

Book on Jackson details life of extraordinary leader

The last United States presidential election was a high point in the lives of millions of Americans, especially those of Afro-American descent. Democratic candidate Jesse Jackson delivered a message of hope to those feeling separated from American wealth, prosperity and opportunity.

"Jesse Jackson: A Biography" is written by award-winning African-American author Patricia C. Kissack. Published in 1989 by Plastic Hardcover Books, this 320-page biography for older children details the history and accomplish-

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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ments (thus far) of Jesse Jackson in a meaningful way. Explanations of his early experiences in growing up, the origins of his highly publicized skill at oratory, his involvement with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the disappointments and triumphs of his presidential campaigns are clearly documented in an understandable format.

Twelve chapters, none more than 10 pages each, along with a vocabu-

lary that is well within the comprehension of the targeted readers, insure a grasp of the specifics of Jackson's life. High school students and adults can also appreciate the book's presentation and detail.

"Jesse Jackson: A Biography" valiantly shares a larger glimpse of the man most children know only through media reports and conversa-

tions with those familiar with his notoriety. The sources of the author's information are interviews with Jackson's family, friends and co-workers, along with several books and articles listed in the bibliography following the epilogue. The detailed index is most helpful in researching for school reports and for general information.

The historical value and the reasonable cost of this book make it ideal for holiday gift-giving for families and friends. It is available at the Forsyth County Public Library and at local bookstores.

Explanation of the Zodiac sheds light on how it came into existence

The zodiac is a band of twelve constellations seemingly wrapped around the sky in the apparent annual path of the sun through the heavens.

The root of the word is that for 'zoo,' because zodiacal constellations are only fancied to be animals. The word passes around the celestial sphere (the sky) extending about nine degrees on either side of the ecliptic. It therefore also includes the yearly path of the moon and the orbits of the planets.

A constellation is a group of stars today is defined as the boundaries published by the International Astronomical Union (IAU) in 1930 along lines of right ascension (longitude) and declination (latitude). This is like the boundaries of the States in this country.

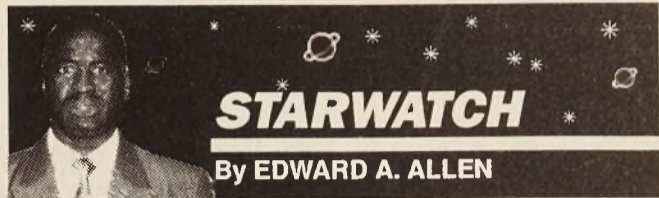
Originally the constellation had fixed limits, but were groups of stars considered by early civilizations to be within the imagined outlines of mythological heroes, creatures, or other forms. The ancient Greeks divided the band of stars that the sun moves through into 12 parts, each 30 degrees wide, known as the 'signs of the zodiac.'

If we plot the position of the sun among the background stars each day, we find it is moving steadily through

later, at the beginning of May, the sun has moved easterly into Aries the Ram, and the anti-sun point to the

slowly changing. When the original system of astrological 'signs' was established a few thousand years ago it was correct, but things have changed considerably since those days.

One way to locate the true position of the sun at present is to move back on constellation when reading an astrological table while keeping the same date.



them. Practically it is hard to locate the sun among the stars, because when the sun is visible the stars are not. But one way around this is to notice each evening what star group is rising exactly opposite the sunset point. The anti-sun point will be found to move eastward through the stars at about one degree per day, and hence the sun itself moves in this same way. The annual path of the sun is the ecliptic. The constellations that are centered on the ecliptic are called the 'zodiac.'

On the 1st of April the sun lies in the constellation of Pisces the Fishes. The opposite zodiacal constellation, rising in the east at sunset on this date, is Virgo the Virgin. A month

east at sundown is now in Libra the Scales. At this time of year, around the 1st of September, the sun lies in the constellation of Leo the Lion, and as it sets in the west, the constellation Aquarius the Water Bearer rises in the east.

You are probably aware that if your birthday is in early September, or anywhere between August 23rd and September 22nd, you are said by the astrologer to have been born under the 'sign' of Virgo the Virgin, in spite of the fact that in our time the sun in early September is located one constellation to the west, in Leo the Lion. The confusion arises because the location of the sun among the stars on any given date of the year is

Day in the Park set for High Point

Whether it's toe-tapping traditional country music, delightful children's entertainment or cool jazz, Day in the Park has it all. Sponsored by High Point Arts Council and High Point Parks and Recreation Department, the event is considered to be one of the Triad's major family festivals. Held in the beautiful park setting of City Lake Park in Jamestown, Day in the Park is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15 and 16.

Topping off this year's entertainment schedule will be the talented and Clay Ramblers in a special concert appearance sponsored by Coca-Cola. Internationally known for their unique repertoire which reflects influences of country, rock Dixieland, reggae and gospel, the Red Clay Ramblers are thought of by many to be North Carolina's premiere string band. The *New York Times* called the group "An excellent old-timey string band." Coca-Cola will present the Red Clay Ramblers in two concert appearances at Day in the Park on Saturday, September 16 at 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Another highlight of this year's entertainment will be a concert appearance by noted children's entertainer Timmy Abell who will present two concerts on Saturday, September 15. Abell's first appearance is scheduled for 12:15 p.m., followed by a 2 p.m. performance. Abell is a nationally known concert performer who is best known for his "Childfest" programs that have been presented in school classrooms around the county. His debut recording for young people, titled "The Farmer's Market," recently received the American Library Association's "Notable Children's Recording" award for 1990. Other entertainment scheduled for the three Day in the Park stages include: performances by the Top 40 beach music band Cut Glass; folk and blues music performed by the groups, Warren, Bodle and Allen and singers Sjae Fleming and Bruce Piphoff; along with country music by Paula Chase & The Most Wanted Band. Ongoing entertainment will also take place on both days in the Hardee's Children's Corner, including tales by master storyteller Shirley Holloway.

chairperson. "Each year, we have more and more groups and performers who appeal to the entire family, especially to children."

Other activities at Day in the Park include live demonstrations of

(Greensboro/High Point Road) in Jamestown. Day in the Park is partially underwritten by Howard Johnson/Holiday Inn and Slane Hosiery Mills Inc. through gifts to the United Arts Fund Drive. For more information, contact High Point Arts Council



Shirley Holloway

weaving, dyeing, sheep-shearing, pottery-making and spinning in the Folk Life Area along with fine arts and crafts for sale in the Visual Arts Area. The Foods Area will feature a delicious array of selections from hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream and fudge to steak sandwiches, egg rolls and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for kids. Kids can enjoy hands-on art activities and live entertainment in the Hardee's Children's Corner while their parents enjoy music, dancing and fun on the three entertainment stages located throughout the park.

The event will officially kick off the night before at a reception and exhibition opening at the Holt McPherson Center Gallery located at 305 North Main Street in downtown High Point. The exhibit features paintings by Nancy Kirk and sculpture by Andrea Wheelless-Dunham. Both artists will be demonstrating their talents at Day in the Park on Saturday and Sunday. The reception is scheduled for Friday, September 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Center Gallery. The public is invited.

Admission to Day in the Park is \$1 per person and children 5 and under are admitted free. Times are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Day in the Park will be held at City Lake Park located on highway 29A/70A

WSSU Alumni reunion planned

Attention all Winston-Salem State University Alumni! We are trying to locate Alumni from the 1969 & 1970 graduating classes for their 20th & 21st reunion to be held November 2 & 3 at the Ramada Inn, 421 High Street.

For further information contact Yvette Ledbetter Hatcher at 784-7708 between the hours of 5 p.m. and 10 p.m.

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