



America's Black Forum Episode Synopsis

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This week on **America's Black Forum**:

Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper

There's a company in Indianapolis that's been in business for 130 years! Since 1895, the **Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper** has kept black readers informed and engaged. And despite the demise of many newspapers across the country...the Recorder has managed to adapt to the changing times. **Robert Shegog, CEO of Recorder Media Group**, tells us all about it.

Outdoor Youth Exploration Academy

Most people at the age of 90 are trying to take it easy. But not a guy named **Joe King**. He's focused on introducing young black inner-city kids to the wonders of the outdoors through his organization **Outdoor Youth Exploration Academy**. He likes to say he's in the business of changing the way young people see the world.

Young Black Motivated Kings & Queens

Young Black Motivated Kings & Queens (YBMKQ) was founded by Pittsburgh native, **Kahlil Darden** in response to the challenges he witnessed growing up in the Greater Allegheny County area. Kahlil's life was deeply impacted by gun violence, which fueled his determination to become a change agent in his community. Recognizing the need for a safe space where young people could find support, mentorship, and opportunities for growth, he launched Young Black Motivated Kings and Queens.