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## Former Howard University President James Cheek dies at 77

By: Brett Zongker

The Associated Press

James E. Cheek, who served as Howard University's president for 20 years and oversaw major expansions at the school, has died. He was 77. University spokesman Ron Harris said Cheek died Friday at a hospital in Greensboro, NC. Cheek died

after a long illness, said Tanya Wiley, spokeswoman for Shaw University where Cheek earlier served as president. Cheek was born Dec. 04, 1932, in Roanoke Rapids, NC. He served in the US Air Force during the Korean War and went on to earn degrees in sociology, history and divinity from Shaw University in Raleigh, NC., Colgate Rochester

University in New York and Ph.D. from Drew University in New Jersey. In 1968, he was appointed President of Howard University in Washington, D.C. where he served 20 years and retired in 1989. Cheek was survived by his wife, Celestine, two children and grandchildren.



The M' Voice newspaper congratulates Ms. Christiana Freeman (pictured front and center looking exceptionally beautiful in purple) on her recent graduation from East Carolina University, where she recently received a B.A. Degree in History, along with a Minor in Middle Eastern Studies. Everyone including friends and family are extremely proud of her. Ms. Freeman stated, "I would like to thank my mother Tia Irizary (pictured far right) for my inspiration, guiding light and force behind all my successes throughout all my life. Thank You Mom, I Love You !

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## Baltimore Mayor Sheila Dixon agrees to resign

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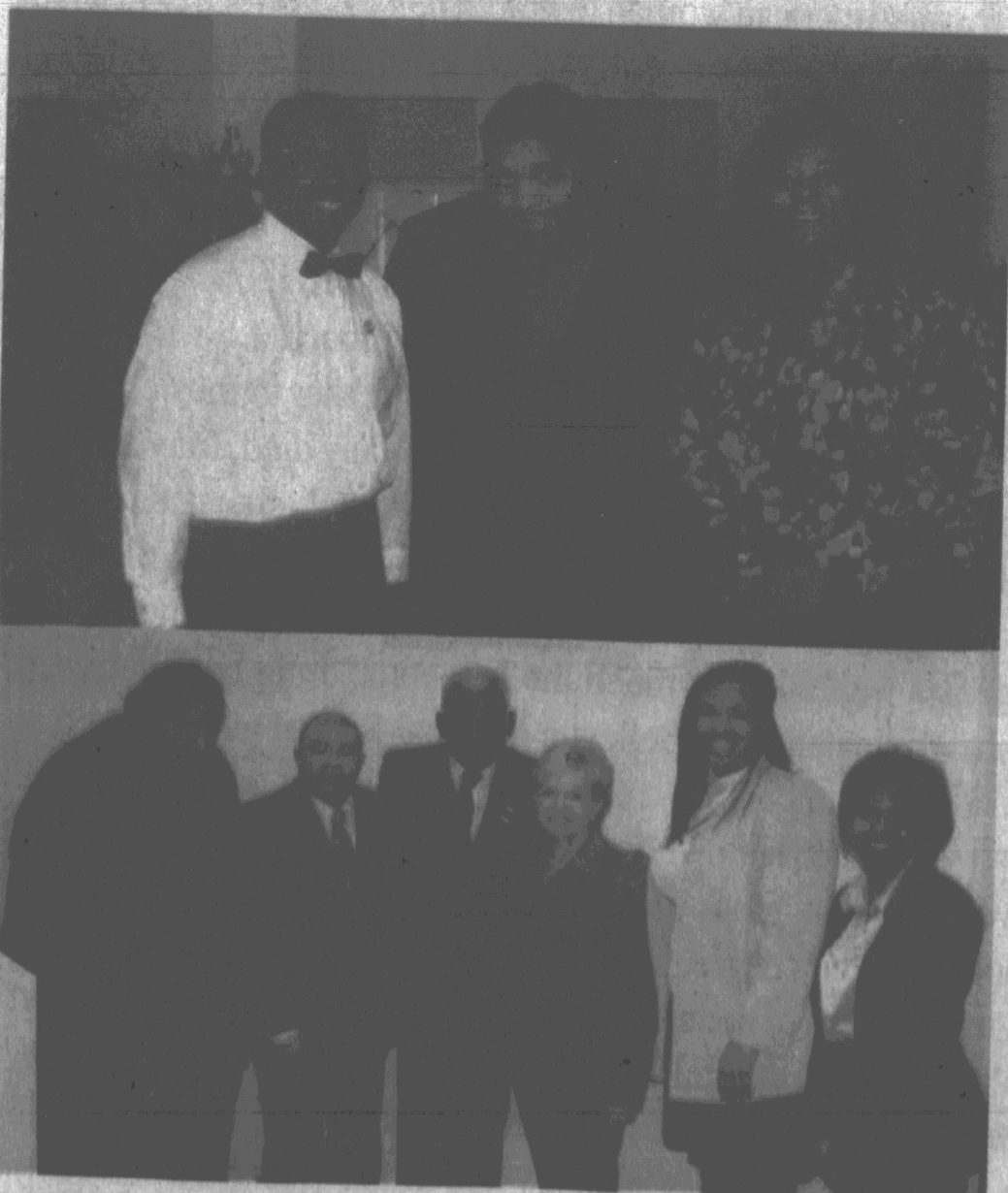
Mayor Sheila Dixon of Baltimore, who was convicted of embezzlement last month, has announced she will step down from her post in early February as part of a deal negotiated with prosecutors. Dixon, 56, was convicted on Dec. 01 of misappropriating about \$500 in gift cards donated to the city for needy families when she was City Council president. She became mayor in 2007.

(FinalCall.com) - Questions ran rampant across America just a few days after the 7.0 earthquake that destroyed Haiti's capital Port-au-Prince, with concern about whether U.S. corporations would profit from the disaster and whether international money lenders—like the World Bank and International Monetary Fund—would also use the tragedy to make a profit. Two days after the quake, Democracy Now, a daily independent radio and television program that is nationally syndicated, aired segments of a Jan. 13 speech given by Canadian journalist and author Naomi Klein at the New York-based Ethical Culture Society. "We have to be absolutely clear that this tragedy (Haitian earthquake) under no circumstances, be used to, one, further indebt Haiti, two, to push through unpopular policies in the interests of our corporations," warned Ms. Klein.

## Farewell, Mr. Chairman Sutton's place in history immortalized in sendoff....

by: Maggie Haberman

Civil rights legend and Harlem power player Percy Sutton was remembered recently at a stirring, VIP-studded funeral service as the man who paved the way for generations of black leaders. With every pew in the cavernous Riverside Church packed, the 89-year old former Manhattan borough president and Malcolm X lawyer was praised in more than a dozen tributes by US Attorney General Eric Holder, former Mayor David Dinkins, the Rev. Al Sharpton and others. A Tuskegee Airman war hero and a media player who owned Inner City Broadcasting and helped save the decrepit Apollo Theater, while creating a new political dynamic. Jesse Jackson was one of the first speakers. "The tallest tree in our forest has fallen," he said. "You've paved the way, Mr. Chairman. Be at rest."



NAACP Beaufort County President Bill Booth and State President Rev. Barber is pictured at a banquet. NC Governor Bev. Perdue was on the scene as well to remind and encourage Black folks that they too are included in the State's budget to improve our community. photo by Jim Rouse



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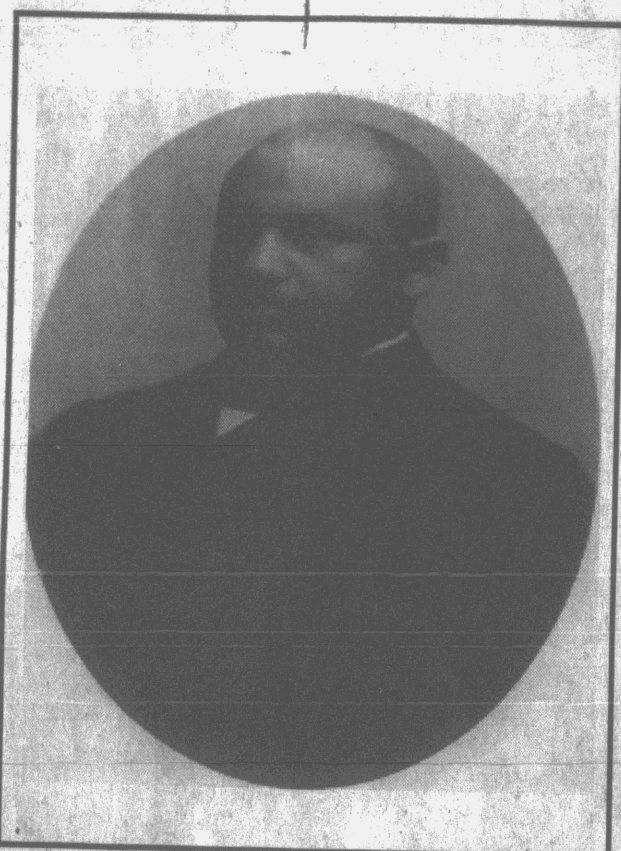
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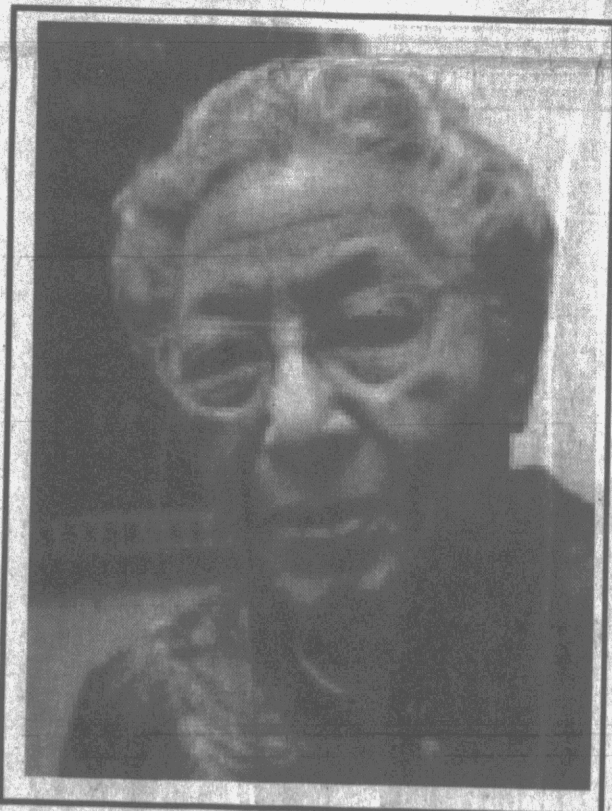
## HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS IN HEALTH & MEDICINE



### Matthew Oliver Ricketts MD (1858-1917)

Ricketts was born to enslaved parents in Henry County, Kentucky in 1858. His parents moved to Booneville, Missouri when he was a child, and he completed school there. In 1876 he received a degree from the Lincoln Institute in Jefferson City, Missouri, and moved to Omaha, Nebraska in 1880. Ricketts was admitted to the Omaha Medical College and worked as a janitor to pay his tuition. In March 1884 he graduated with honors, and soon after opened an office in Omaha. Ricketts quickly earned a reputation for "being a very careful physician, as well as an exceedingly likable young man." A charismatic and controversial speaker, Ricketts quickly became the acknowledged leader of Omaha's African American community. After being elected in 1892, Ricketts served the Nebraska Legislature twice as a Republican in whole-county elections, from 1893 to 1897. He was the first African American to serve in the Nebraska Legislature. Dr. Ricketts was regarded as one

of the best orators there, and was frequently called upon for his opinions. He is credited for creating Omaha's Negro Fire Department Company, and for securing appointments for blacks in city and state government positions. Ricketts was elected Worshipful Master of Omaha Excelsior Lodge No. 110 of the Prince Hall Masons. Ricketts addressed the 1906 Grand Convocation of the Freemasons in Kansas City, Missouri. Ricketts was married to Alice Nelson in 1884; they had three children. After leaving the Legislature Ricketts was an unsuccessful candidate for a federal position, largely because his appointment was opposed by a Nebraska congressman. Ricketts subsequently moved to St. Joseph, Missouri to continue his medical career in 1903. He died in St. Joseph, Missouri in 1917, at the age of 64.



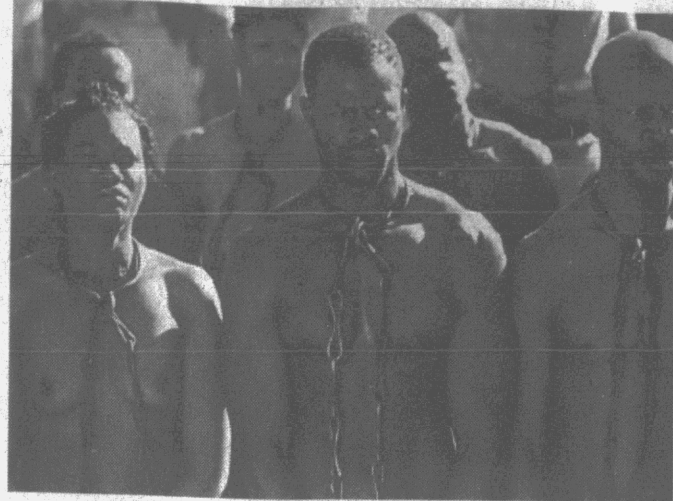
### May Chinn On this date in 1896, May Chinn was born. She was an African-American physician.

May Edward Chinn did not plan on becoming a doctor. Originally she wanted to be a musician, but she changed from music to science after receiving encouragement from a professor at Columbia Teachers College. This fortuitous decision led to a distinguished career in medicine. When May Chinn died in 1980, she was the recipient of honorary degrees from New York University and Columbia University. Her work in cancer research helped in the development of the Pap smear, a test for early detection of cervical cancer. She was the first African-American woman to graduate from Bellevue Hospital Medical College, one of the first female African-American physicians in New York City, and the first African-American woman to intern at Harlem Hospital. Chinn's father escaped slavery from a Virginia plantation at the age of 11. Her mother was an

indigenous American from the Chickahominy tribe who placed great value on education. She worked as a live-in housekeeper for the Tiffany's, the well-known family of artisans and jewelers, in their mansion on Long Island. She saved money from her meager wages to send May to a boarding school in New Jersey, an experience that ended when May contracted osteomyelitis of the jaw and returned to New York for surgery. The Tiffany's treated young May as family and exposed her to music, which would become her lifelong hobby. They also taught her German and French. When patriarch Charles Tiffany died, May and her mother moved back to New York City. Chinn continued her schooling but did not complete high school, she said, due to poverty and heartache over a lost boyfriend. She decided to take the entrance examinations for Columbia Teachers College on a whim, when a friend received a scholarship there. To her surprise, she passed the exams and enrolled in 1917. In her senior year, Chinn found a job in clinical pathology as a lab technician. She worked full time in the lab, completing her courses at night. She graduated in 1921 and continued working. In 1926 she graduated from Bellevue Medical School and interned at Harlem Hospital. During this time she rode along with the paramedics on ambulance calls—and was the first woman to do it. She could not get privileges at the hospitals when she graduated, so she started her own family practice. She treated people who otherwise would not have received medical care and she often went into dangerous neighborhoods. Because of her interest in improving the health conditions of her patients in Harlem, she took a master's degree in Public Health from Columbia University in 1933. During the 1940s, May Chinn became interested in the diseases of her elderly patients, many of whom developed cancer. Although she had finally received admitting privileges at Harlem Hospital in 1940, she could practice at no other hospital. She finally started working at the Strang Clinic, a cancer research facility, in 1944, and practiced there in addition to her private practice for 29 years. Chinn became a member of the Society of Surgical Oncology and in 1975 started a society to help African-American women go to medical school. She also served on the Surgeon-General's advisory committee on urban affairs. She did not retire from private practice until she was 81 years old.



# The First Slaves 1619 Editorial : The History of Slavery



The first record of African slavery in Colonial America occurred in 1619. A Dutch ship, the White Lion, had captured 20 enslaved Africans in a battle with a Spanish ship bound for Mexico. The Dutch ship had been damaged first by the battle and then more severely in a great storm during the late summer when it came ashore at Old Point Comfort, site of present day Fort Monroe in Virginia. Though the colony was in the middle of a period later known as "The Great Migration" (1618-1623), during which its population grew from 450 to 4,000 residents, extremely high mortality rates from disease, malnutrition, and war with Native Americans kept the population of able-bodied laborers low. With the Dutch ship being in severe need of repairs and supplies and the colonists being in need of able-bodied workers, the human cargo was traded for food and services.



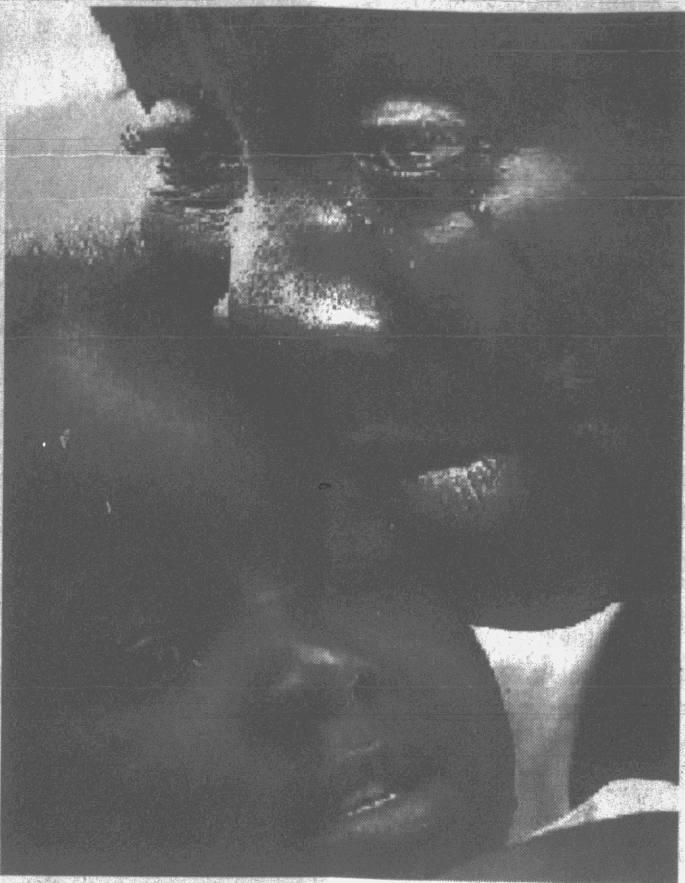
Civil War black soldiers were eager to enlist in the Union Army. They were anxious to join the fight against slavery and they believed that military service would allow them to prove their right to equality.



## The History of Black History

Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as "Negro History Week" and later as "Black History Month." What you might not know is that black history had barely begun to be studied-or even documented-when the tradition originated. Although blacks have been in America at least as far back as colonial times, it was not until the 20th century that they gained a respectable presence in the history books.

*Freedom is never given; it is won. ...*



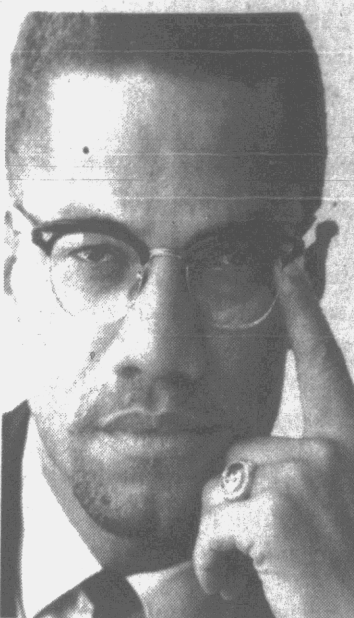
Much like Martin Luther King, Jr., Barack Obama is a man for all people. He is humble yet confident; he is gracious yet firm; and he is a peacemaker in every situation. People from every continent love him. He has been called a cultural icon, bringing hope where there is none. His election to the highest office in the world is an historic achievement that many of us thought would never happen. Thousands of martyrs have sacrificed, marched, protested, fought and died for equal rights in America, paving the way for Obama or anyone else daring to push the limits of success. It is on the shoulders of those giants that Barack Obama stands. The journey has been long for Barack, and even longer for Black Americans as a whole. What began on a hot day on the West Coast of Africa some four centuries ago in packed-to-capacity slave ships, will culminate on a cold morning on the East Coast of America in our nation's capitol.



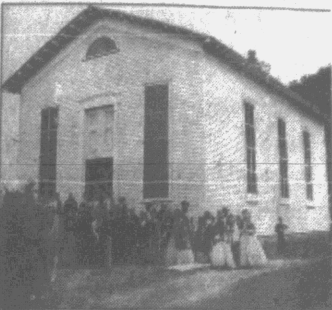
Sharecropper educates her children at home; discrimination, poverty, and the waxing and waning of the planting season often kept southern African-American children from attending school



We celebrate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. who brought hope and healing to America. We commemorate as well the timeless values he taught us through his example — the values of courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility and service that so radiantly defined Dr. King's character and empowered his leadership. On this holiday, we commemorate the universal, unconditional love, forgiveness and nonviolence that empowered his revolutionary spirit. We commemorate Dr. King's inspiring words, because his voice and his vision filled a great void in our nation, and answered our collective longing to become a country that truly lived by its noblest principles. Yet, Dr. King knew that it wasn't enough just to talk the talk, that he had to walk the walk for his words to be credible. And so we commemorate on this holiday the man of action, who put his life on the line for freedom and justice every day, the man who braved threats and jail and beatings and who ultimately paid the highest price to make democracy a reality for all Americans.



Malcolm X (born Malcolm Little; May 19, 1925 – February 21, 1965), also known as El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, was an African American Muslim minister, public speaker, and human rights activist. To his admirers, he was a courageous advocate for the rights of African Americans, a man who indicted white America in the harshest terms for its crimes against black Americans. His detractors accused him of preaching racism and violence. He has been described as one of the greatest and most influential African Americans in history.

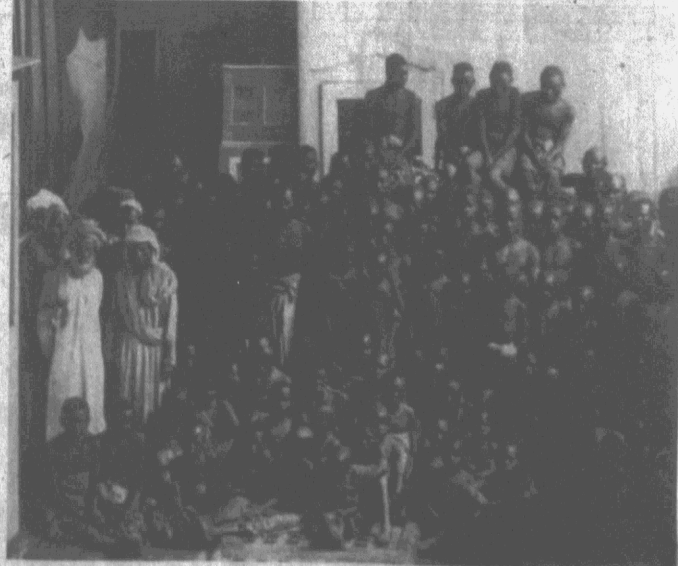


Quakers were one of many groups who had come to believe that it was wrong to hold people in bondage, whatever their ethnicity. free In 1776 Philadelphia Yearly Meeting disowned members who persisted in owning slaves. As early as 1786, some Quakers joined the movement to help runaway slaves reach freedom. This was the real beginning of the Underground Railroad, the secret organization that helped escaping slaves before the Civil War. It was a railroad that ran without tracks, cars, or written records. The abolitionists, for the most part anti-slavery Northerners, were aided by some Southerners who were sympathetic to the cause of freedom. These abolitionists were called "conductors." Their homes were the "stations."

## The Obamas: The 1st Family



## Desegregation Begins





# Top 10 Careers To Make \$30.00 An Hour Without A Degree

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by Thea Nyberg,

For job seekers without a four-year degree, breaking the \$25-an-hour barrier can be a challenge. But with more technical certification and associate's degree programs than ever, many well-paying career options are accessible in a broad range of industries.

The following is a list of lucrative careers for those without a four-year degree, presented with median annual salary data from PayScale.com. That figure is then broken down to an hourly rate by dividing by 2080, the typical number of working hours in a year, according to PayScale.

## 1. Sales director

"If you are interested in a career change, but do not want to commit to further education, consider a sales career," says Sharon Reed Abboud, the author of "All Moms Work, Short-Term Career Strategies for Long-Range Success." Sales directors oversee sales staff to help meet objectives, plan and implement sales programs, and work to maintain budgets, among many other duties. While formal training is not a requirement for this position, sales experience and an outgoing personality are vital, according to Abboud. "Successful sales persons can often have the opportunity to climb the career ladder to increasingly lucrative management positions," she explains.

**Sales director: \$91,900/ \$44 per hour**

## 2. Security administrators, computer network

"As technology increases its reach, cyber crime is becoming a major concern for companies," says Debra Yergen, author of the "Creating Job Security Resource Guide." Security administrators work to prevent, troubleshoot, and repair security breaches while educating network users on cyber safety. Certification or relevant experience is essential to entry to this field, especially in absence of a four-year degree.

**Security administrators, computer network: \$72,000/ \$35 per hour**

## 3. Elevator installer/repairer

Elevator assembly, installation and maintenance are the main responsibilities of this position. Participating in an apprenticeship program coupled with paid on-the-job training is the standard, and workers must pass a licensing exam. Union membership is typically required by employers, and unions can help to ensure "an excellent salary, benefits, and pension," says Marky Stein, author of "Get a Great Job When You Don't Have a Job."

**Elevator installer/repairer: \$67,100/ \$32 per hour**

## 4. Real estate broker

Usually commission-based, real estate brokers' salaries are sensitive to shifts in the economy. Despite the current real estate market, Yergen predicts "resurgence in salary in 2010 with the extension of the housing tax credit." Brokers are tasked with understanding real estate markets, performing transactions, and advising buyers on their financing options. Additionally, real estate brokers must pass a written exam and maintain a license.

**Real estate broker: \$65,400/ \$31 per hour**

## 5. Nuclear medicine technologist

"Nuclear medicine technologists

administer a type of drug called radiopharmaceuticals to patients and create diagnostic images that ultimately determine the presence of a disease," explains Yergen. With an increasingly large middle-aged and elderly population and advances in technology, job growth for nuclear medicine technologists is likely to remain steady. A certificate or an associate's degree is needed, and a license is a requirement for many employers and states.

**Nuclear medicine technologist: \$64,100/ \$31 per hour**

## 6. Radiation therapist

Administering radiation treatment to cancer patients is the main role of a radiation therapist. "As radiation therapists continue to be a critical part of the medical radiation oncology team, it will translate into an uptick of jobs," predicts Yergen. There is also room for personal advancement in this field, with opportunities that include teaching and research. Training through an associate's degree or certification program is necessary, and a license is required in many states.

**Radiation therapist: \$63,500 / \$31 per hour**

## 7. Construction manager

Construction managers oversee the construction of structures, facilities, and systems, and are often on call around the clock. On-the-job construction experience and/or completing a construction management certification program provide entry to this position.

**Construction manager: \$63,400/ \$30 per hour**

## 8. Air traffic controller

"As an air traffic controller, your job will be dedicated to keeping the skies safe. It is a very demanding and rewarding occupation," says Abboud. Providing an essential role in aviation, air traffic controllers ensure that planes maintain a safe distance between each other and help to coordinate efficient scheduling.

With most positions employed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), air traffic controllers must complete a FAA-approved education program and pass a pre-employment test.

**Air traffic controller: \$62,300/ \$30 per hour**

## 9. Video game designer

Video game designers create the storyline and structure of a video game and determine the rules of play. They typically need to possess an understanding of software design and computer programming, and a degree or certification from a technical school can provide an advantage. Although currently at a point of high popularity, video games tend to go through phases of increased and decreased popularity, cautions Yergen.

**Video game designer:**

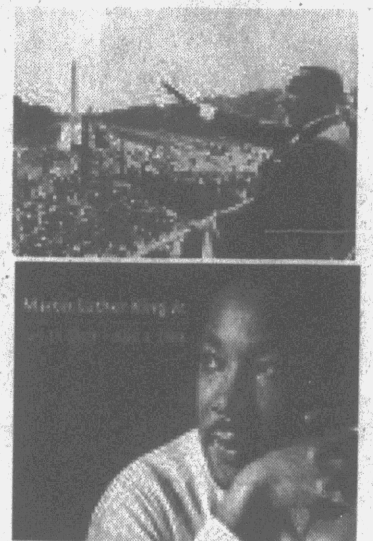
## 10. MRI technologist

MRI technologists train in programs available through hospitals, colleges and universities to earn a certificate or associate's degree. With more doctors' offices and clinics providing diagnostic services, demand is higher than ever, says Yergen. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), "Health care will generate 3 million new wage and salary jobs between 2006 and 2016, more than any other industry."

**MRI technologist: \$61,000/ \$29 per hour**



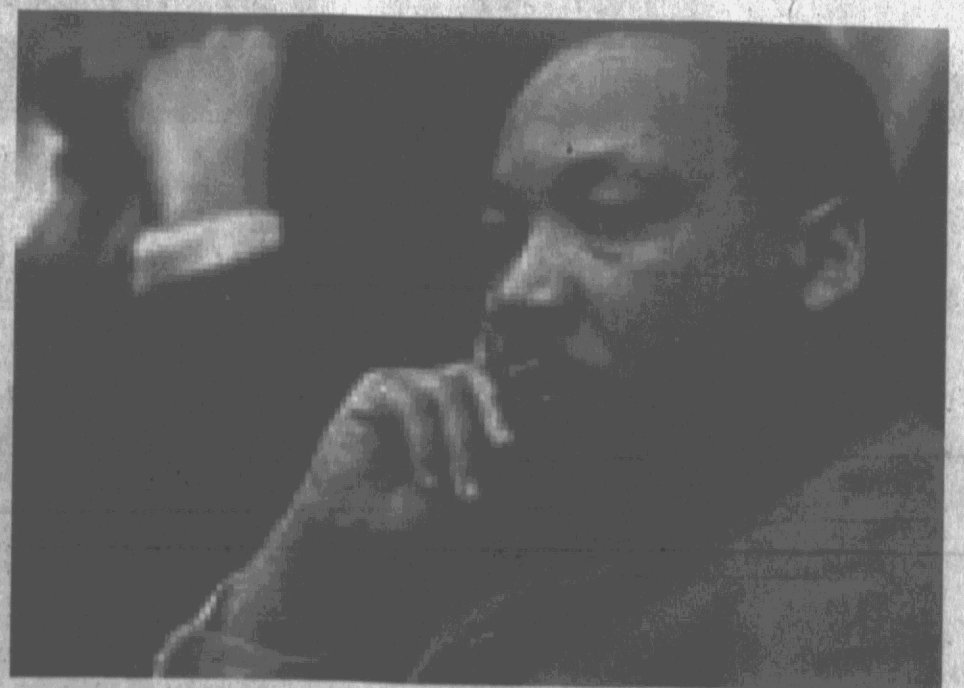
## The Town Of Winterville Proudly Salutes Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



## Greenville Housing Authority Proudly Salutes Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

(January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) was an American clergyman, activist and prominent leader in the African-American civil rights movement. His main legacy was to secure progress on civil rights in the United States, and he has become a human rights icon: King is recognized as a martyr by two Christian churches. [1] A Baptist minister, King became a civil rights activist early in his career. [2] He led the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott and helped found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957, serving as its first president. King's efforts led to the 1963 March on Washington, where King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech. There, he raised public consciousness of the civil rights movement and established himself as one of the greatest orators in U.S. history.

In 1964, King became the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for his work to end racial segregation and racial discrimination through civil disobedience and other non-violent means. By the time of his death in 1968, he had refocused his efforts on ending poverty and opposing the Vietnam War, both from a religious perspective. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee. He was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977 and Congressional Gold Medal in 2004; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was established as a U.S. national holiday in 1986.



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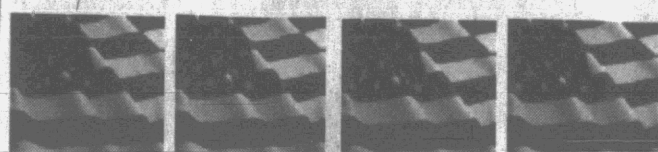
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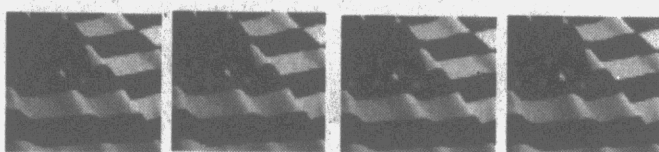
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## Judge Cites Discrimination in N.Y. Fire Dept.

By AL BAKER

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A federal judge ruled on Wednesday that New York City intentionally discriminated against black applicants to the Fire Department by continuing to use an exam that it had been told put them at a disadvantage.

Christian Hansen for The New York Times

John Coombs, the president of the Vulcan Society, which won a racial bias suit against New York City on Wednesday.

It was not a "one-time mistake or the product of benign neglect," wrote the judge, Nicholas G. Garaufis of Federal District Court in Brooklyn. "It was a part of a pattern, practice and policy of intentional discrimination against black applicants that has deep historical antecedents and uniquely disabling effects." A remedy will be decided on later.

In his decision, the judge highlighted how "black and other minority firefighters have been severely underrepresented," characterizing that as a "persistent stain on the Fire Department's record."

City officials said that they intended to appeal the decision, but could not do so until the judge had determined what damages the city might face.

Legal experts, as well as lawyers for the plaintiffs and city officials, said the decision was the first in recent memory in which a court had found that the city had intentionally

discriminated against a large group of people — racial minorities or women, for instance — in the workplace.

"I can't recall there ever being a finding of intentional racial discrimination in a pattern-and-practice case against the city," said Elise C. Boddie, a professor of constitutional law at New York Law School who formerly litigated employment discrimination cases. "I would say this is pretty big."

In July, Judge Garaufis — acting on a claim being pushed by the United States Justice Department — ruled that the Fire Department used a test in 1999 and 2002 that had a discriminatory effect on black applicants.

In his ruling on Wednesday, the judge found that the city intentionally discriminated against blacks in using those tests and in ignoring calls over the years to change the testing procedure. The suit was brought by three people who took the test and by the Vulcan Society, a fraternal organization of black city firefighters.

At the heart of the case is the Fire Department's persistent underrepresentation of minorities and the continued use, between 1999 and 2007, of the entrance exams. In 2007, there were 303 black firefighters, accounting for 3.4 percent of the department's ranks; black residents make up 25.6 percent of the city's population.

The judge noted that while the city's other uniformed services "have made rapid progress integrating black members into their ranks, the Fire Department has stagnated and at times retrogressed."

Judge Garaufis stopped short of finding that Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and the former fire commissioner, Nicholas Scoppetta, had also intentionally discriminated against black applicants. But the judge wrote that he found strong evidence to suggest that they were made aware numerous times that the Fire Department's entrance exams were discriminatory, yet failed to take sufficient remedial action.

The mayor testified at a deposition in August that he did not recall receiving a report more than six years ago warning him about sharp differences in the pass rates between white and minority candidates for firefighter jobs, lawyers said.

The judge "let the mayor and the commissioner off the hook on the basis of a doctrine known as qualified immunity," said Richard A. Levy, a lawyer for the plaintiffs. He said that doctrine exempts public officials from lawsuits that are based on their discretionary decisions.

The chief of the labor and employment law division of the city's Law Department said in a written statement that she was "pleased" that the court dismissed claims against Mr. Bloomberg and Mr. Scoppetta, but disagreed with the overall finding of intentional discrimination.

"It is the city's view that there is simply no evidence that the city ever intended to discriminate against black applicants," the lawyer, Georgia Pestana, said.

Anjana Samant, a lawyer for the Center for Constitutional Rights, which was part of the team that represented the plaintiffs, said that the class of people involved has been defined as those who were disqualified from becoming firefighters by virtue of the tests. The pool of potential claimants, she said, could reach the hundreds.

Ms. Samant said the remedies could include payment of lost salary for those denied jobs, as well as new city hiring policies.

Some city officials said they found the decision unexpected and deeply perplexing, in part because the judge ruled on plaintiffs'

motions for summary judgment and the city's motion to dismiss the case without a trial.

Mr. Levy agreed it was unusual to get a ruling based solely on documentary evidence and depositions, but he said "the evidence of a decades-long pattern of discriminating against black and Latino firefighter applicants was overwhelming."

Ms. Boddie, the New York Law School professor, said such rulings against government entities were rare around the nation, adding, "To the extent there is a finding of liability, it is usually on disparate-impact grounds, not based on racially discriminatory intent."

Paul Washington, 48, a firefighter in Brooklyn and a former Vulcan Society president, said that the ruling validated "what we've been saying for the longest time, and which I've been saying since 1999 — that the Fire Department discriminates, intentionally, and they just continue to do it."

He said he believed that over the department's 145-year history, there were probably "thousands of thousands of black men and women who should have had this job and didn't get it."

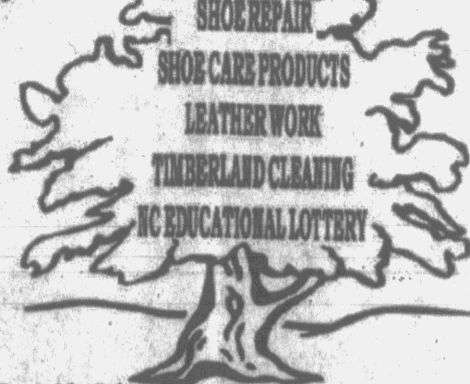
Toby Lyles and Michael S. Schmidt contributed reporting.

## School Bus Found Buried Underground Full Of Marijuana

LENOIR COUNTY, NC —

Lawmen say a school bus was buried underground and used to grow marijuana in Lenoir County, North Carolina. "To actually dig a hole and place a school bus inside of it and cover it up with dirt and have a tunnel to it to cover up, that whole operation is at the very least unique," said Chris Hill, Lenoir County Sheriff's Major. Even more unbelievable? Officials say a garage was then built over the bus. Major Hill says the discovery was made Wednesday after Jerome Murriell was nabbed with a few pounds of pot in his car. Hill tells WITN the arrest led a narcotics team to search the home of Linsey and Desiz Dail on Highway 58 south outside of Kinston. "The canines were brought in," said Hill, "And as a result of the dogs being brought in they located a hidden panel, or door, or wall in an out building." Lawmen then checked out a three-by-three foot hole behind a wall, which they say led to the buried bus. Video shows bags of potting soil inside the hole, which authorities say helped 60 mature marijuana plants grow inside the bus. So the big question. How exactly does a 14-ton, 40-foot bus get buried? Officials say the suspects used three different backhoes, which lawmen confiscated Wednesday. Neighbors were shocked at the bus discovery. "I don't think I've ever heard of them having a grow house, or a grow bus in this case, ya know, underground going through with this."

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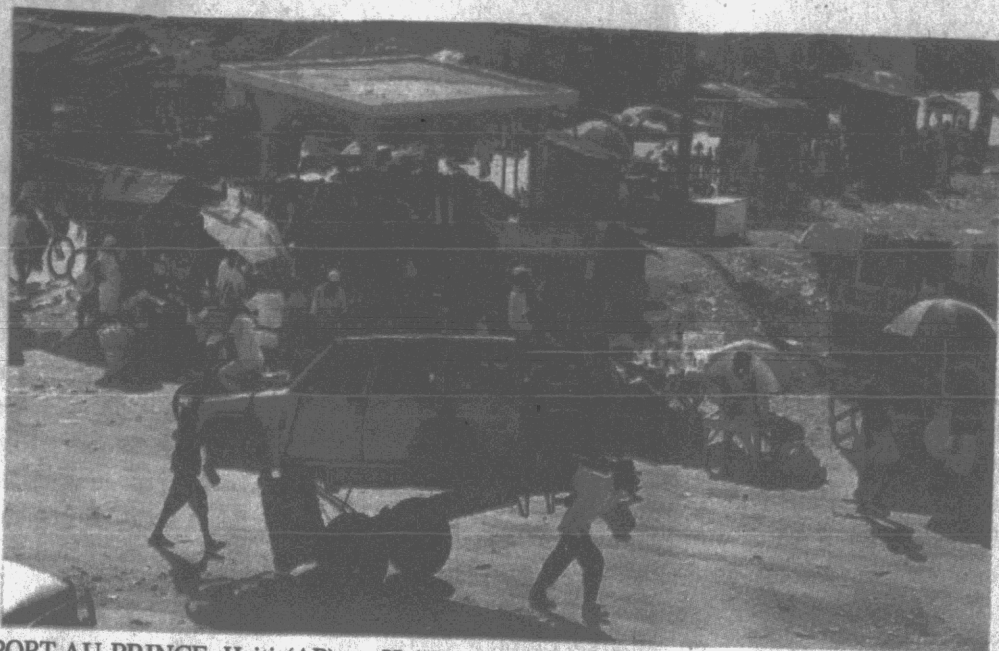
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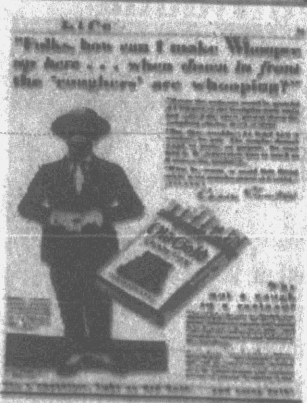
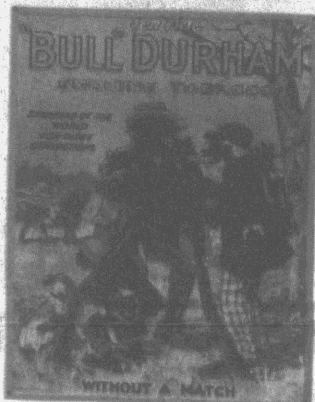


PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haitians are fleeing their quake-ravaged capital by the hundreds of thousands, aid officials said Friday, as their government promised to help nearly a half-million more move from squalid camps on curbsides and vacant lots into safer, cleaner tent cities. Aid officials said some 200,000 people have crammed into buses, nearly swamped ferries and set out even on foot to escape the ruined capital. For those who stay, foreign engineers have started leveling land on the fringes of the city for tent cities, supposedly temporary, that are meant to house 400,000 people.

### Vintage Racist Ads

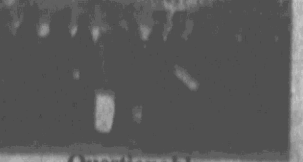
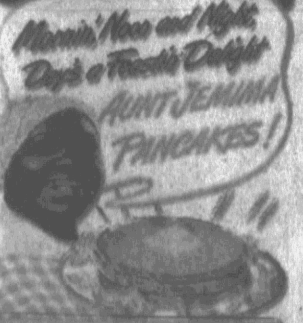


This one stopped me in my tracks. It's an ad for a brand of kid leather that could be dyed all kinds of lovely fashion colors — hence the incredibly ugly pun in the headline. "Colored Kids"



### Very racist vintage ads for tobacco

These vintage tobacco-related ads and many others can be found at [Stanford School of Medicine](http://StanfordSchoolofMedicine.com).



Questionable Depression-era billboard



This vintage national edition of the Washington Times features a full-page ad that claims that President Obama is not a natural-born citizen of the United States. The ad was purchased by the anti-Obama website ProtectOurLiberty.org.

### Letter to the Editor:

To whomever it may concern,

I ABDUL SAOOBOR MUHAMMAD

would like to express my sorrow and painful incident that happened at my residence (1209 Fleming St.) by the Greenville, NC which escalated to an ongoing result in the PCMH. The Greenville Police came to my house saying there was a warrant for my wife's arrest claiming that she needed to go to the hospital immediately and so they took her without any warning or notification at all. They wouldn't even let me help my wife get dressed, she's very sick. I was so embarrassed because my wife was half nude. I also tried to ride in the ambulance with her to ensure her safety but I was denied of that privilege so I drove to the hospital myself. When I got there to see her, I was denied any knowledge of being let know how my wife was doing so far. After two visits, the doctors told me that my wife couldn't have any visits by anyone period and I didn't understand and still don't understand because I am her husband. I haven't done anything to my wife or PCMH. This to me is a shame to the doctor system, shame to mankind and now it's painful memory of mine. Now I can't sleep at night, I think the doctors have done something to my wife. I have nightmares at night now because my mind is heavily on it all day every day. I totally don't understand. I shouldn't be suffering like this. It's been a month and a couple of weeks since I've seen my wife. I am 73 years old and a man at my age or any age shouldn't be left alone and treated like this. There is nothing I would like to do more than check on my wife and talk to her to ensure her safety. I should know, we have been married for 23 years and everyday is full of joy with her, but now, I feel like not being able to see her up at the hospital is putting a strain on me hard. I don't even know where my is located. Can someone help me? I am a nice law abiding American citizen who pays his bills on time and is a respectful person like anyone else. Thank you and have a blessed day.

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In addition to the advertisement in this newspaper, an updated list of open boards and commissions is also posted in the Stay Connected with Pitt County ad in each Saturday's edition of the Daily Reflector.

- **Simpson Planning Board** is in need of interested applicants that reside in the Simpson ETJ. They meet the 1st Monday of each month, excluding July/August at 7:00p at the Simpson Town Hall.
- **Greenville Board of Adjustment** is in need of applicants that reside outside the corporate limits of the City but with the ETJ. They hear and decide appeals concerning zoning issues, application for special use permits and request for variances.
- **Greenville Planning & Zoning Commission** is in need of applicants that reside outside the corporate limits of the City but with the ETJ. They regulate land development in the City of Greenville and in Greenville's extraterritorial jurisdiction.
- **Committee for Employment of People with Disabilities** is in need of interested applicants. They meet the first Thursday of each month at 3:30p. They promote the employment of all persons with disabilities on all aspects of society, emphasizing employment, but also including areas such as transportation, housing, recreation and education.
- **Convention and Visitors Authority** is in need of interested applicants. The Authority promotes activities and programs aiding and encouraging travel, tourism and convention. They meet the 2nd Thursday of every other month at 5:30p.
- **The Sheppard Memorial Library Board Trustees** is in need of interested applicants. The Board makes policies and recommendations governing the administration and operation of the public library. They meet the 3rd Wednesday of every odd month at 5:30p.
- **The Pitt County Board of Adjustment** is in need of interested applicants who reside North of the River and within the County's Planning jurisdiction. The Board considers variances, appeals and special use permits associated with the enforcement of the Pitt County Zoning Ordinance. The Board meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30p in the Commissioners' Auditorium, located at 1717 W. 5th Street.
- **The PCMH Board of Trustees** is in need of interested applicants. They meet the third Tuesday of each month at 12:30p. They make policies and recommendations governing the administration and operation of Pitt County Memorial Hospital.



# New Covenant Celebration !



Pictured above is Pastor Sheila Ingram founder of the school of eidetic Pastor Sheila is pictured at the New Covenant Church Celebration as a fund-raiser for WOOW Joy 1340 am. Pastor Ingram is a Concert soloist Conference speaker Praise & worship seminar speaker Certified Pastoral Counselor - counseling with the temperament profile which allows the counseled to understand their strengths and weaknesses and why they repeat the same behavior. WINPOP - Women In Pursuit of Purpose (Women Ministry) Saving My Heart Women's Program Radio Talk Show Host CEO of The River House/ Day Treatment Program for youth "My Girls/ Young Gents". Also pictured is Tammy Edwards and the edward singer along with Big James Barrett and the Golden Jubilees

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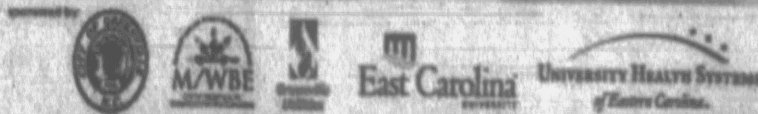
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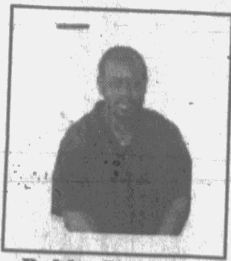
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## Gary Coleman Jailed For

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The Salt Lake Tribune

Updated: 01/25/2010

Gary Coleman, booked into jail. (Utah County Sheriff's Office) Actor Gary Coleman was booked into the Utah County jail Sunday after police received reports of a "civil disturbance" at his Santaquin home. Jail records show he was booked on suspicion of domestic assault. However, Santaquin police wrote in a press statement that Coleman was arrested on a warrant alleging he failed to appear in court in a previous case. A civil case against the "Diff'rent Strokes" star was dismissed Jan. 12 after a man reached a settlement with Coleman and his wife over allegations Coleman hit the man with a truck during a fight in a Payson bowling alley parking lot. Coleman pleaded no contest to a disorderly conduct charge stemming from the incident and was ordered to pay a \$100 fine.

— Erin Alberty

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## From The Desk Of Mrs. Beatrice



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*Happy 2010 from Mrs. Beatrice Maye!!!*

The Editor—

Do you want to be happy? Try these tools.

**\* Appreciation** is the purest, strong form of love. It is the outward-bound kind of love that asks for nothing and gives everything.

**\* Choice** is the father of freedom and the voice of the heart. Having no choices or opinions feels like being in jail. It leads to depression, anxiety, and learned helplessness. Anyone can choose the courses of their lives, but only happy people do it.

**\* Personal Power** guides your power over your feelings and power over your fate. Personal power has two components: taking responsibility and taking action.

**\* Leading with your strengths.** Leading with your strengths feels good and will never be complete until you learn to lead with your strengths every day.

**\* The power of language.** We don't describe the world we see, we see the world we describe. We think in words, and these words have the power to limit us or to set us free.

**\* Multi-faceted living.** There are three components of life: relationships, health, and purpose. Happiness comes from a full life instead of putting all our energy into just one area.

Happiness has no expiration date. Therefore, practice positivism, gratitude and generosity daily.

The Editor—

Don't just eat, dine.

Eating can be such a pleasurable experience, but not on the run. A sure sign of busyness is eating in the car, standing up at the counter, or not even leaving your office. You deserve better than to eat at your desk while you work through lunch. So shift out of overdrive by practicing the art of dining.

Try eating at your dining room table, by candlelight with your "good china", and no television. You might even play a little music in the background to enhance the mood. If you are single with no children, dining can become a way to relax. Savor your food, enjoy every bite and eat slowly. If you are married, have children, or live with loved ones, bring back dinnertime. Dine together.

This is a simple way to strengthen your connection with each other. Dinner becomes a gathering place, a place to check in with each other, communicate, share stories, and enjoy each other's company. Eating is an opportunity for you to slow down, too. Consider it not a functional chore, but a moment to be savored and shared.

Mrs. Beatrice Maye

### TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR THE NEW YEAR!!

1. **You shall worship God....and place no gods before the Lord.** Be careful to put God first— set aside time to pray and read your Bible daily!! Whisper a prayer to God after you rise each day in thanksgiving and pray to God before you fall asleep each nite in praise.

2. **You shall not make for yourself an idol...Nor bow down to them or worship them.** Be careful to worship God and God alone!! Everything we have comes from God. Everything we accomplish is because God gives us strength.

3. **You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.** Lift God's name up and praise God with all your heart, soul, and mind. Reverence the name of the Lord our God, for God is worthy of all the praise, glory and honor.

4. **You shall remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.**

Take advantage of opportunities to worship and fellowship with other Christians. Be intentional in carving out time to spend with your family and loved ones. Be sure to schedule time every week to rest, relax and recharge.

5. **Honor your father and your mother.** Honor your father and mother by being the best man, woman, husband, wife, father, mother, sister, brother, family member, boss, employee and person you can be!!

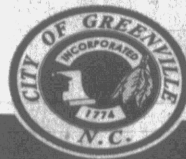
6. **You shall not murder.** Encourage those who need encouragement, comfort those who need comforting and help those who need help. Water the dreams of others, acknowledge the cares of your neighbors and maintain strong relationships with those you love.

7. **You shall not commit adultery.** Be ye faithful and steadfast in your commitments to god and those you are in covenant with. Be a promise keeper. Constantly fulfill your vows to your spouse. Keep your word to your children and let your fidelity be an example for all to see.

8. **You shall not steal.** Give God credit for everything God has done for you and yours. Give God thanks and be grateful for all the good things God's hands has wrought in your life.

9. **You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.** Always speak the truth in love. Be slow to speak, quick to listen, and always think before your act.

10. **You shall not covet your neighbor's house or anything your neighbor owns.** Be content with what you have!! Know that God knows what



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## Finding College Financial Aid in 2010

By María de los Ángeles Corral,  
The College Board

January is the best time to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, also known as the FAFSA. The form can be procured through the organization's website, via phone and in many high schools. The FAFSA is used by the federal government to calculate the minimum amount your family is expected to contribute to your child's college expenses and whether or not you qualify for government aid. Based on your financial need, a college may offer a combination of grants, loans and work-study. Grant money does not have to be repaid. Typically, students are offered loans, but they also may be extended to parents if needed. Make sure to take advantage of all your federal options first; the interest rates are much better, as are the repayment terms. Taking out loans is a significant responsibility. With careful planning, however, the reward can justify the investment.

## Houston town hall meeting addresses "Negro business"

HOUSTON— The use of the word "Negro" on the 2010 U.S. Census questionnaire sparked a recent town hall meeting in Houston held at the Judson Robinson Community Center to discuss its impact and the need for Blacks to still participate in the census process. Council Member Wanda Adams, who co-chairs the Houston Counts Committee, urged the predominately Black audience to not "let that word deter us" at the forum held earlier this month. "For every person who does not take the census, that is potentially a \$1,500 dollars loss," said Adams. "Let's get our money here in Houston. We stand to get millions in federal funding plus a new Congressional seat and two City Council positions. Let's participate."

## African Albinos Murdered!



By Theunis Bates

>p align=justify> LONDON (Nov. 23) — East Africa's albinos have long suffered because of the color of their skin. Some are abandoned as babies by parents who regard their lack of pigment as a curse. Many more are subjected to taunts of "zeru" (Swahili for ghost) in school and on the street. But now Tanzania and Burundi's 8,000 albinos face a more horrible threat, fueled by a macabre combination of superstition and economics. Over the past two years — according to a new report from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies — at least 56 albinos in the two countries have been murdered and their body parts used by witch doctors to make charms and potions. The last known killing took place on Oct. 21, when albino hunters attacked 10-year-old Gasper Elikana in northern Tanzania. A gang of men hacked the boy to death in front of his family and neighbors — who were wounded trying to protect the child — before fleeing with his severed leg. In the face of such brutality, thousands of albinos have gone into hiding, including 300 children being sheltered by the Red Cross at police-protected schools. "This is a great source of shame for the region," says Isaac Mwaura, national coordinator for the Albinism Society in neighboring Kenya, and an albino himself. "These are people who lack melanin, who are vulnerable, who nature has not treated so kindly. To then attack them and deprive them of the right to live is simply barbaric." What sparked this outburst of targeted violence is still unclear. Some have blamed local folklore, which says albinos are endowed with mystical powers. "People think that we don't die and many other things that aren't true," says Mwaura.

"Albinos are seen as a cure, because they possess something out of the ordinary." However, Andrei Engstrand-Neacsu, one of the authors of the Red Cross report, says traditional beliefs aren't solely to blame. He notes that the murders started in 2007, around the time of a mining and fishing boom in northern Tanzania, when many people launched new business ventures. Superstitious entrepreneurs desperate to succeed may have bought "good luck" albino trinkets from witch doctors. "This is mostly an economic activity carried out by criminals who have seized an opportunity," he says. "They have found people sufficiently stupid to believe that by using magic potions made of albino body parts they could become rich or more powerful." What's certain is that buyers — most of whom are believed to be Tanzanian — are willing to pay a high price for these horrific charms. Police have reported albino limbs being sold by witch doctors for \$200, while a full "albino kit" — consisting of limbs, nose, tongue, ears and genitals — costs \$75,000. That's an astronomical sum in a country where almost 60 percent of the population lives on less than \$1 a day, and it has led many experts to conclude that the demand for these goods comes from the upper-echelons of Tanzanian society. "Poor people cannot afford to spend so much money on a little concoction from a witch doctor," says the Albinism Society's Mwaura. "The buyers must be wealthy. They are not even trying to strike it rich, they're trying to strike it richer." Under pressure from campaigners at home and abroad, the Tanzanian government has started to crack down on the grim trade. In January, it revoked all traditional healers' operating licenses. (Many, however, flouted the ban and continued to trade.) In the spring, President Jakaya Kikwete ordered all adults to fill out a form and name anyone who they suspected of killing an albino. The courts have also been getting tough: So far this year, seven people have been handed the death penalty for taking part in albino murders. Franck Alphonse, director of the Tanzania Albino Center (which cares for 79 albino children), though, argues that these recent cases have failed to unearth the true criminals who ordered the attacks. "The gangs who kill the albinos, who earn \$250 for murdering an albino, have been sentenced to death," he says.

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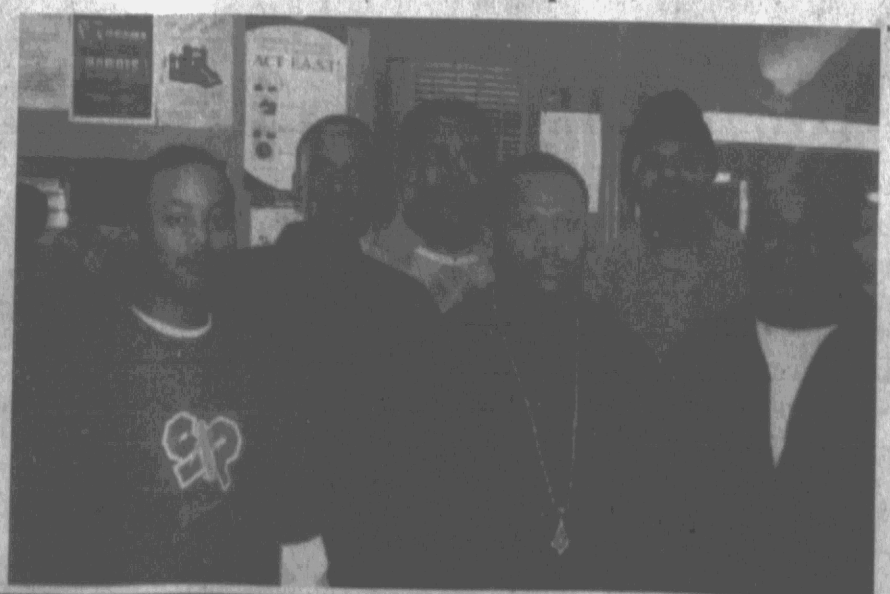
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## Help Pouring Out for Haitians as Death Count Grows

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WASHINGTON (NNPA) - It's been described as "The world's Katrina". The 7.0 magnitude earthquake that completely devastated and uprooted the Black island nation of Haiti, leaving an estimated 100,000 dead and millions more homeless, injured and in despair. Government officials are predicting that the death toll could eventually rise to half a million, making it one of the most destructive natural disasters ever. Already reeling from a string of recent national setbacks, including political upheavals and an overwhelming series of hurricanes in 2008, one of the poorest nations in the Western hemisphere now has to deal with this tragedy. "Port-au-Prince is destroyed. We have a lot of death, a lot of casualties, human casualties, material casualties, we are dead," said Cassandra Valbrun in a phone interview from Haiti. The 34-year-old married mother of two works in the Pout-au-Prince suburb of Pétionville. She was still at work when the earthquake struck Jan. 12. "We need water, medication and tents because people are sleeping outside of their house," she said. "We are sleeping on the street, on yards, on open fields and it's cold at night. It's like 21-Celsius degree. It's cold. I'm sleeping in a neighbor's back yard. We are surviving. We are on our own with food we've had at home. We've come together and we've tried to give some cereal to the kids. We adults eat once in the day to make the food last, so we don't spoil it. And I don't know how long we will keep doing that." Howard University international student Roberte Exantus is also from the Haitian suburb of Pétionville. The 20-year-old was in Washington, D.C. when the earthquake hit and while she was fortunate enough to hear from her parents she still has heard no news from other members of her family. "My father, I recently heard from him, but my friends, my brother is still there. But I'm waiting, I'm hoping and waiting and praying," she shared. When Exantus spoke to her father by phone she said that he seemed to be in a delirious mental state. He just told her to stay strong. "He was just saying the dead people are everywhere," Exantus said. "Everyone is on their own right now. A lot talk about a lot of the help they are getting but, according to my dad, they are waiting. Nothing has gotten there yet. President Obama has pledged \$100 million dollars in U. S. aid as and spared no expense in resources for relief for the Caribbean nation.

## Should The US Let More Haitians In The Country ?



In the weeks following the devastating earthquake in Haiti, the State Department is facing a critical question — should they increase the number of Haitians allowed in the country so that children in need of medical attention and earthquake survivors with family members in the U.S. can come in? The tension between U.S. policy and the desperation to leave is spawning a debate in Washington over whether the government should let more Haitians in. Immigration advocates and several members of Congress have begun pressing the Department of

Homeland Security and the State Department to ease the rules. So far, the focus is on two groups: Haitians with relatives legally in the United States and a few hundred injured children who, in the judgment of doctors doing relief work in Haiti, could die without sophisticated medical care.

In the first days after the Jan. 12 quake, Napolitano announced that the government would admit Haitian children already on the cusp of adoption and that it would allow Haitians who were in the United States illegally to stay for 18 months. The administration has not

eased restrictions for children newly orphaned or injured by the disaster, Haitians who had already been seeking U.S. visas, or any other earthquake victims who want to come.

Late last week, Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) said Homeland Security officials had told him the agency would grant "humanitarian parole" to about 200 severely injured Haitian

children. Even after that, Nelson said, he got a late-night e-mail, with the subject line "HELP," from a Miami neurosurgeon doing relief work, saying the U.S. Embassy



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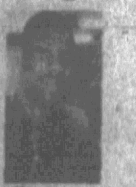
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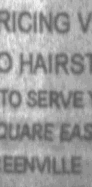
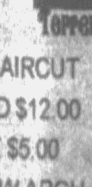


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## The new Pap smear guidelines: Are they right for Black women and girls?

By Tomika Anderson

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) recently released a revised set of recommendations about Pap smears, which screen for cervical cancer. Doctors now suggest that women get their first screening when they turn 21 instead of within three years of becoming sexually active. They also recommend that the tests be done less frequently—every two years instead of every year. While most health experts have signed off on the plan, others question

whether it's the best idea for Black girls and women, since there is an STD epidemic in the Black community and recent research shows that about 50 percent of Black teenage girls have an active STD. We asked Linda Bradley, M.D., vice chair of ob-gyn at the Cleveland Clinic, the reasons behind the changes and whether there are exceptions that we need to be aware of. "This is about new scientific information being available," says Dr. Bradley. "Physicians now have more information to guide them in making recommendations about the frequency of a Pap smear—information about the natural history of cervical cancer and [its relationship] to the human papillomavirus (HPV). We're learning, for instance, that some women have a 'double-negative Pap smear,' which means you are so unlikely to develop pre-cancer

that doctors can defer tests unless you have been previously diagnosed with HPV." This is key, Dr. Bradley says, because over testing could lead to unnecessary procedures that may put a woman's health at risk. "In the past when we've seen patients with HPV, [sometimes] we took out their cervixes. That type of unnecessary treatment of adolescents, for instance, can lead to infertility later—the female may not be able to conceive or could have a premature birth." Still, Dr. Bradley warns, Pap smear testing every two years beginning at 21 is absolutely crucial—not just to evaluate the health of the cervix but to allow a doctor the opportunity to check for any other possible health issues as well. ACOG states that women and girls who have been vaccinated against HPV to follow the same.

## West Says Keep King's Anti-Poverty Dream Alive



By ERRIN HAINES (The Associated Press)

A scholar and activist invoked the fiery side of Martin Luther King Jr.'s rhetoric Monday, Jan. 18, at the civil rights icon's church, urging the audience not to "sanitize" King's legacy or let the president off the hook on issues like poverty. Across the United States, Americans marked what would have been King's 81st birthday with rallies and parades. And days ahead of the anniversary of his historic inauguration, President Barack Obama honored King by serving meals to the needy. But in the city where the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner was born, it was Princeton University professor Cornel West who reminded listeners that King's message of nonviolence came with a fiery urgency. West delivered a passionate keynote address to hundreds at Ebenezer Baptist Church on the 25th federal observance of King's birthday.

West told the crowd to remember King's call to help others and not enshrine his legacy in "some distant museum." Instead, West offered, King should be remembered as a vital person whose powerful message was once even considered dangerous by the FBI. "I don't want to sanitize Martin Luther King Jr.," said West, who teaches in Princeton's Center for African American Studies and is the author of "Race Matters" and 19 other books. "I don't know about you, but I don't even mention his name without shivering and shuddering." West also told the mostly Black audience to hold Obama's administration accountable, even as they celebrate his historic presidency. The anniversary of Obama's inauguration as the country's first Black president—seen by many Blacks as part of the fulfillment of King's dream—was Jan. 20. "Even with your foot on the brake, there are too many precious

brothers and sisters under the bus," West said of Obama. "Where is the talk about poverty? We've got to protect him and respect him, but we've also got to correct him if the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. is going to stay alive." King's youngest daughter, Bernice King, presided over the ceremony with her aunt, Christine King Farris, the civil rights leader's only living sibling. His other children, Martin Luther King III and Dexter King, did not attend the service at the church where King preached, which was packed to its 2,200-person capacity. In Washington, Obama honored King's legacy of helping others serving lunch at a social services organization. Later on Monday, Jan. 18 Obama discussed the Civil Rights Movement with a group of Black elders and their grandchildren.

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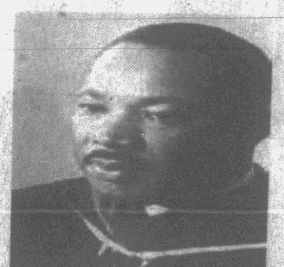
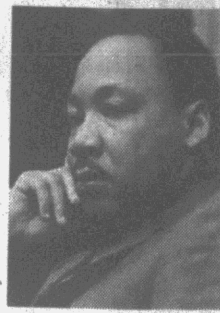
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