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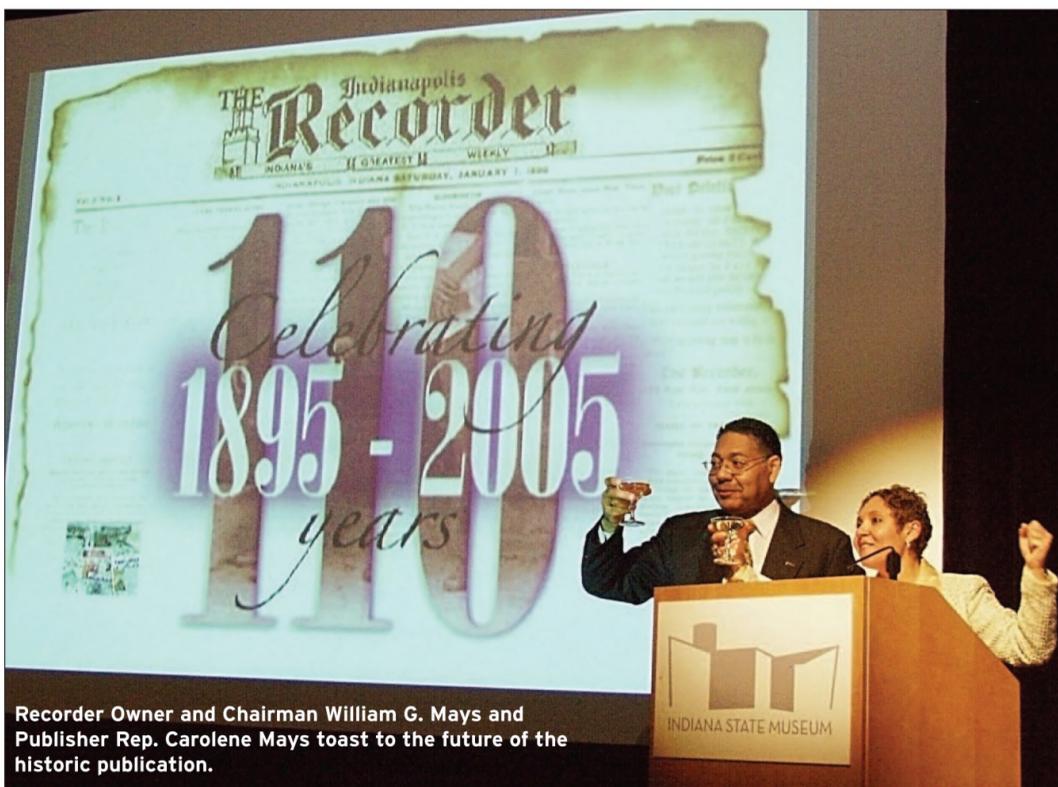
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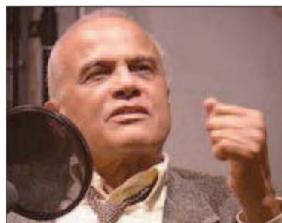
The Indianapolis Recorder celebrated its 110th Anniversary Wednesday at the Indiana State Museum. For more than a century, the Recorder has been a constant voice in the African American community. A voice that has spoken of injustices and untruths that have affected our people, a voice that has advocated for social and political change, a voice that has been strong, determined and full of vigor. For the last 110 years, the Recorder has indeed been a voice for the community...

voice for our people. Since its inception, the Recorder has evolved to a multi-sectioned, full color newspaper that educates the public on various aspects of the African American community including politics, health and education. As we celebrate our 110th anniversary, we are grateful that our readers have remained loyal and we thank you for your continued support. Please enjoy our special tabloid that features articles on the country's top African American publications as well as pictures from Wednesday's celebration on pages A6 and A7.



Recorder Owner and Chairman William G. Mays and Publisher Rep. Carolene Mays toast to the future of the historic publication.

NEWS BRIEFS



Civil rights activist and entertainer Harry Belafonte will speak on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Madame Walker Theatre as part of a diversity summit sponsored by the Indiana Supreme Court Commission on Race and Gender Fairness. See story on page A2.

Linsey Davis promoted to weekend evening anchor

Linsey Davis will become the new weekend evening anchor of WTHR-TV (Channel 13) Eyewitness News effective Oct. 15. She replaces Rhori Johnston, who is leaving WTHR to become a primary anchor at WTVF-TV in Nashville.

Before coming to WTHR, Davis was a reporter for WJRT, the ABC station in Flint-Saginaw, Mich. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia and her master of arts degree in communications at New York University.

She is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists.

Community Resource Fair

State Rep. Carolene Mays, D-Indianapolis, will host a Community Resource Fair Saturday, Oct. 22 at Lafayette Square Mall from

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Students want Flanner House Higher Learning Center to stay open

School likely to lose its charter

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

At 35-years-old, Shirley Rice says receiving her diploma from Flanner House Higher Learning Center (FHHLC) is her last chance.

"I quit school when I was 17 because of health problems," she said. "This is my last hope to be able to get my education. I'm upset that there is a possibility that the school might close because I'm so close to being done."

Like Rice, several students who attend FHHLC, a unique charter school that is geared towards individuals who have dropped out of high school are concerned that the school may close due to allegations made by the city.

City officials cite that based on analysis, the school lacked attendance information required by state law. After an investigation, the Indiana State Board of Accounts (ISBA) reported that FHHLC could not substantiate its enrollment figures and, as a result, must forgo approximately \$699,690 in future funding from the state and local sources.

Added with the school's



Nicole Morris (left) is an advocate for the Flanner House Higher Learning Center to remain open for the sake of her daughter, Chelynn Bostick. (Photo/E. Thompson)

existing debt of more than \$140,000, officials believe it would be nearly impossible for it to continue to operate.

David E. Harris, the city's charter school director, says after a January site visit, a concern arose about the number of students.

He says the ISBA gave FHHLC an opportunity to provide evidence, but they

only presented a letter that refuted the finding.

"We've had several conversations with (FHHLC)," he said. "Unfortunately it became clear that it was necessary to file the notice to revoke the school's charter. It was the last thing we wanted to do."

There were also serious concerns about the school's

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"The Millions More Movement is challenging all of us to rise above the things that have kept us divided in the past..."
Louis Farrakhan

NATION PREPARES FOR MILLIONS MORE MOVEMENT

Organizers expect large turnout in Washington

By BRANDON A. PERRY
Staff Writer

Next week will mark the 10th anniversary of the Million Man March, a massive gathering that was designed to highlight issues facing African Americans and action-oriented solutions that could be taken home to communities across the nation.

Despite the euphoria that many of the 2 million attendees felt after that march, many problems have continued to persist and even worsen.

To keep the momentum of the Million Man March and formulate a lasting strategy to combat poverty and injustice, a broad coalition of leaders and organizations are making final preparations for the Millions More Movement, a massive march on the Washington Mall set for Saturday, Oct. 15. Organizers expect between 800,000 to a million people from around the country to attend.

Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, who convened the Millions More Movement and visited Indianapolis in August to promote the march, said he hopes the event will raise an agenda of positive change that can be adopted by local communities.

"The Millions More Movement is challenging all of us to rise above the things that have kept us divided in the past, by focusing us on the agenda to see how all of us,

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City to challenge attempt to dissolve IPD, IFD hiring policies

By SHANNON WILLIAMS
Recorder Editor

Background

In 1978 the United States filed a complaint against the City of Indianapolis alleging that the city had "engaged in a pattern or practice of discrimination against women and Blacks on the basis of sex and race in the Indianapolis Police Department (IPD) and the Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD)."

As a result, Consent

Decrees were established for the city with respect to hiring and promoting specific percentages of Blacks and women within the two public safety agencies. The decrees would ensure nondiscriminatory actions based on race and sex. Now, 27 years later Indianapolis and other cities throughout the United States may soon lose the Consent Decrees that have been a source of protection for Blacks and women for nearly three decades.

The Issue

According to a U.S. Department of Justice memorandum, on Oct. 7, the Justice Department filed a motion to dissolve the Consent Decrees, citing that both IPD and IFD "have demonstrably met the hiring, promotional and recruitment goals of the decrees."

Kobi Wright, Corporation Counsel for the City of Indianapolis and Marion County disagrees.

"While the city has

made significant strides toward eliminating the vestiges of discrimination, we have not arrived. We're committed to getting to the point that we can say the discriminations are gone. (But) we need to get there via the Consent Decree that we entered years ago."

There are several other cities throughout the nation that the Justice Department is seeking on a case-by-case basis to dissolve their Consent Decrees as well.

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• Consent Degree I states that the city "agreed to appoint, subject to availability, at least 25 percent Blacks in future training classes of IPD and IFD. It also called to promote Black officers within the two agencies so to attain a percentage within those ranks which is representative of the percentage of ranks from which promotions are traditionally made."

• Consent Degree II & addendum called for the city to "seek to recruit and appoint to the entry level ranks in the Police Department ... qualified women in sufficient numbers so that (the female composition of the IPD) more nearly reflects the female composition of the work force of the city of Indianapolis. The decree called for the appointment of 20 percent women to all IPD training classes. The addendum added the goal of seeking to achieve 15 percent female applicant rate for IFD."



The Latest News and Views From THE INDIANAPOLIS RECORDER AND THE HISPANIC MEDIA

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with all of our varied differences, can come together and direct our energy, not at each other, but at the condition of the reality of the suffering of our people," Farrakhan said in a statement.

Among the issues that will be addressed during the march and corresponding rally include unity among African Americans and other people of color, spiritual grounding, fairness in the criminal justice system, economic development, housing, health care disparities, cultural and artistic development and peace in Black neighborhoods.

"Among all the issues we have prioritized, we have prioritized these," said Ramona Edelin, co-chair of the issues agenda for the march. "These are, in our view, the critical levers for the advancement of our group in the 21st century."

Nation of Islam Mosque #74 in Indianapolis has been organizing buses for people interested in attending the march. The buses will be leaving on Friday at 4 p.m. and par-

ticipants can ride round trip for \$125.

The Millions More Movement is being orchestrated by a coalition of national organizations including Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam, Dr. Dorothy Height and the National Council of Negro Women, Bruce Gordon and the NAACP, Mark Morial and the National Urban League, Russell Simmons and the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network, Dr. Charles Steele and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Rev. Jesse Jackson and the National Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, the Rev. Al Sharpton and the National Action Network, and Congressman Mel Watt and the Congressional Black Caucus, among others.

For more information about registration and bus service, call (317) 542-7720. For a speaker list and the weekend itinerary for the Millions More Movement, log on to www.millionsmoremovement.com.

FLANNER

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academic performance, lack of leadership and inadequate expertise among the staff.

Though it has been reported that FHHLC did not have a principal on staff, the school hired Mike Guston on Aug. 29. With a background of 14 years in public education, Guston says given the chance he can turn the school around.

"I agree there are some things we need to improve upon, one being the way we reported enrollment to the Department of Education and the level of responsibility we have to prove that our records are accurate," he said. "I have great experience as an educator and an administrator, and I know the rules set forth by the DOE. I know the expectations and can deliver."

Nicole Morris, whose daughter attends FHHLC agrees that the school should

be given the opportunity to correct their mistakes, but according to Harris they've been given plenty.

"We've given them opportunities to respond before we took this step," he said. "The ISBA did a very thorough review of the records so it's hard to anticipate what they would say at this point given all of the opportunities they've been given to respond."

On Monday FHHLC will present a proposal to the city, which Harris says they'll review with "an open mind."

If closed, the city plans to transition students into other programs. They're working with the adult education division at the DOE, Indianapolis Public Schools and other charter schools to make sure the students know their options.

They are also planning to appoint someone whose responsibility will be able

to work with families of students to help them transition into other programs.

"The problem is that the students in the school now are not getting a rigorous education," Harris said. "Most of the students who have received diplomas don't have diplomas that have met the requirements of either the charter or the law. The diplomas aren't valid."

But parents say it's the programs offered at FHHLC that are important, programs other schools don't offer.

"This isn't a traditional school," Morris said. "They're reaching out to the part of the community that everyone else has pushed aside and said, 'They're going to be able to succeed.' Yet, you have students who have dropped out of school and succeed at FHHLC. This school is needed."

Subject of taped police beating says he was sober

NEWORLEANS(AP)—A retired elementary teacher who was repeatedly punched in the head by police in an incident caught on videotape said he was not drunk, put up no resistance and was baffled by what happened.

Robert Davis said he had returned to New Orleans to check on property his family owns in the storm-ravaged city, and was out looking to buy cigarettes when he was beaten and arrested last Saturday night in the French Quarter.

Police have alleged that the 64-year-old Davis was publicly intoxicated, a charge he strongly denied as he stood on the street corner where the incident played out.

"I haven't had a drink in 25 years," Davis said. He had stitches beneath his left eye, a bandage on his left hand and complained of soreness in his back and aches in his left shoulder.

A federal civil rights investigation was begun in the case. Davis is Black; the three city police officers seen on the tape are white.

But Davis, his attorney and police spokesman Marlon Defillo all said they do not believe race was an issue.

"He does not see it as a racial thing," said Davis' lawyer, Joseph Bruno.

Two city officers accused in the beating, and a third officer accused of grabbing and shoving an Associated Press Television News producer who helped document the confrontation, pleaded not guilty to battery charges.

Trial was set for Jan. 11. Officers Lance Schilling, Robert Evangelist and S.M. Smith were released on bond. They left without commenting.

Police Superintendent Warren Riley said any misconduct would be dealt with swiftly.

Davis said he had been walking in the French Quarter and approached a mounted police officer to ask about the curfew in the city when another officer interrupted.

"This other guy interfered and I said he shouldn't," Davis said. "I started to cross the street and — bam — I got it. ... All I know is this guy attacked me and said, 'I will kick your ass,' and they proceeded to do it."

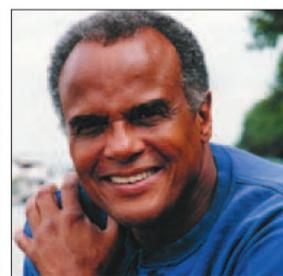
He said he did not know why the punches were thrown.

Davis was kned and pushed to the sidewalk with blood streaming down his arm and into the gutter. The officers accused of striking Davis were identified as Schilling and Evangelist.

During the arrest, another officer, identified as Smith, ordered APTN producer Rich Matthews and a cameraman to stop recording. When Matthews held up his credentials, the officer grabbed the producer, leaned him backward over a car, jabbed him in the stomach and unleashed a profanity-laced tirade.



Robert Davis shows some of his scrapes near the site where New Orleans police arrested him Saturday. (Photo/Mel Evans, AP)



Harry Belafonte

Belafonte to speak at diversity summit

Special to the Recorder

Noted civil rights leader and entertainer Harry Belafonte will be one of many highlights at the first Supreme Court Commission on Race and Gender Fairness Diversity Summit, Chief Justice Randall Shepard said this week.

"The Indiana Supreme Court Commission on Race and Gender Fairness is proud to host the 2005 Diversity Summit for attorneys, judges, law enforcement officials and other individuals interested in diversity issues affecting Indiana's judicial system," said former Supreme Court Justice Myra Selby, who chairs the commission along with Court of Appeals Judge Ezra Friedlander.

The summit is this week at the Madame Walker Theatre and the Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis.

Belafonte will speak Oct. 15 from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. at the Walker Theatre. Tickets for Belafonte's speech are \$25 and are available to the public. Tickets can be obtained by calling (317) 232-2542. Please mention the Diversity Summit.

Since 1999, the commission has been working to develop ways to limit bias in Indiana's legal system. Following extensive study that included random and targeted polls and several public hearings across Indiana, the commission released a wide-ranging report that will serve as a road map toward a more just society.

Following a review by the Supreme Court, the commission has prioritized its tasks. The summit will serve as an energizing kickoff toward implementation of the report's many recommendations.

Specifically, the summit seeks to promote an understanding and awareness that inclusiveness and diversity are valued in the legal profession; emphasize that fairness and understanding of gender, race, and ethnicity issues are required in the justice system; and continue efforts to encourage diversity in the legal, judicial, and law enforcement professions in order to utilize the talents and experiences of various segments of society as well as to counter perceptions of bias that undermine confidence in the legal system.

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LIVING UP TO HER NAME

Dr. Mercy Obeime provides care, advocacy for Nigerian patients

By **FRAN QUIGLEY**
For the Recorder



Dr. Mercy Obeime

Even though Dr. Mercy Obeime was born, raised and educated in Nigeria, she nearly cut herself off totally from her native country. By 2001, she and most of her family had moved to the U.S., and Obeime was making what she expected to be a final visit to Nigeria.

But it was on that visit when the country's desperate health care crisis showed her its tragic face.

"I went to see one of my medical professors at his office. He was not there yet, so I was waiting for him when a man carried in his sick wife," she said. "In Nigeria, you have to have money up front to get treated, and he was desperate because he had been out looking for money all day, and then came back to find his wife even sicker.

"My professor was not there, so I tried to help the woman. But just as I was preparing her for examination, she died, right in front of me," the doctor continued. "She would have lived if her family had been able to afford treatment earlier."

Obeime said, "I was very upset. I'm a doctor, but here in the U.S., patients don't just die in my office. Then her husband tried to run away with her body, because he was afraid someone would ask him for money to bury her. As he ran away, her little son was running beside him, holding his mother's hand and saying, 'Mommy, I've been telling you I am hungry all day and you have not fed me. I need some food!'"

Obeime, whose medical practice is located at St. Francis Hospital's Neighborhood Health Center on South Madison Avenue in Indianapolis, is no stranger to seeing the primary medical care needs of the poor. Even so, she was crushed by the experience in Nigeria.

Obeime had witnessed a common phenomenon in Nigeria - a preventable death occurring because the victim was too poor to afford medical care. It was business as usual for a country where the World Bank reports the life expectancy is 45 years of age, and two of every 10 children die before age 5. "After that woman died right in front of me, and I saw everything else that was going on, I asked myself, 'What can I do?'" Obeime said.

Inspired in part by IUPUI political science professor Scott Pegg and his wife Tijen, who asked their wedding guests to forego buying gifts in favor of donations to their adopted Nigerian village, Obeime launched her own Mercy Foundation with a 40th birthday party that raised the organization's first \$15,000.

Then, the Indiana doctor who thought she would never return to Africa led the Mercy Foundation's first trip to Nigeria in January, 2004. She and her husband Chris, also a physician, led a team of volunteers who traveled to the village of Uromi and treated thousands of people. During that and two subsequent trips to Nigeria, they

have given HIV tests, performed surgeries and lent support to an orphanage where many of the children have lost both parents to AIDS.

In the plight of those AIDS orphans, Obeime found distressing evidence of a persistent AIDS stigma in African communities where lack of treatment makes an HIV diagnosis a death sentence.

"We see patients who think that arthritis is the result of a curse, so what are they thinking when a person just wastes away? They think a god is killing him for some bad thing he has done. So part of our medical education is to let people know that this is not due to witchcraft," she said.

Obeime has not stopped at providing education and treatment to individual patients. Increasingly, she is an advocate for the world community and the Nigerian government to address the systemic causes of the suffering she treats. At the invitation of Bono's DATA (Debt AIDS Trade Africa) group, Obeime attended the July G8 Summit in Gleneagles, Scotland, where the world's wealthiest countries reached an agreement to cancel \$60 billion in debt owed by the world's poorest countries to the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the African Development Fund.

Obeime freely criticizes both the U.S. for foot-dragging on forgiving loans made to curry Cold War favor with African countries ("The West knew the loan money was not being used for the people, so why did they keep giving the governments the money?") and the Nigerian government leaders for siphoning off loan revenue and oil dollars without benefit to the country's poor ("Teachers are not paid, there are no drugs in the hospitals, and the leaders have been partying with the money.")

When she speaks on these issues, Obeime knows that she has extra credibility that comes from being an African, a physician, and someone who continues to find an inspiring answer to her own "What can I do?" question. Obeime hopes she will soon be one of many with that kind of credibility.

"One of my goals is to encourage people like me, first-generation Africans, to do the same thing I'm doing."

More leaders like Obeime would be a real boost to the struggle to address the AIDS pandemic, says Dr. Robert Einterz, director of the Indiana University School of Medicine's program in Kenya providing HIV treatment and prevention. "Mercy is a wonderful example of a person who is contributing both here and in Africa," he says. "She does so by demonstrating altruism, compassion and integrity.

"In a word, she lives up to her name - a blessing of divine compassion."

NEWS BRIEFS

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11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sponsored by The Indianapolis Recorder, the resource fair will feature various health screenings including cholesterol, sickle cell and syphilis, as well as housing information, legal services, obesity information and fitness training. A book mobile, information on health and prescription medicine, state social services, employment and training resources as well as other services from local agencies and businesses will also be available. In addition, there will also be a moonwalk to provide entertainment for children.

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

State NAACP conference Oct. 21-23

The Columbus/Bartholomew County Area Branch NAACP will host the State Conference, "Conscience of a Nation" in Columbus October 21-23 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center.

Hilary Shelton, director of the NAACP Washington Bureau, will be the keynote speaker at a banquet on Oct. 22.

Tickets are available at the Columbus office, 1531 13th St., Suite 1310 in Columbus. Gwen Wiggins and Joe Tucker, both of Columbus, are co-chairing the event.

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State's methamphetamine initiatives showing results

Special to the Recorder

Indiana's initiatives to combat methamphetamine production and abuse - including the state's new law that restricts the sale of cold medicine containing commonly used meth ingredients, increased enforcement, and attention to the drug-testing backlog - are beginning to show results, according to the office of Gov. Mitch Daniels.

Since March, when Daniels announced his first meth initiatives:

- Drug lab seizures have decreased dramatically. For example, between July and September, compared to the same three months in 2004, the number of meth labs seized by Indiana State Police declined 32 percent (243 to 166). In September, 53 labs were seized, compared to 90 a year ago, a 41 percent reduction.

- The drug-testing backlog at the Indiana State Police forensics lab has been cut by nearly half. The backlog was 8,413 in February; it has been reduced to 4,404 as of

September.

- The first 22 inmates were to complete the Department of Correction Clean Living is Freedom Forever (CLIFF) meth rehab program this week.

- The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, in conjunction with the Meth Free Indiana Coalition and other partners, was set to launch Indiana's participation in the national Meth Watch Program this week.

The governor also announced he

will host leaders from 13 states in December for the first Midwestern Governors Association Regional Meth Summit. Governors, agency heads and policy leaders will be invited to the Dec. 13-15 event in Indianapolis that is being coordinated with the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) will coordinate the event locally. Gov. Daniels will lead a roundtable discussion focused on meth initiatives implemented by

various states, and White House Office of National Drug Control Policy Director John Walters has been invited to give the conference introduction.

"The governor's meth strategy is producing measurable results for Indiana, and this summit will be a great opportunity for us to share the progress we are making," said Heather Bolejack, CJI executive director.

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DISSOLVE

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While Wright says it will "require a real battle" to keep the Consent Decrees in place, he's optimistic that local and national organizations will help in the efforts.

"In the early '80s the Reagan administration tried to dissolve the Consent Decrees, but the NAACP and the National Urban League filed an amicus brief to prevent that from happening. That's why I think the fight will be fought."

Next Steps

The Justice Department is asking for a judge to be assigned to the case, have the case reopened, dismiss the case and dissolve the Consent Decrees. If the city doesn't want the case reopened and the Consent Decrees dissolved, it has to pursue legal action. At Recorder press time, the city was preparing to file legal papers in opposition of the dissolution of the decree. If the Justice Department prevails, the court will enter an order to dissolve the Consent Decrees. If not, the Consent Decrees will continue to stay in place.

Thomas H. Miller, 8th district vice president of the International Association of Fire Fighters, is optimistic about the city's chance of maintaining the Consent Decrees.

"What the Consent Decree has been able to do for the Indianapolis Fire Department in the last 27 years has been nothing short of great. The city has a good chance of keeping it. If, however, the decree is struck down, I would think that given the history, this administration and succeeding administrations would keep those policies in place that came about as a result of the Consent Decrees."

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The Indianapolis Recorder is currently accepting resumes for a full-time writing position. Potential candidates must have strong written and oral communication skills, effectively adhere to deadlines, and the ability to multitask. Applicants should have a college degree or its equivalent. Interested individuals can send resumes, salary requirements and clippings to Recorder Editor Shannon Williams at The Indianapolis Recorder office, 2901 N. Tacoma Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46218 or via e-mail at shannonw@indyrecorder.com.



Race For All Races

The Race For All Races took place on Saturday at City Market Plaza.

1. A multicultural group of participants get ready to run.



2. Amos Brown of Radio One, the race's "count down man" gets prepared for the event with his granddaughter, Aar-yana Willis

3. Vocalist James Walker of the Flying Toaster Band offers a song for the runners. (Photo/C. Guynn)

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IPS to host redistricting meetings

Indianapolis Public Schools will host four more meetings this month to discuss a proposal to change school boundaries to better balance student enrollment across the district. According to the IPS Web site, the purpose of redistricting is to ease overcrowding at schools, particularly on the Westside, and provide for new students planning to enroll at new schools James Russell Lowell School 51 in

Martindale-Brightwood and Wendell Phillips School 63 in Haughville. These two schools will open in the fall 2006. All meetings start at 7 p.m. Meeting dates are:
• Oct. 17, Northwest High School.
• Oct. 24, Arlington High School.
• Oct. 26, Manual High School.
• Oct. 27, Broad Ripple High School.
The proposal was developed after

months of careful work aimed at relieving the pressure of high enrollment at some schools while creating minimal disruption at others. "Our effort has been to ease overcrowding while at the same time being sensitive to natural neighborhood boundaries," said Superintendent Eugene G. White.

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JAWS students Kree Thompson (left) and Dorian Howard help out at the registration desk.



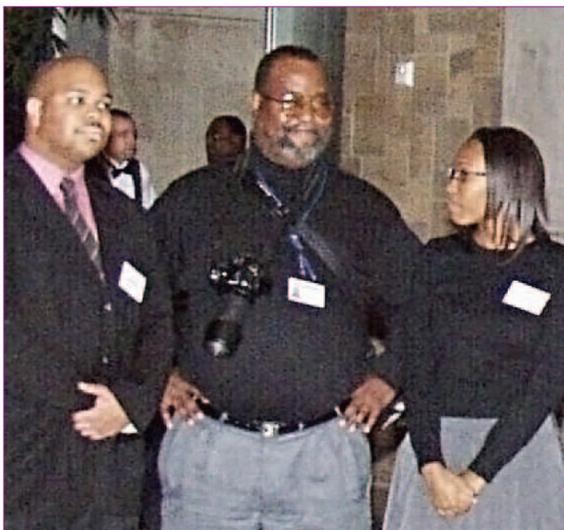
Left to right: Jerilyn Lewis, JeRay Owens and Janet Lewis.



Crystal Dalton (left) and her daughter April dip fruit in the chocolate fountain.



Left to right: Thomas King, Murvin Enders and Rod Porter.



Photographer John Hurst (center) with Recorder staff writers Brandon Perry and Ericka Thompson.



Left to right: Sharon Maxey, Glendal Jones and LeRoy Lewis III.



Darnell Jemison greets Bruceil Mays as Mays' granddaughter Jada looks on. (Photos/C. Guynn and J. Hurst)

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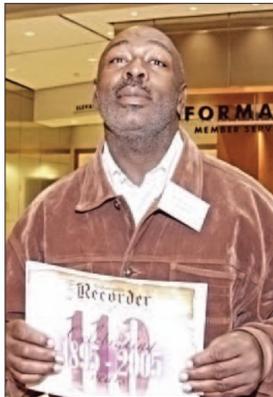
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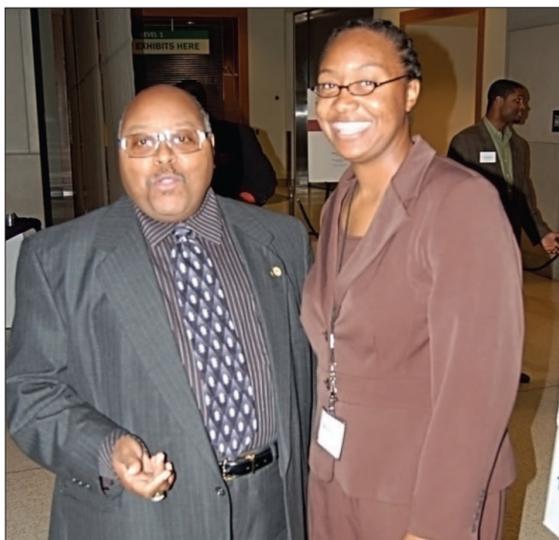
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Chris Wright of WTHR Channel 13.



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Erica Williams and Leroy Robinson.



Jan Clark and Recorder photographer Curtis Guynn. (Photos/C. Guynn and J. Hurst)

Governor names new members to State Board of Education

Special to the Recorder

Gov. Mitch Daniels has named six new members of the State Board of Education. The appointments include two school superintendents, two current or former school board members, a college president, and a business leader who works with K-12 schools.

Daniels said his charge to the board would include:

- Reviewing rules and regulations with an eye toward changes that will give teachers more time to teach and principals more time to lead.
 - Spending funds more wisely and moving more dollars to the classroom.
 - Deepening the state's commitment to accountability and results.
- The appointments are:
- Jo Blacketer of South Bend. She is an insurance agent and served as an at-large school board member of the South Bend Community School Corporation from 1997 to 2004. She is also a member of the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce.
 - Jim Edwards of Santa Claus. He

is president of Edwards and Associates, a management consulting firm. He has worked with K-12 schools in southwestern Indiana on workforce development issues.

- Edward Eiler of Lafayette. He is the superintendent of the Lafayette School Corporation and a member of the Lafayette-West Lafayette Chamber of Commerce board of directors.
- Daniel J. Elsener, president of Marian College in Indianapolis. He has worked in the K-12 education community as a teacher, principal and superintendent.
- Todd Huston of Fishers. He is director of business operations for Komputrol, a company which provides schools and municipalities with financial accounting software. He serves as a member of the board for Hamilton Southeastern Schools.
- Michael Pettibone of Monroe. He is superintendent of Adams County Community Schools. He is a member of the board of the Indiana Small and Rural Schools Association.



Consolidation reservations

Members of the Minister's Alliance of Indianapolis and the Interdenominational Minister's Alliance gathered at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church Monday to announce their opposition to Mayor Bart Peterson's current plan to merge the Indianapolis Police Department with the Marion County Sheriff's Department. From left: City-County Council members Duke Oliver and Vernon Brown stand in solidarity with Rev. Fitzhugh Lyons, pastor of Galilee. (Photo/C. Guynn)

Sen. Rogers wants all license branches open on Election Day

Special to the Recorder

In an effort to ensure that all Hoosiers maintain their ability to vote, state Sen. Earline Rogers, D-Gary, said she would file legislation that would require all Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles license branches to be open on Election Day.

With the passage of Senate Enrolled Act 483, state law now mandates that voters show state issued photo identification before they are allowed to cast a ballot. For most Hoosiers, license branches will serve as the primary source for that identification. However, current law only stipulates that "full-service" license branches be open on Election Day, meaning locations offering only "partial service," including Gary, are not legally required to remain open.

"Because this requirement is so new, I fear that many people won't realize they need a photo ID to vote until Election Day, and if there isn't a license branch open nearby, that could cause some significant problems including disenfranchising otherwise eligible

voters," said Rogers, who serves as the Senate's assistant minority leader.

"We need to close this loophole immediately, because unlike what the current commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) thinks, this new voting requirement means that the BMV's customers are no longer just 'people with cars,' but every single person who votes in this state," Rogers added. "And they will need BMV services on Election Day."

Under Rogers' proposed legislation the words "full service" would simply be deleted from existing law. The small change would amend the statute to require all license branches to be open the day before each general, municipal, primary and special election from 8:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. and on Election Day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"We should make it easier for people to participate in their government," said Rogers. "This proposal is a simple change that will benefit not only the citizens of Gary, but Hoosiers in rural towns across the state."

Citizens Gas projects higher customer bills for winter

Special to the Recorder

Citizens Gas said this week that the typical residential customer bill will rise about 27 percent over the November through March winter heating season, assuming normal temperatures.

Citizens Gas projects that the typical customer will spend about \$927 for 765 therms of natural gas over the five-month winter heating season. This compares to about \$728 the typical customer would have spent last winter for 765 therms.

The expected bill increase is due to higher wholesale prices for the natural gas the utility purchases for customers from national producers and marketers. Citizens Gas passes on the cost of natural gas to customers on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Gas costs will account for more than three-fourths of a customer's winter heating bill this year, with the remaining fourth being delivery and service charges, which have not changed since 1991.

While bills are likely to be higher this winter, Citizens Gas said it expects to have sufficient gas supplies to meet customer needs.

Wholesale natural gas prices have been ris-

ing steadily over the past five years because of increased demand for the clean-burning, high performing fuel and federal policies that have restricted natural gas supply development.

Natural gas prices have accelerated even more in 2005 because of a hot summer that increased natural gas demand among electric power generators and interruptions in gas supply caused by damage to energy infrastructure from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Citizens Gas says it expects to keep bill increases well below the 48 percent increase that the U.S. Energy Information Administration forecast Wednesday for natural gas customers nationwide. Citizens Gas estimates that its gas purchasing and storage strategies will save its customers approximately \$103 million this winter in avoided gas costs.

"We are very concerned about the impact natural gas prices are having on family budgets, that's why we are ramping up efforts to ensure maximum financial assistance to low-income customers, while raising awareness of the need for all customers to conserve energy this winter," said Carey Lykins, President and CEO of Citizens Gas.

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New president highlights goals for U of I



Beverley J. Pitts

By **BRANDON A. PERRY**
Staff Writer

After four months of being president of the University of Indianapolis (U of I), Beverley J. Pitts has settled into her new role as leader of one of Central Indiana's prominent academic institutions.

Pitts, the first female president in U of I's 103-year history recently sat down with the Recorder to inform the community about her goals and what the institution has to offer.

In recent weeks, Pitts has been greeting students, visiting faculty, meeting the 33-member board of trustees and sharing U of I's story with various community organizations.

pable high school students to envision a college education as a reality and help ease the transition from high school to college.

"It's awfully easy to get overwhelmed with the strangeness of college that some students leaving high school just say 'I'm not gonna' try' and pull back," said Pitts. "We want to get them before they make that decision and tell them that they are college material and we want to help them make the transition."

Pitts noted that a major advantage of U of I is that it's located in a convenient urban environment, but offers the feel of a small, close-knit liberal arts institution.

She said U of I is happy about making strides in efforts to maintain a diverse campus.

"I'm very proud of the fact that we see ourselves as being a multicultural campus," she stated. "We see ourselves as being a reflection of our community. Everybody wants to recruit African-American students, but I think with us it's a little more than that. We feel that it's a part of our mission and that helps define us."

U of I, Pitts added, is also undergoing efforts to hire more minority faculty members, and has worked with Historically Black Colleges and Universities and various organizations to attract minority education graduates who are interested in teaching at the college level.

Anative of Indiana, Pitts was serving as provost and vice-president of academic affairs at Ball State University when she was appointed to succeed retiring U of I president Jerry Israel in July. Under Pitts' leadership, the freshman retention at Ball State jumped from 67 percent in 1997 to 80 percent by 2003.

"I've been very busy, but I suppose the president should be busy," Pitts said with a laugh. "Everything's been going great. There's a whole lot going on at our campus that hopefully people will begin to take a look and say 'you know, this is really good for Indianapolis and it's something we should take pride in.'"

Pitts noted that many individuals still don't know much about certain aspects of the university, such as its wide variety of undergraduate and graduate degree programs, performing arts center, campus in Greece and successful outreach programs for students, including Bridge Scholars and Center for Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL).

CELL was established by the university to promote educational excellence, and has provided grants to assist four local start-up high schools that will provide personalized and rigorous education in the context of small student populations.

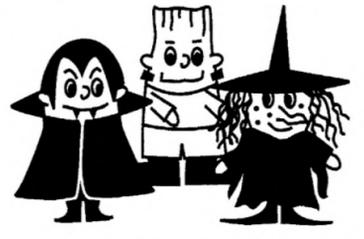
The primary goals of the Bridge Scholars' Program are to assist at-risk but ca-



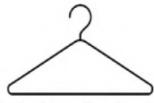
Faculty Reception

Crispus Attucks Middle School recently held its 19th annual reception for new faculty members. Albert Murphy (front right) has hosted the reception since it was launched in 1986. Murphy is shown with her "helpers," Dorothy McKinney (front left) and (back row from left) Sharon Jones, Gilbert Taylor and DeLynn McKinney. (Photo/C. Guynn)

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Vincennes U. campus visitation days

Vincennes University will host fall visitation days on Oct. 21 and 22, and also on Nov. 18 and 19. PreVU Days provide high school students and their parents an opportunity to tour campus and meet with faculty, staff, and students. There are also sessions about the college application process, financial aid, scholarships, student activities, and housing.

Check-in is at 8:30 a.m. at the Beckes Student Union, located on Second Street. Walking tours of campus will follow an information session. The program is free and lunch is provided, with advance registration. To register or for more information call toll-free, 1-800-742-9198, or visit the VU Web site: www.vinu.edu.

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EDITORIAL

Collaboration vs. consolidation

By SHANNON WILLIAMS
Recorder Editor



In August 2004, Mayor Bart Peterson unveiled his Indianapolis Works plan, which proposed various consolidation plans for Marion County. Included in the plan was Peterson's desire to consolidate the Indianapolis Police Department and the Marion County Sheriff's Department, creating the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Agency.

If the consolidation passes, non-patrol functions of the two agencies will be one as of Jan. 1, 2006. The following year, patrol resources and patrol functions of the two will be consolidated.

Initially, I didn't see much of a problem with the mayor's proposed consolidation, but after some digging, I found that it all boils down to money and proper management. The IPD pension fund is gone but the Sheriff's Department has over \$100 million in its fund. Consolidation seems to be the only alternative for IPD's dismal financial future...the only problem is it's not fair to the Sheriff's Department which has obviously managed better and planned more effectively. Looks like through his consolidation plan, the mayor wants to pull money from various townships and the Sheriff's Department to generate additional funds.

There are a few shady things about this consolidation plan that are extremely reminiscent of what Gov. Mitch Daniels did when Peterson wanted to build a new stadium and enlarge the Convention Center. Daniels stole, or to put it more nicely, took over what Peterson had worked so hard to institute. During that time, Daniels wasn't communicating effectively with Peterson, a lot of decisions were being made under the table and tension was extremely high. It's like déjà vu, because now, Peterson is treating Sheriff Frank Anderson in the same manner in which he was treated by Daniels.

I think the main problem with this entire situation is that the mayor has been really exclusive and has not communicated well with Sheriff Anderson. I really believe that all of this could have been avoided had Peterson included Anderson earlier in the process, especially before he took the plan to the City County-Council. Doing so could have prevented such intense opposition from the Sheriff and possibly, the Fraternal Order of Police.

Nonetheless, there are still some aspects that just haven't been totally considered while devising this plan. For example, and perhaps the one thing that so many people seem to disagree with is how Peterson's plan will strip an elected - I repeat, elected official from his position. Law enforcement consolidation must be the will of the people and the people spoke when they elected Sheriff Frank Anderson into office. You can't kick an elected official out when that official has done nothing wrong. Furthermore, the sheriff has a constitutionally mandated role to operate the county jail and Anderson has 45 years of law enforcement experience...that speaks mountains and I think that's why so many people are pleased with Anderson's efforts thus far.

If the mayor's consolidation goes through, Marion County will be the only one of 92 counties in Indiana that has to run a combined police force. With all due respect to the mayor, if the consolidation plans was that great of an idea, it probably would have happened before now.

As an alternative to the mayor's immediate consolidation plan, Sheriff Anderson proposed an enhanced collaboration. Included in Anderson's collaboration plan is that the Marion County Sheriff's Department deputies will be in-service trained by IPD Academy and unification of arrestee/inmate transportation unit under Marion County Sheriff's Department. The collaboration could provide immediate cost savings and better law enforcement.

Many seem to be opposed to the mayor's consolidation plan including the Concerned Clergy. In a statement released last week, the organization stated that "The concept of a commission appointed by other elected officials or co-sheriffs to oversee the sheriff is very disappointing to the voters that elected Sheriff Anderson with 67 percent of the vote. The buck should stop at the sheriff's desk; we need more law enforcement accountability, not less."

JUST TELLIN' IT

Charter school board, Flanner House fail students most in need

By AMOS BROWN III



There are few institutions in our African-American community nearly as old as your 110-year-old *Indianapolis Recorder*. One is 107-year-old Flanner House, founded in 1898 by a white man, Frank Flanner, as a community service center for the Black community.

Flanner House now faces the biggest challenge in its history as the city moved to revoke the charter of the Flanner House Higher Learning Center (FHHLC) Charter School.

In 2003, Mayor Bart Peterson awarded Flanner House a charter to operate a school that would "teach and support present and potential high school dropouts," encouraging them to "drop back into school."

Things seemed to be going well, until late last week, when the city suddenly revealed it was moving to revoke the FHHLC's charter for "several breaches of (their) charter agreement."

This crisis was precipitated by FHHLC's alleged failure to accurately document their enrollment. At the start of the school year, every Indiana public school prepares two attendance reports. One, the Average Daily Attendance (ADA) Report, documents a school or district's average attendance over a three-week period during the start of each school year. A second, the Average Daily Membership (ADM) Report, is the benchmark report that ties attendance to state dollars.

For the 2003-04 school year, Flanner House certified in its ADM report that the Higher Learning Center's enrollment was 168. But subsequent inspections by the city found nowhere near that number of students in attendance and informed the Indiana Department of Education which asked for a State Board of Accounts audit.

That audit, released Sept. 8, found just 112 students enrolled according to state law and guidelines. Troubling is the audit's conclusion that 41 students in the 2003-04 school year and 45 students in the 2004-05 school year "did not earn any credits."

But, under the state's funding rules, schools are paid based on student attendance in September. If after that, a student fails to earn academic credits, flunks out or doesn't achieve academically, the school still receives funding for that student.

For the audit to force Flanner House to repay state funding for students who were enrolled, but subsequently didn't earn credits or dropout is hypocritical, illegal and boneheaded.

Equally absurd is the city charter school authority's effort to revoke the FHHLC's charter because of the lack of academic progress and achievement of its students. Given the school's mission of serving students who've dropped out of traditional educational environments and given the high dropout rate among African-American high school students, I'm deeply distressed that the city's charter school mavens are using academic achievement as one reason to revoke the FHHLC's charter.

Appearing on our WTLC-AM (1310) "Afternoons with Amos" program, city Charter School Director David Harris declared that FHHLC's problems were enunciated in a report published in August 2004. But nowhere in that report did Harris' office clearly express that if FHHLC's problems weren't corrected; its charter would be canned.

Despite the current investigation, Harris couldn't explain why no report had been issued this year for the school. Nor could Harris explain why the school wasn't first placed on probationary status.

"That doesn't exist under the law," was Harris' reply.

After a two-day site visit in late June, Flanner House officials received a report outlining the city's severe concerns about the FHHLC's operations. A letter signed by Indianapolis Charter School Board Chairman William Shrewsbury said the city had "uncovered additional problems" with the school.

Shrewsbury, Harris and the city owed it to the students to warn them before the start of school that there were severe problems. Instead, no public warning was given to the community or students that their school was in imminent danger of dissolution. Eight weeks after school started, FHHLC's students are faced with a Hobson's choice of returning to the schools they dropped out from or not receive any education.

That's an unacceptable choice! Because of their century-long legacy, many in our community are willing to cut Flanner House's leadership some slack in this crisis. Flanner House's other charter school is under absolutely no cloud.

At this column's deadline, Flanner House officials had made no public comment. But, privately, top Flanner House folks admit mistakes were made, but assured me that most students attended

and received an education.

Flanner House owes our Black community a detailed, public explanation of what happened at the Higher Learning Center. Not just out of respect to Flanner House's 107 years of service, but more out of respect to the students who trusted Flanner House to do what no other public school had done - help them get an education and a diploma.

What I'm hearing in the streets

It was the media equivalent of Daniel in the Lion's Den.

In a landmark broadcast, our "Afternoons with Amos" program originated last week live from the newsroom of the Indianapolis Star. For two hours, this frequent critic of the Star (in print and on radio) and three top Star editors, Vice-President/Editor Dennis Ryerson, Editorial Page Editor Tim Swarens and Assistant Metro Editor Leisa Richardson (an African American) talked directly with our African-American community.

Never has a Black radio station broadcast live from the newsroom of a major majority newspaper or engaged our Black community in direct dialogue with the decision makers of a major white media outlet.

The discussion was lively, spirited, contentious, yet civil. Listeners peppered the editors with questions and concerns about the Star's coverage (or lack thereof) of our Black community. The program made news as Ryerson revealed that the Star now employs 22 African Americans in newsroom positions, including five who hold editor positions (all women).

In his Sunday column, Ryerson talked about the groundbreaking broadcast and addressed one question the broadcast discussed; whether the Star would acknowledge the Recorder's 110th anniversary. Ryerson told his readers, "I want to recognize the great service The Indianapolis Recorder has provided its readers all these years. Congratulations to Publisher Carolene Mays and her staff."

A good way to end on this Recorder anniversary week.

See ya next week!

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Katrina and the Millions More Movement

By RON WALTERS
For NNPA



Moving into position like a huge battleship on rough seas, coming to confront and destroy the damage done to Katrina's victims, is this week's Millions More Movement.

History seems to have planned this mobilization in juxtaposition to the havoc of death and destruction that has left so many homeless and destitute, and calls for the MMM to respond.

Although the purpose of the Millions More Movement is not only the challenge of Katrina, it can respond from the stage that it is building to receive hundreds of thousand of people from across the nation, including much of the leadership of the Black community.

In other words, this march has been given an urgent politics either by an accidental quirk of history or by the benevolent design of the Creator to intervene in a system that is bent on another round of destruction.

The greatest challenge is to use the mobilization to make a demand that the federal government do justice to the displaced people of the South who were damaged by this disaster. We don't have to repeat all the issues here because, regardless of the issues, what we must have is a megaphone loud enough to make sure that the American people, the politicians and the media, through us, hear the cries of the dead and the needs of those who have survived.

I can envision speaker after speaker telling the truth to power, calling George Bush, FEMA, the House and Senate into accountability for the racism they have accommodated in the response to Katrina and for the billions they have spent on war rather on humane priorities.

The MMM is the stage they will stand

on and the megaphone through which that message will come.

The second greatest challenge here is to nationalize the startling example of poverty and deprivation that the crisis has unearthed. Katrina is all of us; such poverty is rampant in every major city in America and now is the time to make America remember that there is a great unfinished business seen in the eye of this storm. The conservative movement has successfully pushed this issue off of the national agenda and into the closet of our minds, but the MMM gives us a chance to fight back, posing the contradiction of white poverty too and tax cuts for the wealthy, as a corrupt position.

We also need to put some of those conservative Black brothers and sisters on the stage and let them tell us now why we should follow George Bush and how the issue of gay marriage trumps his response to Katrina. We need to call some of our Black ministers to the stage who have become drunk at the trough

of faith-based money, and ask what they will do with the FEMA reimbursements and whether that is a contradiction to their Christian mission to feed the hungry - without the motive of raking in the cash.

Speaking of money, the Millions More Movement needs to raise millions of dollars with this mobilization, not only to help address the Katrina crisis, but also to establish an independent secretariat, with a staff, to be able to do something after people leave the Mall to implement all of the great things that will be said. Once and for all, we need a follow-through strategy that works, which alone will make what is said at the march credible in the eyes of our community.

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EDUCATION DOES MATTER

Literacy helps to combat many forms of oppression

By LEROY ROBINSON



Famed African-American playwright and Pulitzer Prize winner August Wilson lost his battle with liver cancer

and passed away recently. Wilson spent his life chronicling the 20th century African-American life in dramas, theater, and stage plays often reflecting on the legacy of slavery.

"A look at history from our point of view," is how Wilson described his literary works, which began in the late 1970s with the widely respected play "Jitney," which was one of the few plays in the series to be set in the decade in which it was written. Wilson also received wide recognition for the second play in the series, "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom."

Journalist Bill Moyers, captured some of Wilson's thoughts, ideas, and opinions in his well respected book titled, "A World of Ideas: (Conversations with thoughtful men and women about American life today and the ideas shaping our future).

Selected quotes from the interview are included below:

Moyers: What does it mean to be able to read?

Wilson: To be able to read means you can unlock information. I thought it was absolutely magnificent of the South African kids when they went to war over what language they were going to learn in school, because they understood and recognized the value of language. You cannot liberate yourself by

learning the oppressor's language because all the things that oppress you are built into the linguistic environment - and they recognized that. Blacks in America don't have the political sophistication yet to understand the value of language, for instance, or, for that matter, the value of reading.

Wow! I ask of you to please take a moment and re-read the response given by Wilson in regards to language and how all of the things that oppress a people are built into the linguistic environment ... and sadly, that we in Black America do not even have the sophistication to understand the value of language ... or of reading (for that matter).

Moyers: I can't imagine what it would be like to see words come to life on the printed page. Do you think that not being able to read makes a real difference to these kids?

Wilson: Yes, I agree with you in a sense. I can't imagine what the world would be like if I could see words and not understand what they meant. It's simply the fact that the kids are not being taught to read in school. Everyone says this, everyone knows this, and no one does anything about it.

At one time it was against the law to teach Blacks how to read. If you knew how to read, they would pull out your eyes, or if you could write, they would cut off your hands. This is a fact. I find it interesting that we're not that many years removed from that. Although it's no longer against the law, someone, somehow, still makes sure that you don't know how to read, because if you can read, you can unlock

information, and you're better able to understand the forces that are oppressing you.

The message that Wilson is sending with his comments should be coming through loud and clear. Wilson made these comments over 15 years ago, but the context of what he said still applies in today's Black America.

It is no secret that many of our young people are failing miserably in the education arena, with a majority of them reading far below their current grade level. As an observer, it doesn't appear that much improvement is being made to raise the standard of acceptance for our children when compared to their Asian and white counterparts.

Wilson also draws the conclusion that literacy helps one to "unlock information" and it helps to combat the many forms of oppression that engulf the African-American community. I would concur that one of the main reasons that we continue to lay at the foot of our oppressor is due to our lack of concern for knowledge, information, and education.

There is not doubt that we have lost a pioneer and champion for the education of the African-American community. Wilson was much more than a playwright, he was a revolutionary and he and his words will be surely missed.

For education workshops, lectures, panel discussions, or speaking engagements, contact Robinson at: educationdoesmatter@hotmail.com or write: 9701 E. 63rd St., Indianapolis, IN. 46236. For questions or comments, call (317) 502-0272.

Children should be more than fodder

By MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN
For NNPA

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It is our responsibility and within our power to make our nation see all our children as the sacred gifts they are of our Creator and not just as fodder for war or as a consumer market.

We adults must regain our moral bearing and teach our children that the most important things in life are not things but love, justice, respect, service and integrity. We must challenge the glorification of violence in our culture.

And we also must challenge families, religious, cultural, media, corporate, and government leaders, and citizens to make our children's health, safety, education, family and community life our overarching national purpose.

President Bush recently spoke at the United Nations. After his administration tried to undermine and weaken the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), he finally reaffirmed U.S. commitment to eight goals, including reduction of child and maternal mortality and ending extreme global poverty by 2015.

We hope the United States will lead the world in assuring their achievement. We also hope we will challenge ourselves to set and honor similar goals in our own nation for our own poor, uninsured and poorly educated children. Beginning now, we must demand that our leaders commit in 2006 and 2008, as a condition of our vote, to an America which by 2010:

- Ensures every child and their parents



- Gets every child ready for school through full funding of quality child care and Head Start, and new investments in universal preschool education.
- Ends child hunger through adequate child and family nutrition investments.
- Makes sure every child can read by fourth grade and can graduate from school able to succeed at work and in life.
- Provides every child safe, quality after-school and summer programs so they can learn, serve, work,

and stay out of trouble.

- Ensures every child a place called home and every family decent affordable housing.
- Protects all children from neglect, abuse, and other violence and ensures them the care they need when families break down.
- Ensures families leaving welfare the supports needed to be successful in the workplace, including health care, child care, education, and training.
- Creates jobs with a living wage.

Marian Wright Edelman is CEO and founder of the Children's Defense Fund and its Action Council whose mission is to Leave No Child Behind and to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Remember victims of domestic violence

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and despite the fact that incidents of family violence and violent crime are down nationally, our work is far from over.

Violence against women and children continues to affect our state in epidemic proportions. Recent studies indicate that nearly 31 percent of all women report being physically or sexually abused at some point in their lives, and between 3.3 million and 10 million children are exposed to domestic violence each year.

In Indiana, from July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005, 66 Hoosiers died as a result of domestic violence. In the previous year, 60 deaths were reported in our state, with 4,414 adults

and 4,365 children utilizing emergency shelters and 93,618 phone calls made to domestic violence crisis hotlines.

These numbers are startling and cannot be ignored.

Together we can and must work to reduce these incidences of violence. As fellow citizens, neighbors and friends, we must come together as a community to educate, raise awareness, and to let victims know there are alternatives to a violent homelife. Let this month serve as another reminder that, in our places of worship, schools, civic organizations, workplaces and homes, this is a worthy and much needed topic of discussion.

Throughout October,

organizations across the country are hosting various awareness events sharing common themes: mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and strengthening networks among advocacy groups. Each of us should find a way to participate in at least one of these events.

In solidarity with survivors and families who have lost loved ones, and in gratefulness for advocates working on their behalf, I ask that all Hoosiers join in this effort to end the senseless violence in our homes and neighborhoods.

**Vi Simpson
State Senator
Senate District 40**



August Wilson

Clergy response to William Bennett's remarks

Recently William Bennett, former secretary of education and author of The Book of Virtues, responded to a question on his "Morning in America" radio show with the following comments: "I do know that it's true that if you wanted to reduce crime, you could, if that were your sole purpose, you could abort every Black baby in this country, and your crime rate would go down." (source: Associated Press) Mr. Bennett went on to call that "an impossible, ridiculous and morally reprehensible thing to do, but your crime rate would go down. So these far-out, these far-reaching, extensive extrapolations are, I think, tricky." Since then, Mr. Bennett has defended his remarks by claiming that he was merely engaging in "a thought experiment about public policy."

We the undersigned members of the Indianapolis clergy and leaders of faith communities wish to express our moral outrage over the recent remarks made by Mr. William Bennett connecting the aborting of

all Black babies with the reduction of the crime rate in America.

Despite his attempts to defend his remarks as the theoretical expansion of an intellectual argument to its most logical and absurd conclusion, we find his example to be repugnant and morally indefensible. We have also been surprised by the absence of any editorial in The Indianapolis Star condemning Mr. Bennett's comments.

We realize that Mr. Bennett did not actually advocate the aborting of all Black babies, but in light of the history of racism and injustice leveled against African Americans in the United States, we believe it is unconscionable that Mr. Bennett would make such a reprehensible comment and then attempt to justify it by reference to "context."

While this nation's commitment to freedom of speech permits Mr. Bennett to make remarks that are patently offensive to the morals, values and virtues he himself has espoused, it is the obligation of the religious community, and all community leaders, to speak out against

speech that demeans and devalues a particular segment of the human family. It is especially incumbent upon the religious community to oppose speech that attaches responsibility for crime to a race of people while suggesting that aborting a whole race of God's people would "lower the crime rate."

This so-called "thought experiment" is at bottom a form of hate speech masquerading as intellectual discourse. It reveals a level of racism so deep the speaker evidently does not even recognize the multiple ways in which the comment is racist and hurtful, not only to African Americans, but to the entire social fabric of America.

At a time when many Americans are newly awakened by the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina to the persistent racial divide, Mr. Bennett's remarks can only deepen that divide, unless it can become an occasion for soul-searching and acknowledgment of how deeply racism is still engrained, even in well-educated and otherwise thoughtful Americans.

We pray that the pain and harm caused to a large segment of our society by Mr. Bennett's irresponsible comments will be assuaged by the commitment our faith communities have made to valuing all human beings. We also pray that men and women of faith will make a new commitment to overcoming racism in America, and work diligently to make real the promise of "liberty and justice for all" that our nation holds so dear and which we believe is consistent with God's purpose for humanity.

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**Stress on
the job**

By REV. JACQUELYN POWELL

Week after week I hear members of my church complaining about the stress on their jobs. They are usually worried they will either get fired or laid off.



I'm talking about people who love the Lord and are serving him. Many of the complaints are about unsaved supervisors who are giving them the blues on a daily basis. Many of them feel as though they can't do anything right.

There are even supervisors who claim to be saved but are availing themselves to the enemy to be the worst nightmare of those believers they are supervising.

My advice to them usually sounds something like this, "trust God, the Lord works in mysterious ways." This is true you know. As I look back at times when I felt stress on my job it was usually when the Lord was telling me it's time to go.

Now don't get me wrong, I don't believe the Lord would have you moving from job to job on a consistent basis. I believe you will have longevity and stability on the job he has sent you to.

Suggestions for the weary souls on the job:

1. Make sure you are doing your very best on the job.
2. Practice your spiritual disciplines before work on a daily basis (spiritual disciplines are your personal devotionals such as prayer, Scripture reading, singing etc. basically spending time with God on a daily basis).
3. Find a prayer partner to pray with you at work when you are feeling down.
4. Anoint your office or work area (you have the power to take authority over your situation).
5. Ask the Lord for direction, allow a few minutes during your devotional time to hear the Lord speak.
6. Ask the Lord to reveal to you your assignment for being on the job you currently have. Many times the Lord has a project for which he is using you for the good of others.
7. Go above and beyond the call of duty.
8. Trust the Lord, know that he won't put any more on you than you can bear.
9. Wait on the Lord (the Lord will give you directions, follow them completely, the Lord will either move you from that situation or he will move the person who is harassing you or making your life miserable).
10. Ask the Lord whether he wants you to return to school or begin to focus on a ministry.

The word of God tells us that he'll keep you in perfect peace if we keep our minds stayed on him.

Sometimes stress on the job comes from the fact that we are not paid enough or we are working our own businesses and are worried that we won't have enough money to make ends meet.

One thing to always remember is that the Lord blessed you with whatever you receive whether it's from a job or your own business. We must remember to give God what belongs to him. We must pay our tithes and give our offering.

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MINISTER FRANKIE MORTON TAKEN TO THE NEXT LEVEL

ORDINATION RAISES ISSUES

By BRANDON A. PERRY
Staff Writer



Minister Frankie Morton, speaking during Pleasant Union's youth conference this week, is hopeful that her upcoming ordination will inspire women in ministry to remain steadfast in the face of challenges. (Photo/J. Hurst)

Naturally, a feeling of joy and excitement has surrounded Minister Frankie Morton as she prepares for one of the most memorable evenings of her life.

At the same time however, she is being watchful of observers who, depending on their point of view, could use her ordination to demonstrate why placing women in the pulpit is a good (or bad) idea.

Morton will be ordained Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. at Pleasant Union Baptist Church, 1202 Eugene St. Several pastors will be in attendance, and the featured message will be delivered by Dr. Edward Wheeler, president of Christian Theological Seminary.

"It will be interesting to see what happened that night," said Morton.

Currently serving as the youth minister at Pleasant Union, Morton acknowledged that her ordination raises a significant level of controversy simply because she's a woman. Although the Roman Catholic Church is sometimes criticized for not ordaining women, many conservative Protestant male leaders continue to hold the traditional belief that women should "never be over a man," especially in the church.

Morton noted that her event is historic because the ordination of women is particularly rare in the Baptist community (the last pastoral ordination she attended for Baptist women took place two years ago), while some other groups such as the Disciples of Christ, Episcopalians, Lutherans, United Methodists and the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church have ordained women on a comparatively routine basis.

Some religious scholars say this difference can be traced to the decentralized power structure in the Baptist faith, which supplies a basic religious dogma but allows local churches to have a certain degree of autonomy in day-to-day affairs. Thus, a Baptist pastor holds significant sway over what happens in "his" pulpit.

Morton believes some women have been hurt by gender discrimination in ministry. She recalled situations during which male ministers refused to attend a service where a woman preached, and another incident where a stand was placed on the floor of a church so that a prominent woman pastor wouldn't need to speak in the pulpit.

"There are women all over this country sitting down on

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Minister Derwin Smiley launches show for youth

By BRANDON A. PERRY
Staff Writer

When people give in to the temptation of comparing him to his older brother Tavis, a popular talk show host, Derwin Smiley patiently notes that his primary goal is to equip youth with the tools they need to succeed in an increasingly complicated and dangerous world.

To that end, the local minister and educator recently launched the "Derwin Smiley Show," which airs every Tuesday on Comcast Channel 76 from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Smiley said the purpose of the show is to focus on youth issues by addressing their concerns, highlighting positive choices that will help them achieve their goal and formulating solutions to youth issues such as relationships, money, education, drugs alcohol, violence and pregnancy.

"Serious times call for serious conversation," Smiley said. "And there's just such a need among youth and I want to let them know I'm there for them. I just try to let them know they can do anything, you have to develop your talent and just go for it."

The "Derwin Smiley Show" features an in-studio discussion segment with special guests, filming on location in the community and entertainment. It is filmed in partnership with Indiana Black Expo's Youth Video Institute (YVI), a nine-month program designed to train youth ages 13-19 in all areas of video production.

The show's creation comes just a month after Smiley convened the second annual Back-to-School

Christian Leadership Summit, an educational empowerment event that attracted hundreds of students, parents and educators.

Smiley's passion for youth stems from his five years as a middle school teacher in the IPS system, as well as his own experiences as a teen-ager growing up in Kokomo, Ind. During those years he ran with a 12-member street gang called "Posse," which required new members to "jump" (or beat up) people during initiation.

Smiley was probably the only one who left the gang to finish high school and prepare for college. Eventually, two members died of drug overdoses while five others were sent to prison for beating a man to death.

"That's very frightening"

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Derwin Smiley gave up a law career to pursue ministry and education. (Photo/J. Hurst)

IN THE SPIRIT



Celebrating 83 years

Rev. Bernard Murphy (standing) was the guest speaker during Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church's 83rd anniversary. Mount Nebo Pastor Hilton Hudson looks on. (Photo/C. Guyann)

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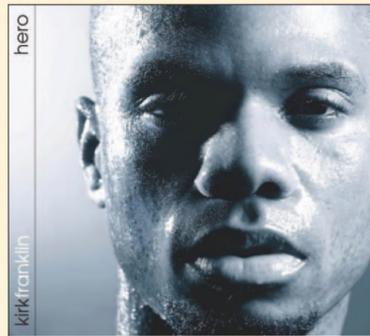
Kirk Franklin offers 'pain medicine'

By AIMEE MAUDE SIMS
Associated Press Writer

On Kirk Franklin's latest album "Hero," when the gospel superstar sings "To all my people in the struggle, you think God's forgotten about you, here's some pain medicine," he's describing pain he's all too familiar with.

On the cathartic track "Letting Go," Franklin somberly recounts being given up by his mother, struggling with pornography and sex, and getting high in the church's parking lot to Tears for Fears chorus: "Shout, Shout, let it all out." Then Franklin's stellar vocal ensemble delivers the "pain medicine," singing in unison on the title track: "Jesus, You are my hero/You came and you saved the day."

The album contains Franklin's typical



but explosive mix of hip-hop and R&B-flavored gospel.

He also uses samples from soul classics — from Earth Wind and Fire's "Keep

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IN THE SPIRIT



Spirit of Humanity

Award recipients gather during the Spirit of Humanity Recognition and Awards ceremony.



Emerson Allen (left) faith-based coordinator for the City of Indianapolis gives a special presentation to Virginia Kersey (right). Enyess Allen, first lady of Cathedral of Praise Bibleway Church of God in Christ looks on. (Photos/J. Hurst)



Founders Day

On Sunday Christ Our King Christian Church held its 3rd anniversary Founder's Day Celebration. The featured speaker for the event was Rev. E. Anne Henning-Byfield (left), presiding elder of the South district of the 4th Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church. She is shown with Rev. Hallie Showers Black (center), pastor of Christ Our King and Brenda Kerr, chairperson of the celebration. (Photo/C. Guynn)



Men's and Women's Day

Pleasant Union Missionary Baptist Church recently hosted its annual Men's and Women's Day service. From left: Deacon Richard Hunter; his wife Delores; Gwen Thurman of the event's organizing committee; First Lady Flossie Harris and Rev. Charles W. Harris, Sr., pastor of Pleasant Union. (Photo/C. Guynn)

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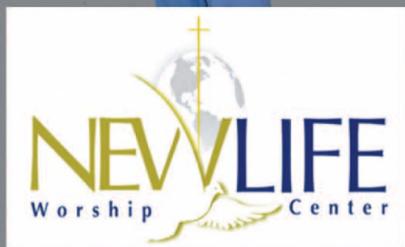
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their calling because they don't want to be the point of controversy," said Morton. "And it's all because some men are insecure. We're not coming to take over, we're coming to work side by side with them."

Despite possible grumblings from some of his peers, Rev. Charles Harris, pastor of Pleasant Union, said he's ordaining Morton because of her excellence in ministry.

"She's been doing a fantastic job as our youth minister," said Harris. "We're excited about this because it's time for a change and we've never

done this before."

A native of Indianapolis, Morton graduated from Martin University with a bachelor's degree in religious studies and psychology. She is currently pursuing master's degrees in divinity and pastoral counseling at Christian Theological Seminary.

"To be a woman called to ministry after experiencing gender bias, I am wholeheartedly pleased and grateful for God that he would use me to help trail blaze a way for other women that are called to ministry," she said.

AL-ISLAM IN AMERICA

The true image of a Muslim

By IMAM MIKAL SAAHIR



A constant battle for Muslims worldwide is the struggle to present the proper image of Islam, which is tantamount to presenting the true image

of a Muslim.

The so-called "war on terror," compounded by other manufactured apprehensions and insecurities imposed upon our American consciousness by the media, some Christian ministers, and others obligate Muslims to continue to fight the uphill battle to properly identify who we are.

Many anti-Islamic agendas that are actively published by the enemies of Islam necessitate that Muslims be vigilant by sharing with others not only who we are, but also what we are, as well as what our aims and purposes - individually and collectively - are in life.

The Holy Qur'an in chapter 49: verse 6 instructs us to check out the validity of any report, especially one that could be libelous. "Oh ye who believe! If a wicked person comes to you with any news, ascertain the truth, lest ye harm people unwittingly, and afterwards become full of repentance for what ye have done."

In the above Qur'anic verse, Allah (G-d) is speaking to all intelligent people, not just to Muslims. Whenever one receives unconfirmed descriptions or reports about a person or a group of people, especially critical information, then the listener is obligated, at a minimal, to check out the report before spreading unconfirmed reports. Too many people in the media, on political platforms, and in non-Muslim pulpits are committing this wrongful act.

The misrepresentations of Muslims, especially the intentional distortions, are often reminiscent of the lie that African-American soldiers had tails; a lie told to damage the social image of African-American soldiers fighting abroad. Also the false promotion that young Black men aren't good fathers or that young Black women only want a federal handout are false images that are being perpetuated by those with errant agendas.

To indiscriminately promote those false images without ascertaining the state and status of each person is what Allah is warning us against in the above Qur'anic verse. Such false promotions wrongfully stereotype whole sectors of our society and improperly expose them to being mistreated, under-represented, or valued as a whole person worthy of fair treatment.

For Muslims there are constant reminders in our Ameri-

can society that everyone is not ready for all Americans, unless they are their "kind" of American. These reminders become starkly obvious when we see some of our leaders, for whatever reason promoting inaccurate pictures and images of what Islam is.

Most reading this column may be surprised as to whom in your immediate surroundings are Muslim. Not that they are hiding their faith or afraid to say that they are Muslim, it is just that Islam is so adaptable to any civilized society that they can blend in and support in a healthy way their environment. This is Islam, properly called Al-Islam.

Not all Muslim men wear the typical beanie-like cap called a kufi, or adorn themselves in long Arabian styled garments. In fact those who dress in such a manner are the minority amongst Muslim men.

Often it is the same for Muslim women. The media seem obsessed with always showing Muslim women in multi-layered gloomy looking attire, peeking out of a slit in a facemask. These images are not the true image of a Muslim.

The true image of a Muslim is that of one who submits their will to do G-d's will. More specifically we are not saying that the Muslims have to abandon their will, which is a gift from G-d, but that after we learn what G-d desires then we adapt and realign our little will to G-d's superior will. Many Christians call this adjustment to their life as "being Christ-like."

Dear reader, the next time you encounter anyone describing someone, especially in a negative or snubbing manner, remember what Allah said in his holy Scriptures, "Oh ye who believe! If a wicked person comes to you with any news, ascertain the truth, lest ye harm people unwittingly, and afterwards become full of repentance for what ye have done."

Dear Muslims as we immerse our souls into this blessed month of Ramadan, let us pray that Allah (G-d) give us the patience and endurance to continue striving mentally, physically, and spiritually to learn self-restraint. That we come out of Ramadan a much-improved person over the person we were when we entered Ramadan. We offer this prayer with the understanding that we too have an obligation, maybe the more important obligation to live the true image of a Muslim.

Until next week we greet you with the greetings of peace, As-Salaam Alaikum.

Please submit all inquiries to: Al-Islam in America, Nur-Allah Islamic Center, 2040 E. 46th St., Indianapolis, IN 46205. Or via e-mail at: nurallah-ic@juno.com.

REVIEW

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Your Head to the Sky" to Randy Crawford's "You Bring the Sun Out" — to create this "comfort-food for the soul."

Patrice Rushen's "Haven't You Heard" provides the funky underlay to the stand-out track "Looking for You."

Buoyed by a boisterous horn section and percussion work by Sheila E., the well-crafted album has Franklin moving nimbly through

gentle a cappella interludes from Fred Hammond and Yolanda Adams to vocal free-for-alls with J. Moss and Tye Tribbett.

Add to the mix guest appearances by Stevie Wonder and Marvin L. Winans, plus Franklin's singing and DJ-ing, and you've got a table-spoonful of sugar that makes this medicine go down even easier.

SHOW

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ing and that's why I'm out there trying to direct the youth down the right path," said Smiley. "I have to take the wisdom God gave me from those experiences and give it back to our youth to let them know they can always turn their life around."

Smiley graduated from Hampton University and attended the Massachusetts School of Law before accept-

ing his call to ministry and being ordained as a preacher with the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World by his mentor, the late Bishop Rufus C. Mills.

Smiley and his wife, Leah, also operate HR Inc., a communications firm. He said he would like to one day set up his own church, but notes that helping youth is his "main ministry" at this time.

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STRESS

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I recently heard it put like this, all of the money we receive has been circulating in this world. We know Satan is controlling the airways of this world, which means all of our money is being circulated in this world. The money we receive is the same money drug dealers, gamblers and other sinners circulate. This means this money is not blessed, in fact it is cursed, that is until we pay our tithes.

Our tithes break the curse off our finances, which allows us to be blessed. Therefore the money we receive will go further. Malachi 3:8-10 states, prove me now here with saith the Lord, if I will not pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive. The word also says he will rebuke the devoured for you if you pay your tithes.

Sounds to me like we have a bodyguard. Also remember the word of God says, touch not my anointed and do my prophets no harm. If you are the anointed of God, anyone who is treating you badly has to be accountable to God.

Hold your peace and allow the Lord to fight your battle.

We must be conscious of how we treat others. We are accountable to God for what we do to hurt others.

Remember the Lord works in mysterious ways and we don't know what the Lord is up to. If he allows you to stay on a job that is stressful or appears to be unbearable, ask for direction. If he says go, know he will provide a way, if he says stay; know he will work it out.

The bottom line is, trust the Lord and know what Satan means for bad, God means for good, so know, it's a blessing in disguise.

Rev. Jacquelyn Powell is pastor of Augusta Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

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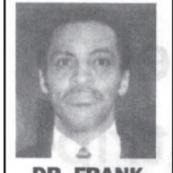
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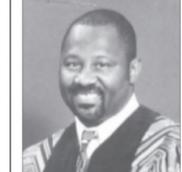
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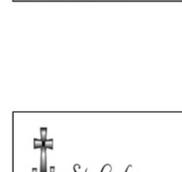
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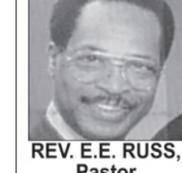
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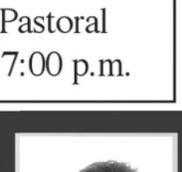
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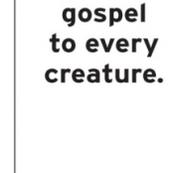
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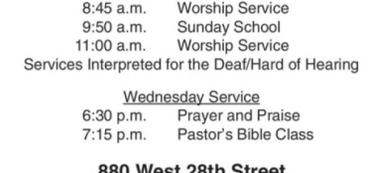
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IS AMERICA PREPARED FOR BIRD FLU?

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Until recently the threat of avian flu or bird flu was just a speculation.

For years, health officials warned that the virus spread by chickens, ducks and other birds that have primarily surfaced in Southeast Asia could kill millions of people, but few government officials took heed to the warning.

Last week after a briefing by Michael O. Leavitt, the secretary of Health and Human Services, the Senate approved \$3.9 billion for flu preparations into a Pentagon appropriations bill.

U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., urged Leavitt to develop a plan to stockpile bird flu antivirals that meet recommended levels in case of a flu

outbreak.

"Right now, we are woefully unprepared, with only enough antivirals to cover less than two percent of the American people," Sen. Bayh said. "It is vitally important that Secretary Leavitt develop a focused plan to ensure that we are prepared for a possible avian flu outbreak. We cannot afford to wait, but need to work proactively to protect the national security interests and health interests of the American people."

Since 1997, bird flu strains seem to have infected thousands of birds in 11 countries reported the New York Times. But so far, nearly all of the people infected with the disease - more than 100, including nearly 60 who died - got the sickness directly from birds.

The Times also reported that there

has been very little transmission between people, a requirement for an epidemic.

In a letter written by Bayh and other senators including Barack Obama, D-Ill., he called on Leavitt to explain why U.S. preparations are behind those of other nations, to explain his plan to provide sufficient protection for the American people, to provide Congress with an assessment of whether his administration possesses the legal authority to address this issue, and to immediately consult with them on legislation to address this problem if his office lacks such authority.

"As you know, it will take several months to produce and distribute a vaccine once we have identified a strain of influenza with pandemic potential," the letter said. "In the

meantime, public health experts agree that antiviral medications will be a crucial stopgap defense against a pandemic. These medications could greatly help to reduce illness and death and to contain an emerging pandemic prior to the development of an effective vaccine."

An outbreak may be years away or never occur. Still, preparation is key to safety.

Leavitt acknowledged that the U.S. was not prepared for a pandemic flu outbreak, but he plans to tour Thailand, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, countries most likely to be the source of a bird flu outbreak.

"No one in the world is ready for it," he said. "But we're more ready today than we were yesterday. And we'll be more prepared tomorrow than we are today."

HEALTH BRIEFS

Grants to support minority health

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently announced the award of more than \$12 million to support minority individuals, families and children affected by the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. The grants will support greater access to health and behavioral health care services, assistance through faith-based and community organizations and enhanced communications through minority media outlets.

Hispanic/Latino health summit

In response to the multiple health care disparities and barriers faced by Hispanic and Latino populations, several Indiana health care organizations, community-based medical providers and Hispanic and Latino health experts are coming together to discuss the particular medical needs of the Hispanic and Latino populations and ways to effectively address these issues at the 2005 Hispanic/Latino Health Summit.

The summit will take place Friday, Nov. 11 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Marriott downtown.

To register for the free event call, (800) 265-3220. On-site registrations will not be accepted. Space is limited and sessions will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Take a community plunge

Clarian Health Partners' Community Plunge "Building Healthy Families: Mind.

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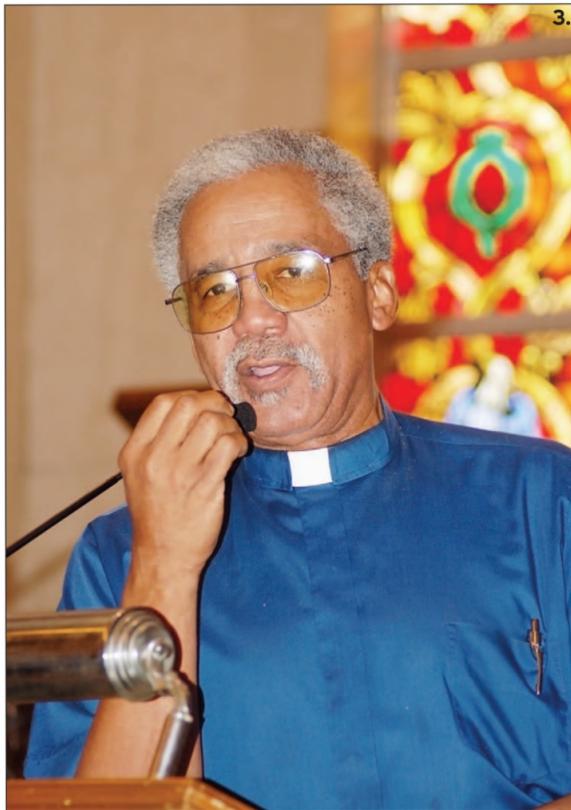
1. Linda Bush leads the Ebenezer Singers in song during Sunday's ecumenical service for the 2005 Indiana AIDS Walk and Run at Crown Hill Cemetery.



2. Rev. Thomas Brown, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, offers meditative thoughts and prayers for those in attendance and the community.



3. Rev. Derek King, associate pastor of Ebenezer, offers a message on the dash of life, symbolized by the space between two life dates on a gravestone (example, the dash in 1926-1985). King said some individuals will have a long dash of life; others will have a short one. Everyone, he added, has an opportunity to make good health choices that will make their dash last longer. (Photos/J. Hurst)



FALL WEATHER IS PERFECT FOR FITNESS!

Submitted by the Health Education, Promotion and Training Department of the Marion County Health Department

Despite all of the recent media attention and medical advice from doctors and available public health information, Americans are still not getting enough exercise.

So what can you do?

You can start with a simple physical fitness regimen. Fitness walking is easy, safe and inexpensive. It's aerobic, which means it burns calories, and it's an ideal fat-burning activity. It conditions the heart, relieves stress, improves muscle tone and can even help with back pain, osteoporosis, respiratory problems, diabetes, arthritis and a variety of other health problems. Walking can be fun for all ages, from keeping seniors fit to helping children discover the benefits of regular physical activity. The following information will help you discover the benefits of fitness walking with some basic tips to get you started.

1. Make sure fitness walking is for you.

The Marion County Health Department suggests you contact your medical provider for a check-up or consultation before you begin your walking program if any of these apply:

- You have been sedentary (inactive) for a year or more.
- You don't currently exercise and are over age 65.
- You have been diagnosed with heart trouble.
- You are pregnant.
- You have been diagnosed with high blood pressure.
- You have diabetes.
- You have chest pain, especially when exerting yourself.
- You often feel faint or have severe dizzy spells.
- You have other medical conditions that have previously prevented you from other forms of physical exercise.

2. Choose the right equipment.

Fitness walking doesn't require much equipment. Most experts suggest wearing proper footwear and clothing. Your walking clothing should be comfortable and loose fitting to allow you to move. Shoes must fit well, but leave enough room so your feet can expand while walking. Good walking shoes should be flexible, as your foot rolls with each step.

A well-fitted pair of running shoes is the best answer for most walkers. Many specialty walking shoes are too stiff and do not incorporate performance characteristics of today's running shoes.

3. Know where to walk.

Besides your neighborhood, Indianapolis has wonderful areas to engage in fitness walking. Many Indy Parks have designated walking trails. You can check with Indy Parks for a list of these trails. The

Indianapolis area boasts 60 miles of completed Indy Greenways bike and walking trails, with more trails planned. Some of the most well-known Indy Greenways include the Canal Walk downtown and the Monon Trail. There are eight Indy Greenways trails to experience in Indianapolis. (<http://www.indygreenways.org/>) Many people also enjoy walking in area shopping malls or on local school tracks.

4. Use these fitness walking tips.

You'll want to walk with good posture, using arm and foot motion that will propel you forward with good power and no wasted effort. How you hold your body is very important to walking comfortably and easily. With good posture you will be able to breathe easily and you will avoid back pain. Other suggestions include:

- When you first start your fitness routine, don't overdo it—increase time or distance gradually.
- Warm up and cool down. Take 3-5 minutes at the beginning of your walk to warm up your muscles, beginning with a slower pace, gradually increasing to a brisk walk. As you near the end of your walk, cool down by gradually decreasing your pace for the last five minutes or so.
- Listen to your body—monitor your level of fatigue, heart rate, and physical discomfort.
- Stand up straight. Think of being tall and straight and do not arch your back during your walk.
- Do not lean forward or backward. Leaning strains back muscles.
- Eyes forward, not looking down but rather 20 feet ahead.
- Shrug once and let your shoulders fall and relax.

Arm motion can lend power to your walking, burning five to ten percent more calories and acting as a balance to your leg motion. Try to bend elbows at least 90 degrees and keep hands loose, never clenched.

For maximum benefits, work up to a brisk walking speed. Keep in mind that during your fitness walk you should be able to carry on a conversation and should not be out of breath.

5. Know how far and how often to walk

Walking briskly 30 minutes or longer at least five times per week is associated with a decreased risk of high blood pressure, heart disease, breast and colon cancer, and, along with healthy eating and losing as little as 7-10 percent of your body weight, if you are overweight, is associated with a decreased risk of type 2 diabetes.

Try to walk every day if possible. Ideally, adults should get a total of 30 minutes or more of moderate exercise - like brisk walking - on most days of the week.

For more information about Indy in Motion, contact the Marion County Health Department at 317.221.3122.

Indy in Motion

A FREE total fitness and health initiative sponsored by the Marion County Health Department, Indy Parks and the National Institute for Fitness and Sport.

The program provides health and fitness education, nutrition information, health screenings and incentive awards for regular participation in physical activities.

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<p>RIVERSIDE PARK 2420 E. Riverside Dr. Strength/Toning/Aerobics Monday - Friday 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p>		
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Talk to your doc about your alternative meds

(HealthDayNews)—The popularity of complementary and alternative medicine is on the rise, with more than one-third of U.S. adults using at least one of these treatments, according to a recent report by the Institute of Medicine.

And if you're like most proponents of these treatments, you probably don't mention them to your primary-care physician. You may think it's not important or you might just forget. Or, you might think your doctor won't approve.

But it's crucial to tell your doctor, says Dr. Robert Bonakdar, a family physician at the Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine, in La Jolla, Calif., who directs pain management and blends conventional and alternative approaches.

"Everything a patient is using is im-

portant for the doctor to know," he says. "Full disclosure enables full care."

Complementary and alternative medicine describes a wide group of medical practices and products, according to the National Institutes of Health's National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. Complementary describes techniques used in conjunction with conventional medicine; alternative describes techniques that can be used in place of it.

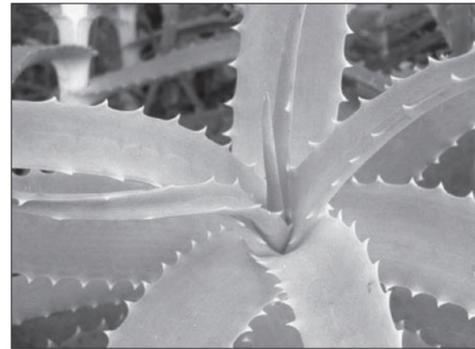
Among the options are homeopathic medicine, chiropractic, dietary supplements, aromatherapy, and massage therapy, among many others.

So, how best to approach your doctor? First, understand that your doctor may not have a lot of background or knowledge

about an alternative or complementary approach, Bonakdar says. Few doctors, especially older ones, studied these treatments in medical school.

Physicians should be open to discussion, at least, he says. "The patients should expect the doctor to be open and non-judgmental in the discussion of complementary treatments," he said. "They should hear you out."

"They should be able to educate you from their standpoint based on whether they think it is safe, appropriate and effective," he adds. As a patient, you should expect your physician, if he or she is unfamiliar with the treatment you are interested in, to offer to check to see if there is any evidence that it works, Bonakdar says.



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HEALTH BRIEFS

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Body. Spirit" is an annual one-day event that brings together service providers, clergy, social workers, school administrators, teachers, day care providers and parents to discuss the most effective ways to build healthy families. It will take place Friday, Nov. 4 at the Marriott downtown from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This annual event is free of charge and open to anyone wanting to gain knowledge and resources to enhance and build stronger families.

Event speakers include Joan Borysenko, Ph.D.; Michael Turner, MD; Antoinette "Toni" Laskey, MD; K. "Bernie" Lyon, Ph.D.; Suellen Reed, state superintendent of public instruction; and Carol "The Coach" Juergenson-Sheets, ACSW, LCSW.

For more information about the event visit the Web site at www.clarian.org/communityplunge.

Smoking rises among poor Blacks

By EMILY ANN BROWN
NNPA Special Contributor

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - Two years ago, when Don Jordan's doctor showed him a picture of a "clear lung and a dirty lung" he decided it was time to kick his 27-year cigarette smoking habit.

"All that stuff came together," said the 42-year-old Washington, D.C., resident. "I got tired of not being able to breathe when walking up stairs - breathing fast, chest caving in and tightening..."

Jordan considers himself lucky. Thanks to his doctor's scare tactic, he kicked a habit that he started at age 13 when he was "bored" and likely saved himself from getting a tobacco-related disease, such as lung or throat cancer.

Unfortunately, according to a recent report published in the current issue of the American Journal of Preventative Medicine, a large number of low-income African Americans who smoke have yet to follow suit in kicking their nicotine addiction.

The report also said that cigarette smokers in the Black community are getting younger.

Though recent reports note that

the overall smoking population is decreasing, that is not true for certain Blacks. Jorge Delva, a co-author of the smoking report.

"When people report that in their state smokers are decreasing, a huge disparity is missed," Delva said. "Most of the research focuses on non-minority populations and not in the lowest of lowest economic status and it's not because they are purposely neglected."

He explained, "It's possible that this population is very unique," he said. "The fact is that the findings points to the need to research of those low-income populations who are less likely to quit (smoking) and less likely to reach a doctor or nurse that can help them."

The study was conducted by the Detroit Center for Research on Oral Health Disparities in 2002. It began as a study to find out the overall health condition of low-income, underserved African Americans. But in 2005, a team of researchers, including Delva, an associate professor of social work at the University of Michigan, analyzed the information and found that the number of poor Black people who smoke has remained stable or risen over the past few years, he said.

The report randomly selected African Americans living in some of the poorest neighborhoods in Detroit.

"It's the type of poverty where if you work around it, you know about it. But most of the country doesn't know. It's like what happened in New Orleans," Delva said referring to various television images of poor people, mostly African Americans, stranded in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Of the 1,021 African Americans selected for the study, 42 percent said they smoked - 59 percent were men and 41 percent were women.

When the smoking participants were asked why they smoked, they said it relieves stress and anger, helps in dealing with the emotion of discrimination or because of a lack of social support, Delva said. "People who have social support will likely not be smokers," he said.

Despite the given reasons for smoking, the report said that African Americans may not be benefiting from current intervention efforts.

It added that advertising, targeting African-American adults and youth using hip-hop icons, contributes to the problem too.

Nonetheless, Delva said the primary goal behind publishing the findings is to bring awareness of the growing, often overlooked disparities in low-income, minority populations.

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New Web site for families living with autism

Electronic Urban Report

MIDDLETOWN, N.Y.—With 1 in 166 children diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, and 1 in 6 children diagnosed with a developmental disorder and/or behavioral problem, many families may not know what to do or where to go for help.

A new Web site - AutismConcepts.com - created by an African-American family raising an adolescent child with autism, shares credible and relevant information with other families.

The Internet is an easy and convenient way for parents to meet, share their experiences and other information. In addition to the usual facts found

on autism-related Web sites, AutismConcepts.com also shares information, research and resources related to African Americans, directly linking to the source.

Research has revealed disparities in early detection of autism, treatment and special education:

- African-American children with autism are diagnosed nearly two years after children of all other ethnic groups. Black autistic children received more misdiagnoses than whites. Early diagnosis and intervention leads to a better way of life for children with autism. Excerpts from Race Differences in the Age at Diagnosis Among Medicaid-Eligible Children with Autism, David S. Mandell,

Sc.D., John Listerud, M.D., Ph.D.

- Minority children with disabilities all too often experience inadequate services, low-quality curriculum and instruction, and unnecessary isolation from their non-disabled peers. Moreover, inappropriate practices in both general and special education classrooms have resulted in overrepresentation, misclassification, and hardship for minority students, particularly Black children.

- African-American and Latino students are about twice as likely as white students to be educated in a restrictive, and separate educational setting.

- Among high school students with disabilities, about 75 percent of Af-

rican Americans are not employed two years out of school. Three to five years out of school, the arrest rate for African Americans with disabilities is 40 percent. Minority disabled students also have much higher rates of school disciplinary action and placement in correctional facilities. Excerpts from Racial Inequity in Special Education, 2002, Daniel J. Losen & Gary Orfield, Editors, Cambridge, MA: Harvard Education Press.

- AutismConcepts.com is a large collection of basic information of vital interest to families to help empower, support, network and inform.

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Ear tube surgery doesn't harm kids' hearing

(HealthDay News) — Fourteen years after their surgeries, babies who had special ventilation tubes placed in their ears to treat serious or recurrent ear infections showed no signs of hearing loss, according to a new study.

The research also found that children with more serious ear disease may require repeat ear tube placement procedures or other ear surgery.

Researchers in Finland assessed the hearing of 237 children 14 years after they had tubes inserted to treat problem ear infections. The children were 5 to 16 months old at the time of their surgeries.

Besides testing their hearing

ability, the team also checked the children for quality of ear healing, history of repeat procedures, any abnormal outcomes, or whether or not they required more extensive ear surgery.

The researchers reported that, 14 years after surgery, hearing in the children's healed ears was comparable to that of normal ears in age-matched children. Nearly three-quarters (74.7 percent) of the children's ears had healed completely, up from 65.8 percent at five years following surgery.

The number of abnormal outcomes at 14 years was 25.3 percent compared with 34.2 percent at the five-year follow-up. Abnormal outcomes were

more common among children whose ear infections involved accumulated fluid or those who required three or more tube insertions.

Repeated tube insertion and the need for more extensive ear surgery was more common in children with more serious ear problems, the researchers noted.

Based on the findings, they concluded that early life tube insertion, even if done repeatedly, "is a safe and useful treatment method." But they said doctors should inform parents that follow-up care may be needed, especially within the first five years following surgery.

Singer 'Babyface' and wife end marriage



NEW YORK — Add Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds and his wife to the growing list of celebrity bust-ups. Edmonds, who is a former Indianapolis resident, and his wife Tracey issued a statement last week announcing the end of their marriage after 13 years.

They have two young children. The pair said they had already been unofficially separated "for quite some time."

"It is with deep regret that we announce our permanent separation. We remain best friends," said the couple, who have also produced movies and television shows

together, including "Soul Food."

"(We) will continue to work together in our companies, and our various business ventures," the statement said. "More importantly, we are parents of two wonderful children, and will continue to provide a loving, caring and stable environment for them."

Besides his career as a best-selling crooner with hits including "Whip Appeal" and "Change the World," Edmonds has also written top hits for Whitney Houston, Mary J. Blige, Mariah Carey, Bobby Brown and others.

Walker Theatre recital

Left: Classical pianist Stewart Goodyear performs an Alexander Scriabin sonata during the opening season recital for the Madame Walker Theatre's 2005-06 season titled, *Open Yourself to the Experience: Indiana Avenue's Rhythm Reborn*.

Bottom left: The Metropolitan Youth Orchestra, directed by Benny Perry performs a series of Motown Classics in the lobby of the theatre.

Bottom right: Alpha Blackburn and Larry Smith Jr., chairman of the theatre, were the hosts for the recital. Together they recite the history of the Madame Walker Theatre. (Photos/J. Hurst)



'Harmony' shows art diversity



Kuaba Gallery recently hosted "Harmony," an exhibition featuring works by several local artists. The exhibit was designed to show a diversity of styles, techniques and media. Jane During (second from left), owner of Kuaba Gallery, poses with featured artists (from left) Laura Panozzo, Carol White and Christine Drummond.

During takes a temporary break from her duties as the "enlightened hostess."



Panozzo and Rodney Reid share a laugh during the event. (Photos/J. Hurst)



New R&B song about Hurricane Katrina

LONG BEACH, Calif. (BlackNews.com) — Kanye West said it first. Jay-Z agreed, and now there's an official song circulating on the Internet that confirms it — "President Bush Does Not Care About Black People."

Sung by newcomer soulful singer Allen, the song is a mid-tempo combination of old-school R&B and pop. The lyrics are very emotional and graphic; the words paint an extremely dismal picture of what it was like to be a victim of Hurricane Katrina.

The song is so intense that many are asking whether or not the singer was a victim who was actually stranded for days on a rooftop. Some of the lyrics say: "Everything is gone/ Everything is gone/ The clothes on my back are all I own/ Then it hit me - Ain't nobody coming to get me/ No one feels my pain/ Once again, the color of my skin reminds me things ain't changed/ Begging you for water - again and again/ Please don't make me drink the water that I'm standing in."

Many African Americans like the song and agree with the lyrics. However, many politicians find the song offensive because it implies that President Bush just doesn't care about Black Americans. In the

**"Everything is gone/
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media, Bush has accepted the blame for what went wrong with Katrina, but still denies that race was a factor. The images seen from the devastation indicate otherwise.

Several artists including Prince have released songs about the Hurricane Katrina situation. However, none has successfully captured the incident with the right lyrics, production, and emotion...until now!

Those interested can listen to the song for free at www.HurricaneSong.com.



Lil' Jon sues Larry Flynt over adult film

Electronic Urban Report

Lil Jon and his pimp cup took Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt to court for allegedly using his name and likeness without permission for the adult film "Phat Tuesday," reports MTV.

The producer's federal lawsuit, filed recently in Atlanta, seeks some \$30 million from Larry Flynt Productions (LFP), which Lil' Jon claims acquired promotional on-stage and backstage footage from another company, Category 5, which shot a February 2004 Lil' Jon & the East Side Boyz concert in New Orleans.

Category 5 was supposed to clear any use of the footage with TVT Records, but failed to do so, the suit says. That breach comprises \$75,000 of the damages sought in the suit.

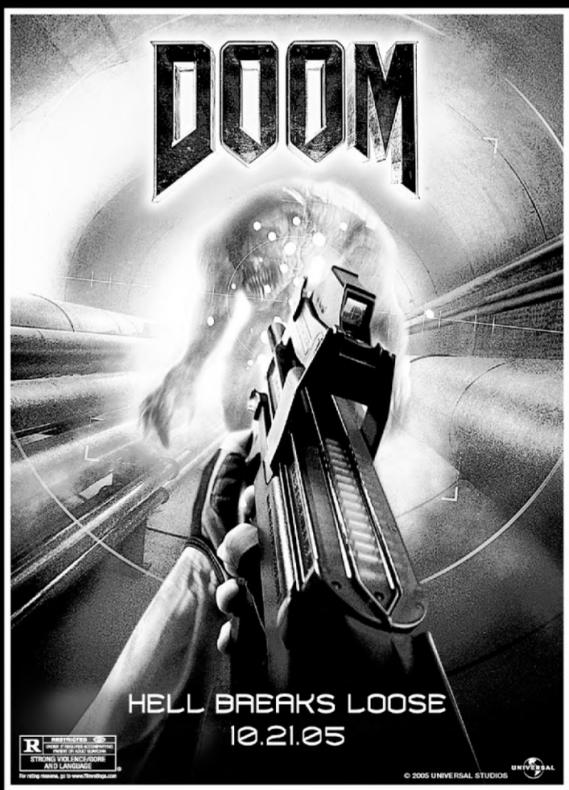
Hustler Video then used the footage for "Phat Tuesday," a film that follows five women who go to New Orleans for Mardi Gras and attend a Lil' Jon concert. Lil' Jon's picture appears on the DVD cover in a composite photograph with two of the film's actresses, with the words, "Featuring Lil' Jon, King of Crunk." Jon had no idea that his face was on the cover until the video was released in February, his suit says.

Lil' Jon's suit claims breach of contract, false advertising, infringement of right to publicity and appropriation of name and likeness. The crunk producer says he's been deprived of royalties, revenue and reputation. Had his name and likeness been properly licensed, he estimates he would have earned \$500,000.

Since his previous authorized video ("Lil' Jon's American Sex Series") generated "significant income," he estimates that the money made from a similar video, released while he was even more popular, "would have doubled."

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IN THEATRES OCTOBER 21

Kimberly Elise honored by Rising Star award



"I'm really proud of the choices that I've made and the integrity of the choices."

Electronic Urban Report

EUR caught up with acclaimed actress Kimberly Elise, who has been chosen to receive the prestigious Rising Star honor during the 2005 Black Movie Awards, taped at the Wiltern Theatre in Los Angeles for broadcast later on TNT.

"I'm just really blown away," the actress said of the tribute. "I've always felt I'm under the radar just quietly doing my thing, and come to know that I've made an impact and people have noticed what I'm doing, I'm really honored and touched."

Elise has followed up her starring role in the breakout film "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" with a plum part in the CBS crime drama "Close to Home," where she portrays a by-the-book lawyer who oversees an aggressive prosecutor in the DA's office. The setting for the new series is Indianapolis.

Elise's character, like the others on her resume, offers both a challenge for the Minneapolis native as well

as a reflection of her decision to portray characters of substance.

"I'm really proud of the choices that I've made and the integrity of the choices," says Elise, who has played everything from a bank robber ("Set It Off"), to the daughter of a former slave ("Beloved") to a victim of sexual abuse ("Woman Thou Art Loosed").

"I look at each project as a way to incorporate new lessons and to discover new things," she continued. "And I see that when I look at the body of work. There's a growth, and then when I hear from people, I realize how much it's impacted people and they appreciate the choices and the self respect that I have in my choices because it's a reflection on the images that are projected. And that's really what it's about, for me to continue to evolve and improve upon my craft."

The 2005 Black Movie Awards airs Oct. 19 at 10 p.m. on TNT. "Close to Home" airs Tuesdays at 10 p.m. on CBS.

Spike Lee shoots from the hip in authorized bio

By GREGORY McNAMEE

LOS ANGELES (Hollywood Reporter) — Shelton Jackson Lee came of age during the film renaissance of the 1970s, when just about anything seemed possible - if, that is, you had talent, skill, luck, connections.

Lee had talent and skill. He had some luck. He had a connection or two. He also had the stamina to help cross the invisible but real color line that ran across the aisles.

"People didn't really believe me when I told them that I was going to be a filmmaker," he tells London-based producer and journalist Kaleem Aftab in the early pages of *Spike Lee: That's My Story and I'm Sticking to It*. "They probably couldn't name any African-American filmmakers then."

Indeed, only a few Black directors were at work then, the best known of them Michael Schultz ("Car Wash"), Melvin Van Peebles ("Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song") and Gordon Parks ("Shaft"). "Taken together," Aftab remarks, "the precedents for Spike Lee's ambitions were not encouraging."

But Lee, whose childhood nickname Spike owed to bulldogish tenacity, would not be deterred. He worked his way through film school, made a thesis film that drew much praise (and whose sound recordist was classmate Ang Lee) and dreamed up movies a world away from the safe-as-milk visions of Eddie Murphy and Bill Cosby.

Hollywood wasn't ready for the challenge at first, but Lee pressed on, aided by such actors as Laurence Fishburne and Giancarlo Esposito, encouraged by the success of indie films by Jim Jarmusch and John Sayles.

Financing was the worst of his worries; to make "She's

Gotta Have It," his breakout film of 1986, he had, Lee recalls, "to put the money together nickel by nickel." Take him literally. As Aftab writes, if you knew Lee you were sure to be hit up for money in the winter of 1984-85, often repeatedly.

And to good purpose. The 84-minute feature cost an estimated \$160,000 to make but grossed more than \$7 million in release - enough to earn him attention from the major studios. Two years later, Columbia released "School Daze," which, to its surprise, proved the most profitable film of the year.

That film was something of a mess, its sequence of events difficult to follow; Lee's friend Nelson George, the film critic and author, observes that "you totally lose track of time in that film, you don't know what day of the weekend it is." Lee learned from the experience. For his next film, the iconic "Do the Right Thing," he confined the action to a single day. Thereafter his films, even the sprawling "Malcolm X," showed great concern for comprehensible narrative structure.

His body of work, now in its fourth decade and including such standout films as "25th Hour" and "Bamboozled," hasn't been Lee's only source of renown. Happily, the as-told-to and thus authorized book doesn't shy from addressing the many controversies in which Lee has found himself. Lee lives up to his nickname from page to page, making enemies of allies and sometimes baffling his closest admirers while making his films, themselves often the source of controversy.

The candor is welcome. So, too, is this look at Spike Lee's life and work to date, a career of overcoming obstacles to make art - and with masterpieces to come.

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JAMES BROWN AND WIFE FINANCE DOCUMENTARY

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The godfather of soul James Brown and his wife Tomi Rae Brown are putting their own money behind the biographical documentary, "Life on the Road With Mr. and Mrs. Brown," directed and produced by Sheila Lussier and Camille Solari.

The film is currently midway through shooting and features archival materials, as well as interviews, footage of the musician's recent concert tour and reflections from Tomi Rae - the lead vocalist in her husband's band.

The film will also touch on Tomi Rae Brown's own rock 'n' roll career, which began at age 15;

her former band, Hardly Dangerous; and Brown's 2004 arrest for domestic violence after she called 911.

Tomi Rae Brown serves as executive producer of the project, which costs between \$700,000 and \$1 million, according to Variety.



'Madagascar' will multiply

By GINA SERPE
From E! Online

DreamWorks has a bad case of jungle fever.

After grossing more than \$500 million worldwide to become the studio's most successful original movie to date, "Madagascar's" zoo crew is officially sequel-bound.

DreamWorks CEO Jeffrey Katzenberg announced plans for a follow-up to the summer computer-animated smash about four animals who escape their cushy lives in a zoo to search for a missing friend, only to find themselves en route to the wilds of Africa with a bunch of psycho penguins.

Katzenberg also announced that the film's A-list cast would be back for the second go-round, including Ben Stiller (Alex the lion), Chris Rock (Marty the zebra) and Jada Pinkett Smith (Gloria

the hippo).

"As a result of its tremendous box-office success, the potential to tell a new chapter in its story and the popularity of the film's characters, we are excited to announce that we are making 'Madagascar' our second company franchise - along with 'Shrek,'" Katzenberg said.

The critter cartoon, which opened in theaters May 27, has tallied \$192 million domestically and just hit the \$500 million mark in worldwide receipts. The original "Shrek" grossed slightly more domestically (\$268 million) and less worldwide (\$484 million); last year's sequel was even bigger, with \$441 million domestically and \$920 million worldwide. "Shrek 3" is on the drawing board for a 2007 release and "Shrek 4" has already been given the green light.

"Madagascar 2" is slated to hit theaters in 2008.

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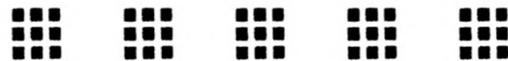
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Saxophonist Sherman Irby living on faith

"I believe my ancestors are looking after me and supporting me. I came to have the feeling that I am not alone out here. It's more than a belief in God, it's a connection to my family that has passed over and a sense they are there watching over me and my watching over my music."



Sherman Irby

By DEARDRA SHULER
Electronic Urban Report

The sweet rhythm of Sherman Irby's quartet wafted across the room and down 6th Avenue. The ancestors were in rapture as their spirits became one with the instruments and the musicians.

There was something both corporeal and spiritual in the air that encased musicians Sherman Irby, Larry Willis, Gerald Cannon and Willis Jones III in a melodic electrical charge of rhythmic blending. It was as if piano, bass, drum and saxophone somehow spoke the same language.

The group was white hot and put a slow burn on the Sweet Rhythm club, formerly

known as Sweet Basil.

The previous day, saxophonist Sherman Irby, was already wide-awake and composing music when we began our interview. Born in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Irby's mother encouraged him to broaden his horizon and learn an instrument. "I started out playing viola, then guitar. I played piano in church and then finally moved onto the saxophone. Once I started playing that, I knew I was home because the sax became my voice," claimed the talented artist.

"I am presently writing a concerto for quartet and full symphony orchestra. I have already done three or four pieces and have been working on this project for the last five years. It's turning out to be something special" claimed Sherman. "I listen to a lot of classical music and play different instruments in order to hear the sound and vibe. After a while, I start to see the orchestra as one big instrument, almost like a big organ where I see how all the colors meld together to make one sound."

Sherman is also working on a composition for a 16-piece jazz orchestra. "I am working on that and a few different things presently. I am blessed to have ideas and be in a position to implement them. For instance, my latest CD is entitled 'Faith.' I wrote it right after 9/11. I wrote a piece entitled 'Fight for Life.' You have faith, but you also have to take control of your own destiny. Life isn't easy but you have to win against the odds. You have to fight for life.

"My music says have faith. Stop worrying about what is going to happen tomorrow. Why fear. Enjoy the life you have since life is really about faith, no one knows what will happen from day-to-day."

A very spiritual man, Irby believes in the African religion. "I believe my ancestors are looking after me and supporting me. I came to have the feeling that I am not alone out here. It's more than a belief in God, it's a connection to my family that has passed over and a sense they are there watching over me and my watching over my music."



ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Art show to benefit mental health center

The Outsider Art Show at Midland Arts and Antiques Market features the showing and sale of visionary and contemporary folk art from dealers throughout the Midwest as well as outsider art and works by clients of Midtown Community Mental Health Center, a division of Wishard Health Services.

The show is free and open to the public on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Oct. 23 from noon to 4 p.m. In addition to the artists from Midtown, numerous contemporary and outsider artists and dealers, most from out of state, will offer their work. Midland Arts and Antiques Market is located at 907 E. Michigan St. in downtown Indianapolis.

An opening night preview party will kick-off the weekend on Oct. 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance and are available at Midland Arts and Antiques Market or by calling (317) 554-2703. Proceeds benefit Midtown Community Mental Health Center.

Poetry workshop

The Madame Walker Theatre Center in collaboration with the Writers' Center of Indiana will present a poetry workshop, "Poetry in Action" from 12:15 - 2 p.m. Oct. 22 in the Casino Ballroom of the Madame C.J. Walker Building located on Indiana Avenue just west of downtown Indianapolis.

National poet Aaren Yeatts Perry, author of the recently published Open Fire will lead the workshop. The workshop will explore the pleasures of language and new ways to bring them to readers of all ages. By examining both the playful aspects of poetry and its underlying seriousness, participants of the workshop will learn how poetry can enrich the environments they live in. Admission is \$10.

Visitors guide released

The Fall/Winter issue of the Indianapolis Convention & Visitors Association's (ICVA) award-winning visitors guide, formerly This is Indianapolis, has been released. The new issue features editorials showcasing a variety of Indianapolis offerings, including performing

arts, culture, restaurants, sporting events and historic and vibrant Indianapolis neighborhoods. In addition, information on accommodations, dining and shopping is included in the visitors' guide, as are informative maps and a featured events calendar. The guide is a resource that will help visitors and residents know that in Indianapolis it's so easy to do so much. For more information on Indianapolis, visit www.indy.org.

Ronen Chamber Ensemble concert

The Ronen Chamber Ensemble (RCE) will present its second concert of the season with a performance at the Cultural Arts Center of Hasten Hebrew Academy, 6602 Hoover Road, on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 7:30 p.m.

The performance is part of the Spirit & Place Festival, and marks RCE's first time participating in the event. For tickets or information, call RCE at (317) 846-9334 or visit www.ronenchamber.org. For the Nov. 8 concert, the Hasten Hebrew Academy may be contacted at (317) 251-1261 or dreznik@hhai.org.

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But depression isn't something a person can just snap out of and it's much more than a bad mood that will eventually go away. Although your child's condition may seem unshakable right now, her depression is a treatable illness with definite symptoms and effective treatments.

Your first consultation should be with your child's doctor, who probably will perform a complete examination to rule out physical illness. If depression is suspected, he or she may refer you to a psychiatrist (a medical doctor who can make a diagnosis, offer treatment, and may prescribe medicine); psychologist (a health professional who can diagnose and treat depression but is unable to write prescriptions); or licensed clinical social worker (a person who has a degree in social work and is qualified to treat childhood depression).

Your child's teacher, guidance counselor, or school psychologist also may be able to help you. These individuals may be first to notice the change in your child, and they may be first to alert you to the problem.

Don't put off your child's treatment. Early detection and diagnosis are key in treating children with depression. A child or adolescent psychiatrist or psychologist can perform a complete diagnostic evaluation. Your child's treatment plan may include counseling, medicine, or a combination of both.

The most common and effective antidepressants are the SSRIs (selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors), including fluoxetine, sertraline, paroxetine, and fluvoxamine. It may take some time to find the right medicine and dosage for your child.

Because depressed children often are critical of themselves and their worlds, cognitive therapy is especially effective in helping to change the way they think of themselves. For example, if your child thinks to herself, "I'm a bad person," she would then ask herself for evidence. Most of the time, there is no evidence or proof to back up these negative thoughts; it's simply the way the child perceives herself.

Studies show that the average duration of a depressive disorder is 6 to 8 months, but statistics vary from child to child, and a full recovery may take years. Ignoring depression can be dangerous because the illness can affect your child's social skills, as well as her concentration, energy level, and relationships with family and friends.

We Care Carnival



Above: During Healing Streams Word and Worship Center's We Care Carnival, Pastor A. Thomas Hill (middle) talks with former New Orleans residents Charlene and Ray Hubbard as their child Kyle takes a brief nap.



Right: Uriah Taylor gives Ski Harris a piggyback ride during the event.



Mike Holmes slides down an oversized slide at the carnival, which was dedicated to Hurricane Katrina survivors who have relocated to Indianapolis. (Photos/J. Hurst)



Pike Family Safety Festival

The Pike Township Fire Department recently held its Family Safety Festival at Intech Office Park. Diana Volda, a nurse with Methodist Hospital, helps youngsters climb into the Life Line helicopter.



Pike Township Trustee Lula Patton and Jay Vladiov take in the helicopter "that has saved lives."



Sekou Walton, an 11-year-old student from Lincoln Middle School, looks under the hood of a classic Opel GT. (Photos/J. Hurst)

Steppin' on the Avenue

Right: During the Steppin' on the Avenue event at the Madama Walker Theatre, Angela Harrington and Richard Phillips practice their moves.

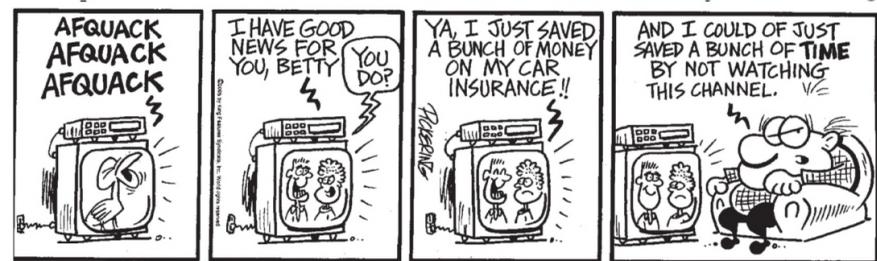
Far right: The Young Guns Bowling Team hosted the event. (Photos/J. Hurst)



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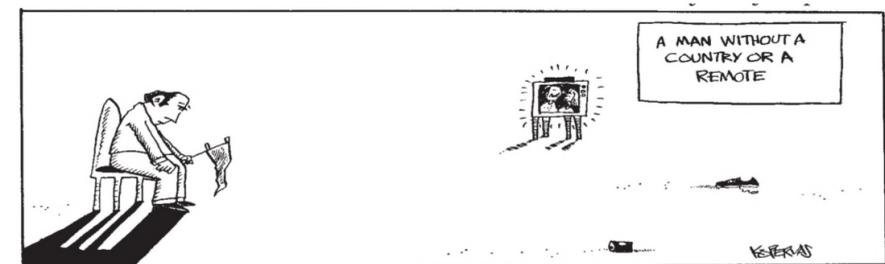
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Interracial marriages on the increase

By **JIM LOBE**
Special to the **NNPA**
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WASHINGTON (NNPA) — The number of interracial marriages in the United States increased more than 10-fold between 1970 and 2000, according to a new report which concludes that U.S. attitudes towards interracial dating and marriage have undergone a "sea of change" over the past generation.

Owing in part to increased immigration and higher education levels, the percentage of interracial couples grew from under 1 percent in 2000 to more than 5 percent of the estimated 57 million couples recorded in the 2000 Census, according to the report by the Washington-based Population Reference Bureau (PRB).

That translated into an increase from roughly 300,000 interracial couples in 1970 to 1.5 million in 1990 to more than 3 million in 2000, according to the 36-page report, "New Marriages, New Families: U.S. Racial and Hispanic Inter-marriage."

That trend, which shows no sign of slackening, suggests that the United States is shifting increasingly from a "salad bowl" - where racial groups maintain their separate identities and resist marrying outside their groups - to an updated "melting pot," where they are far more open to relations, including marriage, with people of a different race.

And interracial marriage means more bi- or even multiracial children. Of the 281 million people enumerated in the 2000 Census, more than 2.4 percent, or 7 million people, reported "multiple race," a figure that PRB suggested probably understates the actual number.

The 2000 Census was the first in which the "multiple race" category was listed as an option for respondents to check, along with 15 other categories, including 11 Asian and Pacific subgroups.

The "melting pot" metaphor became even more popular years ago when advertising executives on Madison Avenue remade the image of "Betty Crocker," a brand name of General Mills Inc., according to Rochelle Stanfield, writing in The National Journal.

"The Betty portrait is now in its eighth incarnation since the first composite painting debuted in 1936 with pale skin and blue eyes," she wrote in 2000. "Her new look is brown-eyed and dark-haired. She has a dusker complexion than her seven predecessors, with features representing an amalgam of white, Hispanic, Indian, African and Asian ancestry. In fact, a computer created Betty in the mid-1990s "by blending photos of 75 diverse women."

For purposes of the new PRB study, inter-marriage is defined as interracial - that is, between people from different racial groups, including white (75 percent of the total population), Black (12 percent), Asian and Pacific Islander (4 percent), American Indian (1 percent), "some other race" (almost all Hispanics) (6 percent), or multiple race (2 percent) - or interHispanic - which applied to individuals of Hispanic origin who married a non-Hispanic partner.

Those who identified themselves as Hispanics, who could also choose any race, constituted a total of 13 percent of the total. (Not all Hispanics chose the some other race [SOR] category.)

Aside from the more than five-fold increase in the percentage of interracial married couples, key findings of the report included:

- The typical interracial couple is a white person with a non-white spouse, while inter-marriage between two people from minority racial groups is relatively infrequent.

- Whites and Blacks have the lowest inter-marriage rates, while American Indians, Hawaiians, and multiple-race people have the highest. Asians and SOR people fall in-between.

- Black men are more likely to intermarry than Black women, while Asian women are more likely to intermarry than Asian men. Men and women from other racial groups, on the other hand, are equally likely to intermarry.

- About one-fourth of Hispanic couples are interHispanic, a rate that has been fairly stable since 1980.

- Younger and better-educated people in the U.S. are more likely to intermarry than older and less-educated citizens.

- U.S.-born Asians and Hispanics and foreign-born whites and Blacks are more likely to intermarry than foreign-born Asians and Hispanics and U.S.-born whites and Blacks.

- Between 1970 and 2000, the number of children living in interracial families increased nearly fourfold - from 900,000 to 3 million, while the number in interHispanic families increased nearly three-fold, from 800,000 to 2 million.

The study noted that changes in racial attitudes over the last 30 years clearly played a major role in the mushrooming of interracial marriages, which were illegal in most states at the end of the 19th century. As recently as 1945, the Legislature of California which, next to Hawaii, has become the country's most multiracial state, passed a law that banned marriage between whites and Negroes, mulattos, Mongolians (which included Chinese and Japanese), and Malays.

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7 Make waves?

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12 Watch

13 Temptation location

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16 Shaped like a bow

17 Lively dance

21 Complains

23 Ump

29 Rock's

30 -Cat

31 Wolf wail

32 Like Mussorg-sky's mountain

33 Clay, today

34 Offspring

36 Sale stipulation

37 Mrs. David Copperfield

38 Deejay Freed

39 "Crazy" ('80 film)

40 Sow's sweetheart

42 Outer limits

43 Furnish

44 Simon's "Plaza -"

45 Charge

47 Violinist Mischa

48 Big men on campus

49 Poet Rossetti

53 Carpentry or printing

56 Lloyd Webber musical

58 - bear

59 Congregational

60 Basilica feature

62 Public

64 Bumbling

65 "Graf -"

67 Australian city

68 Basic organism

69 Anesthesia type

71 Vintage

72 Band-leader's phrase

73 Russian lake

78 -shui

80 Zone

81 Turn blue?

82 Rocker Van Halen

84 "The Sound of Music" setting

85 Carrot or parsnip

86 Adjust an Amati

89 Tearjerker?

90 Made wine divine

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94 Theft

96 Intimidated

97 Big bang letters

98 "Wild -" ('60 hit)

99 Singer Janis

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104 Biscayne Bay city

105 Selling point

106 Mazda model

107 -d'Alene, ID

108 City on the Danube

109 Intoxicate

110 Show sorrow

111 Lose control

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Indianapolis named a hot American city for entrepreneurs



The top 10 large cities for entrepreneurs are:

1. Phoenix-Mesa, Ariz.
2. Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, N.C.-S.C.
3. Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, N.C.
4. Las Vegas, Nev.
5. Indianapolis
6. Washington-Baltimore
7. Atlanta
8. Nashville
9. Austin-San Marcos, Texas
10. Memphis

Special to the Recorder

Entrepreneur magazine and the National Policy Research Council named Indianapolis as the fifth hottest large city for entrepreneurs in the United States.

"I'm proud that Entrepreneur recognizes that Indianapolis is a great place to start and grow a business," Mayor Bart Peterson said. "We will continue to promote Indianapolis' low cost of doing business, skilled workforce, outstanding universities and strong government programs and incentives."

To create the list, an "entrepreneurial activity index" was used to measure the best places to start and grow a company. The index consisted of two key measures of entrepreneurship: business formation and business growth. The two measures were combined to calculate an overall entrepreneurial rank of best places to start and grow a business.

An example of the city's success in promoting entrepreneurship is BioCrossroads, Indiana's life sciences initiative that was formed in 2002. BioCrossroads is a collaboration of business, education and government officials that are working to promote and grow Indiana's life sciences community. It has raised almost \$80 million in venture capital funding.

"This study confirms that our efforts to build and align the right assets for entrepreneurs, especially in innovative industries like the life sciences, is a sound business strategy," said David Johnson, president and CEO of BioCrossroads. "The more we can support these types of small, emerging companies, the more likely we are to succeed in recognizing some very big opportunities."

Black Business Profile

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Products/services:
Byers Financial Group offers personal and commercial insurance products, mortgage financing, and income tax services.

Significant business advances/achievements:
We were voted the Outstanding Independent Agency by a regional organization called Smart Choice. That accomplishment is something we're extremely proud of because it's a testament to our hard work efforts.

Future goals:
Ultimately we'd like to expand our business by opening three additional offices in the greater Indianapolis area.

Why did you start this business and how has it grown?
This business was started because I wanted to address the needs in our community and to educate people on insurance and financial matters. The business has grown significantly over the years, as we now service the entire state of Indiana and portions of Mississippi and Ohio.

What are some of the obstacles you faced and how did you overcome them?
One of the main obstacles we faced was informing clients of the importance of being educated on insurance matters. It's great to have insurance, but you also have to be educated on your various policies and financial obligations. This problem was addressed by hosting free information sessions at various churches and civic organizations.

Who does your business best serve and why?
Though we service anyone who has insurance or financial needs; lower- to-middle income level individuals are the ones that really benefit from our services because they generally suffer the most due to lack of knowledge. At Byers Financial Group, we protect our clients by effectively educating them on their insurance and financial needs.

How has your business helped to meet the needs of your clients?
We've helped to meet the needs of our clients by providing quality insurance and financial services to those who need it most.

Where did you get the name of your business and does it have any significant meaning?
The name signifies the Byers family tradition of helping others. Financial Group represents the subject matter we have to advance for our clients in the areas of investment, IRA rollovers, mortgage taxes, insurance and a host of variable products.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

State agencies 'Link Up' communities with phone service discounts

By BARATO BRITT
Recorder Correspondent

In this information age, the world has become smaller due to advances in communications technology.

More and more homes are connecting to each other on a global scale, leaving families lacking basic phone service at an even greater risk of being left behind.

For nearly a decade, discounts have been available to income-eligible families via the Life Line and Link Up programs. The programs were created under the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, and offer consumers assistance both in phone service connection and in their regular bills. The programs are available through more than 40 local telephone service providers in the state of Indiana.

Households can qualify for Lifeline and Link-Up if their annual income is at or below 135 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. Families can also qualify through participation in any one of seven assistance programs: Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), food stamps, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), federal public housing assistance, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) or the National School Free Lunch Program.

For Lifeline, the monthly discount varies by phone company, but customers can expect it to be in the \$8-\$10 range. Link-Up covers half of a consumer's connection charge for local phone service (with a \$30 cap). A consumer would then have a year to pay off any balance on that connection charge with no interest payments.

While qualifying families



need only to complete a simple application to apply, recent surveys conducted in high poverty areas indicate less than 15 percent of qualified consumers have ever heard of either program.

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) and the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) are working to change this dilemma facing far too many Hoosier families.

In the effort to promote various phone service discounts directly to income-eligible families, the agencies launched a grassroots communications and media campaign under the Telephone Assistance Program (TAP) banner to engage consumers through aggressive grassroots and media outreach.

According to Anthony Swinger, public information officer for the OUCC, the agency's hope is that the TAP will begin a domino effect

in which more consumers not only apply, but share the knowledge with other eligible families.

"Many people who qualify for Lifeline and Link-Up simply aren't aware that the programs are available," Swinger said. "We're hoping to change that through our grassroots and media efforts, and hope others will help spread the word to their families and in their neighborhoods, churches and any organizations they may be part of. We want people to know that this assistance is available to consumers who qualify."

Lifeline and Link-Up do not pay for long distance phone service. However, they can keep consumers connected to basic local service. Without a land line, many families run the risk of diminished access to critical services.

"You never know when you may need to call 911 or need a telephone for an urgent

Loans for small business

The Neighborhood Self-Employment Initiative and the Central Indiana Women's Business Center will offer a free workshop on Does Your Business Need Cash Loans for Small Business on Oct. 22 at 9 a.m. at the English Foundation Building, 615 N. Alabama St. The two-hour workshop is for individuals who want to get up to speed on small business bank loans and three non-traditional small business loan sources: Indianapolis Microloan Fund, Small Business Loan Fund and the SBA Community Express Loan program.

Workshop pre-registration is required. Registrations can be made by calling (317) 917-3266 or by going to the Web site www.nsbiz.org.

African-American jobless rate high

WASHINGTON — The African-American unemployment rate in September was nearly double the national average. According to a report released last week by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the jobless rate for Blacks last month was 9.2 percent as compared to the national average of 5.1 percent.

"Today's African-American unemployment numbers are yet another example of how President Bush and the Republican Congress are out of touch with the plight of hard-working American families," House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi said.

A news release from Pelosi said Democrats have proposed a New Partnership for America's Future, which would create 10 million new jobs and help close the health care gap for minorities.



James Byers (left) shakes hands with Huerta Tribble, one of his commercial clients, after the two come to an agreement on a business deal. (Photo/J. Hurst)

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YOUR MONEY MATTERS

Saving for the college dream

By **MICHAEL G. SHINN**
For the Recorder



African Americans have long viewed education as the path to freedom and the road to the American dream. "African Americans are saving as much or even more for education than whites," according to the 2000 Ariel Mutual Funds/Charles Schwab & Co. Black Investor Survey of high-income families.

In addition, "more African Americans than whites cite education as the key to financial success." The payoff is that college graduates earn 80 percent more than high school graduates.

However, according to the College Board, the average cost of a four-year college education ranges from \$50,000 at a public school to \$100,000 at a private college and is rising at a 5 percent to 8 percent annual clip. How can most families afford it?

Independent 529 Plan

There is a number of college saving plans available. Independent 529 Plan (I-529) is one of the newer options and was launched in September 2003 by a consortium of private colleges.

I-529 is the first national prepaid tuition program that enables families to save for private higher education. Students can choose from over 250 private colleges, including Historically Black Colleges such as Dillard, Spelman, and Clark Atlanta.

Just after its launch, BusinessWeek named Independent 529 Plan a "Best Product of 2003." Similarly, CNN Money, in September 2003, reported

to parents of college-bound kids that Independent 529 Plan may be "the best option yet for stretching your college cash."

How I-529 works

I-529 is a prepaid tuition plan that enables the parent to lock in future tuition costs at less than today's prices. Purchasers are actually buying a percentage of college tuition at the current rate. Funds deposited are guaranteed by participating colleges to represent a fixed percentage of their tuition no matter how much tuition may increase in the future.

Basically investment risk and tuition inflation risk are transferred from the family to the participating colleges.

For example, if a parent pays \$5,000 of a current \$10,000 tuition rate, that parent has bought 50 percent of the annual tuition. In 15 years, if the tuition has risen to \$30,000, the student receives a tuition credit of \$15,000 from I-529. In addition, I-529 provides a certificate discount that reduces the purchase of future tuition to less than current prices.

If used at a participating private college, the plan offers both freedom from tuition inflation and investment risk. Additionally, the increase in benefit value is tax-free and I-529 charges no sales, application or maintenance fees.

I-529 disadvantages

There are some disadvantages to I-529. First, the child may not choose a participating college from the list or may not choose to attend college at all. Plan assets may be rolled over into a 529 savings plan,* which can be used at any college in the country. Funds that are transferred out of I-529 are subject to a 2 percent annual cap on investment

returns or losses, which is not a significant return.

Additionally, if the child does not use the tuition certificate, the parent can change the designated beneficiary to a different family member. (as defined by the federal 529 rules).

Another disadvantage of I-529 is the negative impact it may have on financial aid eligibility. Because I-529 prepaid tuition proceeds are generally regarded as an immediately expendable student resource, the account value will most likely be subtracted from the child's financial aid awards.

A college education is a major family investment, which can pay significant dividends during the working life of an individual. Independent 529 Plan offers important investment, tax and inflation protection opportunities. Two Websites that provide more detailed information are: www.BlackAmericaWeb.com and www.BlackWealthNetwork.com.

*Investors should consider their investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses associated with municipal fund securities before investing. This information is found in the issuer's official statement and should be read carefully before investing. Before investing, investors should consider whether the investor's or beneficiary's home state offers any state tax or other benefits available only from that state's 529 Plan.

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Seniors warned of possible fraudulent prescription drug plans

Special to the Recorder

The Indiana Attorney General's office has alerted senior citizens that Medicare prescription drug coverage plans can market their products to the more than 922,000 Indiana Medicare recipients, which began Oct. 1.

Seniors are being told to be aware of certain marketing rules, including a prohibition of enrollment prior to Nov. 15.

"Seniors will begin hearing a lot more about Medicare prescription drug plans and they should be cautious if confronted with overzealous or unscrupulous sales tactics," said Attorney General Steve Carter. "Don't take someone's word for granted if they claim to represent a 'Medicare approved' company; always double check to ensure the company is legitimate."

In order to protect themselves from fraud and potential identity theft, Medicare beneficiaries should familiarize themselves with certain guidelines and rules.

Government approved prescription drug coverage

plans will have a "Medicare Approved" seal on their materials. People who are legitimately working with Medicare cannot make door-to-door sales calls or send solicited e-mails; however they can call people about a plan as long as they follow the state's Do Not Call law.

Medicare recipients should not give out personal information (such as Social Security numbers, bank account numbers, and credit card numbers) to plan representatives, because plans are not allowed to request such personal information in their marketing activities.

A Medicare provider is also prohibited from enrolling consumers into a drug coverage plan or from asking consumers to pay for a drug plan over the phone unless the consumer is adding prescription drug coverage to a Medicare Advantage Plan or other Medicare health plan already in place. Medicare providers won't ask for payment over the Internet, rather they are required to send a bill if a consumer enrolls online.

The new prescription drug

coverage is effective January 2006 and is available to all Medicare participants regardless of their financial status. Low income seniors will receive extended benefits, but the average Medicare participant will receive a minimum of \$1,200 to \$1,400 benefit to their prescription drug cost.

"The bottom line is that a program like this is bound to attract con artists who will find ways to trick the public," Carter added. "The more we can spread the word about the possibility of fraud, the more we can help people avoid becoming victims."

Consumers should be aware the Social Security Administration (SSA) has contracted with NCS Pearson Inc. and its partner, West Corporation, to conduct follow-up telephone calls to individuals who have not responded to its mass mailing of low-income subsidy forms for the upcoming Medicare prescription drug benefit.

When these calls are made, the callers will clearly identify themselves as employees of NCS Pearson and the West

Corporation calling on behalf of the Social Security Administration.

The vendor will follow a closely monitored script designed to remind individuals about the importance of completing and mailing the application back to Social Security if the individual is interested in filing.

The vendor will not ask for any personal information such as Social Security numbers, dates of birth, income or resource information, etc.

If a Medicare beneficiary receives a call from someone claiming to be a Social Security employee and is at all suspicious, they should:

- Ask the caller for their name and telephone number to call them back.
- Hang up and call Social Security immediately at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to confirm that the call is legitimate.

Additional information about the Medicare prescription drug plans is available for beneficiaries at www.medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE.

LINK UP

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reason. These programs can make all the difference in getting people connected and keeping them connected," Swinger said.

Infinite Incorporated, a minority owned marketing communications agency, is spearheading the grassroots portion of TAP. The group has engaged the community via week-end canvassing efforts, retail partnerships and community focus meetings in Marion and Lake counties.

"People appreciate that we are bringing resourceful information to them," said Tysha Hardy-Sellers, Infinite's CEO. "Our canvassing teams are receiving good feedback from the people they meet in various neighborhoods. They are asking for more information and passing it on to others who need it. We are also working with a number of faith-based, community-based and social organizations to get the word out. Resources are available; we just need to make sure that as a community we do our best to help people access them."

Getting connected through Link-Up and staying connected through Lifeline is as simple as filling out a one-page application and send-

ing it to your local phone company. When consumers call their local phone company to request an application, the OUCC advises they should specifically mention "Lifeline/Link-Up" and also ask if the company requires any proof of eligibility, such as a photocopy of a document showing your participation in one of the qualifying programs.

The one-page application is also available at the OUCC Web site, www.openlines.IN.gov, or by calling the OUCC consumer services staff at (317) 232-2494. Consumers can also receive applications from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission's consumer affairs division at (317) 232-2700.

Completed applications must be sent directly to local telephone companies; the OUCC cannot process them or determine eligibility. However, the agency can provide blank applications for consumers to fill out. Upon request, the agency can also provide applications in bulk to community groups, churches and other organizations that may know people who qualify.

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GAME POINT

DEFENSE KEEPS TEAM ROLLING

COLTS UNDEFEATED

By **BARATO BRITT**
 Recorder Correspondent

One of the most telling indicators that separate championship caliber teams from pretenders is the ability to avoid the proverbial let down.

All too often, teams that believe they will compete at the end for championships get derailed by lesser teams looking to play the part of spoiler.

The Indianapolis Colts are still trying to figure out just which team they are, but after last week's 28-3 dismantling of the rebuilding San Francisco 49ers, the squad is clearly taking every team seriously.

In what has become eerily common this year, the Colts overcame sloppy play on the offensive end with the league's stingiest defense more than picking up the slack, in turn ruining No. 1 pick quarterback Alex Smith's first professional start.

The defense forced the rookie into throwing four picks and added five sacks for good measure.

Now the NFL's lone undefeated team, the 5-0 Colts find themselves the true front-runners to contend for a Super Bowl bid.

"We're certainly excited about being 5-0 and getting our third road victory," said Colts head coach Tony Dungy. "It's exciting to watch us come together and win games in a lot of different ways."

While they might be used to teams coming with a little extra when Indy comes to town, the Colts are certainly not used to being a team known for its defensive prowess.

After five weeks of holding

teams to an average of less than six points per game, the unit has overshadowed an offense that, while still out of sorts, is still considered the most talented in the league.

Cynics will argue that one of the reasons the defense has shined may also be the reason the Colts have blazed to a fast start; their schedule is front loaded with lesser teams that likely will not be playing in the post season. True indeed, their second half schedule will provide their biggest tests, with Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and of course the defending champion Patriots looming after the bye.

Indianapolis will host the St. Louis Rams Monday night, putting the team on the national stage in prime time. The enigmatic Rams currently rank fourth in the league in yards per game, but have not been able to translate that into victories, losing three of their first five including a loss to the 49ers in week one.

Like the Colts, the Rams have been known in recent years for their explosive offense. And, though former Colt and league MVP Marshall Faulk has slowed a bit, the Rams still possess dangerous weapons on offense, none tougher than perennial pro-bowl wide receiver Torry Holt.

The Colts are again heavily favored to come out of Monday night's match up on top, but the new challenge facing a higher ranked offense, in addition to avoiding disappointment, may be all that's needed to keep this team on its record setting defensive pace.



Colts defensive tackle Corey Simon sacks San Francisco 49ers rookie quarterback Alex Smith. Smith, the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft was sacked five times by the Colts defense.

Colts to host Rams on Monday Night Football

By **ERICKA P. THOMPSON**
 Staff Writer

The Indianapolis Colts will enter their first Monday Night Football appearance of the season against the St. Louis Rams as the only unbeaten team in the NFL. The Rams (2-3) will be without

their head coach Mike Martz, who is taking an indefinite leave of absence due to a bacterial infection in his heart. This will undoubtedly give the Rams a boost of confidence where they will try and prove they can win without their head coach and do so against the best team in the league.

The Colts on the other hand will try to keep their win streak alive, doing so with quarterback

Peyton Manning's precision passing and its stifling defense, which has only allowed 5.8 points in five games.

Indianapolis is 14-10 on Monday Night and 5-3 as the host. This will be the first of three Monday appearances in one season since 1978, the second being against the New England Patriots on Nov. 7 and the third against the Pittsburgh Steelers Nov. 28.

Who: Indianapolis Colts (5-0) vs. St. Louis Rams (2-3)

What: Monday Night Football

When: Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. (EST)

Where: RCA Dome

FULL CIRCLE

Chuck Person coaching the Pacers

By **ERICKA P. THOMPSON**
 Staff Writer



It's been nearly 20 years since the Indiana Pacers drafted Chuck Person No. 4 in the 1986 NBA draft.

After a 14-year career with stints in Minnesota, San Antonio, Charlotte and Seattle, Person is back where he started.

"I think its come full circle," he said. "I was drafted by Donnie Walsh and was hired by Donnie Walsh. I played against Larry Bird, and now to work for him I don't take this for granted. I'm looking forward to going out there and working my hardest for the franchise, coach Carlisle and the players."

Before being hired to fill a vacancy left by Mike Brown, who is now head coach for the Cleveland Cavaliers, Person spent two years in the front office as a special assistant to the Basketball Division for the Pacers.

"The opportunity to be on

the bench in the NBA really is an honor. I'm going to respect the game like I respected it when I played," Person said. "I have to really learn from a guy (coach Rick Carlisle) who is one of the best coaches in the league. I'm looking forward to the opportunity."

Nicknamed the "Rifleman" in his heyday, he was known to knock down a jumper or two or eight, Person ranks ninth on Indiana's all-time scoring list with 9,096 points. He played college ball at Auburn University where he was the school's all-time leading scorer.

He'll now help head coach Carlisle along with three other coaches, coach one of the best teams in the NBA.

"It was great news to me when I lost Mike Brown because he knows our team. I see him as a guy who is a very talented coaching prospect," Carlisle said. "Chuck has a great knowledge of the game and a great intellectual curiosity of the game."

Person also receives high praise from All-star power forward Jermaine O'Neal who says he also respects the Alabama native's basketball IQ.

"I think his knowledge itself has helped me, and a lot of other guys too," he said. "I think it was a good situation bringing in Chuck who I'm used to and I know pretty well and he knows me pretty well. It's a lot easier to accept a guy that knows your game and you can trust what he says. Chuck Person is that guy for me."

"I'm looking forward to going out there and working my hardest for the franchise, coach (Rick) Carlisle and the players."

-Chuck Person (Photo/W. Thomas)

Five things I think

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Throughout the course of a week there are so many crazy, unbelievable, unthinkable, wonderful and not so wonderful things that take place in the world of sports.

I wish I could share my opinion on each issue that either disturbs me, excites me or disappoints me, but unfortunately I can't. Besides, most of you probably wouldn't want to hear about it anyway.

But there are five things that I think you would like to know my opinion on.

1. I think the New York Knicks are fools for trading Tim Thomas, Michael Sweetney and Jermaine Jackson to Chicago for center Eddie Curry. When the Bulls demanded that Curry take a DNA test to find out if he was susceptible to cardiomyopathy, a heart condition that killed former Boston Celtics guard Reggie Lewis and Loyola Marymount star Hank Gathers he refused. When people refuse to show proof on anything, they're hiding something.

2. I think Jermaine O'Neal can lead the Indiana Pacers to the NBA Finals. Not only did Reggie Miller pass the leader torch to O'Neal two years ago, Larry Bird, Pacers president of basketball operations, has been vocal about his leadership has well. Every player on the roster understands that O'Neal is the leader of the team and respects it, and to me that's more important than Miller and Bird.

3. I think when the Indianapolis Colts win the Super Bowl (yes, I said when.) they're still not going to receive any respect. The excuses will be that the New England Patriots were injured all season, the AFC gave no competition therefore home field advantage was easy and the Super Bowl was indoors.

4. Thanks to Matt Leiner and Reggie Bush at USC, Marcus Vick at Virginia Tech, Vince Young at Texas, Charlie Weis, Brady Quinn and Darius Walker at Notre Dame, the entire Alabama football team and old school Joe Paterno at Penn State I think this is the best college football we've had in a long, long time.

5. I think the Minnesota Vikings and Randy Moss are missing one another terribly.

NBA EASTERN CONFERENCE PREVIEW

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The Eastern Conference is no longer the ugly stepchild to its Western Conference foes.

After the Detroit Pistons won the title in 2004, Shaq retreated from Los Angeles to Miami. Chris Webber joined Allen Iverson in Philly, LeBron James brought the fans and plenty of attention back to Cleveland and Jason Kidd, Richard Jefferson and Vince Carter hooked up in New Jersey, the East is finally proving they can withstand the West's competition.

Atlantic Division

Boston Celtics (45-37)

The Boston Celtics always find a way to win, but with Antoine Walker leaving Paul Pierce to train a load of young players, victories may be difficult to come by.

After shipping Walker and Gary Payton to Miami, the Celtics become one of the youngest teams in the NBA after adding high school phenom Gerald Green to the mix whom they chose as their top draft pick.

All eyes will be on Pierce who may seem to be happy, but his patience will definitely be tested and that happiness may disappear sooner than later.

Still, the Celtics are a talent team and do have some veteran leadership in Raef LaFrentz and Ricky Davis. The challenge will be if coach Doc Rivers can keep the team under control for 82 games.

Player to watch: Al Jefferson

Though inconsistent during his rookie year, Jefferson showed that he had mounds of talent that just needed to be uncovered.

He averaged 6.6 points, 4.8 rebounds playing less than 15 minutes per game. Powerful, mature and willing to learn, Jefferson will be key to how well the Celtics play this season.

2004-05 team stats:

Points scored: 101.3 (5th)
Points allowed: 100.4 (22nd)
Field goal percentage: 46.8 (3rd)
Opponents' field goal percentage: 44.4 (12th)

Philadelphia 76ers (43-39)

After 10 years in the league Allen Iverson is finally happy and he likes practice.

"I feel like in the 10 years that I've been playing, the atmosphere should have always been like it is," The Answer told the Associated Press. "I should have always wanted to come to work every day and not play hard or go after people because I was upset about something."

Why the new attitude? New coach Maurice Cheeks, former All-Star and 76er point guard.

With Cheeks on board and Chris Webber in town for the entire season everyone's feeling the brotherly love.

But if either All-star fall to injury, Philly won't make it to the post season.

Player to watch: Andre Iguodala

I'm not saying this because I'm an Arizona Wildcat fan, well not really. Truthfully, I believe Iguodala is the most talented player on the roster after Iverson and Webber.

He improved noticeably throughout his rookie season and was the only rookie to record a triple-double. He's athletic, explosive and will one day win Defensive Player of the Year.

2004-05 stats:

Points scored: 99.1 (10th)
Points allowed: 99.9 (23rd)
Field goal percentage: 43.7 (23rd)
Opponents' field goal percentage: 44.3 (11th)

New Jersey Nets (42-40)

With the Brooklyn movement aside, the New Jersey Nets' main goal will be trying to recapture its spot on the top of the conference.

Now that Jason Kidd, Richard Jefferson and Vince Carter are all seemingly healthy, they're eager to prove that they can play together and win.

Not only has Kidd finally been able to rest during the offseason, Nets management found him a legitimate back up in Jeff McInnis who will keep the offense moving while he rests.

While all of the attention has gone to the changes in Miami, I think the Nets should receive the Best Makeover Award.

Along with McInnis, the addition of Lamond Murray gives them a 3-point threat off the bench and Marc Jackson and Scott Padgett help give a strong frontline presence that hasn't been seen in recent years.

Player to watch: Vince Carter

Reborn and happy in New Jersey, if Carter can stay healthy the Nets should be able to compete with Miami, Detroit

and Indiana as one of the top teams in the East.

Carter has to prove that he can play consistently at a high level alongside Kidd and Jefferson.

2004-05 stats:

Points scored: 91.4 (29th)
Points allowed: 92.9 (6th)
Field goal percentage: 42.9 (29th)
Opponents' field goal percentage: 43.9 (9th)

Toronto Raptors (33-49)

With Vince Carter in New Jersey, the Toronto Raptors unofficially named Chris Bosh as the cornerstone of the franchise.

In a rebuilding phase, it's up to Bosh to make sure the Raptors don't disappear amongst the more talented, deeper and powerful teams.

Averaging 16.8 points, 8.9 rebounds and 1.4 blocks last season while recording 32 double-doubles, there's no doubt that Bosh has talent, his challenge will be to continue leading the team by his actions.

Alongside Bosh there are still talented veterans that will help the Raptors through this rebuilding process including Jalen Rose, Eric Williams and Morris Peterson.

Player to watch: Joey Graham

Picked No. 16 by the Raptors in the draft, Graham should make an immediate impact on the team. He can shoot and is strong and tough enough to play against more experienced players.

2004-05 stats:

Points scored: 99.7 (7th)
Points allowed: 101.4 (25th)
Field goal percentage: 44.4 (19th)
Opponents' field goal percentage: 46.7 (29th)

New York Knicks (33-49)

This is a team full of ifs.

If Stephon Marbury can change his style to fit new coach Larry Brown's coaching the Knicks will be a good team.

If Brown can figure out a way to undo all of the mess the Knicks have gotten themselves into over the last few years they should be a pretty good team.

If Channing Frye proves to be the talented player everyone believes he is, he may start if Eddie Curry isn't ready. If possible, Brown may turn Marbury into a shooting guard (since he likes to shoot so much) and give Jamal Crawford a run at point guard.

If teams don't watch out, the Knicks will come up from behind and surprise you because they have THE best coach in the NBA.

Player to watch: Stephon Marbury

If Larry Brown can turn Chauncey Billups into a distributor first, shooter second it's highly possible he can do the same for Marbury.

Marbury will learn quickly what Allen Iverson and Billups already know, Brown is good. He led Iverson to the Finals in 2001 and Billups has a championship ring.

2004-05 stats:

Points scored: 97.3 (14th)
Points allowed: 99.7 (18th)
Field goal percentage: 45.1 (11th)
Opponents' field goal percentage: 46.5 (28th)

Central Division

Detroit Pistons (54-28)

The Pistons were 12 minutes away last season from returning to the Finals to try and repeat as NBA champions.

The most notable change in the organization is coach Larry Brown who has been replaced by Flip Saunders. Now we'll be able to see who was key to Detroit's success, the team or the coach?

The starting line up has remained untouched and is THE best starting five in the league.

A weak bench last year, this season the additions of Dale Davis and Maurice Evans should help some.

Detroit fans should finally be able to dissect the skills of the former No. 2 pick Darko Milicic.

Player to watch: Darko Milicic

Several questions surround Milicic: was he really worthy of the No. 2 pick, can he play, will he play, should he play?

Under Saunders these questions should be answered.

2004-05 stats:

Points scored: 93.3 (24th)
Points allowed: 89.5 (2nd)
Field goal percentage: 44.4 (17th)
Opponents' field goal percentage: 43.2 (5th)

Chicago Bulls (47-35)

Nobody expected the Bulls to be as good as they were. After a 0-9 start, Chicago surprised everyone by not only

making the playoffs but also doing so convincingly.

This year though, they won't jump out and yell, "Surprise!" on any team.

Returning to the post season should be an attainable task but now that their talent has been exposed it'll be more challenging.

After locking down point guard Chris Duhon, Bulls management also signed Tyson Chandler and Othella Harrington to deals.

They traded Eddie Curry to the Knicks for Jermaine Jackson, Tim Thomas and Michael Sweetney, which will add depth and power to the Bulls' line up.

Player to watch: Tyson Chandler

Signing a long-term deal adds more than money to your pocket.

After shipping Curry and Antonio Davis to New York, Chandler will be counted on to step up, make plays and provide a presence in the middle.

He will have to score the ball more down low now that Curry isn't there.

2004-05 stats:

Points scored: 94.5 (21st)
Points allowed: 93.4 (7th)
Field goal percentage: 43.2 (26th)
Opponents' field goal percentage: 42.2 (1st)

Indiana Pacers (44-38)

After a season of injuries and suspensions, the Indiana Pacers are prepared to overtake the Detroit Pistons as the top team in the East.

If they can avoid injuries and suspensions, they should be the favorite to win the Eastern Conference.

With Jermaine O'Neal in the leadership role - now that Reggie Miller has retired - Ron Artest back in the line up, Jamaal Tinsley recovered from a foot injury with a talented back up in Sarunas Jasikevicius and Stephen Jackson feeling comfortable at his original shooting guard position, the Pacers have the best team in the NBA.

If everyone stays on the same page, Indiana may do something they haven't done since the ABA days: win a championship.

Player to watch: Ron Artest

Artest has been a question mark since he entered the NBA. He's talented, arguably the best small forward in the league and has tenacious defense, but no one knows what he's going to do from one minute to the next.

He says he's changed and is ready to contribute to help the Pacers win. If so, watch out.

2004-05 stats:

Points scored: 93.0 (25th)
Points allowed: 92.2 (5th)
Field goal percentage: 43.2 (25th)
Opponents' field goal percentage: 44.0 (10th)

Cleveland Cavaliers (42-40)

The Cavs were another Eastern Conference team that made big adjustments during the offseason adding Alan Henderson, Damon Jones, Donyell Marshall and Larry Hughes to help LeBron James reach the playoffs.

The most significant moves were made in the backcourt with Jones and Hughes both who will add a much needed shooting touch.

Though the Cavs re-signed Zydrunas Ilgauskas, the frontcourt still isn't strong enough to compete and make an impact in the paint, which could be the team's deciding factor towards the end of the season.

Player to watch: LeBron James

Who else is there to watch?

Last year people thought James had a solid surrounding cast to make a push towards the playoffs but when 82 games started feeling like 82 games they lost their touch and fired their coach, Paul Silas.

This year, people are saying it again. James has a talented team around him that he can make better to reach the post season. Let's hope so because if not, James will begin to feel the heat.

2004-05 stats:

Points scored: 96.5 (17th)
Points allowed: 95.7 (11th)
Field goal percentage: 44.7 (15th)
Opponents' field goal percentage: 45.2 (19th)

Milwaukee Bucks (30-52)

If the Bucks can put the pieces together, they're a talented enough team to challenge for the fifth or sixth playoff spot.

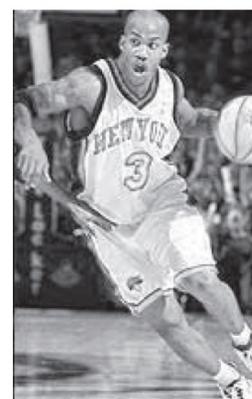
Luck was on their side during the off-season first landing the No. 1 pick in the draft and choosing Andrew Bogut, then they re-signed Michael Redd, signed Bobby Simmons and T.J. Ford was cleared to play.

A new coach in Terry Stotts, who likes to run and score quickly, all the Bucks need is a little oil here and there

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New Jersey forward Vince Carter dunks over Boston forward Al Jefferson.



Stephon Marbury

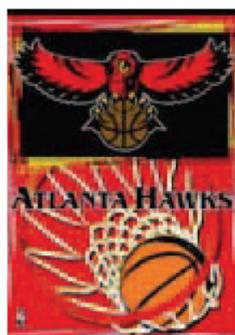


LeBron James



Ron Artest

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and they'll be tuned and ready to go.

This is a team where on paper talent should transfer to on court talent.

Player to watch: Andrew Bogut
Bogut was one of the few draft prospects ready to play in the NBA.

Though he's inexperienced, I think Bogut will surprise a lot of people and be a presence down low, score, rebound and block shots.

Last year the Bucks didn't have a low post threat and now they do with Bogut.

2004-05 stats:
Points scored: 97.2 (15th)
Points allowed: 100.2 (20th)
Field goal percentage: 45.0 (13th)
Opponents' field goal percentage: 46.4 (27th)

Southeast Division

Miami Heat (59-23)
Whoever can show how this team is going to gel and play well together should win \$1 million. Shaquille O'Neal cried after the Finals that he didn't have the ball in his hands enough and he expects about 30 touches per game. Add that to the fact that Jason Williams, Anoiné Walker, Dwyane Wade and Gary Payton are all in love with having the ball, some sort of catastrophe is bound to happen.

It was clear last season that O'Neal and Wade needed help after the No. 1 team in the East had no chance against the San Antonio Spurs. The big question is did the Heat added too much help?

Player to watch: Dwyane Wade
In only his third NBA season, Wade has not only become the leader of the Miami Heat, but he's one of the best players in the league.

He'll learn a lot about team this season and if he can keep his head on straight it'll say a lot about his character.

2004-05 stats:
Points scored: 101.5 (4th)
Points allowed: 95.0 (8th)
Field goal percentage: 48.6 (1st)
Opponents' field goal percentage: 42.7 (4th)

Washington Wizards (45-37)
Posting a 45-win season and finishing second in the Southeast division shined a light on a very gifted Washington Wizard team.

Next to the New Jersey Nets, I think the Wizards had the second best offseason, trading troubled Kwame Brown to the Lakers for Caron Butler and Chucky Atkins. They then stole Antonio Daniels from the Seattle SuperSonics and added Calvin Booth to the roster.

The loss of Larry Hughes may be felt if Daniels and Butler don't step up immediately and fill the gap.

Gilbert Arenas is the definite star on the team and if he can rally this team like he did last year, they'll be back in the playoffs.

Player to watch: Antonio Daniels
Since Washington has added so many quality players, the pressure Daniels would have been feeling has slightly subsided.

Still, filling the shoes of a player like Hughes would be a tough challenge for any player and all eyes will be on Daniels to see if he

can do it.

2004-05 stats:
Points scored: 100.5 (6th)
Points allowed: 100.8 (23rd)
Field goal percentage: 43.7 (24th)
Opponents' field goal percentage: 45.9 (25th)

Orlando Magic (36-46)
The problem with the Magic last season wasn't their scoring, but it was stopping the other team from scoring.

Winning 36 games and having the third-worst defense in the league isn't going to get the job done.

Enter new coach Brian Hill who coached the Magic from 1993-96 when they enjoyed three straight 50-plus win seasons. He should be able to slow down the offense (because they don't have the speed or ball handling ability to run without turning the ball over like the Phoenix Suns) and give the team a defensive mentality.

To improve, this team will have to be all about control and tempo.

Player to watch: Dwight Howard
A year older and a year wiser, Howard will be looked upon to make big things happen.

Averaging a double-double (12 points and 10 rebounds) last season he proved that he could play with the big boys. Now he has to prove that he can keep improving.

2004-05 stats:
Points scored: 99.1 (9th)
Points allowed: 101.8 (28th)
Field goal percentage: 45.4 (9th)
Opponents' field goal percentage: 45.1 (14th)

Charlotte Bobcats (18-64)

The Bobcats did what they were supposed to do last year, compete and learn.

They lost a lot of close games including a 117-116 overtime loss to Detroit and won a few they weren't expected to win including a 101-100 victory over the Houston Rockets.

The big story is that joining Rookie of the Year Emeka Okafor is the national champion duo Raymond Felton and Indiana's own Sean May. Felton is expected to take Brevin Knight's job at the point guard spot and May should start from their season opener against Chicago.

The Bobcats are obviously seasons away from making the playoffs but they've got a good start.

Player to watch: Raymond Felton

If you thought Jay Williams and Ben Gordon were special guards their first year, wait until you see Felton. He's quick, explosive and poised. He'll fit in well with the Bobcats since they're still trying to establish themselves.

2004-05 stats:
Points scored: 94-3 (22nd)
Points allowed: 100.2 (21st)
Field goal percentage: 43.2 (25th)
Opponents' field goal percentage: 46.3 (26th)

Atlanta Hawks (13-69)

It has to be embarrassing for a professional basketball team to win 13 out of 82 games.

A growing city like Atlanta should at least have a team that offered some sort of challenge instead of a scrimmage-like game plan.

The acquisition of Joe Johnson and all of the drama surrounding his signing with the team is a little confusing because he's not Allen Iverson, Stephon Marbury or Dwyane Wade. Still, he's talented and coachable.

He averaged 17.1 points, 5.1 rebounds and 3.5 assists for the Phoenix Suns last season and should add some sort of offense to the Hawks.

Al Harrington should have a big year and needs to if they plan on winning more than 13 games.

Player to watch: Salim Stoudamire

I'm not saying this because I'm an Arizona Wildcat fan, well not really.

I said this in June and I'm saying it now, Salim Stoudamire was a steal in the second round. He's one of those players that 10 years from now people are going to be saying, "He went in the second round?"

He erupted at the Rocky Mountain Revue where he scored 39 points in his first game and finished second in the competition in scoring (16 points).

Stoudamire not only scores at a high percentage but he plays defense too.

2004-05 stats:
Points scored: 92.7 (28th)
Points allowed: 102.5 (29th)
Field goal percentage: 44.1 (21st)
Opponents' field goal percentage: 47.6 (30th)



2005 PACERS FANJAM

Above: Fans enjoy a scrimmage between Indiana Pacer players during the team's annual FanJam event. Nearly 8,000 fans packed Conseco Fieldhouse to get a sneak peek of the team.

Left: Eleven-year-old Brandon Munice cheers for his favorite Pacer, Ron Artest. (Photos/W. Thomas)



Chatard hands Northwest second loss

Northwest High School recently hosted Bishop Chatard to determine which was the better football team. Chatard running back Tyler Kleinschmidt gains a first down on the way to his team routing Northwest 42-12. (Photo/J. Hurst)

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