

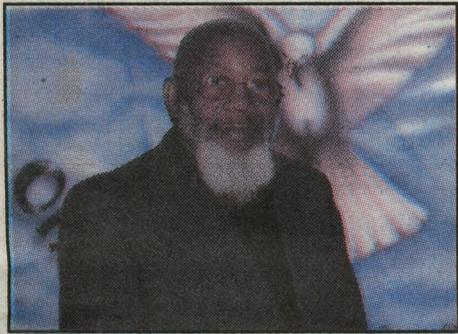
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## Muncie welcomes Gov. Mitch Daniels MBE corporate luncheon draws record crowd



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Gov. Mitch Daniels signs the back  
of a uniform of a Girl Scout who  
greeted him.



MBE President Sherrell Robinson  
welcomes the crowd. At her side is  
emcee Al Rent.



Gov. Mitch Daniels talks with  
new MCS Supt. Eric King and  
retiring Supt. Marlin Creasy

By Jeannine Lee Lake  
The Muncie Times

If you weren't at the Muncie Black Expo Luncheon on June 4,

you truly missed a wonderful event filled with entertainment, laughter, knowledge and a little politics.

Held the morning

after Sen. Barack Obama secured the nomination for the Democratic Party for the presidency,

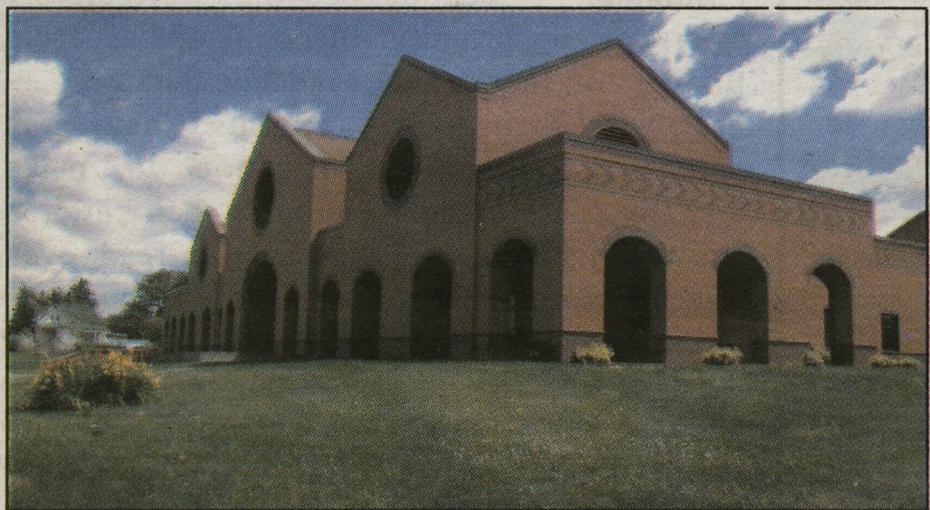
the morning 11:30 a.m. luncheon

featured special guest Obama secured the nomination for the Democratic Party for the presidency, the Indiana Black Expo. Daniels, who noted

Obama's recent Democratic victory, said he felt the occasion was momentous in terms of it being a signal of bet-

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## Union Missionary Baptist Church moves into new edifice



Union Missionary Baptist Church opened with much celebration June 4.  
Photo: Kendra Wright

By Racheal Ambrose  
The Muncie Times

has a brand new facility thanks to its dedicated mem-

Union Missionary Baptist

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## Bishop Ira Smith called "giant" in religious circles

By Jeannine Lee Lake  
Obituary Source:  
[www.communityfamilyfh.com](http://www.communityfamilyfh.com).

Bishop Ira Lee Smith, who pastored churches in Muncie and Indianapolis, left an Apostolic legacy in the religious community that will be passed down from generation.

Smith, 67, of Muncie, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday June 10, 2008 at his residence. He was born April 27, 1941 to Lee Turner and R.D. Smith in Sledge, Mississippi. He came to Muncie in 1955 and attended Muncie Community Schools. Bishop Smith was united



Bishop Ira Smith

in holy matrimony for 36 years to

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# EDITORIAL

## Summer should not be vacation time from school books, work

Another summer is upon us. This time, employment prospects look bleak, very bleak if you will, for young people--especially African American youths. Some economists and politicians think we might even be headed for a recession. Thus the economy looks like it could play a pivotal role in the presidential sweepstakes between Democratic candidate Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois and his Republican opponent Sen. John McCain of

Arizona. For many parents here, summer has been a time when our children get away from the rigors of school. They sleep late. They have no homework. They do not read. They spend their days at the mall, at recreation centers or in the parks listening to music and playing basketball. A few of the lucky ones will get jobs. But, in a shrinking economy, employers are less likely to hire. They worry about rising gasoline and

food costs. They are anxious about dwindling profits. They wonder about the viability of their companies in a rapidly changing economy. In short, chances are "very good" that most of our young people will not be holding down a paying job during the 2008 summer. That means parents, the community and the schools have to take stock of this changing economic factor. If our young people have nothing economically redeem-

ing to do this summer, they may well be enticed into a lifestyle that has been popularized by those engaging in antisocial and illegal behavior. We all know that those engaged in illicit drugs make lots of money, wear expensive clothes, engage in the bling-bling life of conspicuous consumption and display of gaudy jewelry and expensive cars. They become "role" models. They are seen exhibiting the joys of such behavior, including being seen with good looking women. It is a challenge that parents have to deal with. It is a challenge for the community, teachers and school administrators to handle.

Summer school offers an opportunity for parents to re-connect with their children. It is an opportunity to correct them and turn them around. Even though there are no jobs available for most of these young people, the summer should not be a waste. If we want our children to learn and succeed in school, then we have an obligation to show them how to act, how to behave and the things they need to

do to prepare for success in life.

It is important for parents to let their children know that educational success is the surest way to legal upward mobility. No one can take away that knowledge that children have acquired in school. That knowledge is theirs for life.

Therefore, it is important for parents to take whatever steps are necessary to keep their children connected to education. Yes, the children need to let off steam. They need time to go to recreation centers, to parks, to malls, to fish, to play basketball and to engage in other stress-reducing activities. However, that should not mean that they become effectively disconnected from academic pursuits.

Parents have an obligation to make sure that their children continue to read, even during the summer, so they can enhance their vocabularies, grammar and math skills and overall preparation for academic success.

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# END WEIGHT DISCRIMINATION

Nearly two thirds of Americans are overweight or obese. You wouldn't know this, however, by skimming through the pages of a fashion magazine or watching television on any given night. Popular culture promotes a thin, sometimes dangerously so, body image that most Americans do not live up to. The "thin is in" mentality has made its way into the nation's workplaces and overweight individuals are experiencing discrimination now more than ever before. Discrimination of any kind is unjust and intolerable. But weight discrimination in a nation that super sizes and automates everything is just plain foolish and needs to end.

Two recent studies report discrimination based on body size has increased more than 60 percent in the last ten years and has become as nearly as common as prejudice based on race or gender. The study reports that the discrimination experienced is varied: some overweight people say they are made to feel ashamed in healthcare settings or were fired or not promoted because of their weights. In their personal lives, they reported that they are subjected to insults and harassment from strangers and loved ones. There are more overweight women in this country than men so women experience more of this bias. For African Americans, this new inequity presents

another obstacle they have to overcome. 60 percent of our men and 78 percent of our women are overweight. For these individuals, whether in a professional or social setting, they not only have to deal with the assumptions people make based on their race but also because of their weight.

Like other forms of discrimination, this type of bias is destructive. It may negatively affect an individual's self-esteem, causing them to eat more, do less and, possibly, gain weight. To be fair, being overweight is unhealthy and can lead to a host of health problems, including diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease. That aside, a person's physical size should have no bearing on whether or not they get a job or a promotion and should not subject them to taunts and rude stares from people on the street.

Currently, there is no federal law that protects overweight people from workplace discrimination. But, if the incident reports continue at their present rate, perhaps there should be. Additionally, healthcare providers should be held accountable for their rude treatment of heavier patients; sensitivity trainings are one way to address such behavior. The government should increase access to healthcare so the overweight can receive solid advice on diet and

exercise plans; many of this country's obese people are poor.

Just like the battle against race and gender bias, the fight against weight dis-

crimination cannot be won overnight. And legislation is only a tiny piece of the pie. As individuals, we have to take a look at our behavior and, if we recog-

nize it is discriminatory, correct it. America has far too many excluded classes; we do not need to create another one.

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ter race relations and a more global community. He said "people's hearts are changing," and said that although he is a Republican governor and he would likely not vote for Obama, the governor said the nation should pause for a moment to reflect this time in history.

The luncheon, which drew the largest crowd ever with over 850 people in attendance, was a cornucopia of clergy, community leaders and others, including new Muncie Community Schools Supt. Eric King, current Supt. Marlin Creasy. IBE President Tanya Bell and local



**Muncie Mayor Sharon McShurley talks with Governor Mitch Daniels**

politicians, Muncie Mayor Sharon McShurley, and State Rep. Dennis Tyler. Other candidates included Tom Cannon, Judge Teagle, and others.

Emcees Al Rent and Terry Whitt Bailey were also in attendance, moving the program along at a speed that allowed the event to be completed by 1:15 p.m.

Ten Hoosiers, including the governor, were also recipients of the Trailblazer Award. They were: John Brooke, Ezell Coates, Mattie Coleman, Hurley

Goodall (who could not attend because his wife was ill), Alvin Jones, Ananias Thompson, Dennis Tyler, Jimmy Williams, Gov. Mitch Daniels and Linda Ralu Wolf.

Daniels commented on the Democratic nomination earlier that day for Barack Obama as a sign that "people's hearts are changing."

Tanya Bell, CEO of the Indiana Black Expo, was the keynote speaker. Two 2008 Central High School graduates Dimon Price and Jacqueline Anthony, were the scholarship winners and were honored during the program.

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bers, lots of prayer and many friends in the community of Muncie.

Besides a ten-year effort from church members and attendees, nearly 600 people outside of the congregation donated \$100,000 to the \$4 million project.

"We are appreciative of all the support to be in that building from prayer to encouragement and money," Pastor W.J. Jackson. Classrooms have been added along with a larger dining area and multipurpose room with basketball goals, Jackson said.

The church will be

able to do more different types of ministry, Jackson said. One example he gave was the that the larger dining facility offered an area to do outreach with children.

The church campus is very spread out, Jackson said.

The church has bought many surrounding properties and made them into missionary buildings. One example was a bar at Highland and Macedonia streets. The church bought the bar because it was a rough place. It transformed it into a Sunday school building.

"We honor and bless

people," Jackson said. He said he thinks that was why there were so many outside donors.

The new building is 23,000-square-feet. The first service was held June 8. Union Missionary Baptist has been around for 103 years.

"We are so glad to be able to move in," said Ananias Thompson, a member of Union for about 60 years. "The new church is beautiful, just beautiful." Thompson, along with wife Lorene, were among thousands who came to the church's five-day "opening services" from June 4-8. Speakers included a variety of clergy

throughout the United States, and also included former Muncie Mayor Dan Canan, who praised Pastor Jackson and his congregation for continually bettering the community through the church, and for also buying a former bar that was an eyesore and a draw for violence and drugs.

Mary Dollison, co-founder of Motivate Our Minds, also gave praise to Union for its longstanding contributions to the Whiteley community. She said Union allowed MOMs to house its programs there for several years, allowing it to build into what it is today.

"I don't know where we would be without Union," she said.

S. Michael Millben, pastor of Christ Temple Global Ministries, was among local clergy who celebrated with longtime friend Jackson. Both are founding members of the Collective Coalition of Concerned Clergy.

"We celebrate with them," Millben told members of his congregation recently, adding that we "rejoice with those who rejoice."

The "old church," according to Jackson, will be used to house youth activities and other services.

## Indiana Exceeds National Average for Holding Juvenile Offenders

### National Data Book shows mixed results in indicators of child well being

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana saw a dip in its teen birth and teen death rates, while changes in the rates of child poverty, low-birthweight babies and juveniles detained or committed in state facilities exceed national rates.

That's according to U.S. Census data reported in the 2008 KIDS COUNT Data Book, the latest annual state-by-state study on the well-being of America's children, just released by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

In 2006, Indiana ranked sixth among the 50 states and the District of Columbia with 183 per 100,000 youth ages 10-15 detained and committed for juvenile offenses, exceeding the national rate of 125 per 100,000 youth. In addition, 74 percent of those in custody in Indiana committed nonviolent offenses, which ranked 13th in the nation.

National research indicates many nonviolent offenders are convicted of misdemeanors, probation violations or other offenses that had been handled in schools before many districts instituted "zero tolerance" policies in the 1990s.

"The data book provides research that the state can examine in an effort to determine why Indiana has higher rates of juvenile offenders in detention than other states," said Bill Stanczykiewicz, president and CEO of the Indiana Youth Institute (IYI). "In addition, IYI can offer those interested in this issue research on how community-based programs can have a positive effect on at-risk youth and their communities."

In 2005, IYI released the report, "Juvenile Justice: What Works in Indiana," that

reviewed national literature on best practices and profiled four community-based efforts in Indiana that were reducing juvenile detention costs and recidivism.

"Since that time, we've seen other collaborative community programs comprising parents, schools, the courts, law enforcement and social services reach out to at-risk youth and provide a comprehensive approach that helps these kids get their lives back on track," Stanczykiewicz said.

Both nationally and in Indiana three youths of color are in juvenile detention or confinement for every one white youth. That is one issue being looked at by Indiana's Commission on Disproportionality, which will make recommendations to the state late this fall.

The 2008 Kids Count Data Books includes an essay on juvenile justice. The research cited in the essay reveals that children who remain in contact with the juvenile justice system

achieve less educationally, work less and for lower wages, fail more frequently to form enduring families, experience chronic health problems and are more likely to be imprisoned again over the course of their lifetimes.

The essay looks at the cost savings and rehabilitation successes realized by initiatives taking place across the country. Many of the programs are part of the Casey Foundation's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), which has sites in the District of Columbia and more than half the states, including Indiana (Marion County).

The 2008 KIDS COUNT Data Book ranks Indiana 34th in the nation, based on an assessment of ten measures of child well-being. Indiana ranked 31st last year. Among the measures are:

\* Poverty—The percentage of Indiana children living in poverty rose one percentage point from 2005 to 2006, increasing from 17 to 18 per-

cent. The national average is also 18 percent, down from 19 percent in 2005. In addition, the percentage of children living in families where no parent held year-round, full-time employment worsened by 18.5 percent, rising from 27 percent to 32 percent from 2000 to 2006. Indiana's percentage is still lower than the nation's, which is 33 percent.

\* Infant mortality—While the national rate stayed the same, 6.9 deaths per 1,000 babies, Indiana's rate worsened from 7.8 in 2000 to 8.0 in 2005.

\* Percentage of children living in single-parent families—Rose in Indiana from 29 percent in 2000 to 32 percent in 2006. The national average is also 32 percent, up from 31 percent in 2005.

\* Low birth weight babies—Increased from 7.4 percent in 2000 to 8.3 percent in 2005, slightly above the national average of 8.2 percent.

\* Death rates—The teen death rate (ages 15-19) dropped from 76 per 100,000 teens in 2000 to 64 per 100,000 in 2005. The child death rate held steady at 25 deaths per 100,000 children ages 1-14. The teen rate dropped three times more than the national average while the child death rate remains higher than the national average of 20 deaths per 100,000 children.

\* Teen Birth Rate—Dropped from 49 per 1,000 teens in 2000 to 43 per 1,000 teens in 2005, but it is still above the national rate of 40 per 1,000 teens.

\* Children not in school and not working—Remained unchanged at 8 percent, matching the national average.

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Many types of fraud start with a phone call. Do you know who's calling you?

If not, you may be putting your hard-earned money at risk. Fraudulent telemarketing calls affect millions of people every year. Recently, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) announced the largest telemarketing fraud case sweep in their history, including 180 law enforcement actions by federal, state, and local agencies. The FTC filed federal district court complaints against 13 allegedly deceptive telemarketing operations. The FTC estimates the companies involved defrauded more than 500,000 consumers, resulting in over \$100 million in losses.

African American consumers may more likely be victims of fraud. FTC's fraud survey report, Consumer Fraud in the United States, noted that African Americans were more likely to have experienced fraud than non-Hispanic whites. For African Americans, the three most frequently reported frauds were paying an advanced fee for a promised credit card

or loan; being billed for a buyers' club membership the consumer had not agreed to purchase; and fraudulent foreign lotteries.

Through its new **Who's Calling? Recognize and Report Phone Fraud** campaign and Web site, (ftc.gov/phonefraud) the FTC provides three R's that consumers can use to stop fraud:

**Recognize.** Learn steps to avoid telemarketing fraud, including: Check the clock. Calling times from legitimate telemarketers are restricted to the hours between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m.

**Ask** why they are calling. Telemarketers must tell you it's a sales call, the name of the seller and what they're selling before they make their pitch.

**Know** who you're dealing with. Do business only with companies that clearly provide their name, street address, and phone number.

Protect your personal information. Don't give your credit card, checking account, or Social Security number to unknown callers.

Don't be pressured to make an immediate decision. Just about any offer that's good

today will be good tomorrow, too.

Get the offer in writing. Get all information in writing before you pay.

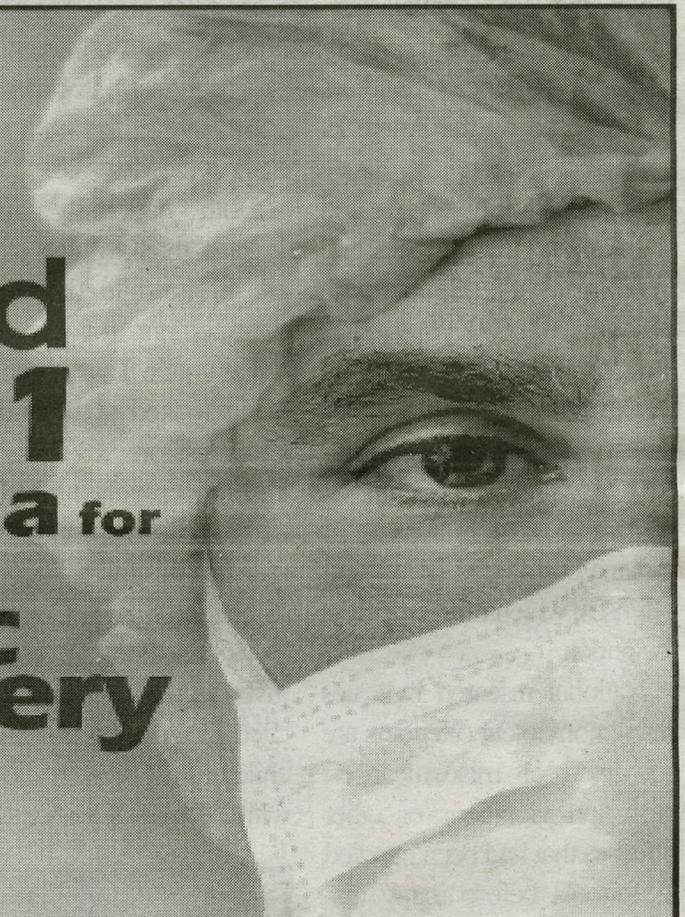
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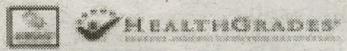
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Mother Pearlle Mae Smith. Into this union were born six sons and four daughters. Upon the decease of Mother Smith, he was later united in holy matrimony to Sister Donna Marie Parker. Bishop Smith worked at Broderick's Company from 1964 through 1992. He was the Pastor of Emmanuel Temple Pentecostal Apostolic Faith Churches in Muncie and Indianapolis, Indiana. Bishop Ira Smith was baptized in Jesus' name and received the gift of the Holy Ghost in April of 1964 under the tutelage of Bishop Nathaniel Madden. He was soon called into the ministry and within a few years was Ordained and became the Assistant Pastor of Emmanuel Temple Church. Working closely with Bishop Madden, the care of the Church in Muncie was placed in his hands while Bishop Madden focused on the Church in Indianapolis. As Bishop Madden's visits to Muncie became fewer, Bishop Smith labored diligently night and day at the Church in the service of the Lord.

First Lady Donna Smith praised her husband of 11 years, calling him a "man of dignity." She said he was a father not only to his churches in Indianapolis and Muncie, but to others who weren't members of Emanuel Temple Apostolic Faith.

"He was a father figure

to many, not only to his own children and the church family, but people looked to him. He provided leadership spiritually, naturally, and physically. He cared for the souls of mankind, and he truly looked out for people and the condition that they were in. When he would hear about tragedies all over the world, he would grieve. He would pray for the children who are coming into the world not being raised according to the word of God. He knew that violence was in the land, and his heart was sent to help the people."

Evangelist Smith said her late husband was deeply troubled by modern-day troubles, from people killing one another to those hurt by natural disasters.

"He truly served the people, and was constantly striving to get them to turn from wickedness and violence and to find refuge in God," she said. "He was grieved because he said the children are like beast, with no knowledge, doing all kind of abominable and ungodly things. His passion was to see the people converted to serve the true and living God in the beauty of holiness. He wanted them to receive blessings and not be cursed."

Beatrice (Bea) Moten-Foster, said Bishop Smith was a "giant" among preachers. "He never changed through the years, and he preached the unadulterated word of

God," Foster said. "He was -- as they say -- old school. Not only would he preach the Bible without additions or subtractions, he always made sure the sanctuary was a sacred place."

Foster said she would stop by his church from time to time on her way to The Muncie Times office, which is just around the corner from Emanuel. "There were times when I would greet him and tell him not to change, to continue to preach the Word," she said. "He was the pastor, but he was often in service doing carpentry, painting and roofing for the church as well." Foster said there were times when she would also stop by Emanuel for the praise and worship services, which were filled with the Spirit. "With his passing there is a tremendous loss to his churches, not just in Indianapolis and Muncie, but also to the state of Indiana."

Muncie resident Wuanita Smith, the Bishop's sister-in-law, said she always "thought highly of the family." She had particular fondness for Bishop's sons, saying "we always got along."

"I married into this wonderful family 34 years ago," she added. "Bishop Smith baptized me in Jesus name in 1975. He and Pearlle Mae raised a beautiful family. The family name is good because of Godly parents. Ira was a hardworking man, both at Broderick's and for the

Lord. He fought a good fight and kept the faith until the end."

Bishop Smith, who was faithful to Bishop Madden as well as to God, was named by Bishop Madden as the next Pastor of both churches in Muncie and Indianapolis.

Upon Bishop Madden's decease in 1984, he was installed as Pastor carrying on this tremendous work for the Lord. During his tenure as Pastor of two Churches, Bishop Smith became the Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio District Council Vice Chairman; the Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio District Council Chairman; the first Indiana State Council Chairman, and the Vice Chairman and Assistant Presiding Bishop of the Emmanuel Pentecostal Churches of the Apostolic Faith National Association Incorporate, a position he held until his decease.

Survivors include his wife of 11 years, Evangelist Donna Smith; six sons, Elder I. LaMonte Smith (wife Missionary Sandra), Donnell Smith, Terrell Smith, James Smith, Steven Ladon Smith (wife Ezma) all of Muncie, and Brother Jeremy Smith of Indianapolis; three daughters, Sister Angel Carter (husband Minister Dexter), Sister Shameka Rochelle Smith and LaKisha Sharnell Smith, all of Indianapolis; a sister, Mossie Phillips of Crenshaw, Mississippi; 19 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, a host of

nieces and nephews and two special additions to the family, Kectrick Phillips of Denver, Colorado and Sister Kimberly Thorpe of Indianapolis, Indiana. Bishop Smith was preceded in death by his wife of 36 years, Mother Pearlle Mae Smith, one daughter (deceased at birth), his parents, two brothers Leon Smith and Eddie Lee Smith, two sisters, Mother Sarah Long and Missionary Elizabeth Taylor. A Memorial Service was held Tuesday June 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Temple Pentecostal Apostolic Faith Church, located at 6138 N. Michigan Rd. Indianapolis, Indiana. Calling hours were from 4:00pm-6:30pm. Home Going Services were Wednesday June 18, 2008 at 11:00am at Emmanuel Temple Pentecostal Apostolic Faith Church located 1300 E. Highland Ave. Muncie, Indiana. District Elder Huron A. Seaton of Terre Haute, Indiana officiated. Burial will be at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Muncie. Arrangements were entrusted to Tracy Lewis, Owner/Director, of Community Family Funeral Home, Richmond, Indiana. Memorials directed to Emmanuel Temple Pentecostal Apostolic Faith Church at 1300 E. Highland Ave. Muncie, IN 47303. Send online condolences or sign the guest book at [www.communityfamilyfh.com](http://www.communityfamilyfh.com).

# FSSA Offers Help to Flood Victims

INDIANAPOLIS - from their agency. Today, the Indiana Welfare and Medicaid Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) announced several ways flood victims may receive assistance

agency action plan our team of employees are deployed on an as needed basis," said FSSA Secretary Mitch Roob. "We realize the effect this disaster has had on

Hoosiers and know that our services are an integral part of helping them move forward."

FSSA is offering assistance in multiple ways. These include:

### Replacement Food Stamps

If a client's Food Stamps were lost in the disaster, they may go to any local Division of Family Resources office and staff will sign an affidavit to replace their Food Stamps. Click here <[www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/3674](http://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/3674)> to find your nearest local county office.

### New applicants who are in need of Food Stamps

Governor Daniels has submitted for a Presidential declaration. Once a Presidential Declaration is approved for individual assistance, FSSA will be able to apply for a Food Stamp Disaster Program and new clients may be covered. Once this information is released, FSSA will follow up with more information on how to obtain this form of assistance.

### Crisis Counseling

The Division of Mental Health and Addiction has established a crisis counseling hotline with trained crisis counselors on staff. Clients in need of this service can call 1-866-679-4631.

### Aging & Disabled Services

The Division of Aging is coordinating with the Local Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) to support aged and disabled clients during this time of disaster. If you or a loved one are in need of Aging services, please contact your local AAA. To find the location nearest you, call toll free 1-800-986-3505.

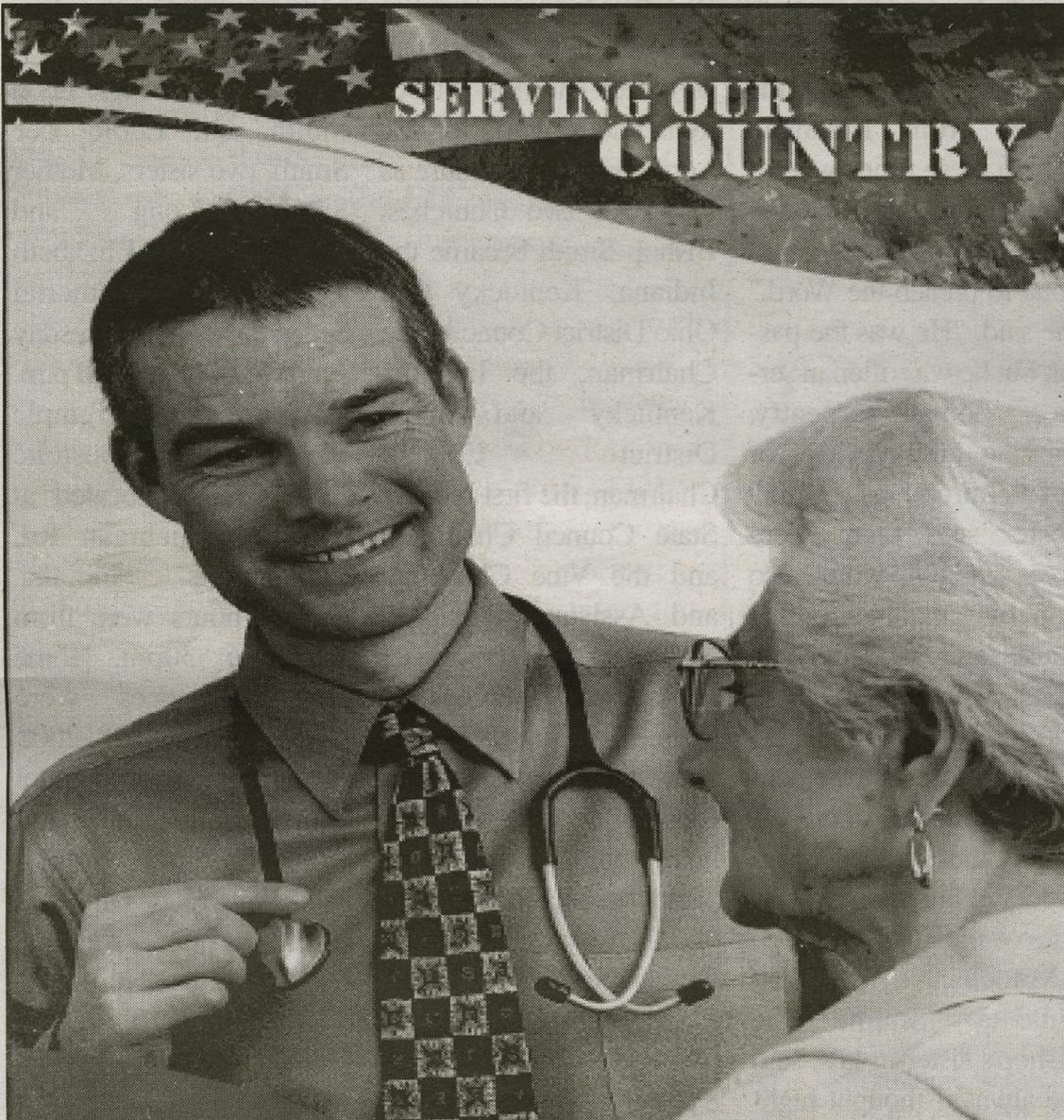
### Medicaid

If Medicaid clients are in need of replacement durable medical equipment and/or medications they may call their durable medical supplier or pharmacy and staff will take the appropriate steps to get these replaced. If you do not know this number, please call EDS member services at 1-800-457-4584.

### Child Care

If a client's child care provider has been affected by the disaster, parents may call 1-800-299-1627 to receive help locating a new or temporary provider.

For more information on FSSA, go to: [www.in.gov/fssa](http://www.in.gov/fssa).



### Dr. Mark Litz

CHS Health and Diagnostic Center of Yorktown, has been called into stateside duty caring for injured servicemen from July to October.

While Dr. Litz is serving his country in the U.S. Army, his patients will still be able to receive the best care available from his well-qualified fellow physicians at CHS Health and Diagnostic Center of Yorktown: Dr. Rodney Musselman, Dr. Karla Noel and Dr. Derrick Williams.

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# Sony DADC to Expand Its Blu-ray Hi-Def Disc Manufacturing Operations in Indiana

TOKYO - Indiana Secretary of Commerce Nate Feltman met with senior Sony Corporation executives here Thursday to ink a deal with the technology giant to expand its Blu-ray Disc manufacturing operations in Indiana.

The announcement, made during the state's five-day Japanese trade mission, is expected to create up to 85 new jobs in the western Indiana city of Terre Haute as the company invests more than \$113 million to expand its one million plus square-foot manufacturing operations. "Sony's decision to expand its operations in Indiana is more hard evidence that our international roadwork is a good investment and is a solid step toward creating more jobs for Hoosiers," said Feltman.

Sony DADC, which currently employs approximately 1,180 associates at its U.S. manufacturing and distribution center in Terre Haute, will hire professional staff, engineers, technicians and operators in connection with the expansion plans. The facility is Sony DADC's only Blu-ray

Disc manufacturing facility in the United States and currently produces 425,000 Blu-ray Discs per day in addition to compact discs, DVDs and UMDs. Blu-ray Discs are high-definition, high-capacity optical media discs.

"The rapid adoption of the new Blu-ray Disc format by consumers allows us to quickly expand Blu-ray Disc capacity in the United States. Based on the past experience with manufacturing in Terre Haute, the selection of this facility for the expansion was logical. We are thrilled with the support of the State of Indiana," said Dieter Daum, Executive Chairman of Sony DADC Global.

As part of the multi-million dollar project, the company will expand its Blu-ray Disc mastering and replication operations at the Terre Haute, Indiana facility and expand its packaging and distribution center to handle the increased production volume, Daum said.

Since Blu-ray Disc manufacturing began in Terre Haute in May 2006, the company has produced more than 100 million Blu-ray

Discs in its manufacturing facilities in Indiana, Austria and Japan. By October, the three facilities combined will have more than doubled its Blu-ray Disc manufacturing capacity of 21 million discs per month to 47 million discs per month.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Sony DADC up to \$975,000 in performance-based tax credits and up to \$655,000 in training grants based on the company's investment and job creation.

Sony is one of more than 20 companies Feltman and the six-member Indiana delegation will meet with on the six-day trade mission to Japan that began Monday. The group will return to the United States Saturday. Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels planned to lead the delegation on the job attraction trip. However, heavy rains, tornados and flooding prompted the Governor to remain in the state to lead the recovery efforts.

Since 2005, Indiana officials have made trade missions to Japan four times.

During that period, Japanese companies have invested nearly \$1.5 billion in Indiana and created nearly 5,500 new jobs. In total, more than 220 Japanese companies operate in Indiana and employ more than 40,000 Hoosiers.

Following the state's 2007 trip to Japan, Toyota Boshoku Corporation made the decision to locate a new seat frame production and assembly facility in Princeton, creating more than 300 jobs. After trips to Japan and Taiwan in 2005 and 2006, Indiana became home to a new Toyota plant in Lafayette, a new Honda plant in Greensburg that will open this fall and employ about 2,000 people and suppliers to those companies, such as TS Tech and Tomasco. Indiana ranks first in North America in foreign investment for manufacturing jobs, according to a 2007 study from IBM Global Services.

About Sony DADC, a total supply chain provider, has twenty-three optical media, distribution and digital facilities located globally. Although widely

known for its quality disc production and distribution services, Sony DADC also develops and delivers dynamic technologies that not only protect disc content, but transforms discs into powerful marketing tools by adding secure links to bonus web-site content or prize incentives. Sony DADC operates within the Sony Corporation of America corporate group. For more information, visit [www.sonydadc.com](http://www.sonydadc.com) or call 1.800.358.7316.

About IEDC\_Created by Governor Mitch Daniels in 2005 to replace the former Department of Commerce, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation is governed by a 12-member board chaired by Governor Daniels. Indiana Secretary of Commerce Nathan Feltman serves as the chief executive officer of the IEDC. Since Daniels created the IEDC, the state has posted three consecutive years of record-breaking job creation. For more information about IEDC, visit [www.iedc.in.gov](http://www.iedc.in.gov).

# Muncie dialysis center handles 19 patients weekly

By Kendra M. Wright  
The Muncie Times

In February, the North Granville Dialysis Center officially opened its doors to the public. The dialysis center is one of three dialysis centers in Muncie associated with the National Renal Alliance in Franklin, Tenn.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), 80,000 people are diagnosed with end-stage renal disease each year and require a kidney transplant or dialysis to sustain life.

Registered nurse and the clinic manager of the North Granville Dialysis



North Granville Dialysis Center

Center, Fred Cler, said “The No 1 cause of chronic renal disease is diabetes and the No 2 cause is hypertension, or high blood pressure.”

The North Granville Dialysis Center treats 19 patients three times a

week, as well as dialysis patients who are traveling in the area.

“There are a lot of things that cause people to go on dialysis,” he said. “Kidney stones, if they’re not treated properly, can cause people to

have to go on dialysis.”?

A study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control showed that between 1984 and 2002, the incidence of treatment for End-Stage Renal Disease attributable to diabetes was

greatest among black men and lowest among white women

To prevent the increase of renal disease the CDC advises that patients with diabetes and hypertension be educated about the importance of diligent self-management and regular medical care and that physicians should be pressed to monitor the renal function of their patients with diabetes and hypertension.

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# MCS Family drives fifth child to Washington, D.C. for National History Day competition

Muncie – Eleven-year-old Hannah Greiner, who will become a seventh grader at Northside Middle School in August, is the fifth child of Jim and Melanie Greiner to travel by car to the nation's capital to participate in National History Day after winning first place at the state level with her media documentary entry about her paternal grandfather John Greiner, Jr.

Hannah's participation in the National History Day contest June 15-19 at the University of Maryland allows the family's fifth trip to the history-rich area for the Greiners who first accompanied their daughters Lydgia (now Longfellow Elementary Teacher Lydgia Quinn) and Sarah, along with classmate Kerri Stone, who in 1995 won first place at National History Day also with a media documentary project.

The following two years – 1996 and 1997 – Lydgia represented Indiana at National History Day, but did not place at the national level. In 1999, the Greiner's oldest son Stephen and cousin Megan Beatrice were top winners at the state level and again the Greiners traveled to Washington, D.C. with his entry, "The Quest for Voting Rights in Selma, Alabama," where they met and interviewed Representative John Lewis, who in his office had photos of himself with John F.

Kennedy, Bobby Kennedy, and also with Martin Luther King, Jr.

The two-person team of Aaron Greiner and Nathan Byers were state winners in 2000, and were participants in Washington, D.C. and Aaron himself won first-place honors at the state level in 2002 and subsequently placed fifth at National History Day that summer.

This year, Hannah's first-place entry at the state level allows the Greiner's continued interest in history as she becomes the fifth sibling to compete at the national level with her project about her paternal grandfather, "SSgt. John Greiner, Jr.: One of a Million Men and Women who Answered their Country's Call During History's Greatest Conflict." This year's National History Day theme was "Conflict and Compromise." Her paternal grandmother, not one to show an intense interest in living in the past, admits to her son Jim that she watches the video documentary at least once a week and is reminded of her husband's service to his country.

This is not the first time Hannah has shown an interest in a documentary history project. As a fourth grader, Hannah designed the project "Taking a Stand in History" on family friend Mary Dollison and the founder of Motivate Our Minds.

Vernon Reese, Northside

Middle School retired social studies teacher, remembers Aaron Greiner's project, "May 1970: The Day the War Came Home," a media documentary project that focused on the Kent State University shootings. "That was the year I really wanted to go (to nationals)," shared Mr. Reese, as he pulled out newspaper clippings from his years of serving as coordinator of National History Day at the school and district levels.

Mr. Greiner, who takes immense pride in his five children's success in history contest wins, says the family always makes a point to try to meet the Indiana state representative while in the

capital. They have a call into State Rep. Mike Pence's office in hopes of meeting with him and touring the Capital Building.

Mr. and Mrs. Greiner credit Northside Middle School and its team concept for the success of his children in middle school and especially Vernon Reese for his dedication to History Day at the local and state level and teacher Lori Church as she integrates English into social studies.

### The tradition continues:

Lydgia (Greiner) Quinn, Sarah Greiner, Kerri Stone – 1995 – first place at National History Day  
Lydgia (Greiner) Quinn –

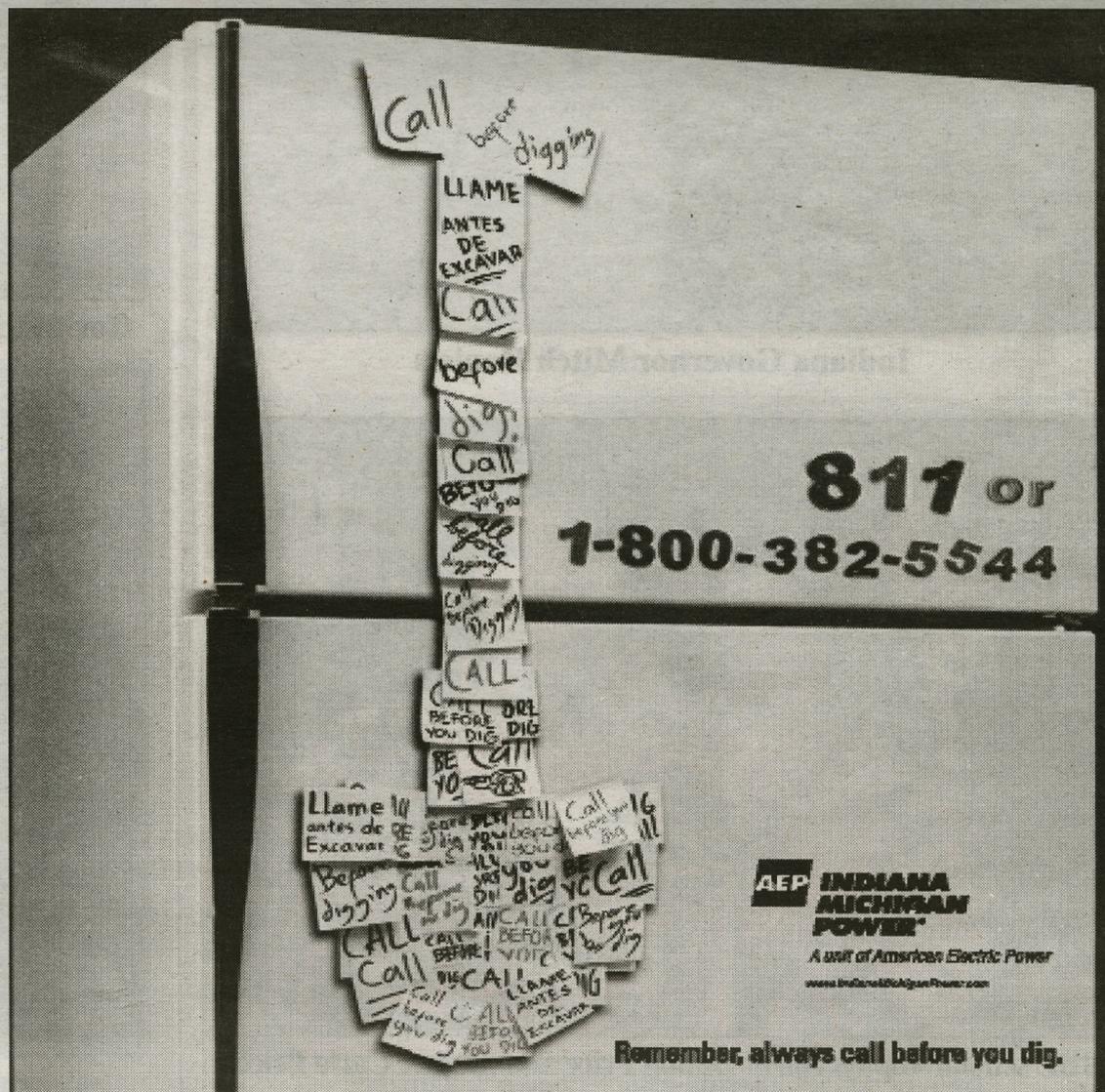
1996 and 1997 – did not place at National History Day

Stephen Greiner and cousin Megan Beatrice – 1999 – did not place at National History Day

Aaron Greiner and Nathan Byers – 2000 – did not place at National History Day

Aaron Greiner – 2002 – 5th place at National History Day, won "Best in State" in the Junior Division, Indiana National History Day

Hannah Greiner – 2008 – to participate in National History Day June 15-19, 2008.



# Muncie Black Expo Luncheon a Great Success



**Muncie Mayor Sharon McShurley**



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**Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels**



**Gov. Mitch Daniels speaks with a member of local girl scout troop**



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# Singers, Speakers, Crowd Make for a Great Day



**"Joshua" a christian quintet sings during the luncheon**



**Judge Linda Ralu Wolf**



**Pastor Aston Chambers opens the luncheon with prayer**



**Micah Maxwell**



**Indiana Black Expo Chief Executive Officer Tanya Bell**



**Minister Aaron Lake speaks to the crowd**

# IRS: Don't Respond to Rebate E-mail Scam Protect Your Identity

INDIANAPOLIS -The Internal Revenue Service wants you to know there may be a scam waiting in your e-mail inbox that looks very official but is dangerous to you and your computer.

"We're getting reports of people receiving an e-mail that appears to come from the IRS and tells recipients to respond to get their 2008 Economic Stimulus Refund," said Jodie Reynolds, IRS spokesperson for Indiana and Kentucky.

Reynolds says there are three things the IRS needs people to remember:

\* The IRS never sends unsolicited e-mails about your taxes.

\* If you get a scam e-mail, don't access any links or attachments.

-If you have filed a 2007 federal tax return with the IRS, you don't need to do anything else to get a stimulus payment. The IRS will take care of the rest.

According to Reynolds, if you have accessed a link or attachment in a scam e-mail, you may have allowed the scammer to download malicious software to your computer and you should immediately scan for viruses and spyware, plus be alert for suspicious activity on your financial accounts.

"If you have actually responded to a scam e-mail by giving out your private information," Reynolds said, "you should immediately take steps to prevent identity theft. You may now be a prime target."

"Taxpayers can help the IRS stop scammers by sending the original scam e-mail to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov. The e-mail must be forwarded using special instructions at IRS.gov or it loses the encoding needed to track it to its source," Reynolds said.

The IRS has received about 33,000 forwarded scam e-mails, reflecting more than a thousand

different incidents. Investigations by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration have identified host sites in numerous countries, including Argentina, Aruba, Australia, Austria, Canada, Chile, China, England, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Poland, Singapore and Slovakia, as well as the United States.

Reynolds also cautioned that scammers make contacts in various ways.

"While the IRS never sends unsolicited e-mails or text mes-

sages," she said, "we do frequently use the U.S. Mail and may even use a phone call or a visit to make contact with taxpayers. Scammers know this and may also use one of these methods to contact people."

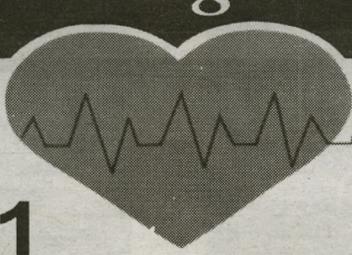
The IRS usually already has information that includes your Social Security number, so it would be unusual for an IRS employee to ask for that. And if the person is asking for credit card, bank account or PIN numbers, that's a big red flag that it's not really the IRS contacting you.

If you have any doubt as to whether the person

contacting you is really from the IRS, decline giving out any information until you have contacted the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-1040 to confirm that it is a legitimate contact.

For more information about tax scams, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and check out the Dirty Dozen, a list of tax scams updated each year by the IRS. The IRS also provides information on its Web site to help taxpayers protect their personal and financial information. Just type Identity Theft in the keyword search feature for additional information.

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## FIGHT TO SAVE JUNIOR COLLEGES

Two year colleges serve as a bridge to better paying jobs or a four year degree, both of which improve the quality of life for the students who attend. These students – and the schools themselves – are now at risk, thanks to the large banks who no longer want to do business with smaller, less competitive schools. Several major lending institutions, CitiBank, Chase, HSBC and Citizens Bank among them, have opted out of providing student loans to community colleges and less-selective four year schools while continuing to serve more prestigious universities.

Over 40 percent of this country's undergraduate students attend a community college. These new lending practices jeopardize their chances to get an education, find a good job and actively contribute to their communities. Community college students often come from lower or working class families that are less likely to be able to afford out of pocket education expenses. Without access to funds, many students will opt out of attending school altogether or work an extra job, putting their studies at risk, to pay tuition.

While everyone who desires has the right to

access higher education and the benefits it brings, these students in particular need the "lift up" an education can provide.

The banks say it is a business decision: the economy is headed towards a recession and the loans made to students at these schools tend to be less profitable. The federal government guarantees 95 percent of the amount of loans banks issue to student lenders. And it heavily penalizes borrowers who default on their education loans. The banks aren't worried so much about losing money from these loans as much as they are about making money. The banks deciding to deal only with elite schools – where tuition is higher and the loan amounts are larger – say the interest they accrue on the shorter, smaller loans doesn't generate enough of a profit for them.

Once again, corporate America is only looking at its immediate bottom line, not realizing that its actions today will affect its business – and the American economy – far into the future. If community college students, unable to afford the expense, decide not to attend school, the amount of money they earn over their lifetime will drop significantly. With more Americans earning less

money, the economy will take a hit. Schools that don't make the elite rankings will also suffer. If students can't afford these schools, enrollment will drop, leading to cutbacks in classes offered and, in extreme cases, school closings. With one bottom line focused decision, these banks have started a chain reaction that could prevent the lower class from ascending.

The economy is in a tailspin; limiting access to



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education is not the way to fix it. Write or call your legislator and urge him/her to introduce legislation that stops this trend before it becomes more widespread. A law that provides incentives to

those lenders who continue to deal with smaller, less elite schools – or disincentives for those who don't - could encourage banks to think twice before adopting this practice.



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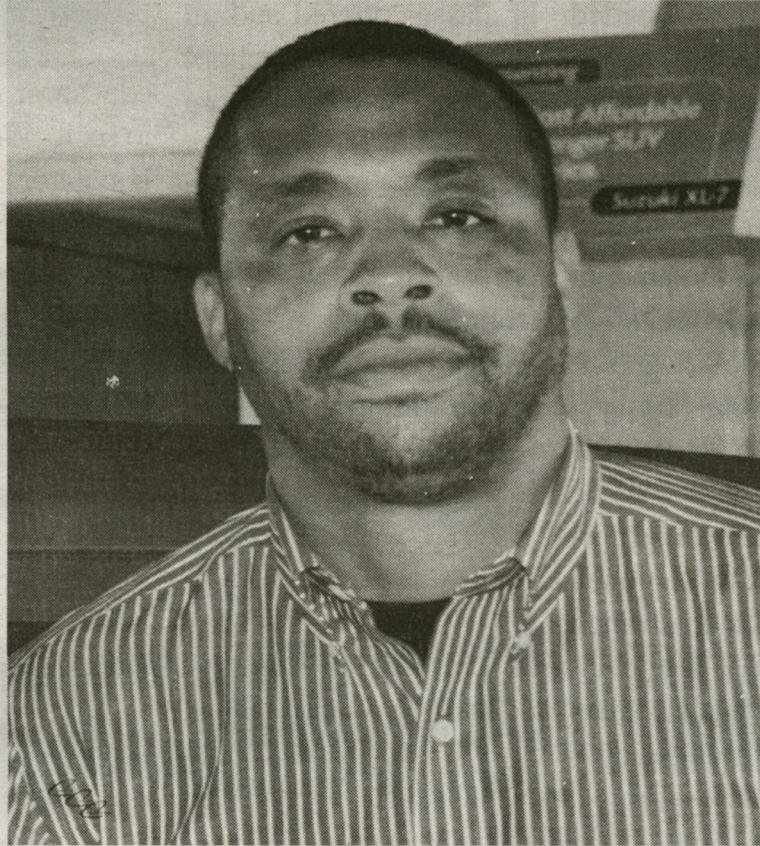


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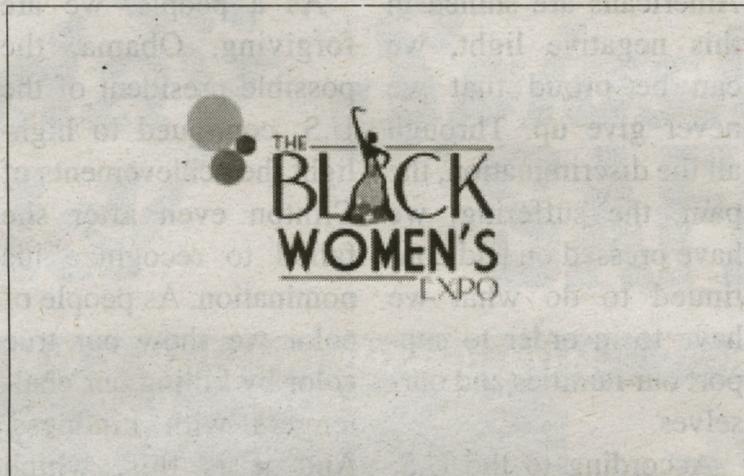
# The Black Women's Expo returns to Chicago this summer

## Destination Event Runs August 1st – 3rd at McCormick Place

CHICAGO – Nearly 50,000 women are expected to convene in Chicago this summer for the city's very own, "The Black Women's Expo," formerly "An Expo for Today's Black Woman." Now in its 15th year, the national destination event returns to the city bigger and better than ever beginning August 1st through August 3rd at McCormick Place! A host of exciting events are planned, making the 2008 Expo the hottest ticket in town.

"There is something for all black women at this summer's Expo. In years past, women from all around the country have come to Chicago to participate. We fully expect to engage and excite each and every woman that makes the trip," said Merry Green, producer of The Black Women's Expo.

The kickoff event on Thursday (July 31st) preceding the Expo will be the Phenomenal Women Awards Gala and Dinner, during which ten women who have excelled in their careers, communities and business sectors



will be honored. Past national honorees have included Maya Angelou, Ph.D, renowned author, educator, poet and historian; Debbie Allen, actress, producer/director, and choreographer; Suzanne de Passe, CEO of de Passe Entertainment and entertainment executive extraordinaire; and Shoshana Johnson, a U.S. Army Specialist and former prisoner of war. Past local honorees have included, Oprah Winfrey; Renetta McCann, chief executive officer of Starcom MediaVest Group; and Linda Johnson Rice, president and CEO of Johnson Publishing Company.

The Expo will feature three days of informative discussions, engaging summits and exciting entertainment. Throughout the week-end, speakers, authors

and special guests will motivate black women with messages that address the challenges they face as career women, caregivers and community leaders.

The "Keepin' Our Kids Safe Summit" is a back-to-school event featuring discussions for mothers and their children on conflict resolution. Panelists will suggest activities in which women can involve their children in as alternatives to just hanging out after school. The summit also will include a showcase for students with exceptional talent in various genres. The "Leadership Summit" is designed for women who are or aspire to be leaders in their professional industries. Summit workshop topics are planned to include discussions on career strategies, balancing home and work and financial success.

For women in search of a respite, the Literary Café will be the perfect place to rest, relax and purchase today's most popular titles. Health and wellness screenings are also on tap for this year's attendees, not to mention a marketplace of on-site vendors chosen with today's black woman's needs in mind. A host of pavilions are planned including The Macy's Black is Beautiful Pavilion, Education Pavilion, Travel Pavilion and the Kids Korner. All will have additional information for women and their families.

In addition to all of these stellar offerings, a sizzling stepper's competition will bring the nation's top dancers to Chicago, also known as the "Steppin' Capital," to showcase their talent. Steppers that have advanced to Chicago from trials in their own cities will compete for cash prizes in the "Steppin' Across America" finals.

The Black Women's Expo 2008: It's the ONE event for ALL black women, and it's back. Visit [www.the-blackwomensexpo.com](http://www.the-blackwomensexpo.com) for more details.

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# I can be anything I want to be when I grow up



**Shayla Kiser**

**By Shayla Kiser**

African American parents can rest assured when instilling within their child: "you can be anything you set your mind to." They can be proud to know when they tell their children this that it is actually true. Being that Barack Obama is the first African American to clinch a major party nomination for presidency; African American children now have an example. We now have yet another aspiration-President of the United States of America.

As children, we believe we can be anything; as a child anything indeed is possible. However, once we go out into the real world as an African American, things seem to change, inspirations become "maybes." Some even say that as African Americans we have many odds against us—we may not be accepted for higher education, loans, careers and such because of the color of our skin. Even this day in

age, as African Americans we have to work harder and smarter than our peers because the pleasures and sometimes the rights of life will not be handed to us on a platter.

As blacks in America we have a "double negative" that plagues us no matter our gender: you are not only a woman, but a black woman; you are not only a man, but a stereotyped black man.

Fortunately, my mother has always told my brother and myself that life is not fair and we were prepared for what was to come. Now I feel it is necessary to spread this message to people like us. My brother and I did not grow up with a silver spoon in our mouths, nor did we have a reason to complain. Our mother, single handedly worked incessantly to ensure we had no concerns.

Now I do not make excuses for myself. I produce results. As a black woman, I do what I have to do. I go to school full-time and carry a 3.3 GPA, work two jobs, and participate in a few organizations. As a teenage black male, my brother breaks the stereotypes associated with young black men—a freshmen in high school he is (and has always been) a straight A student, has a job, saves his earnings, and most importantly, has a dream to become bigger and better things.

Even though African Americans are shined in this negative light, we can be proud that we never give up. Through all the discrimination, the pain, the suffering; we have pressed on and continued to do what we have to in order to support our families and ourselves.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2003 there were 36.4 million African American (and African Americans mixed with other races) residents in the U.S., which was 12.9 percent of the total population. We are corporate employees, business owners, doctors, lawyers, writers, teachers, engineers and employed in just about every other occupation. However, it was not until June 3, 2008 that we could proudly say that we were a presumptive nominee in a presidential election. During the democratic race for the nomination, Obama's opponent, Hillary Clinton tried everything possible to destroy him; but to no avail. Obama over came the accusations and continued on with his dream. After clinching the nomination, he congratulated his opponent for her historical accomplishment—being the first woman running for presidency who acquired 18 million votes. He commended her for running a good race even though she competed negatively

against him.

As a people, we are forgiving. Obama, the possible president of the U.S. continued to highlight the achievements of Clinton even after she failed to recognize his nomination. As people of color we show our true color by killing our challengers with kindness. And it is this, which speaks volumes of our culture.

We accept our honors and never forget where we come from. Elitist? Us? Some of us may grow up in the toughest neighborhoods, go to some of the worst schools, have some of the lowest paying jobs; but these things have yet to take our dreams or our hope for a better future. As a people, when it seems as though nothing is in our favor, we concur and do not divide.

My mother has always told me too that I could be anything I wanted. When I got to college, I realized that for me, a woman of color, it would not be an easy road but an empowering one. As I continue my college education, I enjoy being able to be an example of my culture. I enjoy breaking stereotypes that are associated with young African Americans.

This year, following the race for the democratic nomination coverage, I was amazed that some of the most credible news stations were polling citizens on whether or not

they would vote for an African American. I find it embarrassing that in 2008 people based their voting decisions on the color of skin. In my opinion, the color of my skin says nothing about how I will perform on the job. Although, politics is not in my future, I feel immensely proud to say someone who looks like me; grew up in a neighborhood like me; and shares a dream with me, has exercised the right to become "anything" he wanted to be when he grew up.

As Obama continues on his path rallying to become the next president of the United States; we (I know that I will) must do what we do best—support him and "ba-rock the vote!" In an e-mail to supporters of his campaign, Obama said, "[It's] our time to turn the page on the policies of the past and bring new energy and new ideas to the challenges we face." Even though this was intended for all, this quote can be used as motivation for the African American community to no longer use excuses.

We have to get out and make "CHANGE WE CAN BELIEVE IN." As Jesse Jackson said, "we must keep hope alive" because now anything is possible. After all, we are not products of our environment; instead, we are results of our aspirations.



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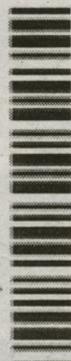
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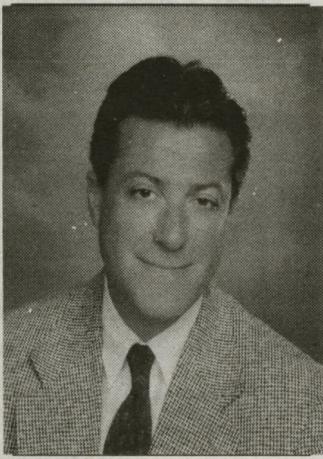
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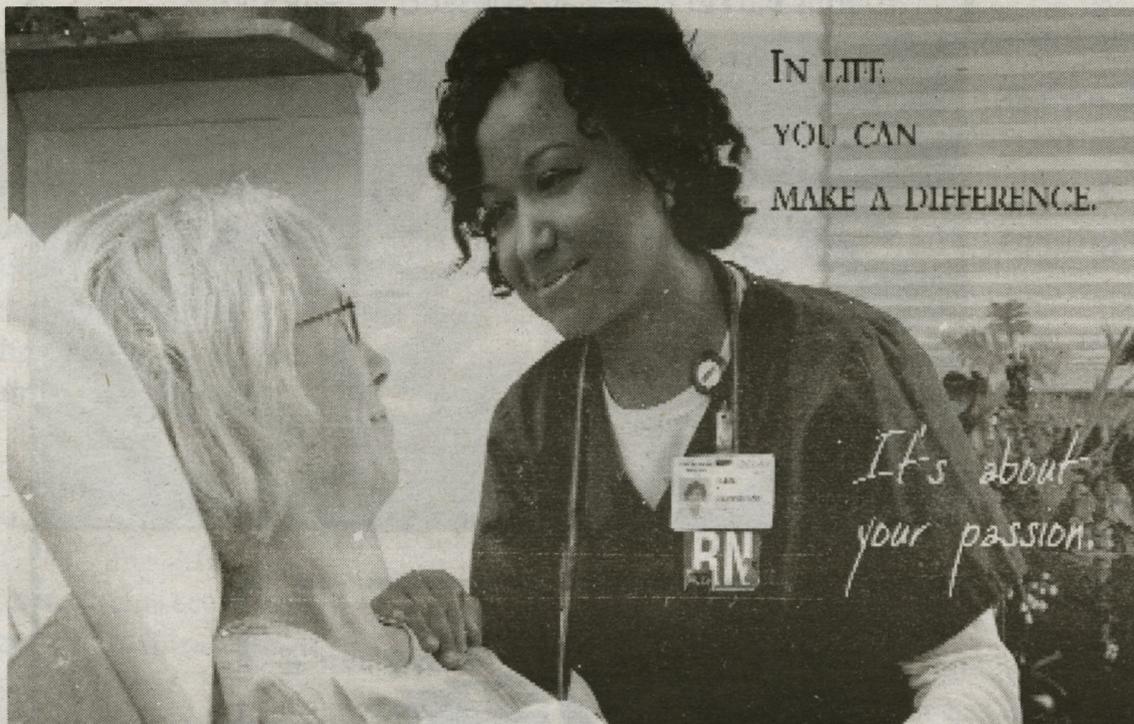
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# A F R I C A N B R I E F S

## PRETORIANS JOIN MILLION MAN MARCH AGAINST CRIME

(GIN) – More than ten thousand people protesting a spiralling crime wave joined a Million Man March in South Africa's capital city, Pretoria.

The march on Tuesday, June 10, was organized by Desmond Dube, an actor seen in the movie Hotel Rwanda and more recently in the TV series No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency. Speakers urged the government to address the massive levels of violence that people face each day.

"The leadership needs to take people seriously. They are sending the wrong message to the country ... that people are not important," Dube said.

South Africa has one of the world's highest crime rates, with 52 murders daily. The official figure for the number of rapes every day is 150, although the true figure is thought to be much higher.

Dube said he was inspired to arrange the event after a neighbor, Bashimane Mofokeng, was killed in a hijacking. "I personally have buried 3 people I love or who are close to me in the past four months," said Dube. "Crime has affected a lot of people and a lot of the good things that our government has done.

## AFRICA'S NATURAL

## RESOURCES NEAR EXHAUSTION

(GIN) – The conservation organization WWF warns that many African countries are rapidly running down their natural resources as growing populations push the continent towards its ecological limits.

The warning was contained in the group's first-ever detailed report on Africa's ecological footprint -- an estimate of the area of a country's land and sea surface used annually in meeting the individual consumption demands of its people.

"A growing number of African countries are depleting their natural resources -- or will shortly be doing so -- faster than they can be replaced," said WWF president Chief Emeka Anyaoku who presented the findings to a Johannesburg conference.

The report put Egypt, Libya and Algeria at the head of a list of nations of the continent living beyond their ecological means followed by Morocco, Tunisia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Senegal, Nigeria, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

The Swiss-based WWF, previously known as the World Wide Fund for Nature issued the report, Africa-Ecological Footprint and Human Well-being, together with the US-based Global Footprint Network.

\* picture of Chief Emeka Anyaoku

## MORE TESTIMONIES OF WARTIME 'PERPETRATORS' SOUGHT HERE

(GIN) – The collection of testimonies by Liberian wartime 'perpetrators' and victims continues here in the U.S. in five days of hearings organized by the Liberian Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Hamline University in Minnesota, more than 5,500 miles from Liberia, will be the site for the hearings. The state is home to the largest Liberian community in the U.S. (more than 20,000). Other exiles are expected from Atlanta, Philadelphia, NYC and Providence, R.I.

"Liberians in the diaspora have always had a burning desire for change back home," said Jerome Verdier, chairman of the nine-member Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Liberia. "It's a significant voice we think should not be overlooked."

Liberia was founded in 1847 to resettle freed American slaves. In 1979, government security forces killed dozens during riots over the price of food, followed shortly by a bloody coup and in 1989, an insurgency led by warlord Charles Taylor. Fourteen years of brutal fighting ended with Taylor's capture and prosecution.

The commission aims for a full accounting of wartime atrocities but

can't charge perpetrators with crimes. Verdier said the ultimate goal is to prepare the ground for a lasting peace.

## U.S. BANKS GO TO AFRICA, BEGGING

(GIN) – Having exhausted most private equity and sovereign wealth funds, troubled U.S. banks are now planning to turn to Algeria, Angola, Libya and Zimbabwe for 11th hour bailouts, the Wall St. Journal reports.

"Selling stakes to funds of authoritarian or unstable regimes doesn't quite mesh with Wall Street's lofty image of itself," the paper wrote. "But (the banks) created this mess, and beggars can't be choosers."

Buyers of shares in U.S. banks have seen their value plummet and traditional overseas investors are reluctant to spend more on a losing proposition. While Africans, many with great reserves of oil wealth, may seem like a ripe market, few countries have shown an interest in building U.S. portfolios during this unfolding credit crunch.

## HIP HOP ARTISTS TO RALLY FOR ZIMBABWE

(GIN) – Renowned hip hop artists from South Africa and Zimbabwe will be appearing June 21 at a concert for free and fair elections in Zimbabwe and against the

recent outbreaks of xenophobia that left shocking and violent images of African against African.

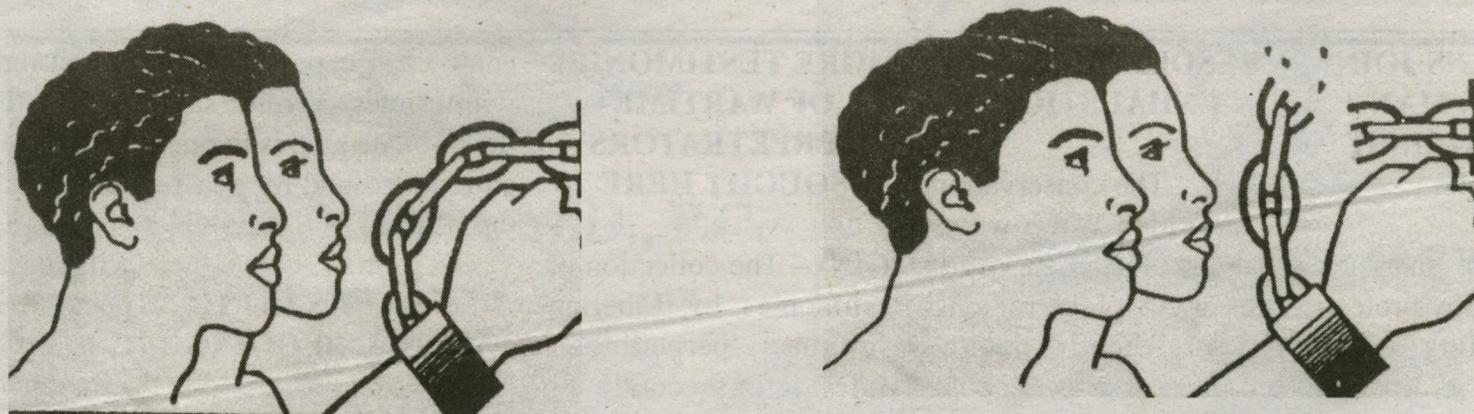
MAKE SOME NOISE! will star the controversial poet Comrade Fatso with C h a b v o n d o k a , Zimbabwe's leading protest band blending poetry, hip hop, chimurenga and jazz. Herbie Dangerous, a Harare born hip hop/ragga MC based in Jozi, Outspoken, a rising voice in the Zimbabwe poetry scene, and Godobori, a powerful poet who chants revolutionary Shona poetry are also on the bill. The show takes place at House of Nsako, Joburg's popular, new live music venue.

Meanwhile, Nobel Peace Prize laureate and retired Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town Desmond Tutu has called for the resignation of Zimbabwean president Robert Mugabe. "Mugabe began so well more than 20 years ago. We all had such high hopes.... But his regime has turned into a horrendous nightmare. He should stand down," Archbishop Tutu said, according to Independent Catholic News.

## SHAREHOLDERS TURN DEAF TO NIGERIAN TESTIMONY

(GIN) – The Chevron Corp. came under heavy criticism by Nigerian and Ecuadorian villagers who testified at a recent meet-

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# African Americans get ready to celebrate Juneteenth festivities

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - African-Americans across the country will participate in Juneteenth events this month, continuing a long history of celebrating emancipation and freedom.

In Muncie, organizer Bea Moten-Foster, owner and publisher of The Muncie Times, said there will be a free Juneteenth breakfast at Cornerstone Center for the Arts.

The Juneteenth holiday dates to June 19, 1865, when Union Gen. Gordon Granger read the Emancipation Proclamation in Galveston, Texas, freeing 250,000 slaves in the state. They were the last slaves freed by the

Emancipation Proclamation, signed by President Abraham Lincoln 2 1/2 years earlier.

African Americans have long celebrated holidays of freedom, many specific to a certain region, says Cornelius L. Bynum, a Purdue University assistant professor of history.

"Juneteenth is kind of a catchall for these regional celebrations," he says. "The best way of thinking about Juneteenth is in the context of the Fourth of July because both are about independence."

This year, Barack Obama's candidacy for president brings a fresh sense of hope to

Juneteenth celebrations, Bynum says.

Obama, a Democratic presidential candidate and U.S. senator from Illinois, offers "a modern manifestation of a long and deep commitment of both blacks and whites to overcome racial divisions," Bynum says.

Yet Bynum says that Obama also represents the ambivalence and ambiguity of race in the United States.

"The son of a white woman and African man has morphed into an African American, mostly as a matter of skin color," he says. "But his candidacy still brings hopefulness to this year's celebrations."

In the late 19th centu-

ry, Juneteenth celebrations were fairly common in Texas and surrounding states. But the aftermath of Reconstruction in the late 1800s and racial violence early in the 1900s caused Southern whites to put social pressure on the celebrations.

In the 1930s, the Depression added economic pressure. Juneteenth revived at the end of the 1960s and into the 1970s as Southern blacks who migrated north brought the tradition with them.

Texas passed legislation in 1979 that made Juneteenth a state holiday.

Bynum says Juneteenth celebrations

are mostly communal festivals and aren't necessarily on or around June 19.

"My mother's family is from Kentucky, and they have a neighborhood or community gathering in August. It's a home coming celebration for some," he says.

Because of its Southern roots, traditional Juneteenth events revolve around food, with self-improvement, educational, prayer and recreational activities also often being included.

An interactive map that lists state-by-state Juneteenth celebrations can be found at <http://www.juneteenth.com>.

## FHA EXTENDS FINANCING FOR IMMEDIATE PURCHASE OF FORECLOSED HOMES

*Measure seen to bring stability to home values and accelerate sale of vacant properties*

WASHINGTON - In an effort to stabilize declining home values in certain neighborhoods, the Bush Administration today announced a temporary policy that will extend government-backed mortgage insurance and allow for the immediate sale of vacant foreclosed properties.

For one year, the Federal Housing

Administration (FHA) will insure foreclosed properties marketed and sold by property disposition firms on behalf of lenders. The properties, which must be purchased by owner-occupants, will no longer be subject to the customary 90-day waiting period.

"A glut of foreclosed and abandoned homes harms neighborhoods, frustrates homebuyers and delays a community's recovery," said Brian D. Montgomery, Assistant Secretary of

Housing -Federal Housing Commissioner. "The action we take today will allow homebuyers to purchase these homes in much greater numbers and ease the excess supply of unsold homes in neighborhoods across the country."

FHA's new temporary policy will help stabilize neighborhoods experiencing high rates of foreclosure by reducing the inventory of unsold properties. Many foreclosed properties remain vacant for months, invit-

ing vandalism and reducing values of surrounding homes. To address that sizeable inventory, lenders have hired companies that specialize in the marketing and disposition of foreclosed homes. It's reasonable and appropriate that these firms have the ability to sell the properties to borrowers using FHA financing.

With certain exceptions, FHA currently prohibits insuring a mortgage on a home

owned by the seller for less than 90 days. This prohibition is intended to prevent property "flipping," a predatory practice that strips a home of its equity before being quickly resold at an inflated price to an unsuspecting buyer. FHA's new policy will permit the immediate sale of foreclosed properties to legitimate borrowers wishing to use FHA-insured financing.

To read the full text of this new temporary policy, visit FHA's website.

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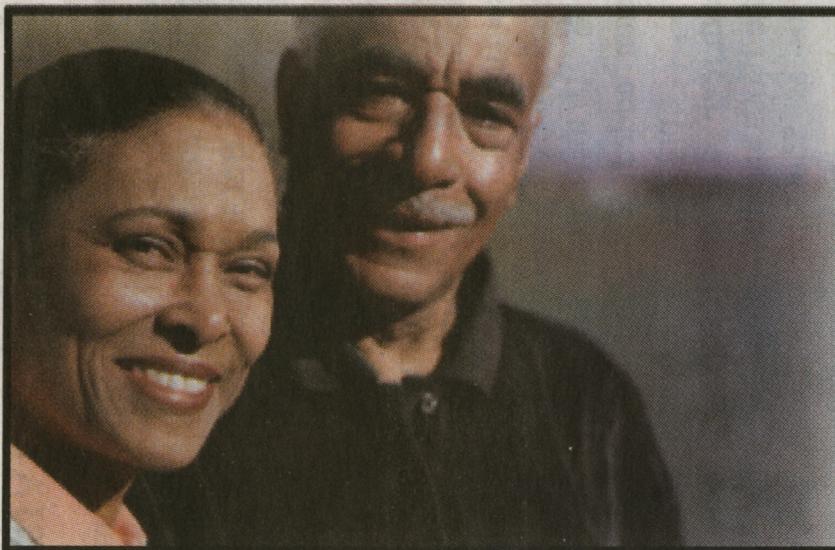
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**7:30pm - Bid Wiz Tournament**  
**9:00pm - Movie in the Park**  
**Music by DJ**

**Saturday: 9:00am - Fun Walk**  
**12:00 noon - Kid Zone and Music by DJ**  
**2:00pm - Live Band**  
**3:00pm - Living Museum**  
**4:00pm - Live Band**  
**5:00pm - Open Mic Talent Showcase**  
**6:00pm - Step Show**  
**7:00pm - Line Dance**  
**8:00pm - Live Band**



**Sunday: 12:00 noon - Church (Pastor Kevin Woodgett)**  
**2:00pm - Gospel Music (Played by DJ)**  
**4:00pm - Youth Focus**  
**5:00pm - Live Band**

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ing that deadly violence in their oil

fields was "paid for" by the U.S. company.

At a shareholders meeting May 30 in San Ramon, California, Larry Bowoto, a member of the Ilaje tribe and lead plaintiff in a lawsuit against Chevron, came forward to say he was "shot by soldiers bought and paid for by Chevron" exactly 10 years ago when he stood on an oil barge protesting environmental damage caused by oil operations.

"We were protesting the loss of our fish, our clean drinking water and our food trees, all of which are taken from us when Chevron pollutes and destroys our homeland," Bowoto said.

"Chevron has responded with violence when Nigerian villagers protest," Bowoto said. "Chevron must give up violence as a way of doing business." Larry Bowoto, left, and Sowore Omoyele, at Chevron meeting

Chevron faces multi-billion dollar lawsuits from some 30,000 Amazon villagers in Ecuador over widespread pollution, and from two groups of Nigerian villagers who claim that Chevron paid for and supervised Nigerian military and police forces who opened fire on protestors without warning. Two protestors were killed, almost a dozen were wounded. The suits

are expected to be heard this fall.

Meanwhile, the company reportedly made \$5.17 billion just in the first quarter this year extracting oil from those lands.

Despite the serious complaints, Chevron shareholders rejected six resolutions creating new policies on human rights and environmental protection.

"This is the most outrageous presentation I've seen in my time at Chevron," said Chevron chairman and CEO David O'Reilly said. "This gentleman has the nerve to come out here ... and make those kind of claims."

## WEST AFRICA LEADERS FEAR UNREST IN GUINEA

(GIN) – Riots triggered by military officers over unpaid salaries have created an unstable situation in Conakry, coastal capital of Guinea. A strike planned by the main teachers union may complicate efforts at restoring calm.

Several people, mostly civilians, were killed and dozens wounded, almost all by stray bullets raining down on populated areas during the protest shootings in the air.

The mutineers also looted shops and the homes of military commanders. Guinea is the world's leading exporter of bauxite, the raw material for aluminium, but most of the country still

lives beneath the poverty line.

After talks over the weekend, Prime Minister Ahmed Tidiane Souare reportedly agreed to back-pay, promotions and cheaper rice for members of the armed forces.

A former bastion of relative stability in West Africa, Guinea has been shaken by general strikes and army uprisings since current President Lansana Conté took power in a 1984 coup.

## KENYANS FEUD OVER AMNESTY FOR RIOTERS

(GIN) – In an address on Madaraka Day, marking 45 years of Kenyan self-rule, President Mwai Kibaki Sunday gave little hope that youths involved in post-election violence would receive amnesty for wrongdoings.

The President was speaking for the first time on an issue that threatens to split the 45-day-old coalition government. Other politicians, including Prime Minister Raila Odinga, say that the thousands of youths now in jail should be freed as a way to heal and reconcile the country.

Speaking in Kiswahili, President Kibaki warned: "there will be no mercy for people thriving on malice and propaganda against fellow Kenyans."

A Commission of Inquiry into Post-Election Violence is expected to complete its work within three months into the dis-

turbances last December which left 1,200 dead and 350,000 displaced from their homes.

The violence was sparked by the announcement of presidential election result on Dec. 30, last year.

Mr Odinga, in the forefront for the release of the jailed youths, says they were fighting for democracy. "We should now forget the past and focus on future. We should bury tribalism and all 42 tribes co-exist as one," Mr Odinga said.

## KENYA'S 999-YEAR LEASES DECLARED INVALID

(GIN) – Former land leases of 999 years have been downgraded to 99 years, under the draft National Land Policy now undergoing a final review.

The 999-year leases were mainly given to white landowners during the early days of Kenya's colonization.

Under the new land policy, foreigners are prohibited from owning land although those willing to engage in productive ventures can lease land on a 99-year basis.

Kenya's critical land problems include millions of squatters, chaotic urban development, widespread landlessness and disinheritance of entire communities from ancestral land.

Lands Minister James Orengo — who supports the policy — said land reform must precede the

new constitution, underlining the need to address disputes that fuelled post-election violence. But the Kenya Landowners Federation calls the draft policy "a recipe for disaster."

A final forum to fine tune the draft Land Policy is scheduled for June 5 and 6.

## MANDELA TO HAVE TEA WITH THE ROCK

(GIN) – Unicef ambassador and popular comic Chris Rock, on a "No Apologies" World Tour, is in South Africa for his first live performance there.

An early meeting with former president Nelson Mandela who turns 90 in July is being set up.

Of the visit to the former president, Rock said he wants to "wish Mandela 90 more years — because there is still a lot of work to be done."

Commenting on the recent anti-immigrant outbreak, Rock said he doesn't see it as black-on-black violence but a problem of poverty.

Meanwhile, the Zimbabwean government has dispatched 10 buses and two trucks to Johannesburg to repatriate nationals displaced by the recent wave of xenophobic violence and Mozambicans have been returning home by the trainload, forcing some mines in South Africa to shut down for lack of employees.

# Governor announces more ways for Hoosiers to get help

Governor Mitch Daniels today announced more ways for Hoosiers affected by severe weather in Indiana since May 30 to receive help.

On Thursday, President George W. Bush approved eight counties

Bartholomew, Hancock, Johnson, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, Vermillion and Vigo - for federal assistance for homeowners, renters and businesses because of severe storms that began on May 30. Residents of these counties may begin applying for FEMA assistance. Here are resources for residents in those counties who have been affected:

-1. Application for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance is done by telephone or online. The application may be found at this link: <https://www.disasteraid.fema.gov/IAC>. The telephone number is 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free telephone numbers are available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (local time) seven days a week.

\*. Family and Social Services Administration offices

and Work One Centers in every approved county have computers available for individuals to use to apply for FEMA assistance. A list of locations for those offices and centers may be found at this link: <http://www.in.gov/gov/files/Press/locations.pdf>.

\* Beginning Friday morning at 9 a.m., a toll free resource line will be operational to help direct residents to resources. The number is 1-888-880-3749 and will be available 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The first three one-stop disaster assistance centers will open Friday morning. Wherever possible, the state is partnering with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the American Red Cross at these centers. The first three centers will be located in Bartholomew, Morgan and Vigo counties. They will be open Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. On Saturday, the centers will begin regular hours of 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The centers will be open Monday through Saturday. The three locations are:

- \* Northside Middle School 1400 27th Street Columbus Poston Road Elementary School

139 East Poston Road Martinsville Booker T. Washington Community Center 1101 S. 13th Street Terre Haute At the disaster assistance centers, computers and phones will be available for Hoosiers to complete (FEMA) applications. In addition, the Red Cross will be on site to deliver basic necessities for those needing food, water or clothing and other essential items.

State agencies, including the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), Indiana State Department of Health, Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, Indiana Department of Insurance, Department of Workforce Development and others, will have representatives on site to provide immediate assistance and answer questions for those who have suffered a loss. These state services will be available:

- Housing Support - Listing of emergency shelters; listing of temporary housing; rental assistance; apply for Small Business Administration (SBA) home disaster loan

Social Services - Replacement and emergency food stamps; application assistance for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Food Stamps, Medicaid and child care; listing of available child care providers; mental health service referrals; mobile feeding; Red Cross and Salvation Army case work

Unemployment Insurance - Apply for state unemployment benefits or Disaster Unemployment Insurance

Insurance Information - Interpretation of insurance policies by staff of the Indiana Department of Insurance; information on lost or damaged policies; information on obtaining copies of insurance policies; general insurance navigation advice and complaint resolution; car insurance assistance; representatives from private insurers will be on site to answer questions

Public Health Information - Clean up advice and education including mold removal and prevention; vaccination information, including tetanus shots; information regarding free

well water testing; access and information to vital records such as birth and death certificates; listing of open medical treatment facilities

Transportation Assistance - Rental car information; vehicle title and registration replacement or apply for a salvage vehicle title via the BMV; car insurance assistance from agents of major private insurance providers; replacement of driver licenses and identification cards.

Business and Financial Services - Application assistance for SBA Disaster Loans from small business counselors from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation; business continuation and planning consulting from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

Agriculture - Representatives from the Department of Agriculture will be available to answer questions. The latest information from state agencies about coordinated relief and recovery efforts is available here: [www.emergency.in.gov](http://www.emergency.in.gov).



# News Briefs



Compiled By Andre Scott

## Barack Obama wins Demo presidential nomination; Clinton offers endorsement

At last, after 16 months of mutual gaffes, sharp exchanges and bitter attacks, U.S. Sen. Barack Obama has become the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee. Despite setbacks earlier in Puerto Rico and South Dakota, Obama became the first African American presidential nominee of a major party in U.S. history.

Obama crossed the finish line aided by votes from super delegates, after the number needed was increased following the decision by the DNC's Rules and By Laws Committee to award half votes to Florida and Michigan, thereby making the new threshold 2,118, up from the original 2,026.

Speaking from the rostrum at Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn., where the Republicans are scheduled to host their convention, Obama thanked all those who had supported him over the campaign, including the 17,000 or more in the arena.

"Tonight we mark the end of one historic jour-

ney with the beginning of another, a journey that will bring a new and better day to America. Because of you, tonight I can stand here and say that I will be the Democratic nominee for the president of the United States of America."

Those words seemed impossible a year or so ago when the nation and the leaders in the Democratic Party were preparing for a virtual coronation of U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton, but what was once improbable is suddenly a reality.

"At this defining moment, at this defining moment for our nation," Obama continued, "we should be proud that our party put forth one of the most talented, qualified field of individuals ever to run for office and that is particularly true for the candidate who has traveled further on this journey than anyone else. Senator Hillary Clinton has made history in this campaign."

This gracious acknowledgement of Clinton was just one of several he would make, and while it wasn't an offer for her to join him on the ticket, it was clearly an overture to suture the party's wound that could be problematic in the general election.

Clinton, Obama said, "as made history not just because she's a woman who has done what no woman has done before, but because she is a leader who inspires millions of Americans with her strength, her courage and her commitment to the causes that brought us here tonight. I congratulate her on her victory in South Dakota, and I congratulate her on the race that she has run throughout this contest.

"We've certainly had our differences over the last 16 months. But as someone who's shared a stage with her many times, I can tell you that what gets Hillary Clinton up in the morning--even in the face of tough odds--is exactly what sent her and Bill Clinton to sign up for their first campaign in Texas all those years ago, what sent her to work at the Children's Defense Fund and made her fight for health care as first lady, what led her to the United States Senate and fueled her barrier-breaking campaign for the presidency: an unyielding desire to improve the lives of ordinary Americans, no matter how difficult the fight may be."

Meanwhile, on Wednesday before the

AIPAC (American-Israel Public Affairs Committee) in Washington, D.C., Clinton offered an unbreakable and unshakable support for Israel and its existence in the Middle East. She also suggested that Obama felt the same way.

"Let me be very clear. I know that Sen. Obama will be a good friend to Israel," she said.

## Black selected to lead one of nation's oldest Presbyterian seminaries

RICHMOND, Va.--For the first time in its 196-year history, one of the nation's oldest Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) seminaries will be led by a black pastor, a triumph for African Americans who hope he'll use his position to nurture the next generation of minority pastors.

Brian Blount, the head of Richmond's Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, is positioned to shape everything: from recruitment to curriculum for the institution.

Supporters hope Blount's high-profile position will inspire black students to attend the school. And, later,

as pastors, those students could draw a more diverse group of parishioners desired by this shrinking 2.3-million-member denomination, which is 92 percent white.

Blount, 51, embraced the challenge at an inauguration ceremony earlier this month.

"Are we ready to be more diverse?" Blount said. "If we're going to transform a multicultural world, we must be a multicultural seminary."

He takes on the role in the former capital of the Confederacy, at a seminary where one Civil War era professor boldly spoke in favor of slavery.

"It is a historic moment," said the Rev. Gregory Bentley, head of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus in Charlotte, N.C. "The symbolism of it, I think, is powerful in that it points the way to the possibility of an inclusive and diverse future."

The nation's largest body of Presbyterians, the Louisville-based PCUSA, has fewer than 80,000 black members. They are concentrated in the Carolinas, Georgia and Virginia.

The number of African American ministers in the PCUSA

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largely mirrors those numbers, about 3.6 percent are black, with deacons and elders following similar patterns.

Union-PSCE's roughly 365 students included about 30 blacks in 2006, the most recent year such data were available. Blount will try to increase that number by crafting a strategic plan examining, among other things, the cultural sensitivity of school curriculum.

He's also boosting recruitment. In June, Union-PSCE will send recruiters to the Hampton University Ministers' Conference, an influential gathering of current and future black clergy that last year drew Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama.

"We've already started to try to be more visible, myself and others, in undergraduate institutions and churches," Blount said.

The school's shifting focus comes as PCUSA struggles to plug leaking membership. The denomination has lost about 13.8 percent of its membership in the last decade.

Black membership has hovered around 3 percent between 1999, when the church began keeping its most com-

prehensive racial statistics, and 2006, the most recent year for which such data has been compiled. Small populations of other minority groups also have remained steady, not the best news for a denomination with a goal of roughly 20 percent minority membership by 2010.

Experts say traditionally white mainline Protestant groups are struggling with empty pews, in part, due to an inability to remain relevant among increasingly diverse communities.

Mainline denominations, such as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, have responded with gospel-infused church services featuring the type of freewheeling praise many blacks enjoy.

Union-PSCE Professor Katie Cannon said drawing more black pastors, valued among minority churchgoers for their cultural bonds, is the key. A seventh-generation Presbyterian, Cannon is one of a number of graying African American theologians in the denomination concerned they won't be replaced.

The number of black ministerial candidates in the PCUSA has varied over the past 9

years, peaking at 84 in 2000. The numbers have declined the last 3 years, with 64 African American candidates in 2008.

To reverse that trend, Cannon responded this month by inviting hundreds of theologians to Richmond to identify and cultivate ministers to serve the black Presbyterian community. The conference was the first in a 4-year series.

"Our numbers are dwindling, our churches are getting smaller. We have so many pulpits that are vacant," Cannon said. "We have more churches than we have people to lead those churches."

But PCUSA officials face tough competition from evangelical churches and denominations, said Dave Travis, who tracks church growth trends with Dallas-based Leadership Network, which promotes innovation in churches. Travis said evangelicalism's typically less rigorous path to becoming a pastor appeals to minorities who can't afford the years of expensive seminary training mainline churches require for ordination.

"The trailblazers and mentors that have risen to prominence came

through the entrepreneurial side of denominations, meaning the evangelicals," he said. "Those that come behind look to the leaders and begin to emulate."

Blount, who was raised Baptist, became a Presbyterian by happenstance.

A strong student, he was encouraged to attend Princeton's academically rigorous, Presbyterian-affiliated seminary. By 1982, he was working as an educator at a Newport News, Va., Presbyterian Church; soon, church members asked him to fill the vacant pastor's seat.

"I saw it as a way in which to contribute to the way the larger church saw its mission and its calling," Blount said.

He has welcomed his latest role as an icon for minority students at Union-PSCE. At his inauguration, Blount urged rows of Blacks and whites to embrace a new, diverse Union-PSCE.

"This is not that old seminary," Cannon said. "We're trying to put some of those ghosts to rest"

**Blacks challenge Obama, McCain to address black economic issues**

WASHINGTON, D.C.-The day after presumptive Democratic nominee Barack Obama announced his historic victory, the monthly jobs report showed the African American jobless rate as being, once again, higher than all other racial groups.

At 9.7 percent, black unemployment is almost five points above the white rate of 4.4 percent, three points above the Hispanic-American rate of 6.9 percent and more than four points above the national average of 5.5 percent.

From joblessness to the overall economy to dilapidated and failing schools to the criminal justice system to health care, now that the primaries are over and U. S. Sen. Hillary Clinton has thrown her support behind Obama, African Americans across the nation are looking to hear from Obama and presumptive Republican presidential nominee John McCain exactly how they will change the disparate social impacts on the Black community.

Some say they're not speaking loud enough about those issues that impact African Americans.

"They've got to talk

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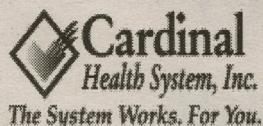
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"I asked the U.S. government to invite me for two reasons," said Diene.

He said, No. 1, his predecessor issued a report that is over 10 years old, and No. 2, he was interested in Sen. Barack Obama's candidacy and what role racism may play in the upcoming election. "It is important to see how the U.S. is handling its legacy of racism," said Diene.

Diene's report, with recommendations for action, will be presented to the Human Rights Council and General Assembly in the spring of 2009, at which time the U.S. will have the opportunity to respond to his findings.

"In this election year, the eyes of the world will be turned toward America and its long-standing promise to end racial and ethnic inequalities" stated Jamil Dakwar, director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Human Rights Program, in a press release.

Observers say that the U.N. has almost no clout when it comes to U.S. domestic affairs and that the U.N. is widely perceived by many in the U.S. as interfering.

The U.S. is not a

member of the 41-member Human Rights Council, but does have observer status.

When the U.S. ambassador to the U.N., Zalmay Khalilzad, was asked by reporters his opinion of Diene's visit, he said, "I think it is more important for the U.N. Human Rights Council to spend time on real problems and the problems of violations of human rights of countries that are notorious violators."

The first speaker at the May 21 event at the Schomburg was Valerie Bell, mother of Sean Bell. She said police brutality was a type of racism. "We can no longer view the police as our protectors," Bell said.

Dr. Adelaide Sanford, vice chancellor of the NYS Board of Regents, told Diene, "There is racism in the education system" in New York City and in the state "manifested by the failure to include the true history of America in the curriculum."

"Racism is the system and it has been in place since the beginning of this country," said Dr. Esmeralda Simmonds of Medgar Evers College. Ramona Africa, minister of communications for the Philadelphia-based MOVE organization and the only adult

to survive the 1985 deaths MOVE families in a conflict with the Philadelphia Police Department, told Diene, "The world needs to know about this racist system."

Speaking on behalf of political prisoners such as Mumia Abu Jamal and the "San Francisco 8" was attorney Tariq Salim Warren. He said racism was the at the bottom of "what happens on a daily basis to blacks who are brought before the courts."

Imam Al-Hajj Talib Abdur-Rashid spoke on behalf of Muslim immigrants, while Dahoud Andre noted the many issues facing Haitian immigrants in the U.S. One of the most emotional testimonies came from Vanessa James, a Queens mother, who said her 6-year-old daughter, Amber, was taken from her home back in August 2007 by ACS. "They said we took her to the doctor too much," James told Diene.

Diene is scheduled to wrap up his tour in Washington, D.C., on June 6. In between there will be stops in Chicago, Ill.; Omaha, Neb.; Los Angeles, Calif.; New Orleans, La.; and Puerto Rico.

**Hastings' bill offers relief to those affected by high**

**gasoline prices**

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Recently, U.S. Representative Alcee L. Hastings (D-Fla.) introduced the Working Families Gas Tax Credit Act (WFGTCA), legislation aimed at helping families cope with the soaring cost of gasoline. His efforts come at a time when average fuel prices in Florida and throughout the country have exceeded \$4 per gallon and are expected to top \$5 per gallon by the July 4th holiday.

"Working families are paying twice as much as they were paying for a gallon of gas last year while oil companies are reporting record profits. It's literally highway robbery," said Hastings. "Americans are looking to Congress to help them respond to unwarranted gas price increases. The Working Families Gas Tax Credit Act will give working families the temporary relief that they need during this difficult time."

The WFGTCA will provide a \$500 tax credit to individuals and a \$1,000 tax credit to families who make up to \$75,000 or \$150,000 or less, respectively. All individuals and families who were eligible for the economic stimulus

rebate recently passed into law by the Democratic Congress would be eligible for this tax credit.

Similar to the 2008 economic stimulus package, the amount of the credit will phase out for individuals making over \$75,000 and families making over \$150,000.

"Except for housing costs, low- and middle-income households in the United States spend more of their earnings on transportation than anything else," Hastings said. "This credit would act as a secondary economic stimulus and go a long way to helping Americans cope with escalating gas costs and limited resources."

In August 2007, the House adopted an amendment authored by Hastings to the Democratic Energy bill requiring increased transparency and accountability in oil-providing countries. The amendment also called for the U.S. to reduce its dependence on foreign oil from countries run by dictators and corrupt governments. The bill was signed into law in December 2007 (P.L. 110-140).

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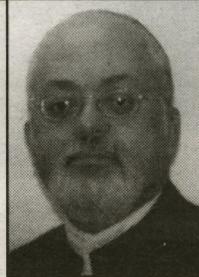
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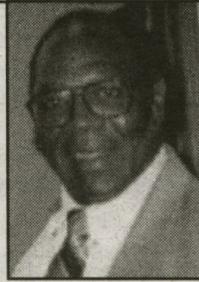
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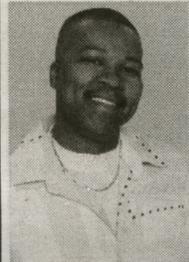
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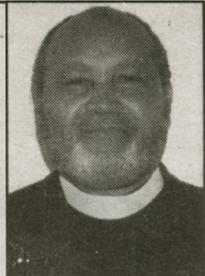
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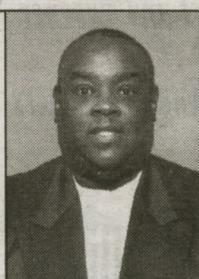
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Wed. Bible Study & Prayer • 10:0 a.m./6:00 p.m.

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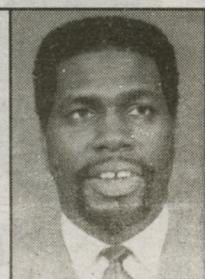
Sunday Morning Worship • 10:30 a.m.

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Wednesday Prayer • 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Service • 7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday Prayer • 6:00 p.m.  
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Wednesday Prayer • 7:00 p.m.

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pastor kaymorehouse@hotmail



*Pastor Kay Morehouse*

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

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Tuesday Bible Study • 6:30 p.m.  
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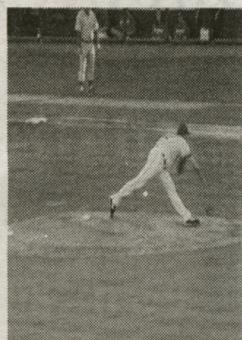
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# Black Music Month begins Friday in McCulloch Park

By Kendra M. Wright  
The Muncie Times

*"Now, therefore, I, George W. Bush, president of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 2008 as Black Music Month. I encourage all Americans to learn more about the history*

*of black music and to enjoy the great contributions of African American singers, musicians, and composers."*

With those words, President George W. Bush proclaimed June as Black Music Month. In celebration of Black Music Month, Forward Vision is hosting Black Music Month at McCulloch Park on the weekend

of June 20, 2008. The weekend will include live bands, a DJ, a tournament, a movie, a talent showcase, a 5k walk through the park, Sunday morning church service and many other sweet treats of entertainment. The weekend kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Friday and the closing event is at 5 p.m. Sunday. Founders of Forward Vision came together in 2007 with the objec-

tive to positively influence the community. The group has been actively hosting community events since June 2007. Event planner, Angela Branson said about the upcoming event: "Now we are embarking on our largest event ever. So far we've had a good response from the community." Guest bands from out of town include

Taylor Made from Indianapolis and George Tyler from Bloomington, Ind. Black Music Month began in 1979 when President Jimmy Carter was prompted by songwriter and record producer Kenny Gamble to designate June as Black Music Month. Twenty-nine years later, Bush follows suit in issuing an annual Black Music Month proclamation.

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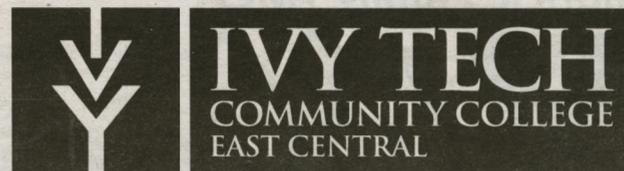
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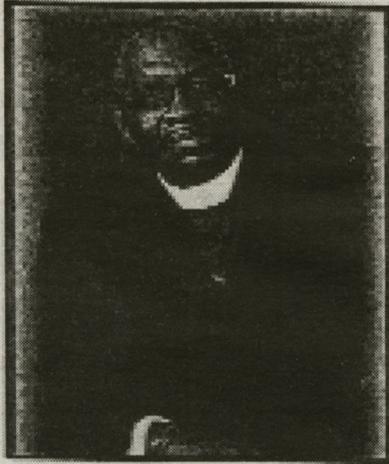
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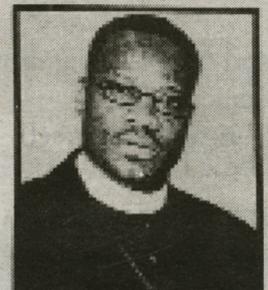
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MUNCIE BLACK EXPO; 309 N. High Street	2nd Thursday, 6:00 P.M.	Sherell Robinson, President 282-1997
Muncie Community School Board; Anthony Administration Building	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 630 P.M.	Julius Anderson ; 289 - 6639
Muncie City Council; City Hall 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.	Loretta Miller, Worthy Matron; 288-6987
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; 2023 E. Highland Ave. (MOMS) Unity in DiverCity Gethsemane Church United Methodist Church 1201 W. McGalliard Rd.	2nd Monday, 6:15 P.M. Yvonne Doyle & Toni Cecil, Co- President; 282-3478 or 287-0133 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