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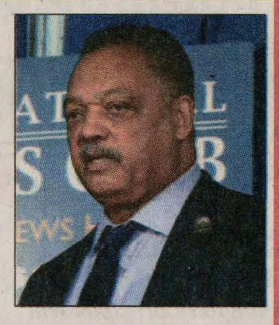
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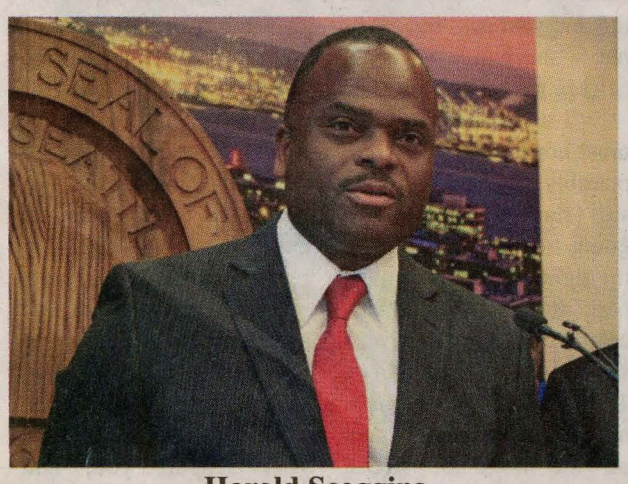
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Murray Nominates Harold Scoggins As Seattle's Next Fire Chief



Harold Scoggins

Last week, Seattle Mayor Ed Murray announced his nomination of Harold Scoggins as the next Chief of the Seattle Fire Department.

Scoggins comes to the Seattle Fire Department from Glendale, CA. He joined the Glendale Fire Department 25 years ago as a fire fighter and rose through the ranks, serving at every level of the department. He was named chief in Glendale in 2008.

"As Seattle grows rapidly over the next 20 years, our fire service must continue to evolve to serve the city's public safety needs," said Murray. "Our department saves lives every day and our Medic One program remains a national leader in paramedic training for our fire fighters. Chief Scoggins has an outstanding track record and brings the right kind of experience to Seattle."

The department currently has 80 vacancies, and Murray is directing Chief Scoggins to intensify recruitment of a diverse workforce of fire fighters, as well as ensure proper succession planning at lieutenant, captain and senior leadership positions in the department.

The Seattle Fire Department's percentage of women fire fighters is 8.4 percent, which exceeds the national average of 3.4 percent, and the mayor is urging continued focus on the recruitment of qualified women.

"I look forward to working with Chief Scoggins, who will lead the best group of firefighters in the country – protecting us daily and providing emergency care that keeps us all safe," said Councilmember Bruce Harrel. "One critical aspect for the new Chief will be to complete implementation of the five-year strategic plan completed in 2012, setting goals for developing leadership abilities of Fire Department employees at all levels, helping employees develop and improve, health and safety, ensuring a diverse and inclusive workforce, fostering community outreach and partnerships, and maintaining equipment and technology critical to the department."

Scoggins served for five years as a fire fighter in the U.S. Air Force before joining the Glendale Fire Department in 1989. He was promoted to Fire Engineer in 1996, Fire Captain in 1998 and Battalion Chief in 2003. In that position, he was responsible for recruitment, hiring and training of the department's fire fighters. In 2007, he was appointed Deputy Fire Chief, before being named Chief of the Glendale Fire Department a year later.

Scoggins is a past-president of the Los Angeles Area Fire Chief's Association. He taught Fire Science as an adjunct professor at Mt. San Antonio College and El Camino College. He has served on the boards of several non-profit organizations, and is an active community volunteer.

Scoggins earned his associate's degree in Fire Technology from Glendale Community College in 1994, a B.S. in Fire Administration from California State University Los Angeles in 1996 and a Master of Public Administration from California State University Long Beach in 2007.

Scoggins replaces Seattle Fire Chief Gregory Dean, who retired at the end of 2014 after a decade at the helm. Interim Chief Michael Walsh, who first joined the department in 1971, stepped in to fill the role for the first part of 2015.

"I am honored to serve as the Fire Chief for the City of Seattle," said Scoggins. "I look forward to working with the men and women of Seattle Fire Department to set its course for the future. My family and I are also very excited about the community and all it has to offer."

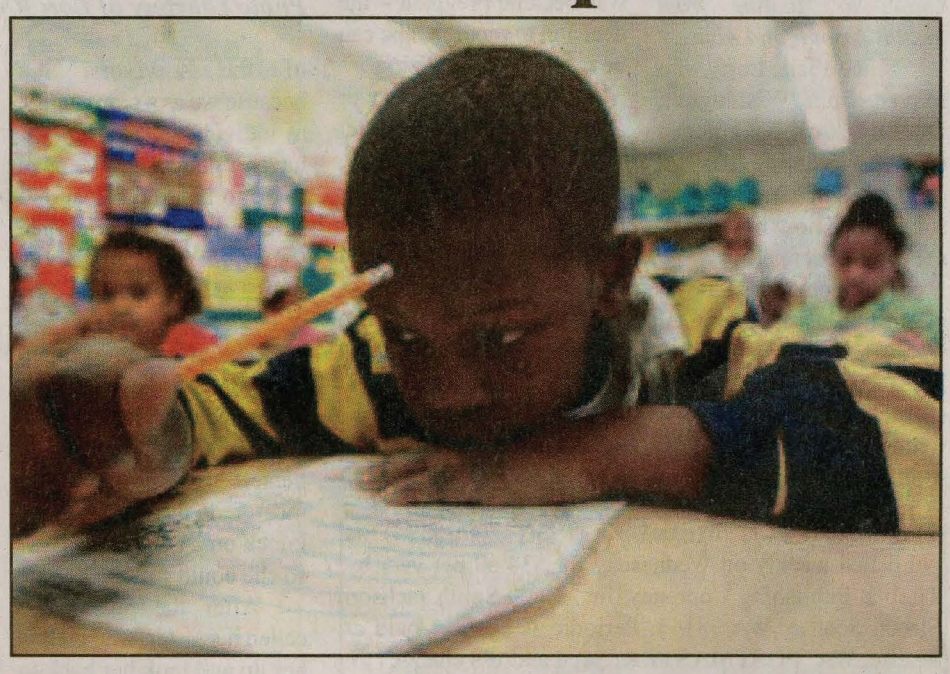
The Seattle Fire Department has more than 1,100 employees and an annual budget of $178 million.

Chief Scoggins' first day at the department will be April 1. He will be paid an annual salary of $205,000.

Blacks Students Bear Brunt Of School Suspensions

By Jazelle Hunt
Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA) – According to a report released last week, 3.5 million K-12 public school students were suspended in the 2011-2012 school year – enough to fill every stadium seat in Super Bowl 1 through Super Bowl 45.



And Black children are bearing the brunt of these excessive suspensions.

The report, "Are We Closing the School Discipline Gap?," states, "Demographically, the seven highest-suspending districts all had majority Black enrollment, although the range was from 26 percent to 99 percent Black. Only one [of the seven highest], Taylor, Florida, was majority White, at 67 percent."

The research, conducted by the Civil Rights Project at UCLA, offers a detailed analysis of public school suspension over the last few years, with the data broken down by elementary and high school, district and state, race and gender, and language and learning ability.

In the past two to five years, schools have made a concerted effort to avoid out-of-school suspensions for elementary schoolchildren, though it still happens. The reversal is not happening as fast at the high school level.

Black high school boys are suspended at the highest rate of all groups – 28.4 percent, compared to the 10 percent national average. Black high school girls follow at 17.9 percent (Native American and Latino boys come next, with 15 and 14 percent, respectively). Between 2002 and 2006, the suspension rate for Black girls increased at the highest rate of all groups.

For Black students with disabilities, the rates are even higher – 33.8 percent for Black high school boys, and 22.5 percent for girls – "shocking" enough to suggest that these students' civil rights are being "unlawfully violated."

Out-of-school suspensions also feed the racial and economic achievement gap, and have far-reaching effects on future outcomes.

"…higher suspension rates are closely correlated with higher dropout and delinquency rates, and they have tremendous economic costs for the suspended students, as well as for society as a whole," the report explains.

"Therefore, the large racial/ethnic disparities in suspensions that we document in this report likely will have an adverse and disparate impact on the academic achievement and life outcomes of millions of historically disadvantaged children."

The starkness of the data has lead schools, administrators, teachers, and parents to believe that Black children must be earning these suspension rates. But an examination of the data at the state and district level shows does not support this belief.

For starters, Black students are enrolled in almost equal numbers in both high-suspending and lower-suspending states. Since 2009, suspensions in the 35 school districts with the lowest suspension rates have continued to decline.

"In other words, readers would be wrong to assume that something about the behavior of Black elementary students requires greater use of suspension," the report says. "To the contrary, these data, along with several studies that tracked behavior ratings of students as well as disciplinary outcomes suggest that Black students are punished more harshly and more often for subjective minor offenses. Instead, researchers conclude that school policies and practices more than differences in behaviors, predict higher suspension rates."

In addition to a race and gender analysis of the suspension data, the researchers examined and ranked the data, district by district and state by state. Florida suspends its students more than any other state, both at the elementary and high school levels. Other K-12 high suspending states with high suspension rates in both elementary and high schools were Mississippi, Delaware, Alabama, and South Carolina.

Notably, Missouri is home to three of the highest-suspending school districts in the nation and has the highest Black-White discipline gap. Michael Brown, the unarmed Black teenager killed by a White policeman in Ferguson, Mo., was a graduate of Missouri's Normandy School District, where students are suspended at a 48.4 percent rate.

The worst districts for Black students in particular are Oklahoma City in Oklahoma, Cahokia CUSD 187 in Illinois, and Greenville Public Schools in Mississippi – where Black kids are suspended at 64, 63, and 59 percent, respectively. In Oklahoma City, that number is 75 percent for Black boys; in Cahokia, it's 58 percent for Black girls.

There were also districts that have done well in reducing out-of-school punishments, especially among Black children, including: Edgewood ISD in Texas, Richmond County in Georgia, and Lawton County, Oklahoma.

States with large Black populations that have improved over the last few years include Maryland, Pennsylvania, and California.

While excessive school suspension remains a significant barrier to equitable, effective public

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Murray Sends Pre-K Implementation Plan To City Council

On Tuesday, Seattle Mayor Ed Murray sent his plan to implement the voter-approved Seattle Preschool Program to the city council.

The implementation plan provides details about how the preschool program will be rolled out, and how it will work toward meeting its goal of closing the achievement gap for Seattle's youngest learners.

"Included in this implementation plan are the key ingredients to creating a successful program that will make a difference in the lives of young children and their families across our city," said Murray. "With the plan's focus on quality, we're working to ensure that the children participating in the Seattle Preschool Program will be ready for school and have the foundation to succeed in school and life."

To develop the plan, the City's Department of Education and Early Learning conducted significant community outreach - holding seven meetings across the city and conducting online surveys in order to gather community priorities and values on key issues.

The implementation plan outlines how the city will select qualified preschool providers, and how those providers will be supported in raising or sustaining their classroom quality.

"Unfortunately, many children in our community don't have access to quality programs. By expanding access through the Seattle Preschool Program, Seattle is ensuring that all children in our city will enter kindergarten ready to learn and thrive," said Brianna Jackson of the Community Day School Association. "The Seattle Preschool Program is a great first step toward closing the achievement gap and assuring that all children have the skills needed to succeed in school and beyond."

The City will select preschools by prioritizing programs that serve areas of the city with the most need for quality early learning programs, those that can meet the needs of low-income and working families, and those that can demonstrate evidence of high-quality classrooms.

The plan also lays a path for enrollment and how children will be selected and assigned to attend Seattle Preschool Program classrooms.

The City will begin selecting preschools in Spring 2015, and the first classrooms will open in Fall of 2015, serving as many as 280 children.

SPECIAL REPORT

RAPE IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY

Beyond Survival: Life After Rape

LAST IN A SERIES

By Jazelle Hunt
Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA) – *"On May 15, 1995, two men ran up behind me as I approached my apartment building, and one of them pointed a gun at my head. In the hour that followed, I was blindfolded, gagged, tied facedown to my bed, and raped by both."*

Eight years after that horror, Lori Robinson published those words as an introduction to her guidebook for Black survivors and their loved ones, titled *I Will Survive: The African American Guide to Healing from Sexual Assault and Abuse.*

Since then, Lori, who moved from Washington, D.C. to Detroit, has enjoyed a fulfilling, happy life. But on that night 20 years ago, she didn't know how, or if, she would recover.

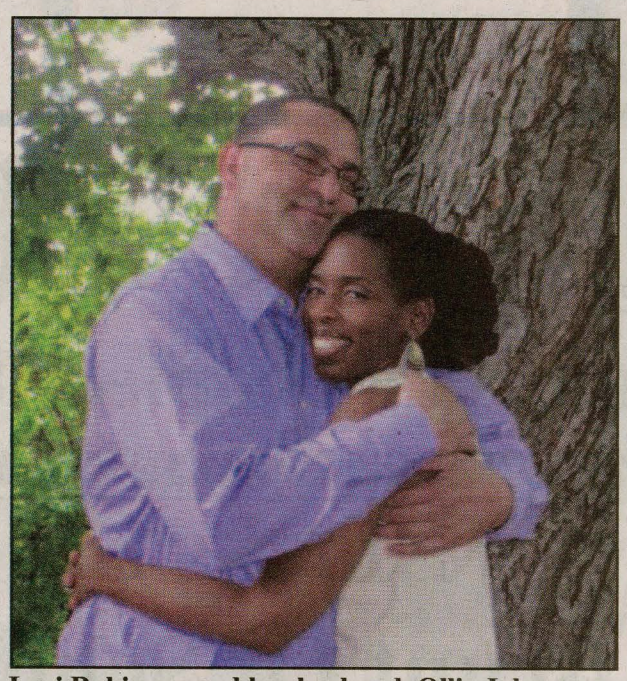
"I remember asking if, after such assault, women went on to have normal lives, get married, have children, be happy," she writes in *I Will Survive.* "It sounds silly to me now, but on May 15, 1995, I found it inconceivable that someone could be normal, much less happy after experiencing what I had."

Silence and other hurdles to healing

The circumstances around Lori's assault were atypical – there was more than one assailant, they were strangers, and there was a weapon involved. In more common circumstances – when the people know each other or are related; when alcohol is involved or there has been previous sexual/romantic involvement; when the perpetrator is a prominent figure; or when the survivor was became pregnant – the decision to report a rape can be even more agonizing.

"I respect whatever anyone's choice is about whether or not to disclose, because everyone's doing the best that they can, at the time, with the information they have. And not everyone is in an environment where they get good information and support," Robinson stated.

"There's still too much silence, but it's not the fault of the survivors. It's because we as a community, as individuals, as a society, haven't done what we need to do to make disclosure a safe and preferable choice for anyone who experiences sexual assault."



Lori Robinson and her husband, Ollie Johnson.
Photo courtesy of Lori Robinson.

"…A gradual process"

The men who raped Lori had stolen her car, electronics, and her landline cord. After carefully freeing herself from her bed, she mustered the courage to knock on a neighbor's door so she could call the police.

After the police she called her sister, who picked her up and took her back to her home. The following day, she called the DC Rape Crisis Center hotline. Later, her mother and sister accompanied her to her first counseling session. That evening, Lori told her boyfriend and the next day he accompanied her to counseling, the first of several occasions.

Her memory is a blur after that first week.

"For like a good year after I was raped – I don't have many specific memories from that year. It's very fuzzy," she says. "[Healing] was a gradual process – it wasn't like I finished therapy and it was over."

A journalist, Lori slowly channeled her pain into her work. About a year-and-a-half after the assault, she agreed to write an article on a freshman Spelman College student who maintained that four Morehouse College students – three of whom were on the basketball team – had gang raped her. Spelman was Lori's alma mater; her own rape occurred the same week as her 5-year class reunion.

The article, "Rape of a Spelman Coed" was published in *Emerge* magazine almost exactly two years after Lori's assault. It became an award-winning story, and the springboard for *I Will Survive.*

"After that article, [the magazine] got a really powerful response," she recalled. "So the idea [for the book] came from having written an article about sexual assault; realizing that this was a huge problem in the African American community; that we didn't have culturally specific resources available to us; and that we just didn't know how to deal with sexual assault."

From surviving to thriving

To her knowledge, Robinson's assailants were never caught and are thought to be responsible for at least three other rapes. Still, in 1996 she marked the one-year anniversary of her survival with a celebration.

"I'd experienced the most horrific thing I could possibly imagine, and I am still standing. I am still going to work; I still have my right mind, for the most part. It absolutely was a celebration of my survival," she remembers. Today, she has become a noted activist and speaker on the issue of sexual assault, speaking at more than 100 events in more than 20 states and in three countries. She has lived and taught in Ecuador, Brazil, and other parts of Latin America, and is still enjoying a career as an award-winning bilingual journalist and educator.

She also married Ollie Johnson, the boyfriend who had been there with her through it all.

"We weren't married then, but I definitely thought of us as a couple. You come together, you support, you love, you struggle, you handle it, you get through it. That was my mental-emotional framework," he said.

"I've had various crises and challenges with my own family, but nothing like what happened to Lori. So I didn't have any direct experience with supporting or helping or loving survivors. But I just kind of knew that was the right thing to do."

When Robinson first began writing *I Will Survive,* Ollie thought it was a great idea and logical next step from the *Emerge* article – until it became clear that the research, interviewing, and writing caused Robinson to relive her trauma.

"I recommended that she consider dropping it or suspending it on several occasions, because it was so painful…. She would always say that she had to do it. And she worked through it," he said. "I was very impressed with her strength and resilience through the whole process and still am just amazed that she could handle everything the way she's handled it."

Robinson encourages survivors to seek healing, whatever that may mean for them.

"Not every survivor necessarily needs therapy, but based on my personal experience, I highly recommend that survivors reach out to someone. It's so important to be able to tell your story, let it out, [to] be able to talk to someone who can empathize with you, support you, and encourage you," she said.

"Take care of yourself. Think of mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual self-care. What feels nourishing to you? What feels safe to you? What makes your body feel good? Do that."

.Every survivor's experience is profoundly personal. At the same time, millions of survivors are all fighting through the same devastation of this rampant trauma, often in shame and silence.

Robinson wants them all to remember one thing "What happened to you is not your fault. No matter what the circumstances were – no matter what you wore, or what you drank, or what time it was, or where you were – the only person who was responsible, the person who deserves all of the blame, is the person who forced unwanted sexual activity on you," she said. "You are no less perfect, or sacred, or beautiful because of what happened to you."

Suspensions

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education for all children – so much so that the Justice Department issued civil rights-based discipline guidelines to schools last year – strides are being made.

The report states, "Although we anticipate that newer data will reveal substantial improvements in some states and districts, there is no question that much more reform is needed if we are to be successful in closing the school discipline gap."

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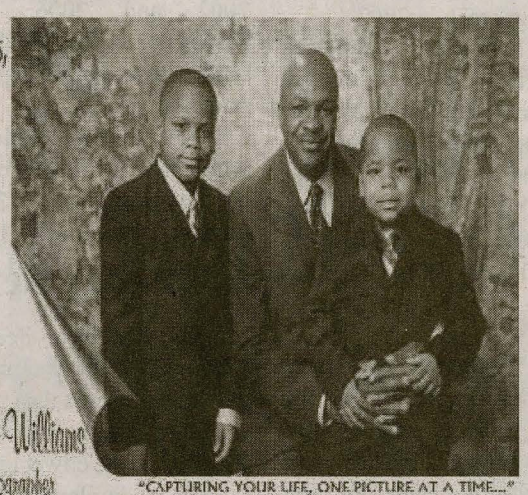
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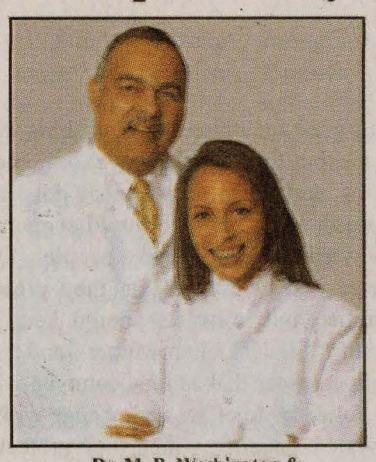
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City Of Seattle Opens Summer Youth Employment Applications

The Seattle Human Services Department (HSD) recently announced that the application process for the 2015 Summer Youth Internship Program is now underway. The summer internship program is open to youth and young adults, ages 14-24 who live in Seattle.

"Working together with business leaders, community partners and the City, we will be building the most vigorous youth employment program Seattle has seen in decades," said Seattle Mayor Ed Murray. "This program will help our most at-risk youth develop the skills necessary to compete in the 21st Century economy."

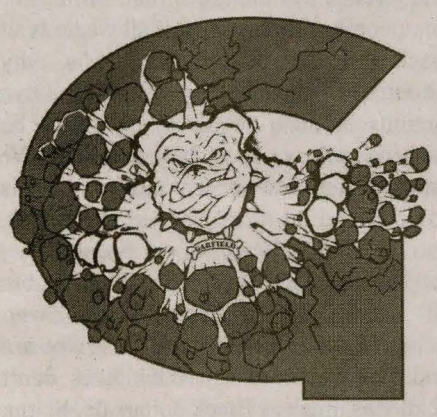
"Youth summer employment has been shown to reduce poverty, increase school engagement, provide job experience, and reduce participation in risky behaviors and crime," said Catherine Lester, Acting HSD Director. "By investing in the summer jobs, the City is not only investing in the individual participants, but also their families, communities and the city as a whole."

This year, through Murray's Summer Youth at Work Initiative, the program will employ 2,000 youth and young adults this summer, double the number of jobs provided to youth last year. Eligible youth and young adults will receive paid work experience in positions at various city departments and at private sector placements based on their career interest.

Seattle youth and young adults interested in applying for summer jobs can complete the online application or pick one up at SYEP office located at 810 Third Avenue, 4th Floor, Suite 420, Seattle, WA 98104 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The SYEP Applicant Information Form must be completed and received online, mailed or dropped off by **5 p.m. Monday, April 13, 2015.**

For students without computer access, computers are available at Seattle Public Libraries, Seattle Parks and Recreation community centers, Seattle public high schools, WorkSource Centers, and some community based organizations.

For more information, call (206) 386-1375 or email youthservices@seattle.gov.



A Word From Garfield High School:

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Garfield High School Commons
Monday, May 18th

PTSA Board Meeting: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Garfield High School Library
Tuesday, March 17th

Seattle School Board Meeting: (JSCC – 2445 3rd Avenue, Seattle)
Wednesday, March 4th & March 18th

House Passes Bill To Ensure All Rape Kits Get Tested

On Monday, by a vote of 82-15, the House of Representative passed **House Bill 1068**, requiring law enforcement agencies to submit all sexual assault examination kits to the Washington state patrol crime laboratory for testing. The bill also creates a workgroup to study the issue of untested kits and review best practices for how to respond to victims of sexual assault.

"This is a bill about justice for all and about protecting women and children," said **Rep. Tina Orwall**, the bill's prime sponsor. "Victims endure horrific trauma when they are sexually assaulted and going through the evidence collection process is also traumatic. This bill ensures their voices are heard and their ordeal, as well as their willingness to collaborate with law enforcement, are validated by ensuring the rape kits are tested."

Orwall began working on a bill after touring evidence rooms over last year's summer, learning about rape kits and the fact that many of them were not tested. When a KING 5 investigation report last November revealed that only 365 of the 1,641 rape kits booked into evidence by the Seattle Police Department (SPD) were actually tested, Orwall saw more grounds to continue drafting legislation addressing the issue.

In January, SPD announced it will test all rape kits not only going forward, but also the 1,276 untested kits in its backlog of ten years.

"I commend the Seattle Police Department for taking the initiative, but I truly feel this should be the norm across the state," Orwall said. "This bill is about justice. What we're learning from other states, such as Ohio, Texas and Michigan is that by testing all kits they see patterns of serial rapists. In Ohio alone they've arrested 229 serial rapists thanks to testing every kit."

When a suspect's DNA is the result of testing a rape kit, it is entered into the Combined DNA Index System FBI database and, if a match is found, it can help in identifying a serial rapist. Orwall said that's the main reason for her legislation, since testing all kits will result in linking the cases to the offenders, which will help in getting them behind bars.

"We know these serial criminals often commit 7 to 11 rapes before they are actually arrested and put in prison, so we want to get them off the street sooner," Orwall added.

House Bill 1068 now heads to the Senate for further consideration.



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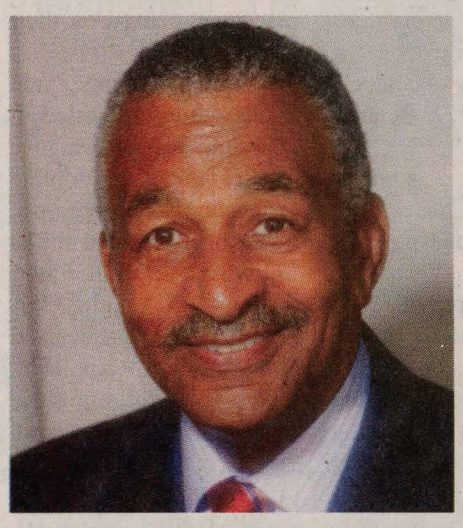
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The protest slogans addressing our latest struggle for justice and equity compel me to come up with a new phrase. The signs and T-Shirts emblazoned with "I Can't Breathe!" "No Justice, No Peace!" and the latest, "Black Lives Matter," carry connotations related to action. I often wonder what the folks who wear the T-shirts and hold the signs are doing to back up the slogans they spout. More importantly, I wonder who makes the shirts and who sells them. With that in mind, my slogan for action – economic action is, "Black Dollars Matter!"

The "I Can't Breathe" shirts worn by the Brooklyn Nets and Cleveland Cavaliers, for instance, were sold by NYC Customs, a shop in Long Island, owned by Helen Mihalatos, a friend of Rameen Aminzadeh, member of Justice League of NYC. The initial gesture and resulting "hook-up" came from Nets team member, Jarrett Jack, followed by help from LeBron James and Russell Simmons' political director, Michael Skolnick. The shirts were ordered by Jay-Z, who bought 1,000 more shirts after the basketball game.

I truly hope those "Big Ballers" and "Shot Callers" had enough consciousness to give the profits to Eric Garner's family. The *Washington Post* reported that "Skolnick obtained shirts from a store in Long Island City, whose owner confirmed in an interview that the shirts were manufactured by Gildan, a large Canada-based apparel company…According to pro-labor activists, Gildan has a poor record when it comes to respecting workers in its manufacturing plants in Haiti." The story discloses that Gildan's workers are paid $6 per day for their work. Skolnick's response was, "I think we want to assume sometimes when we're ordering shirts that they're not being made in a sweatshop; we've got to do better." You think?

Now you would think that someone in this chain of events involving T-shirts that carry the last words of a Black man killed on the streets of New York City by police officers would be conscious enough to say, "Hold up! Let's not just go for the symbolism of wearing shirts on the basketball court; let's make a substantive statement as well, via a Black business transaction and a financial benefit for the Garner family." Sound reasonable?

Instead we now have "I Can't Breathe" shirts sold on Amazon and elsewhere as if they are some kind of novelty rather than a sincere, compassionate, and meaningful response to the homicidal death of Eric Garner, the originator of the "I can't breathe" phrase. We saw him take *his* last breath; he was the one who couldn't breathe for real. The above travesty reminds me of an article I wrote after Trayvon Martin was killed, titled, "The Profit of Protest."

In light of the hype of "I Can't Breathe" and now the phrase, "Black Lives Matter," the slogan we should emblazon on shirts, and instill in our brains, the one by which we should live and the one that, if inculcated into our daily lives, will move us from the rhetoric of freedom to the action of freedom is, "Black Dollars Matter!"

Despite the wasteful and nonsensical spending by Black folks, from the poorest to the super-rich flamboyant celebrities, we must all realize that "Black Dollars Matter" and they should matter to us first. Right now, they matter most to everyone else; and other folks are doing everything they can to get more of our dollars with no reciprocity other than symbolic gestures that make us feel good.

It's great for athletes to wear shirts with slogans, but they should move to the next step of starting initiatives that not only sustain their gestures but build economic empowerment for Black people. Our athletes and celebrities, as they protest inequities and injustice, should keep in mind that "Black Dollars Matter," and they should consider that as they come up with their solutions to effect real change within the systems against which they protest – and so should we.

After the chanting, the marching, the protests and demonstrations, the outrage, the threats, and the unjustified killings of our people with impunity, if all we do is sit back and wait on the next crisis, why should we even bother with the above actions in the first place? We must be smarter and we must be conscious. We must always be aware that money runs this country and it has its place in everything, yes, even in the deaths of our people.

Indeed, Black lives matter above all; but to those who kill us, those who economically exploit us, and those who are indifferent toward us, Black lives don't matter as much as Black dollars do. Start a "Black Dollars Matter" campaign. Make some shirts displaying that attention-grabbing slogan, and act upon it. "Black Dollars Matter," but only if they start making more sense.

Democrats Still Searching For Winning Formula



By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA Columnist

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel just got spanked. Despite a campaign war chest of more than $15 million and the support of President Barack Obama, the former Congressman and White House chief of staff could not avoid a run-off in the non-partisan election.

Garnering 45 percent of the vote to runner-up Jesus "Chuy" Garcia's 34 percent, he did not clear the 50 percent bar for victory. Emanuel, the darling of the mainstream Democratic Party, has earned the dubious distinction of being in the first Chicago mayoral runoff in nearly 20 years. He also runs the risk of being the first incumbent mayor ousted since Harold Washington beat Jane Byrne in 1983.

The man who delivered the Emanuel whipping, Chuy Garcia is a county commissioner and former alderman. His base is the poorer neighborhoods of Chicago, the Latino community, and the teachers' union. He pounded on the theme of income inequality and exploited the widespread perception that Emanuel is arrogant and removed from poor people. Indeed, most of Rahm Emanuel's support came from wealthy White voters who helped raise his large campaign fund. Garcia didn't have a fraction of Emanuel's money, but he had a large cadre of volunteers to help deliver his votes.

There were three other candidates in the race, and their combined 20 percent of the vote will likely determine the outcome of the April 7 election. Just a day after the election, both Emanuel and Garcia were courting their competitors, seeking their endorsements. So far, those opponents have been noncommittal.

Emanuel's loss is a major setback to the Democratic establishment. Voters are tired of income inequality being acknowledged, with nothing being done about it. Their only recourse is the vote, and on February 24 in Chicago, they used it.

According to the *Chicago Tribune*, Emanuel rode to victory on the coats of Blacks four years ago with 58 percent of the votes in the six wars that are more than 90 percent Black. This time, he won 42 to 45 percent of those same wards. Blacks may determine the victor of the April 7 election.

Another possible Democratic setback is looming as Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) weighs the possibility of challenging former Secretary of State Hilary Rodham Clinton.

Warren has been portrayed as a champion of the people, especially where consumer protection and financial matters are concerned. She has raised her voice against financial skullduggery by banking institutions, been a critic of attempts to weaken the Dodd Frank bill, and a defender of consumer rights.

The architect of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), Warren has been the darling of the left, and has enhanced that status with her travel to many progressive gatherings. While she has demurred when asked if she will run for president, her replies, if somewhat definite, also seem coy. Additionally, there have been efforts to draft her into running, with online petitions and other efforts.

While Warren seems to have little baggage, Hilary Rodham Clinton seems less than invincible. Questions have been raised about the Clinton Foundation and the sources of its money, especially when this money has come from foreign governments that have mixed relationships with the United States.

Other questions have been raised about the high six-figure speeches Clinton gives and the audiences she gives them to. Certainly, she is entitled to earn what the market will bear, but some say those who foot the bill are the very Wall Street scions that Elizabeth Warren rails against.

Could Elizabeth Warren seriously challenge Clinton? Is there a chance that she could win the Democratic nomination? If she chooses to enter the presidential race in the next several months, she will be entering the race at about the time Barack Obama did eight years ago. Like Obama, she has penned an autographical book that explains the origins of her populist views. And like Obama, she has the chance of "catching on" with voters.

After Clinton, the only competition Warren is likely to have for the Democratic nomination is Vice President Joe Biden. But Biden, at 73, may be considered too old to be considered a viable choice for president. Biden also has a history of both oral and behavioral gaffes, most recently offering a rather intimate whisper into the ear of Defense Secretary Ashton Carter's wife Stephanie at Carter's swearing in.

Whether she enters the race or not, Warren's very presence pushes Clinton to the left on populist economic issues. And if Warren enters the race and pulls three or four states, and about 20 percent of the popular vote, she offers Clinton a serious challenge. If these "draft Warren" petitions catch on and hundreds of thousands of signatures are gathered, that too, presents a challenge to Hilary Clinton.

Voters are looking for alternatives and Democrats aren't providing them. Instead, they are offering a party line that inhibits discussion of issues and hews to the inevitability of party favorites. Rahm Emanuel's defeat and the Warren challenge to Hilary Clinton suggest that the party line is unsatisfactory.

To Be Equal

Giuliani's Words Do More Than Hurt – They Divide



By Marc H. Morial
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"A new expression has entered the Westminster lexicon: dog-whistle politics. It means putting out a message that, like a high-pitched dog-whistle, is only fully audible to those at whom it is directly aimed. The intention is to make potential supporters sit up and take notice while avoiding offending those to whom the message will not appeal."
– *The Economist*, March 2005

After the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York City, I brought a delegation of mayors to meet with the city's then-mayor, Rudolph Giuliani. The delegation's goal was to help restore confidence in the still-traumatized city and help rebuild what had been so inhumanly destroyed. At the time, I was mayor of New Orleans and president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and Giuliani – widely acknowledged and praised for his leadership after the attacks – catapulted onto the national stage to become "America's Mayor."

How times have changed.

During a private New York fundraising dinner for Republican presidential candidate Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, Giuliani popped onto the national stage yet again – not for the qualities he displayed as "America's Mayor," but for the unfounded accusation that President Obama does not love America.

"I do not believe, and I know this is a horrible thing to say, but I do not believe that the president loves America," Giuliani said in response to a question about the president's foreign policy and counter-terrorism strategies. He added, "He doesn't love you. And he doesn't love me. He wasn't brought up the way you were brought up and I was brought up, through love of this country."

Speaking in front of a 2016 Republican presidential contender and a mixed crowd of conservatives and business executives, Giuliani – who failed to win the 2008 GOP presidential nomination – attacked the patriotism of our nation's president, a man whose grandfather served in World War II, whose grand-uncle helped liberate the Nazi death camp at Buchenwald and who was the chief executive behind the operation to kill 9/11's mastermind, Osama Bin Laden.

Questioning the president's patriotism isn't just inappropriate; it demonstrates a complete lack of respect. It begs the question that as Giuliani continues to seek a prominent role on the national political stage: Will he choose to rehearse only in the Theater of the Absurd?

Giuliani's response was neither an honest critique of the president's foreign policy, nor was it a considered analysis of our nation's ongoing discussion on how to combat terrorism.

It was, however, a veiled attack on the character of our president. It was a better-left-buried relic from 2008 when candidates – including Giuliani – purposely appealed to a particular strain of the GOP base who viewed Obama, the Harvard-educated Black man raised by his White family in Hawaii, as "the other" and "not like us." It was a rehearsal of the kind of divisive rhetoric that has no place in the 2016 race for the White House.

I am the first to assert that honest critiques of any president, administration and its policies are critical in a functioning democracy. But in this case, there is nothing constructive or relevant in maligning a man because of the way he was raised. Further, Giuliani has yet to explain how the president's upbringing jeopardizes the national security of our nation. How can personal attacks ever have a constructive place in our conversations about degrading and ultimately destroying ISIL or creating jobs or energy independence?

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said, "It is sad to see when somebody who has attained a certain level of public stature and even admiration tarnishes that legacy so thoroughly."

Without hesitation, I can say that the Giuliani I met with that mayors' delegation in the smoldering aftermath of the terror attacks – a bridge-builder, a reconciler and a healer – was not the Giuliani I heard last week. It is quite unfortunate that his reappearance on the national stage recasts and squanders that legacy for a new one that limits him to catering to groups animated by the rhetoric of division at best, and veiled hatemongering at worst.

If I agreed with anything in Giuliani's statement, it is that, yes, it was a horrible thing to say on many levels. I would add, in a word of advice to the former mayor of New York, that whenever you feel compelled to preface a comment with "I know this is a horrible thing to say," it is likely a comment better left unsaid.

Blacks Still Underrepresented At All Levels Of Politics

By George E. Curry
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WASHINGTON (NNPA) – Although Blacks have made tremendous improvement in holding elected office since passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, they remain underrepresented at the federal, state and local levels, according to a report scheduled to be released Tuesday by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

"Based on the most recent data, African Americans are 12.5% of the citizen voting age population, but they make up a smaller share of the U.S. House (10%), state legislatures (8.5%), city councils (5.7%), and the U.S. Senate (2%)," the report said.

The 38-page report titled, "50 Years of The Voting Rights Act: The State of Race in Politics," was produced for the center by four prominent political scientists: Khalilah Brown-Dean, Zoltan Hajnal, Christina Rivers and Ismail White.

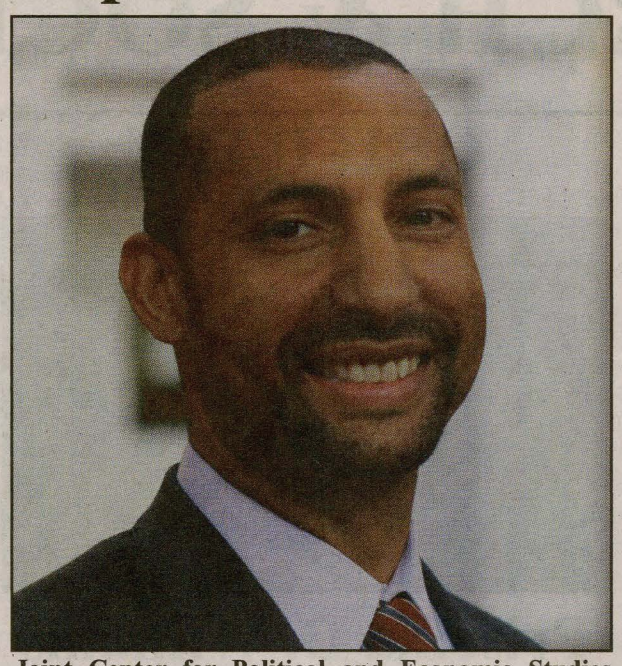
Joint Center President Spencer Overton said in a message introducing the report, that there is a heated debate over: How much progress have we made since 1965? How much more work is there to do?

He said, "These are contested questions, subject to ideology and opinion. A study published in *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, for example, shows that on average whites and African Americans differ on the amount of racial progress we have made, with whites now believing anti-white bias is more prevalent than anti-black bias. We have elected an African American president, but studies have shown that some government officials are less likely to respond to inquiries from citizens with seemingly black or Latino names. The questions are also at the core of many ongoing debates about voting rights in the U.S. Supreme Court and Congress, as well as in many states, counties, and municipalities."

What is not contested is that the Voting Rights Act of 1965 changed the political landscape for African Americans, with the number of Black elected officials leaping from fewer than 1,000 in 1965 to now more than 10,000.

The change was particularly dramatic in the South, where 55 percent of African Americans live.

"Since the 1870s, white elected officials in many parts of the South had used violence, literacy tests, interpretation tests, poll taxes, and other devices to exclude African Americans," the report recounted. "The Justice Department filed 71 voting rights lawsuits in the Deep South before 1965, but cases were typically complex, time-consuming, and expensive. When a court struck down one type of discriminatory device, local officials simply erected a different device that effectively excluded most African Americans."



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Selma, Ala. and surrounding Dallas County was typical. Deploying rigged tests about the U.S. Constitution and a requirement that voters be in "good character," as defined by White registrars, a White minority was able to suppress the Black majority.

In 1965, more than half of Dallas County was Black. Of the county's 15,000 voting-age Blacks, only 156 were registered to vote. By contrast, two-thirds of voting-age Whites were registered in the county. Throughout Alabama, only 19.4 percent of African Americans were registered. In neighboring Mississippi, just 6.4 percent of Blacks were registered.

As part of a massive voter registration campaign in 1965, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and local residents launched a Selma-to-Montgomery March to dramatize the lack of access to the ballot box.

On April 7, in what became known as "Bloody Sunday," peaceful marchers in Selma were savagely beaten by Alabama State Troopers and local policemen as they attempted to walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge to begin the 54-mile journey to Montgomery, the state capital.

The merciless beating of children, the elderly and adults was beamed in homes throughout the nation and provided the momentum for President Lyndon B. Johnson to sign the Voting Rights Act into law four months later.

"Only in the wake of the Voting Rights Act did black voter registration in the South begin to approach that of whites. Five years after the passage of the Act, the racial gap in voter registration in the former Confederate states had closed to single digits. By the start of the 1970s, the black/white registration gap across the Southern states was little more than 8 percentage points," the report stated.

"In Louisiana, the gap between black and white voter registration rates decreased by nearly 30 percentage points from 1960 to the end of 1970s, and it continued to decrease over the next three decades. By 2010, black registration rates in the state of Louisiana and many of the other former Confederate states had exceeded white registration rates for the first time since Reconstruction. The Voting Rights Act had delivered a Second Reconstruction."

In fact, in four of the 12 presidential elections since 1965, Black Southerners turned out at the polls at a higher rate than their White counterparts. Nationally, Black turnout exceeded White turnout in the 2012 presidential election and possibly in 2008, according to the report.

Activists credit much of that progress to the Voting Rights Act requirement that jurisdictions that previously discriminated against Blacks had to pre-clear voting changes in advance with federal authorities.

However, the Supreme Court's decision in *Shelby* took away that tool and there is a measure pending in Congress that would reverse some of the damage. A House bill sponsored by "Bloody Sunday" veteran John Lewis (D-Ga.) and Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wisconsin) would update the act.

"The proposed legislation would apply preclearance to jurisdictions with a record of voting rights violations within the previous 15 years, would make it easier for courts to block discriminatory rules before they are used in elections and harm voters, and would require disclosure of voting changes nationwide," the report stated.

Efforts to expand the Black vote is also under attack in others quarters as well. The Joint Center report cited moves to purge voters, requiring proof of citizenship, requiring voter ID, felony disenfranchisement and restricting voting registration drives.

The report also addressed the elephant in the room – race.

"In urban local elections, race is a more decisive factor than income, education …religion, sexuality, age, gender, and political ideology. The 38-point racial gap exceeds even the 33 point gap between Democratic and Republican voters," the study said.

According to the report, African Americans "were the least advantaged group in America in terms of policy outcomes."

Not all of the problems were external. The issue of low Black voter turnout, especially in local elections, is a major challenge that warrants further study, the report said.

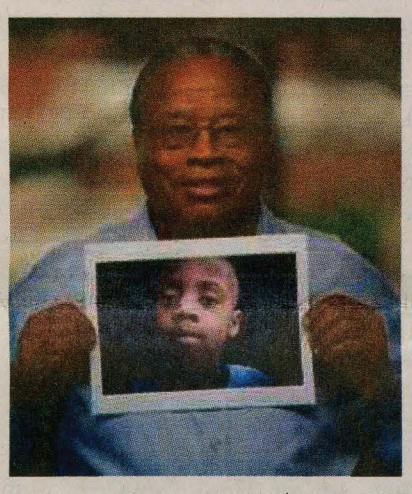
It noted, " …In 2014, when there was great unrest over a police officer's killing of Michael Brown, African Americans made up 67% of residents of Ferguson, Missouri. In 2012, a solid 100% of Ferguson precincts went for President Obama, but during Ferguson's municipal off-cycle elections voters selected Ferguson's Republi can mayor and six city council members, all of whom except one were white."

The report shatters the notion that we're living in a post-racial society.

"Despite discussions about the declining significance of race, over the past few decades, racial divides along partisan lines have actually grown. African Americans have increasingly favored Democrats, and recently Latinos and Asian Americans have become more loyal to the Democratic Party as well. The shift to the left has been particularly pronounced for Asian Americans," it said.

"On the other side, whites have moved slowly and unevenly – but inexorably – to the Republican Party. Fifty years ago, the Democratic Party dominated the white vote. Today, nationwide, whites are more apt to favor the Republican Party."

It concluded, "Division is a normal and healthy part of democracy, but when a core dividing line in a nation becomes so closely aligned with race and ethnicity, larger concerns about inequality, conflict, and discrimination emerge."



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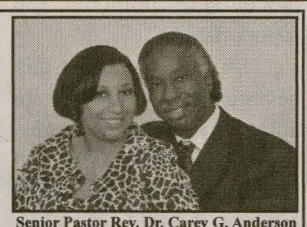


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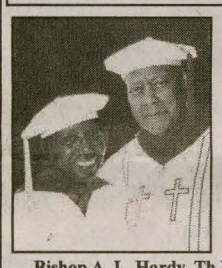
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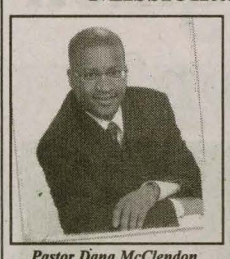


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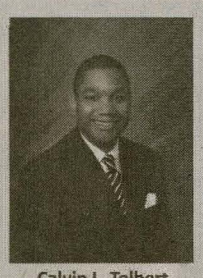
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On Sunday, March 29, there will be one worship service at 10 a.m. NEW TIME, followed by a luncheon that will be held immediately following the 10 a.m. service.

Mrs. Josephine Stokes and Ms. Sarah Marshall are the co-chairs for the 73rd Women's Ministry Anniversary celebration. Mrs. Michelle Williams serves as the President of Mount Zion's Women's Ministry and Rev. Aaron Williams serves as the Senior Pastor. Mount Zion Baptist Church is located at 1634 Rev. Dr. S. McKinney Avenue – Seattle, Washington 98122, 206.322.6500, www.mountzion.net.

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Supreme Court's Shelby Ruling Makes Selma A 'Footnote'

By Freddie Allen
NNPA Senior Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA) – As Washington lawmakers, local officials and activists prepare to march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge to observe the 50th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday" in Selma, Ala., some civil rights leaders want them to remember that voting rights are still under attack.

Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., the president and founder of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, recently convened a meeting of voting rights advocates and community stakeholders in Washington, D.C. to review the past, present and future of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA).

When the United States Supreme Court invalidated the coverage formula (Section 4) of the law in *Shelby County v. Holder* in July 2013, the court's ruling effectively neutered Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. States and jurisdictions with histories of voter discrimination would no longer be forced to pre-clear changes in their voting laws with the Department of Justice or in federal court in Washington, D.C.

In the aftermath of the ruling, Texas and North Carolina passed a series of restrictive voting laws that experts said will make it harder for poor people and Blacks to vote.

"My biggest fear with the movie 'Selma' and the excitement around the celebrations this year is that we will go to Selma and think *Shelby* is the footnote," said Jackson. "*Shelby* is the deal, Selma is the footnote."



Alabama State Rep. Merika Coleman-Evans (D), left, and Jesse Jackson, right, talk about voting rights at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. *NNPA Photo/Freddie Allen.*

In his typical fashion, Jackson said that events of Selma 50 years ago is in the rear view mirror and *Shelby* is in front of us and it's getting bigger every day.

Barbara Arnwine, the president and executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, a nonpartisan group focused on ending racial discrimination, said that in the wake of the Shelby County decision, it's much harder to monitor what happens at the local level and that's really where voting rights advocates miss Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act.

Arnwine expressed concerns that not enough is known about what local officials are doing to protect the right to vote in cities and municipalities that are holding elections for critically important county commission seats, city councils and school boards.

"So much is happening at the local level. Everyone monitors what happens at the state level, but what we don't know with clarity is what is happening at the local level," said Arnwine. "The beauty of [Section 5] was that it stopped discrimination before it happened, because it required covered jurisdictions to report any changes, and we were able to track those changes."

Lawyers and voting rights advocates have turned to Section 2 of the voting law to defend voters, which is more costly and time consuming than bringing claims under Section 5.

Aggrieved parties not only have to wait until after the voting law takes effect before filing a lawsuit, they also have to prove that law is discriminatory, a high bar for voting rights lawyers and almost impossible for citizens to reach on their own.

According to research conducted by the Lawyers' Committee, 72 percent of all successful discrimination claims under Section 2 were in jurisdictions formerly covered by Section 5. Two-thirds of those claims were in jurisdictions in only four states: Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

Months before the Shelby County decision, Tanya Clay House, the public policy director for the Lawyers' Committee, said that voting rights advocates planned for the possibility that the Supreme Court led by Chief Justice John Roberts would strike down the landmark law.

"We have to let go of what we had in Section 5, because we're not going to get that back," said Clay House. "It's unfortunate, but that is the reality we're faced with right now."

Clay House said that the Voting Rights Amendment Act (VRAA), a bipartisan bill introduced by Reps. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) and John Conyers (D-Mich.), isn't perfect, but it's better than what citizens have now.

The proposed bill includes a new requirement that all states would have to give notice to any voting rights changes and a "rolling trigger" for Department of Justice oversight for states with five voting rights violations, and political subdivisions with three violations in 15 years.

The Sensenbrenner-Convers bill, which never made it out of the Judiciary Committee during the last legislative session, also would allow federal observers in states outside of formerly covered jurisdictions.

But the proposal also includes a special exception for the controversial photo identification requirements some states have adopted. Further, it includes a carve out for the controversial photo identification requirements some states have adopted.

"We recognize that it's a compromise bill that does strengthen our position and moves us from having nothing. We have no coverage compared to what we had under Section 5," said Clay House.

She said that the Lawyers' Committee will also join other groups to work on issues outside of the proposed bill, including long lines during elections, that have some have dubbed "the time tax" and challenges of early voting.

The most underutilized power that people of color have in this country that we have is economic boycotts, said Arnwine.

"For a nation that hates to talk about race, for a nation consumed by active racial denial, it has been fascinating to watch our nation be rocked by young people protesting the death of Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Tamir Rice and so many others, it has been fascinating to see this movement take to the streets," said Arnwine. "Our challenge is to take that same level of energy to the streets on voting rights."

The Voting Rights Amendment Act has received less bipartisan support in the current Congress and Republicans in the United States House of Representatives have adopted the opinion that the Voting Rights Act worked so well that protections under Section 5 were no longer needed.

Jackson said that he didn't want politicians marching in Selma who should be marching in Shelby County, because that's' what they stand for.

"If you're for Shelby, say you're for Shelby," said Jackson. "My fear is that those who are hyped up coming from Congress want their 'I went to Selma' [photo-op], who are against what we stand for. There should be some line of demarcation established in that situation."

Alabama State Rep. Merika Coleman-Evans agreed.

"All the Repubs that will sing 'Kumbayah' we need to make sure that every voter in the state of Alabama is enfranchised not disenfranchised if they want to get on board with that I'm with them but I'm not for the show. I'm not for the pomp and circumstance. I'm for some real action.

"Selma is not trendy, Selma is not Hollywood, Selma is real and when everybody leaves there's still going to be high unemployment rates in Selma along with the state of Alabama," said Coleman-Evans, who was also an Alabama state surrogate for President Obama during his 2012 campaign. "We want people to recognize, especially the president of these United States of America, who I have supported wholeheartedly for all these years, that we need help and we want to make sure others don't co-op an event that has been done the same way for the past 40 years."

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Judge Delivers Epic Sentencing Speech To Racist Killers

By Zenitha Prince
Special to the Trice Edney News Wire from the Afro American Newspaper

(Trice Edney Wire) - The stirring words of U.S. District Judge Carlton Reeves, read during the Feb. 10 sentencing of three men involved in the hate crime murder of James Craig Anderson, a 48-year-old Black man, in a Mississippi parking lot in 2011, is being hailed as a moral and emotionally moving tour de force.

The young men Deryl Paul Dedmon, 22, John Aaron Rice, 21, and Dyland Wade Butler, 23, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy and to violating the Matthew Shepard and James Bryd Jr. Hate Crime Prevention Act in the killing of Anderson, whom they and other conspirators beat and ran over with a truck while yelling "White power."

Reeves, who in 2010 became the second African American appointed as federal judge in Mississippi, began his protracted speech—which was posted on NPR's website—by invoking the phantom of Mississippi's savage past, including Black enslavement and its "infatuation" with the "carnival-like" public ritual of lynching.

"How could hate, fear or whatever it was transform genteel, God-fearing, God-loving Mississippians into mindless murderers and sadistic torturers? I ask that same question about the events which bring us together on this day," Reeves said, comparing the state's past and present.

"A toxic mix of alcohol, foolishness and unadulterated hatred caused these young people to resurrect the nightmarish specter of lynchings and lynch mobs from the Mississippi we long to forget," he continued. "Like the marauders of ages past, these young folk conspired, planned, and coordinated a plan of attack on certain neighborhoods in the city of Jackson for the sole purpose of harassing, terrorizing, physically assaulting and causing bodily injury to Black folk. They punched and kicked them about their bodies — their heads, their faces. They prowled. They came ready to hurt. They used dangerous weapons; they targeted the weak; they recruited and encouraged others to join in the coordinated chaos; and they boasted about their shameful activity. This was a 2011 version of the nigger hunts."

And, Reeves added, "What is so disturbing … so shocking … so numbing … is that these nigger hunts were perpetrated by our children."

The judge re-emphasized the fact that Anderson's death was a hate crime—motivated by the victim's race, and shot down claims that one or more of the men were, somehow, not "criminals."

"In the name of White Power, these young folk went to 'Jafrica' (the Black neighbourhood) to 'f-ck with some niggers!' — echoes of Mississippi's past," Reeves said, later adding, "What these defendants did was ugly … it was painful … it is sad … and it is indeed criminal."

Reeves ended by pointing to signs of success and recommending actions that would keep Mississippi from going backward into the abyss of its ugly past.

"The sadness of this day also has an element of irony to it: Each defendant was escorted into court by agents of an African-American United States Marshal, having been prosecuted by a team of lawyers which includes an African-American AUSA from an office headed by an African-American U.S. attorney — all under the direction of an African-American attorney general, for sentencing before a judge who is African-American, whose final act will be to turn over the care and custody of these individuals to the BOP (Federal Bureau of Prisons) — an agency headed by an African American," he said.

"As demonstrated by the work of the officers within these state and federal agencies — Black and White, male and female, in this Mississippi they work together to advance the rule of law," Reeves added. "Having learned from Mississippi's inglorious past, these officials know that in advancing the rule of law, the criminal justice system must operate without regard to race, creed or color. This is the strongest way Mississippi can reject those notions — those ideas which brought us here today."

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KING COUNTY
INVITATION TO BID

Project: Construction of Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) Facility at King County International Airport - Rebid, C00971C15

Sealed Bid Time/Date: 1:30PM, April 2, 2015

Location Due: King County Procurement and Contract Services Section, Contracts Counter, 3rd Floor, 401 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

Engineer's Estimate: Base Bid $4,467,638, Alternate 1 = $20,762, Alternate 2 = $23,472, Alternate 3 = $72,755, Alternate 4 = $31,466

Scope of Work: The project involves the demolition and construction of a new Airport Rescue and Firefighting Facility at King County International Airport at Boeing Field. Work site: 8190 E. Marginal Way S., Seattle WA 98108.

Contact Information: Gib Myers, Contract Specialist, 206-263-9323, TTY Relay: 711, Fax: 206-296-7675, or gib.myers@kingcounty.gov. A bidder may be asked to put a question in writing. No verbal answers by County personnel will be binding on the County.

Pre-Bid Conference: March 16, 2015 at **9:00AM,** Room 201, Terminal Building, 7277 Perimeter Rd. S. Seattle, WA, 98108-0245.

Subcontracting Opportunities: Roofing, Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC, Fire Protection

Apprenticeship Requirements: 15% minimum Apprentice Utilization Requirement.

SBE Requirement: 15% minimum Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Requirement.

DBE Goal: The County has determined that no DBE goal will be established for this Contract. However, the County will require that the selected Contractor report any actual DBE participation on this Contract to enable the County to accurately monitor DBE program compliance. Please see §00120 for further information.

Applicable Federal Provisions: Executive Order 11246, Equal Employment Opportunity, Federal Labor Provisions and Davis Bacon (Federal) Wage Rates

Permits: King County has applied for, but as of the date of advertisement, has not received the King County Department of Permitting and Environmental Review - Building Permit. If this permit is received during the bidding period, it will be issued by Addendum. If the County has not received the King County Department of Permitting and Environmental Review - Building Permit by the bid opening date, the County will evaluate whether to extend the bid opening, cancel the procurement or open bids. Award and execution of this Contract is conditional upon the County receiving the King County Department of Permitting and Environmental Review - Building Permit.

Federal Funding: This contract is funded, in part, by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), and is subject to the requirements set forth in Grant 3-53-0058-051-2014 and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein. The federal participation is estimated at 90% of the total contract value. In accordance with the requirements of the Grant and with USDOT's policy on the utilization of socially and economically disadvantaged individuals and disadvantaged business enterprises in procurement under assistance programs, the Contractor shall comply with 49 CFR PART 26.

Bid Bond: Not less than five percent (5%) of the Total Bid Price

Bid Documents Electronic copies of the plans, specifications, reference documents, and any addenda for this solicitation are available on the King County Procurement website shown below. Printed documents may also be ordered by contacting United Reprographics at 206-382-1177. Copies of documents are not available for purchase from King County, but are available for review 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. M thru F. at the Contracts Counter: Chinook Bldg, 3rd Floor, 401 Fifth Avenue Seattle, WA 98104.

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KING COUNTY
INVITATION TO BID

Project: Civil / Structural Repairs 2015-2016 Work Order Contract, C00949C15

Sealed Bid Time/Date: 1:30pm, March 17, 2015

Location Due: King County Procurement & Contract Services Section, Contracts Counter, 3rd Floor, 401 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

Engineer's Estimate: NTE $1,000,000.00

Scope of Work: The work under this Contract will be performed in a series of Work Order packages in accordance with the Contract Documents. The work may include, but is not limited to:

Demolition - removal and disposal or salvage of equipment, structures, piping;
Metal Fabrication –shop and limited field fabrication and installation of metal structures, such as ladders, and hatches.
Concrete - field fabrication of concrete structures, such as slabs, sidewalks, curbs;
Flexible Pavement, such as hot mixed asphalt (HMA) – repairs and restoration incidental to roadway.
Repairs in the public right of way and/or part of sanitary sewer system or facility improvements.
Monitoring Well Decommissioning – decommissioning of settlement monitoring wells and/or Piezometric wells.
Site Work - miscellaneous work including site clearing, trenching, paving, fence and gate installation.
Miscellaneous – other tenant improvement work, such as, doorway installations and modifications, glazing, brick and mortar repair, mill and case work, and general carpentry.

Work Site: Various Wastewater Treatment Division Facilities throughout King County, Washington.

The work performed under this Contract shall not exceed $1,000,000.00 and the initial Contract Time shall not exceed 365 calendar days from the date of Contract Execution by the County. The County does not guarantee any minimum amount of work or that the dollar amount of the Work Orders issued will total $1,000,000.00 during the duration of this Contract. At the County's sole discretion, this Contract may be extended for one additional year or until the Not to Exceed Contract Price is reached, whichever occurs first. In no event shall the Contract Time be greater than two years from the date of Contract Execution by the County.

Contact Information: Kelly McKeever, Contract Specialist, (206) 263-9389, TTY Relay: 711, Fax: 206-296-7675, or kelly.mckeever@kingcounty.gov. Submit all questions in writing via email. No verbal answers by any County personnel or its agents and consultants will be binding on the County.

Pre-Bid Conference: None

Possible Subcontracting Opportunities: Demolition; Metal Fabrication; Concrete; Piping and Mechanical; Sitework.

Apprenticeship Requirements: No minimum Apprentice Utilization Requirement.

SCS Utilization Requirements: The Contractor shall ensure that at least 15% of the total price for all executed work orders shall be performed by King County Certified SCS Firms over the life of the Contract.

Bid Bond: Not less than five percent (5%) of the Total Bid Price.

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KING COUNTY
INVITATION TO BID

Project: North Creek Force Main Condition Assessment, C00837C13

Sealed Bid Time/Date: 1:30 p.m., March 24, 2015

Location Due: King County Procurement & Contract Services Section, Contracts Counter, 3rd Floor, 401 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

Engineer's Estimate: $1,684,000

Scope of Work: Construction of access to two (2) existing parallel 30-inch diameter epoxy-lined mortar-coated steel pipelines at seven (7) locations, and closed circuit television (CCTV) inspection from these locations. One (1) location involves excavation, disassembly and reassembly of existing flexible couplings. Two (2) locations include excavation and removal of pipe spools and welding of new tees in their places. Four (4) locations include excavation and removal of pipe spools, welding of new tees in place of the pipe spools, and construction of new access vaults. Four (4) of the new tees will be owner-furnished and eight (8) will be provided by the Contractor. Sequencing of the work is constrained by the need to keep one pipeline in operation at all times and to be able to return the other pipeline to service quickly if County operational needs dictate. Work at multiple locations on one pipeline by multiple crews is expected to meet the project milestones and constraints. Dewatering is planned for all locations. CCTV will be as specified in the Contract and as directed by the County. Other project elements include installation of cathodic protection test stations and steel wall thickness measurement requiring confined space entry. Work sites: Seven sites along the North Creek Force Main alignment, including sites within Bothell, Woodinville and unincorporated King County, Washington.

Contact Information: Gib Myers, Contract Specialist, 206-263-9323, TTY Relay: 711, Fax: 206-296-7675, or gib.myers@kingcounty.gov. A bidder may be asked to put a question in writing. No verbal answers by any County personnel or its agents and consultants will be binding on the County.

Pre-Bid Conference: March 5, 2015, 1:30PM, Brightwater Operation Center (BOC), 22505 State Route 9 Southeast, Woodinville, WA 98072. For directions to the BOC, see the following link:

http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wtd/About/Directions.aspx#brightwater

Subcontracting Opportunities: sitework, excavation and backfilling; dewatering system design and installation, welding and weld pressure testing; field coating of steel pipe; traffic control; closed circuit television inspection; crane operation; concrete footings; pipe removal; tee installation; testing and inspection.

Apprenticeship Requirements: 5% minimum Apprentice Utilization Requirement.

SCS Utilization Requirements. 10% minimum requirement for King County Certified Small Contractors and Suppliers (SCS)

Bid Bond: Not less than five percent (5%) of the Total Bid Price.

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CDBG PROJECT #C13244

Sealed Proposals will be received by the undersigned at the City of Burien, 400 SW 152nd Street, Suite 300, Burien, Washington 98166, until 10:00 a.m. local time on Thursday, March 19, 2015, immediately followed by Opening of Bids, for the furnishing of necessary labor, materials, equipment, tools, and guarantees thereof to construct the Dottie Harper Playground Renovation Project. Bids received later than said time and date shall not be considered.

The project includes the demolition of existing play equipment, construction of a new play area, construction of a new soft surface pathway, and installation of the new play equipment, minor modifications to asphalt parking lot area and other miscellaneous work as required. The project includes demolition, clearing and grubbing, grading, drainage, soft surface paving, asphalt paving, cement concrete curbs, surface restoration, erosion control, and traffic control.

The Work shall be substantially complete within 45 working days as stated in the Contract. All bidding and construction is to be performed in compliance with the Contract Provisions and Contract Plans for this project and any addenda issued thereto that are on file at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Burien, Washington.

This project is financed through the Community Development Block Grant Program with funds obtained from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The contract will be subject to regulations of the Departments of Labor and Housing and Urban Development.

Attention is called to federal provisions for Equal Employment Opportunity, HUD Section 3 requirements, and the minimum wages as set forth in the contract documents.

The Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud shortly after the time and date stated above. Proposals are to be submitted only on the form provided with the Contract Provisions, specifically Exhibit B to the Small Public Works Contract.

Plans, specifications, addenda and the bidders list may be viewed and obtained online from the Builder's Exchange of Washington, Inc. at *www.bxwa.com*. Click on: "Posted Projects", "Public Works", "City of Burien", and "Projects Bidding". Bidders are encouraged to register to ensure they receive automatic email notification of future addenda and to be placed on the bidders list. Registration for the bidders list may be made online, by phoning (425) 258-1303, or at Builder's Exchange offices at 2607 Wetmore Ave, Everett, WA. The City will not sell bid packages. Bidders may contact Roby Snow, RLA of The LA Studio, LLC with questions. (206) 204-0507 xt 206.

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INVITATION TO BID

Project: Lake Alice Road SE – Culvert Replacement, C00904C14

Sealed Bid Time/Date Due: 1:30 p.m., March 17, 2015

Sealed Bid Location: King County Procurement & Contract Services Section, Contracts Counter, 3rd Floor, 401 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

Engineer's Estimate: $710,000 - $830,000.

Scope of Work: This project provides for the improvement of a stream culvert that crosses Lake Alice Road SE in the vicinity of 339th Ave SE, in King County by clearing and grubbing, installing erosion control measures, cofferdams, stream diversion pipe and dewatering system, implementing a temporary road closure, structure excavation, shoring and removal of the existing CMP culvert, construction of a new precast concrete box culvert, placement of streambed materials, hot mix asphalt and reinforced slope embankment, stream channel and site restoration, and other work, all in accordance with the attached Plans, these Special Provisions, and the 2014 APWA/WSDOT Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge, and Municipal Construction.

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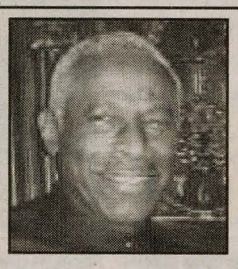
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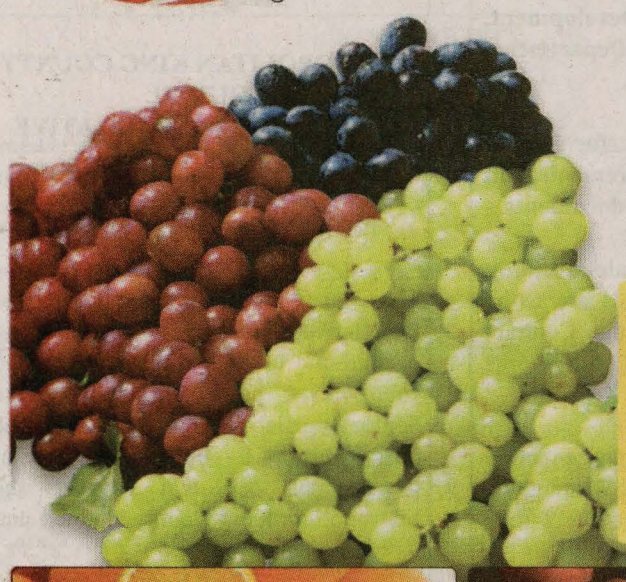
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ENTERTAINMENT

Movie Review: Focus



Will Smith and Margot Robbie co-star in the con artist movie Focus.

By Dwight Brown
NNPA Film Critic

After Earth, Men in Black 3, Seven Pounds… It's been a while since Will Smith lived up to his star status in a film worth having his name above the marquee. As Nicky, a con artist's con artist in *Focus*, he redeems himself somewhat in a generic but often entertaining game of who's fooling who.

Nicky Spurgeon – part con artist and part thief – was trained by his dad and granddad in the fine art of deception: Focus your victim's attention in one direction, while you steal him blind out of his line of vision. One night in a New York bar, Jess (Margot Robbie, *The Wolf of Wall Street*), a novice shyster, picks him up and brings him back to her hotel. Her enraged husband barges into the room demanding money from Nicky, or he'll kill him. Don't BS a BSer. Nick knows the two are on the con. He schools them. That would have been the end of a strange night, except Jess wants to learn the ropes from a master and Nicky is smitten with the svelte blonde.

Nicky works Jess into his gang of thieves. In New Orleans, they pickpocket, swipe jewelry and steal money with a nerve and rhythm that is precision. At a football game, Nicky schemes on a wealthy man named Liyuan (BD Wong) who likes to bet on anything. He pulls an unwitting Jess into his ruse. Once he's done, he leaves her. Three years later in Buenos Aries, Nicky shows up for a job involving the racecar world and a coveted algorithm. He's working for a slick dude named Garriga (Rodrigo Santoro). He's shocked one night when he finds a beautiful blonde cozying up to his mark. It's Jess.

The cagey film *The Grifters*, starring Annette Bening, Anjelica Houston and John Cusack, directed by Stephen Frears, set the bar real high for all con artist movies that followed. This nicely crafted and very slick looking production isn't as gripping or original as the aforementioned, but that doesn't stop it from being fun. You won't be astonished, but you won't be bored either.

Writer/directors Glenn Ficara and John Requa (*Crazy, Stupid, Love*) mix in enough hijinks (thieves working a New Orleans crowd), violence (a car crash, punched faces and gun play) and titillation (Smith goes bare chest, Robbie does not, their modest love sex scene lacks chemistry) to keep your interests piqued. The screenplay has a lot of twists and turns, and you can't quite guess where the story is leading, though you know instinctively that a big con is coming.

Jan Kovac's (*Curb Your Enthusiasm*) editing is pretty nimble and well accommodates the film's four acts, which unfold in 104 minutes. There is a happy marriage between Xavier Grobet's (*Mother and Child*) glossy cinematography, Beth Mickle's (*Thanks for Sharing*) production design and Kelly Curley's art direction, which tends to favor teal blue. The musical score by Nick Urata (*I Love You Phillip Morris*) is reminiscent of 1980s hip nightclub music, like the hit song "Ghost Town" by The Specials.

Margot Robbie, certainly tall and beautiful in a Victoria Secrets kind of way, has a tough interior. Adrian Martinez (*American Hustle*) as Farhad, one of Nicky's cronies, brings humor to the gang. As Jess sits in the back seat and Nicky drives the car, Farhad blurts out, "You hitting that?" Gerald McRaney (TV's *House of Cards*) plays the perfect henchman. Rodrigo Santoro is fine as the Argentinean playboy, but he was much more electric in *300: Rise of an Empire*.

Will Smith carries this film on shoulders. His cool demeanor and devil-may-care attitude are appealing. He has tremendous stage presence and he knows how to work the camera. Physically, for a 47 year-old-man, he's in great shape and aging like Dorian Grey. What Smith's career needs now, is a blockbuster that can put him back on top of the heap.

Focus is a bit too slick, but engaging nonetheless. It doesn't give up. It doesn't stop. Or, as Nicky puts it, "Never drop the con. Die with the lie."

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