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Dispute breaks out over Jena 6

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WASHINGTON - With all the focus primarily on Mychal Bell, one of the youth defendants in the Jena 6 case, many people around the country wonder what has occurred with the remaining teens charged with aggravated second degree battery for beating a White teenager.

Bell, the first defendant to be tried in court, received lots of international attention with high profile figures including the Rev. Al Sharpton, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Martin Luther King III, congressional and civil rights leaders leading the fray. Radio personalities Michael Baisden and Tom Joyner organized a successful march with 100,000 participants converging on the small town.

Now that Bell has been released and awaits future court appearances, the trials of the other defendants have come under the microscope.

Theodore Shaw: According to Robert McDuff, one of three legal representatives for Shaw, there will be a hearing on Nov. 7 and the trial begins on Jan. 28, 2008. Shaw has not received any education since he was expelled by the school board December 2006.

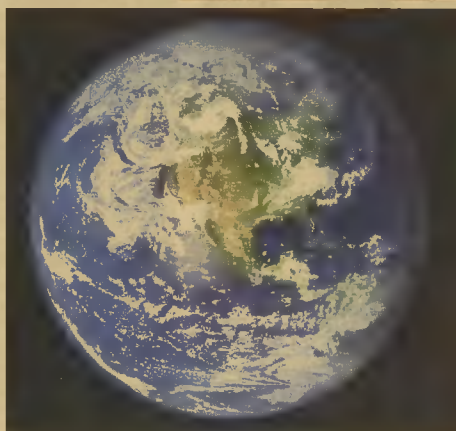
Ryan Simmons: Has the least amount of charges, according to his attorney William Whatley. His family moved away from Jena, La. No trial date has been set.

Robert Bailey has more charges than any other defendant. According to his attorney Jim Boren, there will be a motion hearing on Nov. 7. Bailey is set for trial on Nov. 28.

The day after the rally his mother Caseptia Bailey said her son has not received any education since he was expelled. Several attempts to reinstate Bailey have failed. The family still lives in Jena, La.

Bryan Purvis has a hearing on Nov. 7. According to his mother Tina Jones, he has moved to another state. He attended private school last year. Purvis is attending pub-

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Think green and black

U.S. environmental movement grows with black influence



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Cynthia Brown (from left), a consultant at the Conservation Fund, Audrey Peterman, president of Earthwise Production, Hazel Wong of The Nature Conservancy and Shaking Alston, a member of the Council of Community Services of New York are among the African Americans meeting in Charlotte this weekend at an environmental summit. On the right is Bill Meadows of The Wilderness Society.

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Audrey Peterman is one of Mother Earth's guardians.

Peterman, president of Earthwise Productions, is part of a growing legion in the U.S. environmental movement - African American advocates. At a summit of black environmentalists in Charlotte this week, activists from across the U.S. gathered to build relationships between social justice, public health, parks and recreation, and faith communities about the planet's status.

"There are a lot of black folk who are tree-huggers," said Peterman, who edits a newsletter geared toward African American environmentalists. "Black people are just as passionate about the environment. Black people are also pas-

sionate about the great outdoors."

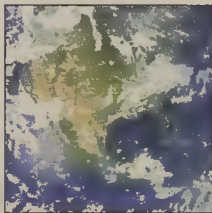
The Charlotte stop, the fourth in a series of conversations around the country called Summit 2007: Diverse Partners for Environmental Progress, will build upon the foundations laid by Summit 2005 and regional roundtables. The summit also included a meeting of emerging leaders in the environmental and social justice movements.

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Audrey Peterman editor of a newsletter geared toward African American environmentalists.

"Although we know that each of these communities has its own strengths and seeks to retain its identity, we also recognize that there are common links among our issues. If we can find more ways to collaborate, we stand a better chance of successfully resolving our differences and being more successful in protecting our envi-

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SCHIP crumbles under Bush veto

Child health insurance plan would've expanded

By Madeline Drexler

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BOSTON - Just after Christmas 2006, Dendra Lewis faced a stark choice. Alessiana, Lewis's young daughter, was going blind from a rare eye disorder called uveitis, and losing mobility from juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, part of a devastating syndrome that had suddenly struck the year before. Together, these conditions required steroid eye drops every hour, other medications throughout the day, and doctors' appointments three times a week.

Lewis, who manages a federally subsidized housing project in Springfield, Mass., had to choose between staying at her full-time job and thereby stinting on Alessiana's care - or cutting back her work hours to care for her daughter, thereby losing her family's health insurance.

"Any mother is going to pick her child," Lewis said.

Two days later, her insurance was cancelled. The costs for Alessiana's medications alone: about \$450 per week. As Lewis recalls, "Everything crashed."

What saved Alessiana, now 9, was the State Children's Health Insurance Program, or SCHIP - the same program that Congress has voted to expand, and that the President Bush vetoed last week, fearful that it would

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Marking the Million Man March

12th anniversary includes Louis Farrakhan webcast

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The 12-year anniversary of the Million Man March will be marked with a series of events in Charlotte.

Muhammad Mosque No. 36 will celebrate the Holy Day of Atonement Oct. 16 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 201 South McDowell St. Doors open at 6 p.m., with the program starting an hour later. Admission is free. For information, call the mosque at (704) 399-0096.



Farrakhan

Nation of Islam leader Minister Louis Farrakhan, organizer of the 1995 rally in

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Street dedications honor Greenville community's best, past and future



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NorthEnd Square, a condominium and retail development planned for Statesville and Oaklawn avenues, will bring new shops and housing to northwest Charlotte. The project kicks off Oct. 17 with the project's introduction and street dedication honoring Oaklawn entrepreneurs Romeo Alexander and Walter Taylor.



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