



The Indianapolis Star (1903-2004)

For 100 years, the largest paper in Indiana

LEARN ABOUT THE 1903 train wreck involving the Purdue University football team, relive the excitement of the town's first 500-mile automobile race in 1911, explore local coverage of one of the most lauded speeches of the 20th century, delivered by Robert F. Kennedy following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968.

These iconic moments in history are among the people and events covered in *The Indianapolis Star*, the largest paper in Indiana, and a staunch watchdog and advocate for its community. Three times it has been honored with a Pulitzer Prize — once for meritorious public service and twice for investigative reporting. In 1975, the *Star* was honored for its 1974 series on corruption within the Indianapolis Police Department. It was cited again in 1991 for its 1990 series on medical malpractice.

Serious researchers and casual readers alike also will be interested in the photographs and illustrations captured in this historical newspaper's pages.

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Why The Indianapolis Star?

- **Full access to this historical newspaper:** Users can study the progression of events over time by browsing full-text, full image issues of *The Indianapolis Star*, which offers coverage of 1903-2004, including news articles, photos, advertisements, classified ads, obituaries, cartoons, and more.
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August 21, 1909: Indianapolis Motor Speedway, constructed in 1909, is the largest sports venue in the world.

August 2, 2003: A massive fire broke out in a tire recycling yard in Muncie. The fire led to discussions centering on recycling and waste-tire policies.

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