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"If you believe that safe sex will stop the spread of HIV, then your customers will, too."

PRESTON F. MITCHELL II | of the Tobias Project, on what he tells barbers



Preston F. Mitchell II, a Tobias Project director, talks about HIV/AIDS to workers and customers at In the Cut barbershop on E. Livingston Avenue. SHARI LEWIS | DISPATCH

Cutting through AIDS myths

Black barbershops doing part to educate about disease

By Sherri Williams
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As they tap their feet to the bass and bump of Lil Jon's *Snap Yo Fingers*, the barbers and customers sneak in a few giggles and jokes during a discussion about safe sex.

But the laughter fades at In the Cut, 1325 E. Livingston Ave., as the impact of HIV/AIDS on

the black community sinks in. Blacks, which make up 17 percent of the population in Franklin County, accounted for 42 percent of the county's HIV and AIDS cases in 2004, the Ohio Health Department said.

More than half of new HIV infections among women affect black women, Preston F. Mitchell II, of the Tobias Project, tells them.

And 10 youths younger than age 18 tested positive for HIV at a screening two years ago sponsored by his organization on the East Side, Mitchell says.

Barber Alafia Rashawn Kamau stops the steady glide of his clippers across a customer's head when he hears that the deadly virus has shown up in

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► The Tobias Project offers free HIV testing at 3 and 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at 844 E. Main St., Suite A. Testing is available other times by appointment. Call 252-2727 or visit www.tobiasproject.org for details.

4 audits missed agency's troubles

State oversight criticized in Hamilton County case

By Catherine Candisky
THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

How could they have missed it?

Four audits of the Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services failed to reveal problems that escalated into about \$1 billion in possible misspending.

Two reviews were part of standard state audits conducted by Auditor Betty D. Montgomery covering 2002 and 2003. Two others were performed by independent accountants at the request of the agency serving Hamilton County's poor and jobless for the same two years.

The first hint of misspending came in late 2004 in a financial review conducted by Montgomery at the request of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, which administers the programs.

It was the first such review conducted on Hamilton County since 1993.

The questioned \$1 billion now comes from a separate audit by the state Job and Family Services department of spending from 2002 through 2004.

Ohio Democrats are harshly criticizing Montgomery and other oversight agencies in the GOP-controlled state government because they did not catch the misspending for years, which compounded the problem. The critics say the failure is the latest example of incompetent watchdogs for such agencies as the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, with its millions missing from investments in risky hedge funds and rare coin investments.

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GAMBLING VOTE

House seeks cyberspace padlock on bet payoffs

By Nancy Zuckbrod
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WASHINGTON — Gamblers who prefer their laptops to blackjack tables won't like what Congress is doing.

Today, the House plans to vote on a bill that would ban credit cards for paying online bets and could padlock gambling Web sites.

The legislation would clarify existing law to spell out that it is illegal to gamble online.

To enforce that ban, the bill would prohibit credit cards and other payment forms, such as electronic transfers, from being used to settle online wagers. It also would give law-enforcement officials the authority to work with Internet providers to block access to gambling Web sites.

Some opponents of the legislation say policing the Internet is impossible, that it would be better to regulate the \$12 billion industry and collect taxes from it. The online gambling industry is based almost entirely outside the United States, though about half its customers live in the U.S.

Other critics point to exemptions they say would allow online lotteries and Internet betting on horse racing to flourish while cracking down on other kinds of sports betting, casino games and card games such as poker.

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POPULARITY OF FAKE ID CARDS

What's in a name? Death for some Iraqis

By Kim Gamel
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BAGHDAD, Iraq — A bookstore in eastern Baghdad is getting more customers these days, but they aren't looking for something to read. The owner sells fake IDs, a booming business as Iraqis try to hide their identities in hopes of staying alive.

Although it's nearly impossible to distinguish between a Sunni and a Shiite by sight, names can be telling. Surnames refer to tribe and clan, while first names often are chosen to honor historical figures revered by one sect but sometimes despised by the other.

For about \$35, someone with a common Sunni name like Omar could

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Paper clip trail

The trades made by Kyle MacDonald that resulted in his getting a house in Kipling, Saskatchewan, Canada:

TRADE 1	TRADE 2	TRADE 3	TRADE 4	TRADE 5	TRADE 6	TRADE 7
Red paper clip for wooden fish pen from couple in Vancouver, British Columbia	Fish pen for ceramic doorknob from woman in Seattle	Doorknob for Coleman stove from family in Amherst, Mass.	Stove for Honda generator from Marine sergeant at Camp Pendleton, Calif.	Generator for beer keg, neon Budweiser sign and IOU for beer from man in Queens, N.Y.	Beer party for snowmobile from man in Montreal	Snowmobile for trip to Yahk, B.C., from man in Cranbrook, B.C.
TRADE 8	TRADE 9	TRADE 10	TRADE 11	TRADE 12	TRADE 13	TRADE 14
Yahk trip for 1999 Ford cube van from man in Canada	Van for recording contract from man in Toronto	Recording contract for free year in apartment in Phoenix, Ariz., from Phoenix woman	Apartment use for afternoon with singer Alice Cooper from Phoenix woman	Alice Cooper afternoon for Kiss snow globe from Cincinnati-area man	Snow globe for speaking role in actor Corbin Bernsen's new movie	Movie role for house from town of Kipling

www.myredpaperclip.blogspot.com

Thanks to paper clip, blogger follows trade route to house

By Brian Bergstein
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Taking a paper clip and turning it into a house sounds like a cheesy magic trick or a phony instance of resourcefulness on the 1980s TV show *MacGyver*.

Kyle MacDonald, however, has pulled it off.

One year ago, the 26-year-old blogger from Montreal set out to barter one red

paper clip for something and that thing for something else, over and over again until he had a house.

On Wednesday the quest is ending as envious: MacDonald is set to become the proud owner of a three-bedroom, 1,100-square-foot home provided by the town of Kipling, Saskatchewan. MacDonald and his girlfriend, Dominique

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Kyle MacDonald, of Montreal, built a paper clip into a house for himself and his fiancée.

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