

EDUCATION

## Indianapolis busing of black students to end

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INDIANAPOLIS — The 17-year-old court-ordered busing of inner-city black students to schools in outlying townships was amended on Monday, and over the next 18 years will be phased out under an agreement reached between the state, the federal government and local schools.

U.S. District Judge S. Hugh Dillin on Monday accepted the agreement to phase out the 1981 desegregation order that once sent 7,000 black students from Indianapolis to schools outside the city.

More than 5,000 black students are still bused to schools in Decatur, Franklin, Lawrence, Perry, Warren and Wayne townships.

"Today is a historic moment that will allow integration to continue and step forward," said Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, who has long pushed to end the order. The city school district had sought an end to the order.

Part of the agreement is an effort to make affordable housing more accessible in Marion County. The Indianapolis Housing Agency will establish a center to offer counseling and home ownership and mortgage plans.

The logic is that if the residential areas in Marion County are diversified, the educational system will be as well.

The agreement lets a township begin phasing out transfer students once the school district's resident black population is more than 20 percent. If they don't reach that percentage by the 2004-05 school year, the phase-out will begin anyway.

The process itself will take 13 years, the period it would take a child to go from kindergarten to high school graduation. No student currently attending a township school would be sent back to the city school system.

The plan also will save the state money. City school officials estimated the state has spent more than \$18 million on busing.

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## Entrepreneur launches \$200 million K-12 scholarship fund

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NEW YORK —

Entrepreneur Ted Forstmann last week launched the Children's Scholarship Fund, a \$200 million endowment in scholarships to low-income children in grades K-12 to may attend private or parochial schools.

Forstmann and entrepreneur John Walton are underwriting the first \$100 million which will be matched by local partners to eventually distribute in scholarships in 30 to 50 cities around the country. More than 50,000 children will be awarded scholarships for the 1999 school year.

Forstmann, chairman and CEO of the fund was joined by several schoolchildren and parents when he announced the first five partner cities: Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, Washington, D.C., and Jersey City, N.J. Over the summer, CSF will expand to many other cities after outreach to local communities and a nationwide search for local matching partners.

"John and I and all our partners across the country are thrilled to be helping out children who have so far been deprived of equal opportunity in education," Forstmann said.



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Ted Forstmann (left) and John Walton (right) joined by scholarship recipients

"We have found that there is a huge demand for access to quality education, and we hope that our support will help encourage a more competitive educational environment to benefit all of America's children."

Forstmann said he was moved to start the new national fund after smaller programs like it received so much interest from low-income families and community leaders. Last year, a Washington, D.C. program

he and Walton contributed to received more than 7,500 applications for 1,000 scholarships. Similarly, a program in New York City received more than 20,000 applications for 1,000 scholarships.

CSF and Forstmann have received enthusiastic support for their program from President Bill Clinton who said they were "helping to widen the circle of educational opportunity," as well as support

from Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-D.C., former Congressman the Rev. Dr. Floyd Flake of the Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church in Jamaica, Queens and several of the nation's mayors.

Families will be able to apply for the scholarships after the partner cities are announced in the fall. People with suggestions for bringing CSF to their community and finding local matching partners are asked to call 1-800-444-9662.

## An information link on Aster (Easter) eggs

By Zane Binder

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Easter Eggs are hidden programs ... something developers' management deemed didn't have a large enough role to merit credit, hidden commands used by testers during beta, amusing animations, or just the mischievous insertions of bored programmers. They're ALWAYS undocumented, almost always appear in EVERY version of a program, and NONE are!

Be careful when "calling up" Easter Eggs; a wrong keystroke will void the process. Usually you DON'T need quote marks around detailed word/letter sequences. Remember to press "Enter" to initiate action.

Windows 95:

1. Right Click on the Desktop.
2. Select New, then Folder.
3. Name it "and now, the moment you've all been waiting for."
4. Right Click the folder and rename it "The Microsoft Windows 95 Product Team!"
5. Open the folder. Play it through to the end, paying particular close attention at that point. You'll find a pleasant surprise!

NetScape Navigator:

This product has numerous known "fun spots," the easiest

of which to access is "The Famous FishCam." From anywhere in the program simultaneously press Control, ALT, and F. Want more? Try Control, ALT, W. Using a MAC? Substitute the Option key for ALT.

Want to learn about Mozilla, Netscape's mascot?

In the Location box (where you usually type web addresses), put "about:mozilla" (the Netscape logo could change too, so be alert). Typing the "about" sequence at different times will bring up different information.

Again to the Location box. (See Infolink, Page 18)

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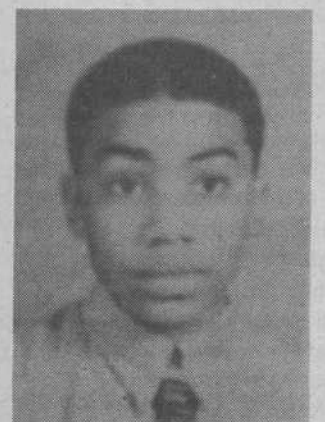
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