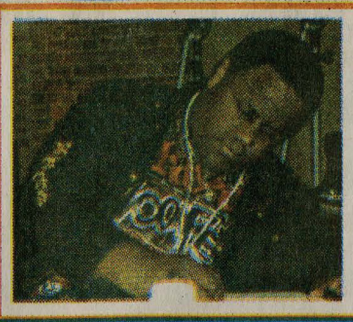


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Martin Luther King III: 'We've Got to Roll Up Our Sleeves'

By Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

WASHINGTON (NNPA) – On the verge of commemorating the Martin Luther King National Holiday Jan. 19, Martin Luther King III, has declared "We've got to roll up our sleeves" during what he describes as "a very special period in the history of our nation and world."

Speaking last week to the ceremonial swearing in of the Congressional Black Caucus, King says America must remind itself that despite the historic swearing in of the nation's first Black president Jan. 20, his father's "dream has not been fulfilled even though a significant aspect of that dream has been fulfilled."

Sitting aside a prepared speech, King III, now a human rights leader in his own right, spoke from his heart as he stood before the Capitol Hill audience of hundreds, thinking of his father, who was assassinated April 4, 1968 and his mother who died of cancer on Jan. 30, 2006.

"I cannot say exactly what my father and mother would say, but I know they're looking down on us smiling," said King, founder and president of Realizing the Dream, a non-profit advocacy organization for the poor. Then he laid out the bare facts:

"But, as long as there are 37 plus million people living in poverty, the dream will not be fulfilled; as long as we live in a nation where 47 plus million people have no health insurance, the dream has not been fulfilled, as long as we live in a nation where the criminal justice system has millions of people and just about 50-50 percent of those people are people of color, the dream will not be fulfilled," he told the vigorously applauding audience. "We still have work to do, but the wonderful thing is we can make it happen. Where there is great challenge, there is also great opportunity."

Referring to the historic inauguration of President-Elect Barack Obama, King said, "Our nation is getting ready to move in a most powerful direction in the most positive way."

But, he added, "We've got to roll up our sleeves."

Had he lived, Dr. King would be 80 years old on Jan. 15 this year. Listening to King III speak were civil rights icons U. S. Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) and Dr. Dorothy Height, president emeritus of the National Council of Negro Women, both of whom marched on Washington with Dr. King on Aug. 28, 1963, where he rendered the famous "I Have a Dream" speech. Both Lewis and Height received rousing applause when acknowledged by King III.

But, King pointed out that it was the principles for which they stood that made them great. He encouraged the CBC and the audience to remember those principles as outlined succinctly by Dr. King in several of his speeches. King quoted his father, "The ultimate measure of a person is not where they stand in times of comfort and convenience, but where they stand in times of challenge and controversy."

Livingston Takes His Book To The Streets

Rev. Carl Livingston, pastor of Kingdom Christian Center and professor of political science at Seattle Central Community College, says that he is willing to walk the walk, and not just talk the talk as he will lead a march and rally this Saturday to promote the development of the Black community this Sat., Jan 17th in Seattle.

The rally will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Garfield Community Center, followed by a march through the community at noon.

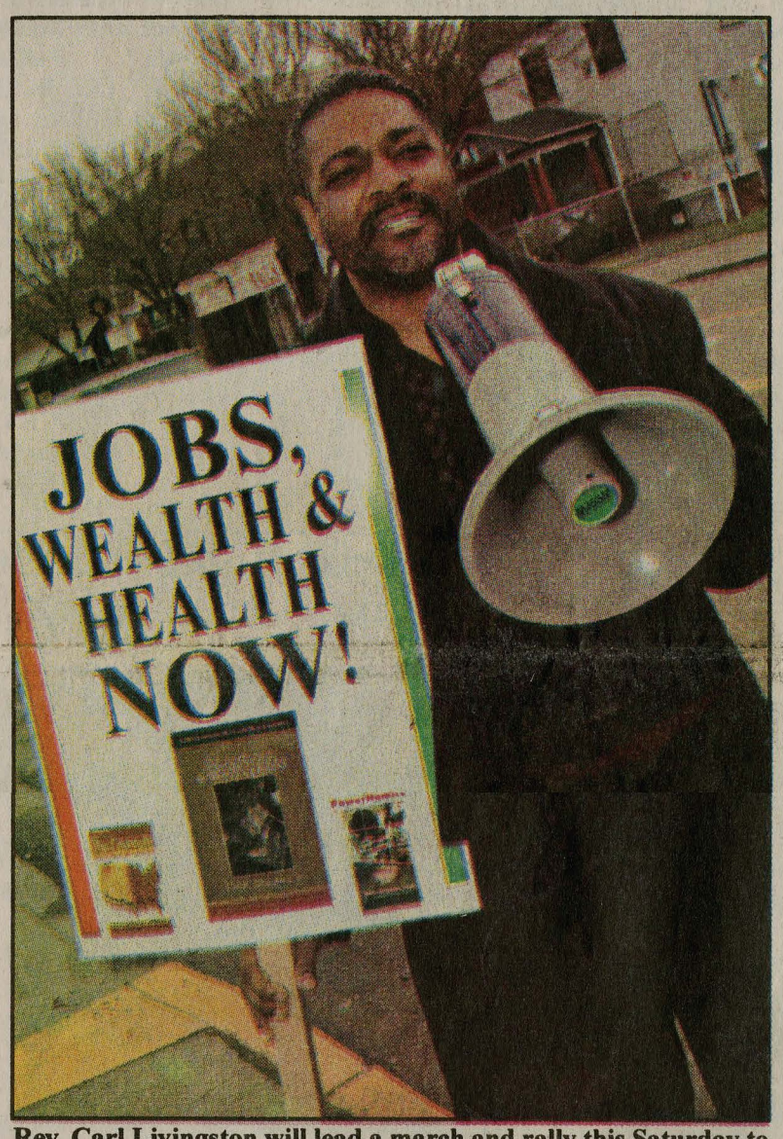
"Too many of our children are dying on the streets of Seattle," says Livingston, author of *Shoestrings & Bootstraps: a Development Plan for Black America*, a response to the concerns of the Black community in Seattle and across the nation.

"Too many adults in our communities are unemployed or underemployed, too many fathers are disengaged from their families, and too many families are struggling under the weight of debt," he continued, "The time for a Black renaissance has come!"

Livingston's book provides strategies for the full development of the Black community with regard to finances, emotional and social well-being, and spiritual growth, and this is the message that he hopes to take to the streets and instill in our children and Black families. He believes that in the face of national economic strife and an increase in youth violence, there is yet hope for the Black community.

"If we are going to stop the violence and gang problems in our community, we have to do more than tell our young people what to say 'No' to; we have to give them something to say 'Yes' to," he said.

In an exclusive interview with The Seattle Medium, Livingston said that he will continue to march once a month, until Juneteenth if necessary, to call the Black community to action.



Rev. Carl Livingston will lead a march and rally this Saturday to promote the development of Seattle's Black community.

"I'm on calling fathers, mothers, business owners, students, and pastors to march with me, and to declare a new day for Seattle," he said. "I'm calling on all of us to join together to develop a comprehensive plan to change the economic landscape of the Black Seattle."

According to Livingston, as the group marches the message will be clear - say "no" to gang violence, unemployment, broken marriages and debt.

"There is much growth that can happen if the community bands together and plans intentionally for the future," he stated. "We're asking that people come ready to celebrate, build new relationships and grow with one another this Saturday at the Garfield Community Center because the time for the renewal of the Black community is now!"

For more information about this event or about purchasing a copy of the book *Shoestrings & Bootstraps: a Development Plan for Black America*, please contact Carl Livingston at (206)587-2922 or at clivin@sccd.ctc.edu .

Burris To Be Seated In The U. S. Senate

By Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - U.S. Senate leaders have finally approved former Illinois Attorney General Roland Burris to fill the Senate seat vacated by President-elect Barack Obama.

The decision came Monday afternoon after meetings between Burris lawyers and Senate leaders came to a resolution at the behest of Obama, who had ask that officials solve the controversy.

Burris was expected to be seated this week.

Senate leaders had said the appointment by embattled Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich would not be respected. The governor had been arrested on charges that he tried to sell the seat. Last week, he was impeached by the Illinois Legislature.

Meanwhile, the Congressional Black Caucus weighed in, calling for Senate Democratic leaders to allow Burris to be seated.

"Today, we met as members of the Congressional Black Caucus and voted unanimously that Roland Burris should be seated by the Senate," said a Jan. 7 letter to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid from all members of the CBC, chaired by U. S. Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Calif.).

The legal struggle over the seat started after Blagojevich was arrested on federal corruption charges alleging that Blagojevich attempted to "sell" Obama's Senate seat to "the highest bidder." Pressure had mounted for the governor to step down. But, he has not yet been convicted of a crime. Tape recordings indicating his intention of receiving something in exchange for the seat were widely broadcasted on national media.

The Senate atmosphere began to soften shortly after Burris was turned away Jan. 6 when Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), chair of the Senate Rules Committee, broke from her colleagues, saying she thinks Blagojevich still has the power to appoint Burris and that the Senate should respect that appointment.

Despite the controversy surrounding Blagojevich, those who know Burris say Burris is a man of integrity.

With Burris, the 100-member Senate, will still have only one African-American.

"I've known him for about 30 years. He's a man of integrity and honor," says U. S. Rep. Diane Watson (D-Calif.). "He was the attorney general and I don't know why he had to be tainted with the scent of the governor. But, the governor had not been proven guilty yet."

County Council Authorizes Settlement Of Federal Complaint Over Inmate Conditions At King County Jail

On Monday, the King County Council approved the authorization of a proposed settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice over conditions at the King County Jail. The authorization also approves close to $2 million to fund implementation of the agreement.

In 2007 the Department of Justice (DOJ), after investigating practices at the King County Jail, alleged that certain conditions violated the constitutional rights of inmates in three specific areas: the protection of inmates from harm, the protection of inmates from self-harm, and access to adequate medical care.

"The allegations in the DOJ report are very disturbing and the Council will continue its oversight role to ensure that we improve conditions at the facility," said Council Vice Chair Bob Ferguson, who chaired last year's Operating Budget Committee and closely monitored the settlement negotiations.

Throughout 2008, the Council's Operating Budget, Fiscal Management, and Select Issues committee received numerous briefings on DOJ's investigation and the County's response to the allegations. In January of 2008, the committee discussed the issue at length and received a detailed report on DOJ's findings and the County's preliminary response.

The County has already taken actions to improve practices at the facility, including: the creation of a Use of Force Review Board, which meets regularly; review of all suicide prevention policies and procedures; development of an updated assessment procedure to ensure that inmates are placed in the appropriate housing unit; and twice-a-day meetings involving corrections and health personnel working in the Psychiatric Housing Unit.

The agreement, in which the county does not admit that DOJ's allegations are true, is the result of settlement negotiations between DOJ and representatives of King County. It identifies practices and requirements that the county will undertake in the King County Correctional Facility.

Procedurally, DOJ will file a lawsuit against the county after the agreement is signed. DOJ and the county will then file a joint motion for conditional dismissal of the lawsuit should the county after three years or less achieve substantial compliance with the terms of the agreement in four areas: protection from harm, suicide prevention, medical care, and environmental health.

The agreement identifies and appoints a third-party monitor who will oversee King County's compliance with its terms.

Report: U.S. Marshals Misused As Sports Escorts

By Devlin Barrett
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Investigators say a lawyer for the U.S. Marshals Service used government cars and armed deputies to drive himself and broadcasters to major sporting events like the Super Bowl and the World Series.

A report issued Monday by the Justice Department's inspector general was highly critical of the lawyer, Joseph Band, who worked in the agency's Washington office.

Band also worked as a part-time statistician for Fox Sports, and he came under scrutiny after he received rides to two World Series games in 2007 in Boston, as well as the 2008 Super Bowl in Phoenix.

The report issued Monday by Inspector General Glenn Fine found Band sometimes got escorts not just for himself, but for broadcasters as well.

Fox Sports spokesman Dan Bell said company officials were unaware ``that those arrangements were in any way inappropriate, and regret to learn now that they apparently were."

Fine said use of armed government agents as a VIP car service violates ethical standards, and U.S. Marshals in the cities Band visited should not have agreed to his requests.

Band ``regularly and inappropriately solicited and received assistance of (marshal service) resources for his personal activities, in violation of government ethical rules," the report concluded.

Band retired from the agency earlier this month, said his lawyer, Jacob Stein.

In a written defense of Band's conduct, Stein said marshals often assist at sporting events and other high-profile activities, and his client had, on his own time, assisted with ``public activities helpful to the community reputation of the service."

Band maintained he was granted permission for government personnel ``to take time off for the events he covered," and had no ``control, knowledge, or decision-making discretion with respect to the use of any government vehicle or government personnel," Stein said.

One deputy marshal said he picked up Band at the airport to bring him to an NFL playoff game in Tampa Bay, then drove Band back to the airport, leading the way for limousines carrying two broadcasters.

The deputy, who was not identified in the report, said he didn't question whether it was appropriate to do so because Band ``was the guy who advises us on ethics."

The Marshals Service said it agreed with the report's conclusions that the agency should tighten its oversight of its employees' outside work.

Seattle Community Colleges To Hold 35th Annual MLK Celebration This Friday

The Seattle Community College District will hold its 35th Annual MLK Celebration this Friday from 12 Noon – 1:30 p.m. at Mount Zion Baptist Church — 1634 19th Avenue in Seattle.

The program, one of the area's oldest and most significant programs celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will focus on "Dr. King's Message for a Changing World." The event, emceed by award-winning broadcast reporter and anchor Connie Thompson of KOMO-TV, will feature a presentation by students from Our Lady of the Lake School; Mount Zion's Mass Choir and Praise Dancers, directed by Phyllis Byrdwell and featuring talented young soloist Marcus Petitt; and a keynote address by Rev. Aaron Williams, new Senior Pastor at Mount Zion Baptist Church.

The program — which draws people from across the community; civic, education, business, labor and social leaders; and students of all ages — is free and open to the public. Fore more information call (206) 903-3233 or visit www.seattlecolleges.edu/mlk.

Annual MLK Community Celebration At Garfield Next Monday

The 27th Annual Region-wide Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration will take place next Mon., Jan. 19 at Garfield High School in Seattle.

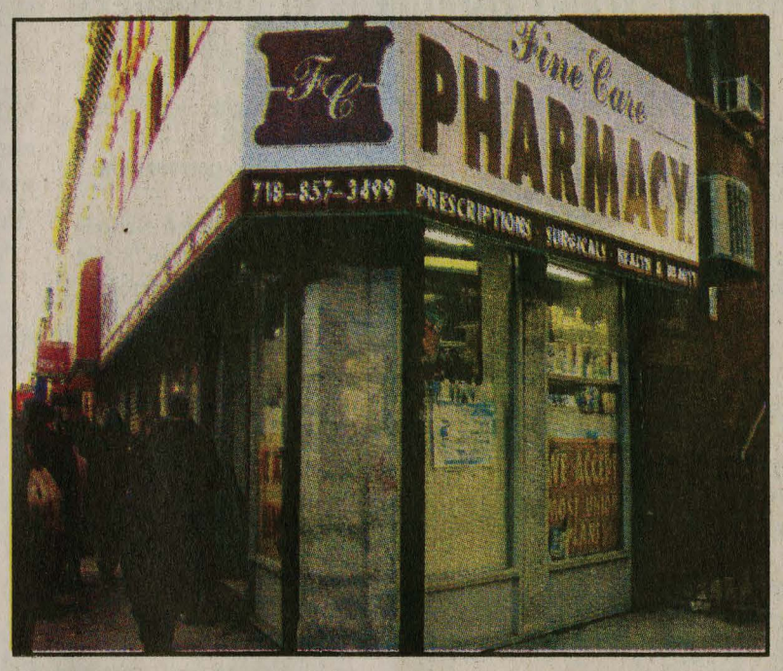
The annual event will feature workshops, a rally and march. The workshops will be held between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00, followed by the annual rally at 11:00 a.m. and the march from Garfield to the Downtown Federal Building will begin at 12 Noon.

Immediately after the March, food and refreshments will be served at the Garfield High School cafeteria and is free to all participants!

Notorious Pinpoints Themes That Resonate In The Lives Of Many



Jamal Woolard plays the starring role as Notorious B.I.G. *Staff Photo/Jior Cameron.*



The corner of Fulton and James. Now a pharmacy, the former liquor storefront was where Biggie used to hustle. *Staff Photo/Jior Cameron.*



Angela Basset, who plays Biggie's mother, and Biggie's birth mother Voletta Wallace. *Staff Photo/Jior Cameron.*

By Jior Cameron
The Seattle Medium

Christopher Wallace. Biggie Smalls. The Notorious B.I.G. These are all names synonymous with one of the most influential, well-respected, and dynamic figures in hip-hop history. Born in one of the toughest and most poverty stricken neighborhoods of New York — Bed-Stuy, Brooklyn — Christopher Wallace lived the hard-knock life that was more the norm in his community than the exception.

Wallace was raised by a single mother from Jamaica; and early-on he succumbed to the pressures of the streets while trying to stay afloat in the midst of poverty. By the age of 17, Wallace was a high school drop-out, teenage father, and a street hustler in an increasingly prevalent drug game.

The biopic NOTORIOUS, details the life of Christopher Wallace — the son, Biggie Smalls — the impresario behind Junior M.A.F.I.A, and Notorious B.I.G — the bigger than life lyricist and rapper that left a lasting impact on hip-hop. NOTORIOUS illustrates Biggie's rise to stardom, and details the life and struggles of a man who went from being just the norm to an exception.

The movie, directed by George Tillman, Jr. (Soul Food), features a cast of both well known actors and newcomers alike. While the cast is star studded (Angela Basset, Derek Luke, Anthony Mackie), perhaps the most surprising aspect of the movie was how well many of the new-comers played their respective characters. Namely Jamal Woolard in the starring role as "Biggie".

Woolard gave a stunning performance, seemingly concealing the casting problems Tillman experienced in trying to fill the lead role.

"We had guys who could act, but didn't necessarily look the part," said Tillman, as he recounted his difficulties casting the individual to play this monumental role.

"So many young men came, from a 14-year-old to a 44-year-old," recalled Biggie's mother Voletta Wallace. "I saw some good performers, but none reminded me of my son."

"We weren't looking for someone who was doing a great imitation. We were looking for someone who could cut to the essence of his complexity, and that was a lot more difficult to find," said casting director Tracy Bird.

They would later find the person they were looking for in Woolard. As soon as Woolard stepped into the casting room, he made an immediate impression on the directors, and most importantly, on Biggie's mother.

"Jamal walked in and Ms. Wallace said, 'that's my son,'" recalled Tillman.

"Jamal came in looking like Christopher, sounding like my son, and had the right attitude," said Wallace.

A Brooklyn-born rapper himself, Woolard had the lyrical skill set to sell the rapper side of Biggie to audiences, but he had zero acting experience. Yet even with no prior acting experience, Tillman, Wallace and the other producers saw something special in Woolard. He had *swagger*—the almost extreme self-confidence that most chart-topping artists in hip-hop possess. A trait that these days is almost a prerequisite for success in the industry.

"You can't buy swagger, that's a Brooklyn thing," said Woolard. "You got to be born with swagger. I'm just a regular person making it happen."

Moved by his persona and resemblance to Biggie, the directors decided to take a chance on the unknown talent.

Fully understanding that he had gotten an exceptional opportunity and perhaps the role of a lifetime, Woolard threw himself into his preparation. Woolard studied Biggie—*really* studied him. He put himself through a self-proclaimed "Biggie Bootcamp." He gained over 50 pounds, going from 285 lbs to 340 lbs, worked intensely with an acting coach, and watched countless video footage of the late rapper.

"Right away he took the responsibility of playing Biggie very seriously," said Byrd. "Just like Jamie Foxx was Ray Charles, Jamal was Biggie."

Woolard studied everything from Biggie's mannerisms to his cadence and inflection, to his vocal tone and breathing pattern, to how he held his head when speaking to certain people.

"Biggie held his head up when talking to Puff (P. Diddy) because he looked up to him; and he looked down his head at [Lil'] Kim. He never asked, he always ordered, his chin was always up, looking forward," Woolard recalled.

Woolard's preparation paid off, as his portrayal of Biggie is uncanny. From Biggie the rapper to Christopher Wallace the man, Woolard is spot-on.

Tillman agrees.

"You would be in the middle of directing a scene, look over and swear you were looking at Biggie," he said.

Fantastic renderings of characters aside, the movie also gives viewers a glimpse into something people outside of Biggie's family and inner circle weren't privy to—the man behind the music. The film details the circumstances that transformed Biggie from a shy kid sitting on the stoop, to the money making whatever-it-takes drug dealer who would sell to a pregnant mother, to the sometimes brash and magnetic rapper. The audience is invited to gain a greater understanding of both Biggie the rapper and Christopher Wallace the person, his loves, losses, triumphs, and ultimately his tragedy.

Set to the music that made Biggie famous, NOTORIOUS is far from a typical hip-hop movie. Unlike many films of its genre, both the characters and story-line run the gamut of emotion.

"When people look at hip-hop films, they might think of something that's all about music and something that's not really sophisticated. But this story is so much more," said Tillman

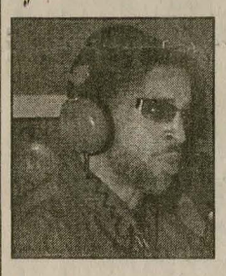
Keeping with his vision, Tillman covers many transformational events that took place in Biggie's life. One such event being the infamous East Coast/West Coast feud between Biggie and fellow rapper Tupac Shakur. The film explores the turn of events that would ultimately bring both rappers to their demise, with both a historical account and sensitivity that sheds light on the events that many simply wrote off as mere gang violence or just another Black on Black crime.

"For me it was really important that NOTORIOUS become one of the first films that deals with African American characters that are dramatic, serious, and have a wide range of emotions that resonate beyond that world," said Tillman

Through exploring the life and circumstances of one individual, NOTORIOUS pinpoints themes that resonate in many lives—coming-of-age, struggle, and realizing dreams. The film is a touching, informative, and fresh perspective on Notorious B.I.G., Biggie Smalls, and most importantly Christopher Wallace—the man behind the music.

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Dell Agrees To Refund Consumers Under Settlement With 34 States

On Monday, Washington State Attorney General Rob McKenna announced an agreement between the Attorneys General of 34 states and Dell under which Dell will provide restitution to customers who experienced problems with the company's financing promotions, rebate offers, technical support and repair policies.

"It's time for a reboot of Dell's customer service system," McKenna said. "Our agreement requires disclosures to prevent future communication breakdowns and ensures that customers who are owed money are promptly paid."

Under the agreement, Texas-based Dell, Inc., and its subsidiary, Dell Financial Services, LLC, admit no wrongdoing but agree to pay $1.5 million in restitution to eligible consumers who file claims postmarked by April 13, 2009. Dell cooperated fully with the attorneys general during their investigation.

Dell will pay an additional $1.85 million to the states for reimbursement of legal costs and other expenses. Washington will receive $200,000 of that amount.

Assistant Attorney General Katherine Tassi of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division said Washington and Connecticut jointly led an investigation into Dell's sales practices after customers complained about an array issues. Some applied for zero-percent financing then were charged higher interest rates. Others had trouble obtaining warranty service on their Dell computers. Many said they never received promised rebates.

"The deals Dell made and the terms computer buyers thought they agreed to didn't always compute," Tassi said.

One consumer said she made a purchase with zero-percent financing for 18 months and made her payments on time. But the last payment was applied late. The customer was then billed $668 interest for the entire financing period.

Under the settlement, Dell agreed to the following:

FINANCING AND CREDIT OFFERS

• Disclose in advertisements for promotional credit offers that the majority of consumers who apply won't qualify for the best annual percentage rate (APR), and disclose the range of initial APRs that consumers who are not considered the "most qualified borrowers" are likely to receive.

• Inform consumers considering applying for promotional financing that the application is for a revolving open credit account, that minimum monthly payments are required and that approval of the account does not guarantee that the consumer will also qualify for conditional financing promotions (such as zero-percent interest for 90 days). Explain how finance charges are calculated, disclose any penalties and inform the consumer whether subsequent purchases made using the credit account will be subject to the same or different financing terms.

• At the time of credit acceptance, disclose whether the applicant has qualified for any conditional financing promotion.

WARRANTIES AND SERVICES

• Fulfill its warranty obligations within 30 days from the date of notification or receipt of a defective product.

• Disclose whether phone-based troubleshooting or remote diagnosis is required before Dell will provide on-site repair or warranty-related service.

REBATES

• If a rebate is available, provide the necessary rebate documentation at the time product is delivered or the service is provided

• Mail rebates within the specified timeframe, or within 30 days if no date is specified.

ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

Implement written policies to ensure compliance with the settlement, including procedures that address issues such as:

• Informing consumers of their right to cancel orders made with the Dell Credit Account within three days after receiving final credit approval and the written terms and conditions.

• Communication between Dell and Dell Financial Services when a consumer returns a product purchased with credit.

• Removing consumer accounts from collection agencies and providing accurate information to credit-reporting bureaus.

• Substantiate any claims Dell makes about the quality of its customer service. Dell can use the term "award-winning" to describe its customer service only if the company received such an award within the past 18 months.

The following states participated in the settlement: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

CONSUMER REFUND REQUESTS:

It's not yet known how many consumers in Washington or nationwide may be entitled to refunds under the settlement. Consumers may be eligible for restitution if 1) They have a valid complaint concerning a product that was purchased between April 1, 2005, and April 13, 2009, and is addressed by the agreement and 2) Dell owes them money.

Washington residents who haven't submitted complaints but believe they are eligible for refunds should make a request by downloading a claim format www.atg.wa.gov/settlement spx Consumers can also call 1-800-551-4636 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays to request a form by mail. The deadline to submit claims is April 13, 2009.

Eligible consumers who previously filed complaints with the Attorney General's Office on or after April 1, 2005, will be mailed claim forms. If you believe you are eligible and do not receive a claim form within two weeks of today's date, download one from our website or contact the Attorney General's Office for a claim form.

Consumers in other participating states should contact their Attorney General's Office.

The amount of money issued to individual consumers depends on the number of eligible recipients and the total amount claimed.

Switch From Analog To Digital - Only TV Impacts Less Fortunate

By Dorothy Rowley
Special to the NNPA from the Afro-American Newspapers

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - For people who rely on ''rabbit ears'' or antennas to watch their favorite TV programs, time is running out—particularly in communities of color and for people living on fixed incomes as they are appearing to be the least prepared when the country converts next month from analog to digital-only broadcasting.

But the Feb.17 conversion, touted on one hand as the nation's biggest changeover since the introduction of decimal currency, has been criticized as a public sham.

A current Black Agenda Report (BAR) claims not only did the public not have a say in the matter, but also the conversion is but a mere opportunity for big media corporations to engage in a monopoly.

BAR also says that with a value of $80 billion, the 5,000 new channels that accompany the conversion will become the ''quasi property'' of the same corporations that already hold the licenses for all of American TV.

''Corporate media and their accomplices at the Federal Communications Commission may have pulled off the biggest public rip off since Congress conspired to grant millions of acres to the railroad barons,'' the report states.

Nonetheless, the switch is slated to spawn significant improvements in TV viewing that include better picture quality and sound while making more space available on the airways for public safety communications.

At the same time, the change could signal a setback for millions of individuals and families who - unable to afford cable television - have become accustomed to their rooftop antennas.

Those who fail to convert in time will not be able to get a picture on their TVs and may have to purchase a converter box or an updated set.

As a result, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR) believes the transition, in which all TV stations in the country have been federally mandated to discontinue use of their analog systems, will bring about an even wider divide between the "haves" and "have nots."

Especially, observers note, when it was largely the votes of the latter that helped President-elect Barack Obama get to the White House. They contend that those among them without digital service will probably not keep track of his progress.

A study conducted this past fall by the Nielson Company showed that 12.5 percent of African American households and 13 percent of Hispanic households that were using analog TVs were not ready for the digital conversion.

The study also found that households with annual incomes of $25,000 or less were five times more likely to be unprepared for the conversion than households earning more than $75,000.

Further, if the required digital TV programming would go into effect today, Nielson noted that some 12.6 million households would have at least one TV that would no longer work.

Additionally, a consumer survey released after the Nielsen report stated that millions of people remained confused about how to prepare for the transition. According to the Web site TgDaily.com, to address their concerns and make the issue clear, many TV stations are launching preview tests that will occur during normal news and prime time programming.

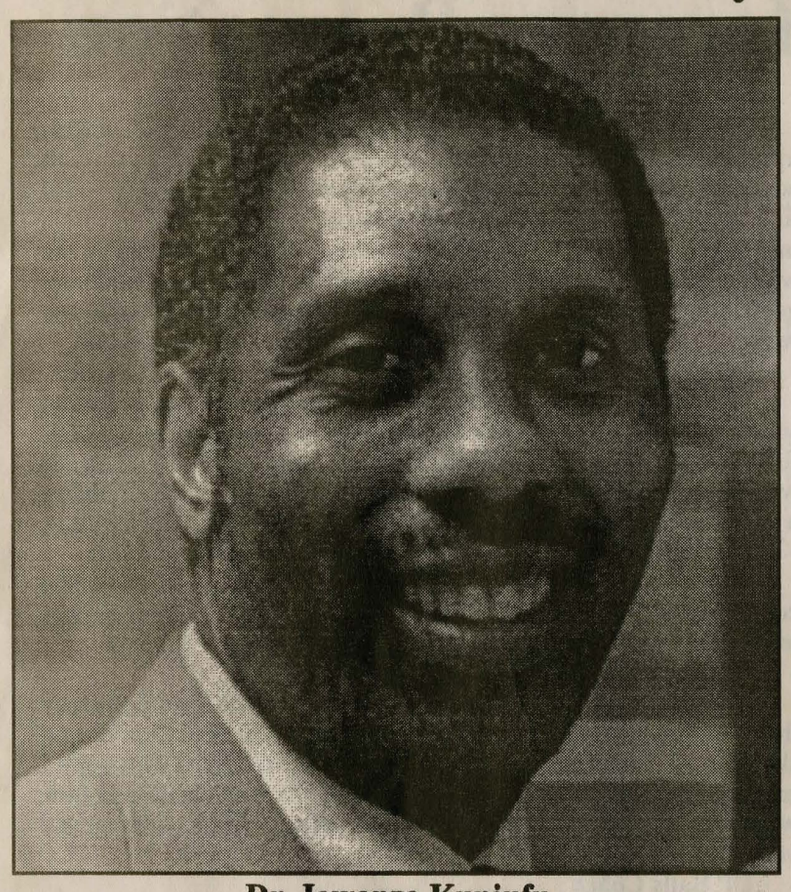
During the test, if the TV goes to snow or shows no signal, a converter box will be needed.

LCCR says that to that end, it's also crucial for public officials as well as corporate and community officials to join forces and inform people with analog sets how and where they can obtain converter boxes.

Depending on the television, converter boxes cost between $40 and $70.

The government however, is sponsoring a conversion assistance program in which households can receive two $40 coupons for the purchase of converter boxes. For more information, visit www.dtv2009.gov or call 1-888-388-2009.

Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu To Speak At Mount Zion This Thursday



Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu

Renowned educational consultant, Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu will speak about "The Education Gap: A Critical Response to Poverty in America (The Ruby Payne Theory)" at Mount Zion Baptist Church of Seattle (19th & Madison) this Thurs., Jan. 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Ruby Payne's "poverty theory" has become very popular with educators of low-income children of color. Her theory essentially concludes that for students who are not White and middle-class, it will be very difficult to reach full potential. In this presentation, Dr. Kunjufu will dissect and refute Payne's theory by demonstrating how the success of a child cannot be determined solely by race, income, family structure, or level of parental education. He will also highlight what successful schools are doing in low-income, high-risk neighborhoods. This presentation aims to educate the educators - and better equip them to teach children from impoverished communities.

Dr. Kunjufu has written dozens of books on the education of children of color, including 100+ Educational Strategies to Teach Children of Color, Black Students/Middle Class Teachers, and Keeping Black Boys Out of Special Education. For more information, go to www.africanamericanimages.com/AAI/.

King County To Hold Annual MLK Celebration This Thursday At The Paramount

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. lived his life breaking barriers, with the goal of making America a land where all people were judged by the "content of their character." King County and its employees once again invite everyone to help them honor the memory of Dr. King and celebrate his vision for what America could be at the county's 22nd annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration this Thurs., Jan 15 from 12 Noon - 1:00 p.m. at the Paramount Theatre - 911 Pine Street in Seattle.

This year's event will be a celebration of men and women in this region whose life and work were shining examples of "Breaking Barriers."

Two King County employees will be honored for heeding Dr. King's call to service with the presentation of the Employee Humanitarian Awards. The celebration will also recognize young people from throughout King County whose essays have been selected to receive the 2009 Essay Award.

This event is free and open to the public.

MLK Youth Hip Hop Event This Friday At Garfield Community Center

There will be a FREE MLK Youth Hip Hop event this Fri., Jan. 16 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Garfield Community Center on 23rd and Cherry.

The event,which encourages youth involvement, will feature dance group Kutt'N'Up, a fashion show hosted by designers Heart on my Sleeve, as well as a spoken word performance from Youth Speaks.

Come celebrate MLK's legacy with Seattle's upcoming rap artists, singers, spoken word performers and dancers through the power of hip-hop. The event will be FREE so get there early for a good seat!

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Public Hearings
Building Closure

In order to strengthen academic programs across Seattle Public Schools and protect its long-term financial health, the School District is now considering building closures. A preliminary recommendation was announced on November 25. On Dec. 15 and 16, public hearings were held at buildings proposed for closure as part of that recommendation. Due to inclement weather, the Dec. 18 hearing planned for Lowell was postponed. It has been rescheduled as noted below. In addition, a final public hearing, at which testimony is welcome on any of the buildings proposed for closure, is scheduled for January 22. On January 6, the Superintendent's final recommendation will be announced.

Building-Specific Hearing - Lowell Building
Tuesday, January 20, 2009, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Lowell – 1058 E. Mercer St. (rescheduled from December 18)
Individuals who were scheduled to give public testimony on December 18 have first priority for the January 20 hearing. Others will be accepted on a space-available basis.

Final Public Hearing
Thursday, January 22, 2009, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
John Stanford Center - 2445 Third Ave. S.

Public testimony will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker. To sign up to give testimony, please call (206) 252-0042 or e-mail hearing@seattleschools.org.

For more information, visit www.seattleschools.org, and select "Capacity Management." Comments may be e-mailed to capacity@seattleschools.org, schoolboard@seattleschools.org, or mailed to School Board, P.O. Box 34165, MS 11-010, Seattle, WA, 98124-1165.

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Achievement Gap Hearing To Be Held In Olympia On Jan. 19

On Martin Luther King Monday, the House of Representatives Education Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 19th in Olympia to hear findings and recommendations from five Achievement Gap study reports.

The Committee meets in Hearing Room A, John L. O'Brien Building in Olympia, right across from the Capitol Dome. The study addressing African American students will be presented at 6:40 p.m., immediately after a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and a five-minute background briefing. Please recall that this achievement gap report was required under House Bill 2722, passed last session to address the needs of African American students.

In addition, report findings will be presented for Asian American, Pacific Islander American, Native American, and Hispanic/Latino American students, in that order. If you're tracking efforts to address the academic achievement gap afflicting students of color, this is a critical hearing to attend.

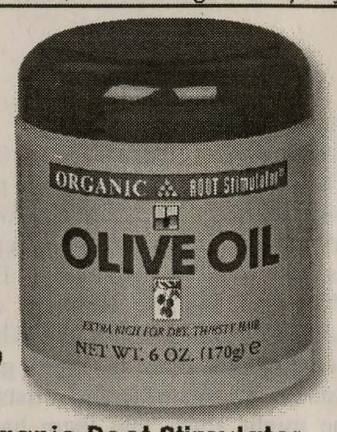
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EDITORIALS • COMMENTS • OPINIONS

Black Assistant Coach Says White Wife Hampers Promotion

By George E Curry
NNPA Columnist

The University of Florida's football team made a statement last week when it defeated the University of Oklahoma 24-14 and was declared national champion for the second time in three years. Charlie Strong, the African-American defensive coordinator who kept the Sooners far below their 54 points a game average, made an even louder statement when he declared that despite all of his success at Florida, he has been passed over for head coaching positions because of his interracial marriage.

"Everybody always said I didn't get that job because my wife was white," Strong told a columnist for the Orlando Sentinel. He added, "If you think about it, a coach is standing up there representing the university. If you're not strong enough to look through that (interracial marriage) then you have an issue."

Strong's assertion caught many by surprise. When you look at African-American sports figures – including Charles Barkley and Tiger Woods – many have White wives. So do many big time Black coaches, including Lovie Smith of the Chicago Bears. Interracial couples are so commonplace in athletics that one would be forgiven if he or she thought it was a requirement for Blacks participating at the top echelon of sports.

There is no doubt that interracial couples are less of a social taboo today than they were just two decades ago. According to a survey conducted by the Pew Research Center in 2003, more than three-quarters of all adults – 77 percent – said it is "all right for blacks and whites to date each other." In 1987, that figure was only 48 percent.

But Coach Strong's allegation speaks to a more subtle point. From the days of the Founding Fathers, White males have never objected to interracial liaisons. You can look at the complexion of any group of African-Americans and see that racial lines have been blurred. White men, ranging from the supposedly enlightened Thomas Jefferson to segregationist Strom Thurmond, have had children by Black women, often against their will. The objection has been to the voluntary union between Black men and White women. That has been particularly true in the Deep South.

Gunnar Myrdal's landmark "American Dilemma," written in the mid-1940s, observed the South's "fixation on the purity of white womanhood." Myrdal explained, "The South has an obsession with sex which helps to make this region quite irrational in dealing with Negroes generally…"

In the Matter of Color, a book written by retired U.S. Appeals Court Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Jr., notes that if a free Black man had sexual relations with a White woman in South Carolina during the Colonial period, he would automatically lose his freedom.

In 1955, Emmett Till, a 14-year-old boy from Chicago, was murdered near Money, Miss. for allegedly whistling at a White woman. Although his killers later bragged about killing young Till, they were never convicted.

Until 1966, interracial marriages were illegal in 16 states. That year, in the case of Loving v. Virginia, which involved a marriage between a White man and a Black woman, the United States Supreme Court invalidated anti-miscegenation laws.

According to the Census Bureau, the number of interracial marriages remain relatively small, increasing form less than 1 percent in 1970 to slightly more than 5 percent in 2000. A survey conducted by the Pew Research Center in 2005 found that more than one-fifth of all Americans – 22 percent – say they have a close relative married to someone of a different race.

So, what was the reaction to Coach Strong's remarks on the Orlando Sentinel's Web site?

Blah, blah, blah. I know that it is so politically correct to support inter-racial marriage as if it's perfectly acceptable, but I am personally disgusted by it, and I know plenty of others are too. I also find it ridiculous that such a disproportionate number of these marriages involve rich and famous black males who are big in the world of music, sports, or movies. Apparently black women are not good enough for these guys once they reach a certain status in the world.

- **Fungus**

Wow Fungus. Your name is spot-on. You are a Fungus. I am a successful WHITE male, married to a beautiful, successful BLACK female, with a gorgeous little girl who is 3 and another one on the way. Sorry to disgust you, you Neanderthal, with my choice to marry a beautiful woman of a darker skin tone than Barbie. DEAL with it.

- **Freekoffhisleash**

Stop complaining, he married that snow bunny and he knew the consequences. He is a self-hating black male, that believed he was too good to marry an educated black women.

- **I'm Glad**

… We have some white haters, and some black haters that say the dude shouldn't have married a white girl. Maybe Coach Strong should say ''Thank you Mr. White man for the job that I have, and I enjoy your smell." White man takes us out the jungle and look how we repay him, by creating rap music, dating white women and voting!

- **Ol' Balls Coach**

Maybe we haven't made as much progress in this area as we were led to believe.

George E. Curry, former editor-in-chief of Emerge magazine and the NNPA News Service, is a keynote speaker, moderator, and media coach.

Not A Crime, But An Illness: Black Folk And Depression

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA Columnist

Words cannot contain my admiration for Terrie Williams, a sister who has put her pain on "front street" with her book, Black Pan – It Just Looks Like We Aren't Hurting (Schribner, 2008) and reminded all of us that depression is not a crime, but an illness.

Her foundation, the Stay Strong Foundation (www.staystrong-foundation.com) has been committed to lifting up the matter of depression and teaching us to treat the illness as just that, a source of healing, not of shame.

This week, while the nation is enraptured in inaugural euphoria, Terrie Williams and her organization are a stark reminder that life goes on. On Thursday, January 15, on Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, she is holding an event in New York that will focus on the issue of depression – what it looks like, sounds like, and feels like. There's an Internet video that gives you a taste of the movement and an indication of the folk who are supporting it.

Rev. Al Sharpton, Susan Taylor, Ruby Dee, Mo'Nique, Jeff Johnson, Terrie McMillan and others are among those lifting their voices to encourage black people to explore their pain.

Terrie says that some of our depression is a function of our slave legacy. We had to hold it in – our affection, our pain, our disappointment, because feeling allowed others to exploit our weakness.

We did not show affection, even, to our children; for fear that they would be sold away from us. That holding in has been passed down to the point when some black folks believe that you can pray your way out of a clinical condition. To be sure, prayer works, but sometimes prayer works with therapy, medication, or recognition.

Terrie Williams is candid about her own depression and they ways she handled it. She is extremely transparent about her resistance to therapy, to medication, and the ways that she felt she could fix her illness herself.

And then she is candid about her path to health and healing, and in her book she shares that path with others. Additionally, she interviews others who care to be candid and transparent about their stories, and though their voices, she gives other people permission to own and acknowledge their own pain and ways to heal it.

This is a good time to talk about depression and pain, especially as the economy inflicts external pressures on all of our well being. With an unemployment rate recently reported at 7.2 percent, or 11.9 percent for African Americans, we know that the "real deal" is about 13.5 percent for the overall population (since we don't count those folk who stopped looking for work, or those who work part time and really want to work full time), and about 20 percent (or 1 in 5) for African Americans.

That's enough to make the strongest person discouraged, especially if she is one of the ones out of work, or facing economic challenges. That external trigger may make a person sad, angry, frustrated, and even frightened. And then it might also tip someone over the edge to depression. Williams would suggest looking at both the internals and the externals.

How much of your reaction is "about you"? How much is about external conditions? Can you separate them?

Rich folk are killing themselves because they can't face the consequences of poor investments. They can't imagine life without means. The mythology of African-American resilience suggests that we don't kill ourselves over money. The mythology is partly right. The suicide rate of African-Americans was 5.25 per 100,000 people, compared to 10.75 per 100,000 people for whites. We are half as likely to kill ourselves as white folks are. Still, an unfortunate reality is that we attempt suicide almost as frequently as white people do, with about 4.1 percent of African Americans attempt suicide, compared to 4.6 percent of whites. And while history and stigma may prevent older African Americans from considering, attempting, or completing suicide, suicide was the third leading cause of death of young African Americans, those 15-24.

Ouch! We may wear that thing Terrie Williams calls the "game face", but the data say that we are hurting.

Terrie Williams has given us permission to explore the sources of our pain. She has forcefully asserted that depression is not a crime, but an illness, nothing to be ashamed of, something to claim. Her Stay Strong Foundation is a resource, and her January 15 event is but one of a series of actions she plans to empower those in pain. So if you are hurting, get help. Terrie Williams is among those who will make sure it is available.

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To Be Equal Column

Eartha Kitt And Freddie Hubbard

By Marc H. Morial
NNPA Columnist

Much has been written about the giant shoulders Barack Obama stands on as he prepares to become America's first Black President.

Everyone from Abraham Lincoln and FDR to Dr. Martin Luther King has been cited as inspirations. But with the recent passing of Eartha Kitt and Freddie Hubbard over the holidays, we were reminded that Obama's path to the White House was not only paved by the courageous lives of these great leaders but also by the transformative powers of iconic artists and entertainers.

Some might argue that there has been no more poignant or effective way of conveying the dignity of the African American experience and building bridges of understanding than through the arts.

Eartha Kitt and Freddie Hubbard may not have thought of themselves as civil rights leaders, but their powerful multi-racial appeal played a big part in raising the nation's consciousness and giving birth to new possibilities. That is why I want to take a moment to pay homage to their memories.

It was ironic that Eartha Kitt died on Christmas day. Her most enduring and recognizable song may have been her sultry rendition of ''Santa Baby," recorded in 1953 but now a Christmas standard.

Born in 1927, Eartha Kitt was a self-professed ''sex kitten," whose career spanned six decades. She spoke four languages, sang in seven, entertained audiences from Harlem to Paris and won international acclaim as a cabaret singer, dancer, actor and activist. Orson Welles once called her, ''The most exciting woman in the world."

Whether winning accolades as Catwoman in the 1960s Batman TV series or earning a Tony nomination for her role in the 1978 Broadway production of Timbuktu, Eartha Kitt carved a unique niche in the world of entertainment and influenced many well-known singers including Dianna Ross, Janet Jackson and Madonna.

She also left an indelible mark as an outspoken activist, who worked on issues ranging from help for homeless children to voting rights to HIV/AIDS awareness. In 1968, she was condemned for speaking out against the Vietnam War during a White House luncheon with President Johnson's wife, Lady Bird.

Freddie Hubbard, who has been called the greatest trumpet player of all time, died on December 29th. He was 70.

A protégé of John Coltrane, Hubbard rose from humble beginnings in Indianapolis to play with the greatest jazz musicians of his time. At home in styles as varied as bebop, hardbop, and soul jazz, Hubbard may be best known for his 1977 double-album entitled, VSOP: The Quintet, in which he joined Herbie Hancock, Wayne Shorter, Ron Carter, and Tony Williams in a landmark live performance.

He was a Grammy winner and in 2006 the National Endowment for the Arts honored him with their prestigious Jazz Masters Award. Freddie Hubbard made a lasting impact on the world of jazz and he influenced many younger trumpeters, including Wynton Marsalis.

The great philosopher, Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, ''Every man is a quotation from his ancestors." As we celebrate the presidency of Barack Obama let us remember that he and all of us are quotes from a rich cultural heritage that includes the incomparable musical contributions of Eartha Kitt and Freddie Hubbard.

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Friends To Help You Pack?

By Nicole C. Lee
NNPA Columnist

While Washington is buzzing in preparation for the inauguration of Barack Obama, President Bush is finishing up his final acts of a….memorable presidency.

Besides the many pardons that will be granted, Bush will also be presenting the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the U.S. to three foreign leaders. One is Alvaro Uribe, the current president of Colombia. The White House Press Secretary Dana Perino said that Uribe would be receiving the honor for "improving the lives of [his] citizens and for…efforts to promote democracy, human rights and peace." Consistent until the end, President Bush is sending a slap in the face to human rights advocates and people of good will everywhere.

For the past few years, I have talked a lot about Colombia. A war is waging, but not the war mainstream media likes to talk about.

It is a war against the dreams and aspirations of Black Colombians and Uribe is waging it. While Bush calls Uribe America's closest friend, Uribe has enacted policies that resulted in a humanitarian and human rights disaster.

Uribe inherited a war between government forces and left wing guerrillas, such as the FARC. In an attempt to get an upper-hand in the war against the guerrillas, the government funded paramilitary forces. The paramilitaries and the military were responsible for unspeakable atrocities against civilians. Illicit coca cultivation on all sides has made an insane situation crazier.

Caught literally in the middle is the Black population of Colombia. Twenty-six percent of Colombians are Black; they make up the third largest population of Afro-descendants in the Western Hemisphere after Brazil and the U.S. To put it another way, there are more Black people in Colombia than Haiti. Despite the large numbers, and a vibrant civil rights movement, "Afro-Colombians" continue to be the target of human rights abuses. Many of these abuses are tied to government practices and rampant impunity.

In 1990, Afro-Colombians won a great victory in Law 70. This law basically provided the "40 acres and a mule" to Afro-Colombians in that it recognized their rights to the land traditionally populated by Afro-Colombians. Yet, since the law was enacted, the Colombian government has systematically undermined the letter and intent of the law.

For example, both the drug war and the continued fighting between armed groups have cause massive internal displacement in Colombia. At the end of last year, Colombia's internally displaced population exceeded the displaced population in Darfur, evidence of a grave, yet overlooked humanitarian disaster.

While the U.S. provides some aid to assist the IDPs, the Colombian government has enacted laws allowing them to sell Afro-Colombian land while the owners are displaced. This has provided a perverse incentive to some to foment conflict in Afro-Colombian areas.

Also, effecting the population is the murder of trade unionists in Colombia. According to the AFL-CIO, nearly 500 trade unionists have been murdered since Uribe took office in 2002. More union members are killed in Colombia then any other country and virtually by all other countries combined.

Many Afro-Colombian leaders are union members. Teachers have been murdered in front of their students; mothers and fathers in front of their children. This has sent a chilling effect throughout the country and serves as a warning to those fighting for worker rights that they can be targeted and killed without consequence.

None of these facts are new to President Bush. Human rights organizations across the globe have repeated these facts to the Bush Administration time and time again. Their response has been to embrace Mr. Uribe even firmer, ignoring the grim realities that face the innocent of Colombia.

To give Uribe an award is a slap in the face to democratic principles and common decency. So goodbye, President Bush. Can we help you pack your bags? Please be sure to take your friends with you. As far as I am concerned, change can't get here soon enough.

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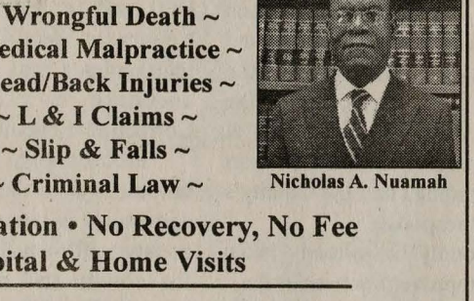
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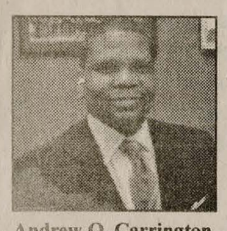
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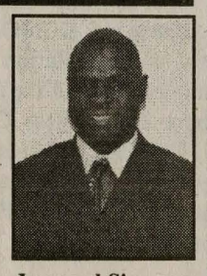
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Transit Board Gets Another Earful On Oakland Death

By Terry Collins
Associated Press Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - Angry residents criticized transit officials again Sunday for their response to the fatal shooting of an unarmed man by a transit police officer on New Year's Day.

About 100 people attended a community meeting hosted by the Bay Area Rapid Transit board about the shooting of 22-year-old Oscar Grant, but few appeared appeased.

Most who spoke railed against what they called a slow response and demanded to know if Officer Johannes Mehserle would be arrested. Alameda County prosecutors, and Oakland and transit police say they still are investigating why Mehserle shot Grant, who had been detained in a station following a fight on a train.

``Why hasn't anyone with authority just arrested this guy?'' asked Oakland resident Nader Bey, echoing the frustration prevalent at the more than two-hour-long meeting.

Mehserle, 27, resigned from the force before his department's internal affairs division could interview him. BART Police Chief Gary Gee pleaded for patience and said Sunday he hoped to present the division's findings about the case to the district attorney by week's end.

Mehserle, who was a BART officer for two years, received all required police training, including on avoiding racial profiling, Gee said.

Last week, demonstrators outraged by the shooting torched cars, smashed store windows and threw bottles at officers in downtown Oakland. This was the transit agency's second public meeting in four days intended to ease tensions.

Oakland City Council member Desley Brooks said she wanted to know when the board would respond to a list of demands, including the identifications of the other officers present during the shooting and turning the investigation over to state and federal prosecutors.

She asked BART director Carole Ward Allen: ``When are you going to take some action, some real action, Carole? It is clear something has to be done...''

Ward Allen, who earlier had said the board was doing its best to release information without compromising the investigation, left the room visibly agitated. She represents the district where Grant was shot.

Ward Allen eventually returned to the meeting and said afterward that she and her colleagues also are frustrated with the pace of the investigation.

``I'd like for it to have been done yesterday, but the district attorney is going to take his time,'' Ward Allen said.

Alameda County District Attorney Tom Orloff says he will decide within two weeks whether to bring criminal charges. On Saturday, Attorney General Jerry Brown said he would dispatch a state prosecutor to monitor the county investigation.

The BART Board of Directors has scheduled a special meeting to discuss creating an oversight committee that would have responsibility for monitoring police-related incidents.

On Monday, BART officials said that they had completed their preliminary investigation shooting and forwarded the results to the district attorney.

BART Police Chief Gary Gee would not say whether his department recommended that charges be filed against Johannes Mehserle.

BART officials said their report includes interviews with seven officers and 14 witnesses at the scene. Mehserle, who has resigned from the force, filled out a basic incident report after the shooting but has refused to be interviewed by investigators, Gee said.

``We urge the district attorney to expeditiously review all the evidence available to him and bring this investigation to a conclusion," said BART general manager Dorothy Dugger.



Gabrielle Rae holds a photo of Oscar Grant while attending a BART board of directors meeting on last Thursday in Oakland, Calif. Speakers criticized the transit agency for its handling of a New Year's Days incident involving a BART police officer who shot and killed Grant, an unarmed 22-year old. *AP Photo/Noah Berger.*

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Pictorial Highlights Of BLEAW's Holiday Gala Dinner & Dance





The Black Law Enforcement Association Of Washington recently held their Holiday Gala Dinner and Dance, after rescheduling the event due to the snow, at the Renton Holiday Inn.

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Bottom Photo: Dr. Norward J. Brooks (center), executive director of SVI, receives a special award from BLEAW.

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King County
Invitation to Bid

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Sealed Bid Time/Date: 1:30 p.m., January 27, 2009. Bids received after Sealed Bid Time will not be considered. Bidders accept all risks of late delivery, regardless of fault.
Sealed Bid Location: King County Procurement & Contract Services Section, Contracts Counter, 3rd Floor, 401 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104.
Not-To-Exceed Contract Price: $300,000.
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Contact Information: Mark Hoge, Contract Specialist, 206-263-9325, TTY Relay: 711, Fax: 206-296-7675, or mark.hoge@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.
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KING COUNTY
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Project Title and Contract Number: PARKS SMALL SCALE AND MAINTENANCE WORK ORDER, C00383C08.
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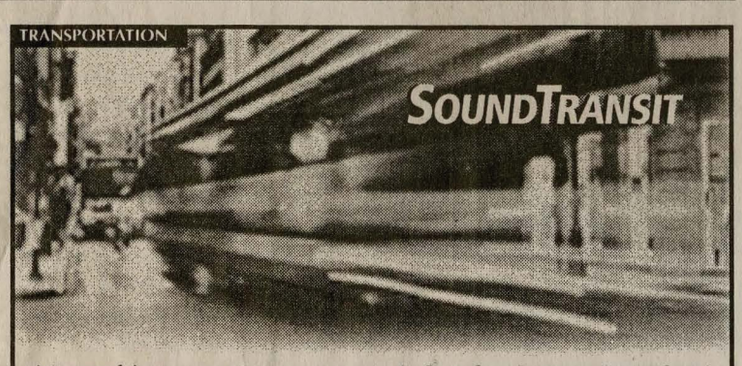
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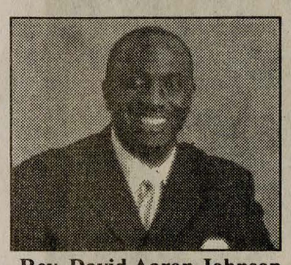
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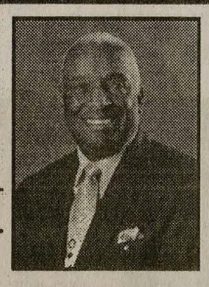
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Funeral Draws Hundreds of Mourners

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(GIN) – Mourners in the hundreds and a host of South African dignitaries - including two former presidents, President Kgalema Motlanthe, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, and veteran human rights lawyer George Bizos - attended the funeral of South Africa's celebrated anti-apartheid campaigner Helen Suzman, who died on New Year's Day, at age 91.

Suzman, who for years was the only lawmaker to openly condemn the whites-only regime, was buried in a private Jewish ceremony in Johannesburg.

Madikizela-Mandela lauded Suzman for her courageous battle to improve the conditions under which political prisoners, including Nelson Mandela, were kept.

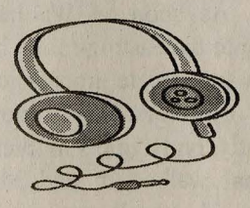
Recalling how Suzman had exposed how Mandela was being kept in a water-logged cell on Robben Island - under conditions that were worsening his TB - Madikizela-Mandela credited the "woman who fought alone" with saving Mandela's life.

'For me this is a personal loss," she said.

Winner of the United Nations Human Rights Award in 1978 and in 1980, the Medallion of Heroism, Suzman was the longest-serving member of the country's white parliament and a lone parliamentary voice of dissent against apartheid.

"Suzman was my mentor, she was opposed to the abuse of power by the old apartheid regime," South Africa's opposition leader Helen Zille - who also attended the funeral - said.

In a 2007 interview for her 90th birthday, she said it was "a pleasure getting rid of apartheid", but she lamented the state of the nation, saying: "The education system is shocking... and the hospitals are a disgrace."



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Congratulations Taleia Thurman

Congratulations are in order for Taleia Thurman. Taleia, 15-years-old, was among selected high school students across the country to receive a special invitation to attend the inauguration on Jan. 20 of the first African American president, Barack Obama.

Congratutions!
Grandma Ida & Family

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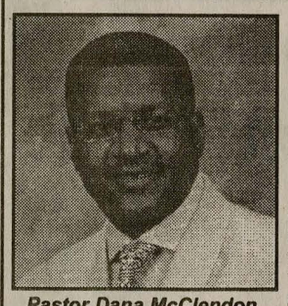
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ARIES
You want a comrade who doesn't place inordinate expectations or demands on you, and who is creative, intelligent, a good conversationalist, and highly spiritual. Perhaps you should be out looking this week with eyes wide open! Soul Affirmation: Cooperation with others is the key to success for me this week.

TAURUS
Work calls and you are not completely happy with current divisions of labor. Do your part as a member of the team and you'll be glad that you did. Others will notice that you are a committed team player. Soul Affirmation: I master life by mastering myself.

GEMINI
Business looks good this week as you discover a new way of increasing exposure to your product. Let hope and optimism lead you into new beginnings and fresh starts. All vibes are good. Go! Soul Affirmation: I enjoy flirting with new ideas.

CANCER
You seem preoccupied this week and it's because your mind is filled with a vision of love for the entire planet. Use your gifts to assist others in seeing the world as you do, in glorious color. Check the details on paperwork that you have to do, dreamer. Soul Affirmation: I release internal pressure by enjoying the beauties of the world around me.

LEO
Everybody's in a good mood this week, and you'll want to join friends or family in sharing good food and feelings. You may be asked to grow, or move. Think seriously about it, because it could enhance your spiritual growth. Soul Affirmation: In order for money to come I must think about money as my friend.

VIRGO
At work, some matters have been on hold but now you will get the green light. Continue to work as diligently as you have been in the pass to ensure success. Have faith that your plans are on target. Soul Affirmation: Anticipation of a beautiful immediate future lights up my week.

LIBRA
Quit rushing around. You frequently help others so why are you troubling over asking for the help you need this week? Ask and when you receive say Thank You! You are blessed with many supportive friends. Soul Affirmation: I smile and trust in the powers beyond myself.

SCORPIO
Keep all your ducks in a row this week. No mixing work with fun or business with pleasure. Save your affection for the home front and stay focused on the work in front of you on the job. Things are working out perfectly. Soul Affirmation: This week I find joy in the gifts that life has already given me.

SAGITTARIUS
Why not take each perfect moment as it comes? You are struggling to find a solution that time can and will provide. Perform your tasks cheerfully this week and let the future take care of itself. Soul Affirmation: Worry will only create more worry. I stop all worry.

CAPRICORN
Your anxiety about an important issue can now be seen as needless. You don't have to worry! Have faith that things are working out perfectly and they will! Soul Affirmation: I am uplifted by the presence of friends.

AQUARIUS
You can be discreet and cut down on some of the envious comments you are attracting. Or you can continue to flaunt it since you've got it. Your choice this week! Watch for a pleasant change in a romantic partner's attitude. Soul Affirmation: The winner is me. I smile for the cameras.

PISCES
Center yourself at every opportunity during this busy week and keep your quest for emotional and spiritual balance in the forefront. Make an effort to take your time; that way you'll recognize opportunity from impulse-control problems immediately. Soul Affirmation: My spirit gives me limitless possibilities.

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