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Scripps National Spelling Bee 2008

NorthSouth Foundation (NSF) Indiana chapter proudly congratulates Sameer Mishra on his win of the Scripps National Spelling Bee 2008.

Sameer is an eighth grader from West Lafayette. It was his 4th appearance at the Scripps Bee. He has been improving his ranking at the Bee every year. Sameer also has been participating in NSF Bees in Indianapolis since the contests started in 2005. IAI has been a sponsor for the NSF contests in Indy since the first year.

His win is inspiring in more than one way. Sameer has done very well in NSF Bees but didn't always win them. However, he always came back with more intense

preparation. He even missed a word in this year's Scripps competition during the Preliminary rounds. However, he was unfazed and went on to win the coveted championship with confidence and poise. He has years of hard work and focus behind his spectacular success.

Vaibhav Vavilala, a 7th grader from Indianapolis advanced to the semifinals in the Scripps Bee this year.

NSF kids have done well in the past in various National contests including winning championships at Scripps Bees. While NSF doesn't actually provide training for the contests (but for the occasional workshops), it creates an encouraging and motivating ecosystem for the Indian kids and their families through academic contests. The funds were raised to fund the scholarships in India.

INDIA DAY 2008

Presented By: India Association of Indianapolis

Date: August 16th
Venue: India Community Center
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12:00pm – Entertainment Program

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<http://www.nriol.com/indianinsurance/tata-aig/travelquoteresult.php>

Some others have had good experience with ICICI – Lombard. These insurances can be bought in Rupees in India itself. The premium amount varies with the

duration of coverage and the age of the patient. If you have had any good experience in getting your visiting relatives' medical bills paid satisfactorily by any other insurance company, please pass on that information to me, so that I can share it with other readers. I have no connection with the above mentioned insurance companies or their agents.

Ram Ravindran
Ram_Ravindran@yahoo.com

In Memorium...

With a heavy heart, we have to inform you that Seema Parikshak Verma's husband, Anil Verma passed away at his young age of 41 on this Monday, 6/23/2008. They have a 2 year old son Adam. Seema is the daughter of Surendra and Saroj Parikshak from Carmel.

Yogen Parikshak's father-in-law, Shree Manubhai [known as Kanubhai] Jobanputra passed away peacefully in London, England on Tuesday, 6/17/2008. He was 81 years. Neeta and Kishen had visited him last month when he was hospitalized. Then he came home for 10 days. He was hospitalized again on Sunday night, and passed away Tuesday morning after 'Surya Darshan' and having Ganga jal by Neeta's brother, Nilesh. There were about 650 attendees at the prayer on Friday evening. Besides his short illness he had a very good and happy life and had made many friends. He was the eldest son of his parents.

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of Central Indiana. Bharati invites advertisements, articles and letters to the editor. Articles should be of general interest and not be more than 600 words. Letters to the editor should not exceed 200 words. Letters should be typed double spaced and must include your name. The editor reserves the right to edit any material selected for publication.

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Venue: India Community Center
4420 W 56th St., Indianapolis, IN 46254
Time: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Event Details

- Free blood sugar and cholesterol screening (9:30 to 12:30)
- Prostate cancer screening - PSA test (recommended for men over 50)
- Free massage therapy and pain assessment
- Meet and consult with distinguished area doctors in various fields of specialization
- Hear guest speakers talk on diabetes and heart health (1:00 to 2:00)
- Learn about Yoga and holistic living (2:00 – 3:00)

What you need to do now?

Pre-register for health screening to avoid standing in lines.

Go to IAI website (<http://myIAI.org>) and click on Info under Upcoming Events.

Additional details

Do not eat food for at least 12 hours prior to screening for accurate results.
Light snacks will be sold at the venue from 12:00 noon – 12:45 pm

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India Association of Indianapolis

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Diwali

The festival of lights



November 15th 2008 @ Murat Center

Entertainment: "The Pandya Group"



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For Additional Information, contact Sumit Thaker (317) 733-9315



March of Dimes



IAI team participated in the March for Babies Walk in Indianapolis on April 27th, 2008. The weather was crisp and clear during the 5-K walk. Our team raised \$4,081 in total, with kudos to Dr. Tumuluri for the top fund raising honors among the team. We were 11th in the overall team total for the Indiana Chapter for March of Dimes.

Manoj Rana –Succeeding against all odds

First and foremost, I want to thank the Indian Community in their unfailing support, prayers and service to Manoj Rana. Your commitment in helping Manoj in so many ways during this long journey has been awesome! Your compassion and faithfulness to him is immeasurable. I know Manoj and his family, in India, are forever grateful for the kindness and generosity demonstrated by the Indian Community. For some of you that may not know Manoj Rana here is a brief outline of this young man.

Manoj Rana is from Uttar Pradesh, India. Manoj was a student at Purdue University Calumet who was about to graduate with his B.S. in computer engineering in 2005. On July 2, 2005, Manoj and his roommate, Prabhat, who lived on the third floor in an apartment building, woke up at 4 a.m. to flames surrounding their apartment building. Through an act of violence, this fire had started on the first floor. Manoj survived the fire, but sustained 95% burns to his body. Sadly, his roommate, Prabhat died in the fire.

Manoj was in a coma for four to five months at the University of Chicago Hospital. After seven months in the Chicago Hospital, Manoj was transported to the Richard M. Fairbanks Burn Center at Wishard. Manoj has had more than 45 surgeries and currently resides at Lockefield Village Healthcare Center, participating in occupational and physical therapy.

Manoj has demonstrated an amazing amount of perseverance, strength and courage in so many ways! Despite being victim of this violent crime and experiencing a horrific amount human suffering, Manoj continues to demonstrate an extremely high level of courage, determination and ability to persevere through overwhelmingly difficult circumstances to achieve his goals! Manoj had to learn new and adaptive ways to feed and dress him again, cook and utilize the computer and so much more. But he hasn't stopped there. Manoj recently achieved the remarkable feat at finishing the 2008



Indianapolis Mini-Marathon. Yes! He ran 13.1 miles! Also, Manoj scored in the top 10% in the country on his GMAT exam to enter the MBA program! Simply amazing!

In spite of these wonderful accomplishments that Manoj has achieved, he still has multiple deficits, primarily with his hands, resulting in significant limitations. Therefore, Manoj will face many challenges ahead. Manoj will be discharged from Lockefield Village in June and residing on the Westside of Indianapolis. He plans to start the MBA program at The Kelley School of Business at IUPUI in the fall. In one way, this will be nice and a big step towards independence for Manoj. Even though this is an exciting time, it also is met with some in trepidation as he is leaving the hospital setting after 3 years. He will continue to learn, on a daily basis, what additional adaptations and needs will be required for achieving independence in daily functional activities.

I am reaching out to inform all of you to consider ways you can help Manoj. One way you can help him is to consider donating to the People's Burn Foundation, attention to Manoj Rana Fund. Any donation is tax deductible. Once the Burn Foundation receives your gift they will mail you a receipt for charitable tax purposes. Also, the Burn Foundation will inform Manoj of your generous gift so he can personally thank-you. Any gift would be appreciated as this will help Manoj move forward in his journey in life.

People's Burn Foundation
Attn: Manoj Rana Fund
323 N. Delaware Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204
877-814-2024 • www.peoplesburnfoundation.org
Shannon Hendricks OTR, CHT

Definition of a Woman

Women have strength that amazes men. They carry children, they carry hardships, they carry burdens, but they also hold happiness, love and jobs. They smile when they want to scream, they sing when they want to cry. They cry when they are happy, and laugh when they are nervous. Women wait for the phone for a "Safe at home call" from a friend after a snowy drive home.

Women have special qualities about them. They volunteer for good causes. They fight for what they believe in. They vote for the person that will do the best job, for family issues. They walk and talk the extra mile, to get the children in right schools. They don't take "no" for an answer, when they believe there is better solution.

They love unconditionally. Women are honest, loyal, forgiving and smart. Women want to be the best for their family, friends and themselves. They cry when their children excel and cheer when their friends get awards. They are happy when they hear birth or a new marriage. They heart breaks when a friend dies. A women's touch can cure an ailment. They know that hug and a kiss can heal a broken heart.

Women come in all sizes, & shapes. They live in homes, apartments & condos. They drive, fly, walk, run and email to show you how much they care about you.

The heart of a woman is what makes the heart spin. Women do more than just give birth. They bring joy and hope. They offer compassion & ideals. They give moral support to their family and friends, and all they want back is a hug, a smile and for you to do the same to the people who you come in contact with. Women have lots to say and lots to give!

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Submitted by Dr. Mohini Ahuja



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- BP Station only 8 years old, Inside \$80,000 Gallons 90,000. 2 year old car wash doing Approx \$2,500. This property has 12 acres all zoned commercial for future growth. Property is pre approved for loan!! Asking \$1,125,000
- Sunoco station near Indiana beach resort near Lafayette. Inside \$60,000 per month, Gallons 71,000 per month, lottery commission of \$1,600 per month. Beer/Wine license. Additional Lot for future growth. Asking \$799,000 with property OR \$150,000 goodwill with \$5,500 rent. Seller financing available!!
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Guidelines

- **Registrants must submit valid email and telephone # on THIS form for performance confirmation**
- Any Participant, Choreographer, or anyone whose name is associated with an item or wants his/her name to be recognized, **MUST BE** a member of IAI for 2008.
- First Come, First Served. Form submit deadline: **July 31st, 2008**
- No Song Duplication
- No Participant allowed in more than one entry

*** Coordinator will be contacted to confirm performance. If attempts to contact coordinators fails, those entries WILL NOT be included in the program ***

For detail information, Please contact Reeta Bhargava: (317) 848-1286

Name of ITEM: (more than one item, fill in separate entry forms)	Length of Performance (must not exceed 4 min) _____
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Description of ITEM: (attach a separate sheet if you need more space)

Stage Setting (lights, curtain, musical instrument, etc.)

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	Name (First name Last name)	Member #	Age		Name (First name Last name)	Member #	Age
1				4			
2				5			
3				6			

Choreographer/Coordinator Information:

Name:	Member #	Phone #	Email:
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Signature: <i>(Form must be signed and dated to make the entry valid)</i>	Date:
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Mail the completed form to: Attn: Reeta Bhargava, 14588 Ditch Rd, Westfield, IN 46074
 Or Email the completed form to: cooldrmom@aol.com

Election Vocabulary

By Mel Ramaswamy, Ph. D.

Now that I am considerably seasoned after following the Democratic and Republican nomination contests for over 6 months through watching CNN, MSNBC and FOX TV networks and the Internet websites, I have come up with a vocabulary that lets us understand the race meaningfully. The terms are not in any order.

1. Vetted—totally evaluated, thoroughly scrutinized
2. Super-delegates/ Automatic Delegates—Elite members of the Democratic party that have final say in the nomination process.
3. Pledged delegate—a member of the party that aligns to cast a vote in the nomination process.
4. Red, Blue and Swing States—Red stands for states that have traditionally voted Republican and Blue for Democratic. A swing state is sort of hybrid that has the potential of going either Red or Blue.
5. Caucus—closed meeting of party supporters that get together and choose delegates or support policies in an open forum.
6. Disenfranchisement—depriving the right to vote.
7. Electoral College—A group of people in a state that are given the privilege of casting votes in the final selection of a nominee.
8. Populist—a measure that appeals to the common folks even if it has no technical merit.
9. NAFTA—North American Free Trade Agreement
10. CAFTA—Columbia Free Trade Agreement
11. Ticker—a printed opinion piece
12. Political Blog—political commentary on a website
13. Demographics—population divisions based on well-defined characteristics such as race, gender, jobs, religion or political parties.
14. Pandering—Playing on the masses' gullibility.
15. Throw under the bus—outright destroying or disbanding a person or principle.
16. Flip-flop—Changing stance/opinion.
17. Disingenuous—lacking in candor, calculating.
18. Reagan Democrat—Republicans that subscribe to Democratic platform.
19. Exit poll—a way of determining how exactly one voted as the voter comes out of a voting station; key to projecting a winner sometimes quite early in the game. For example, CNN projected Obama to be the winner in North Carolina even when only 0% votes had been counted.
20. Projection—method of forecasting a winner based mostly on Exit polling.
21. Limbaugh Effect (Operation Chaos)—a process in which a Republican is urged to vote for a defined Democratic nominee with the sole purpose of skewing/upsetting the voting results. It is not clear, however, if this has been a really significant and only mechanism that can influence the results. Other factors may produce the same result.
22. Bradley Effect—voting opposite to indicated preference (saying one thing and doing another).
23. Ballot—Method and means of voting; could be electronic or paper. Absentee ballot lets one vote without being physically present; Proxy voting lets an authorized person to cast your vote; Mail-in ballot lets you cast your ballot through the US Mail.
24. Proportional Representation—a method by which a candidate gets delegates based on the population strength of the constituency. In this process, the winner and the loser share delegates. This is in contrast to the Winner-Take-All system in which the winner gets the entire delegates and the loser gets nothing.
25. Grass-roots—Organization at the local level.
26. Kitchen Sink Strategy—the tactics of discrediting an opponent by any and all means.

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India Day - Saturday, August 16

IAI Diwali - Saturday, November 15