Morning Worship • 7:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.
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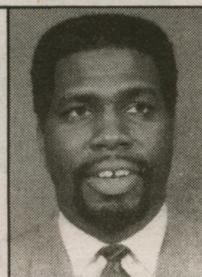


Pastor Willie J. Jackson, Sr.

Word Of Life Christian Church

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 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

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Tuesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer • 6:00 p.m.
Friday Worship • 7:30 p.m.

Phone: 282-9158



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



Rev. JR Carswell

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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

**Midtown Church of Christ
901 E. Willard 47302**

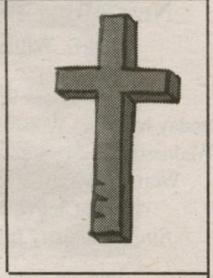
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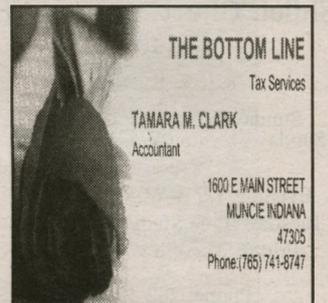
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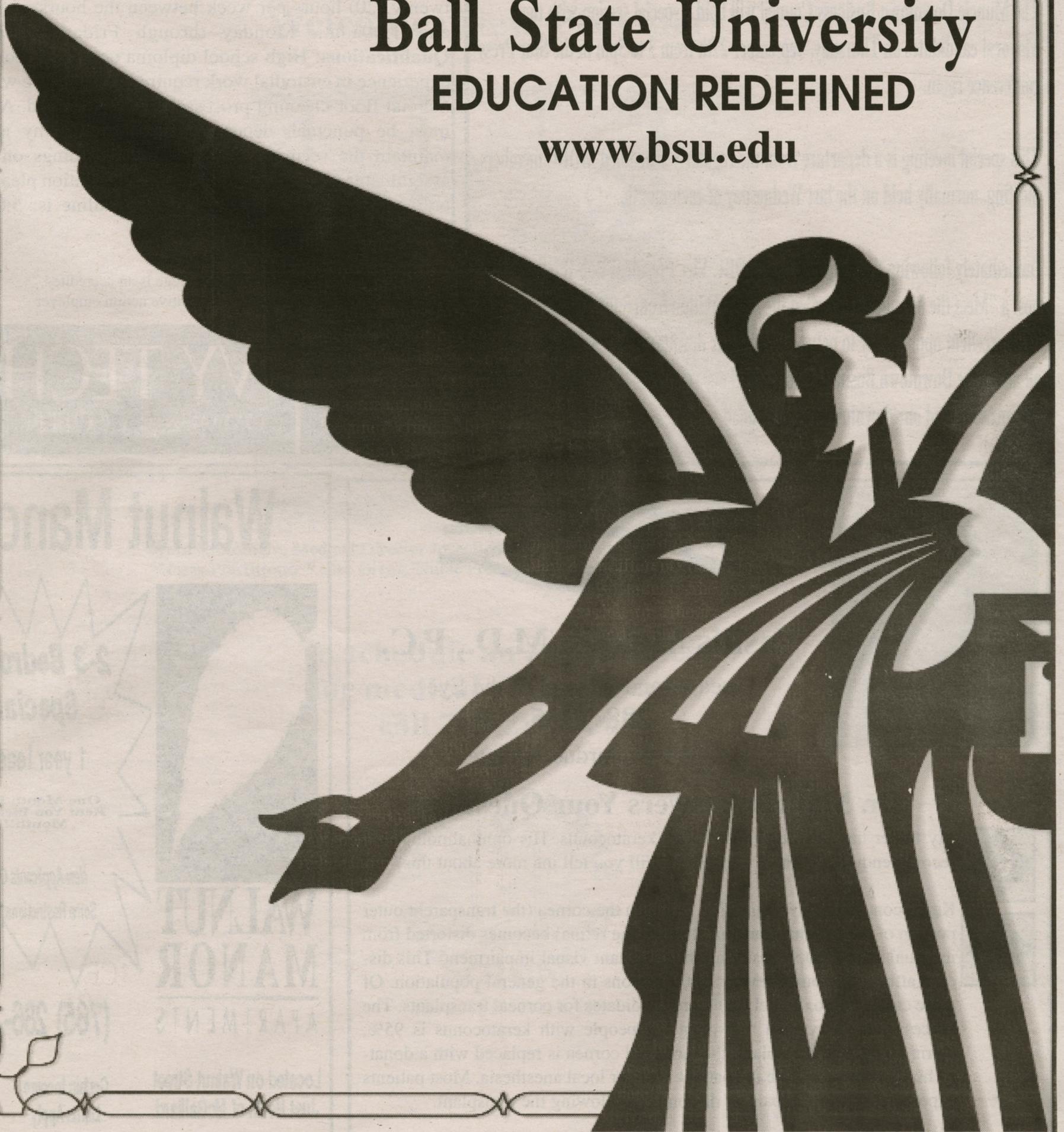
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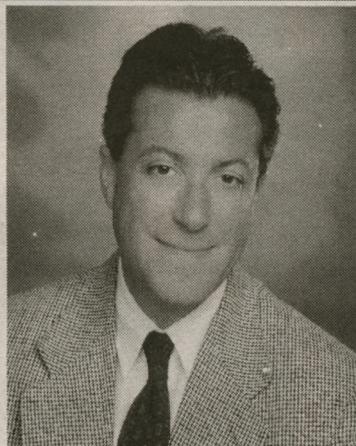
This special meeting is a departure from the regularly scheduled MDBC members meeting, normally held on the last Wednesday of each month.

Immediately following the Mayoral Event, DBC Vice President Bob Hartley will host a "Meet the Members Mixer" at the Artist Within from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. This is an excellent opportunity to network with your downtown peers, and to learn all about the Downtown Business Council and our continued efforts to market your organization and our downtown neighborhood

PART-TIME NIGHT CUSTODIAN

Ivy Tech Community College, East Central Region has an immediate opening for a part-time night Custodian at the Muncie campus. Position is responsible for light cleaning of all College restrooms and public areas. Work schedule is twenty (20) hours per week between the hours of 9:00p.m. and 1:00a.m., Monday through Friday. **Minimum Qualifications:** High school diploma or GED. Documented experience in custodial work required. Experience with commercial floor cleaning processes is also required. Applicant must be punctual, dependable and trustworthy and help maintain the security of all College buildings on routine assignments. For consideration for this position please apply online at: <http://jobs.ivytech.edu/> Deadline is: 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 28, 2007.

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BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES PROJECT MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT OFFICE OF BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES

Staff position available immediately. Responsibilities: maintain and update on-line resource guides; provide support functions for all education courses and workshops; assist the BBC Program Manager with project recording, tracking, and reporting. **Minimum qualifications:** up to eighteen months of education beyond high school or equivalent; over one year of administrative/office experience with Microsoft Office Suite; demonstrated Internet research skills; valid Indiana Driver's License; detail oriented and accurate; good interpersonal and communication skills. **Preferred qualifications:** associate's degree; experience working with state and federal government agencies; knowledge/experience with Vignette Development Center. Salary is \$24,377 with excellent benefits. COVER LETTER, RESUME, PROOF of EDUCATION (transcripts preferred), and NAMES, ADDRESSES, and TELEPHONE NUMBERS of THREE PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES MUST be received by Tuesday, September 25, 2007. Send or bring COMPLETE credential packet to:



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Monthly Community Meetings

MUNCIE BLACK EXPO; 309 N. High Street	2nd Tuesday, 6:00 P.M.	Demetrius "Dee" Harris, President 282-1997 or 215 - 0160
Muncie Community School Board; Anthony Administration Building	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 630 P.M.	Julius Anderson ; 289 - 6639
Muncie City Council; City Hall Auditorium	1st Monday, 7:30 P.M.	Bill Shroyer; 741-9625
Muncie NAACP; Maring- Hunt Library 205 S. High St.	2nd Thursday, 5:15 P.M.	Dr. Jayne Beilke, President
Muncie Commission On The Social Status of Black Males; Human Rights Office - City Hall	1st Tuesday, 5:00 P.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 Number 11 The Order of Eastern Star Masonic Lodge, 1514 E. Willard Street	1st and 3rd Monday, 7:00 P.M.	Joanne McCain Johnson, Worthy Matron; 286-2960
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.	Ruth Ann Blair, 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.	Yvonne Doyle, President; 282-3478
Unity in DiverCity Gethsemane Church United Methodist Church 1201 W. McGalliard Rd.	3rd Sat. 11:00 a.m.	Dr Pierre Atchade, 289 - 3955
Household of Ruth #4618 Industry Neighborhood Center; 1407 S. Wolfe Street	1st Friday, 4:00 P.M.	Loretta Miller, MNG; 288-6987