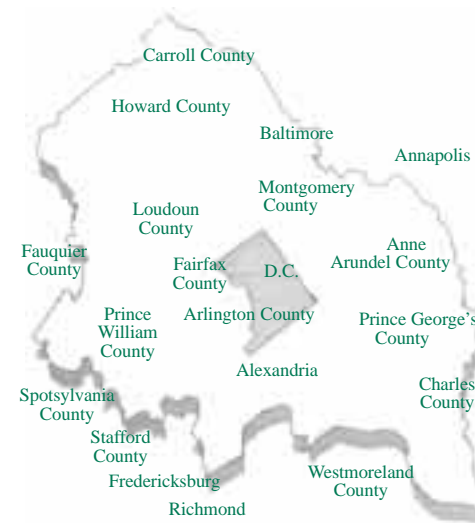


IT'S A BALL . . .

There's a Constitution Ball, a Freedom Ball, an Independence Ball, a Texas Wyoming Ball, and a myriad of other balls and related activities too numerous to mention. There is even an e.Naugural.com Ball that takes place at the Wyndham Washington, DC Hotel. It will be webcast live to the world and archived for viewing on the web. This hi-tech community celebration will include such guests as Buzz Aldrin and Robert Kahn. Our next *Metro Herald* will give you the scoop on this and as much other activity surrounding the inauguration as we have room to print. Pictured at right are some of the entertainers scheduled to light up the night at the e.Naugural.com event.



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January 14, 2005



The Dream Continues . . .

One of Martin Luther King Jr.'s greatest strengths as a leader was his eloquence. His writings contained deep thoughts and powerful images, and when delivered in his rousing, dramatic style inspired people to action—to fight for their civil rights.

Although his most famous speech was delivered on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., on August 28, 1963—"I Have a Dream"—earlier that year, he wrote "Letter From a Birmingham Jail" while incarcerated in Birmingham, Alabama. It was a poignant defense of his stand on nonviolence coupled with an urgent, almost desperate plea for change. The passion of his words, excerpted here, still moves our hearts today.

Letter From a Birmingham Jail

We have waited for more that 340 years for our constitutional and God-given rights. The nations of Asia and Africa are moving with jetlike speed toward gaining political independence, but we still creep at horse-and-buggy pace toward gaining a cup of coffee at a lunch counter. Perhaps it is easy for those who have never felt the stinging darts of segregation to say, "Wait." But when you have seen vicious mobs lynch your mothers and fathers at will and drown your sisters and brothers at whim; when you have seen hate-filled policemen curse, kick, and even kill your black brothers and sisters; when you see the vast majority of your twenty million Negro brothers smothering in an airtight cage of poverty in the midst of an affluent society; when you suddenly find your tongue twisted and your speech stammering as you seek to explain to your six-year-old daughter why she can't go to the public amusement park that has just been advertised on television, and see tears welling up in her eyes when she is told that Funtown is closed to colored children, and see ominous clouds of inferiority beginning to form in her little mental sky, and see her beginning to distort her personality by developing an unconscious bitterness toward white people; when you have to concoct an answer for a five-year-old son who is asking, "Daddy, why do white people treat colored people so mean?"; when you take a cross-country drive and find it necessary to sleep night after night in the uncomfortable corners of your automobile because no motel will accept you; when you are humiliated day in and day out by nagging signs reading "white" and "colored" when your first name becomes "Nigger," your middle name becomes "boy" (however old you are) and your last name becomes "John," and your wife and mother are never given the respected title "Mrs.," when you are harried by day and haunted by night by the fact that you are a Negro, living constantly at tiptoe stance, never quite knowing what to expect next, and are plagued with inner fears and outer resentments; when you are forever fighting a degenerating sense of "nobodiness" then you will understand why we find it difficult to wait. There comes a time when the cup of endurance runs over, and men are no longer willing to be plunged into the abyss of despair. I hope, sirs, you can understand our legitimate and unavoidable impatience.

The photographer, **Benedict Fernandez**, met **Martin Luther King, Jr.** during a march in New York City on April 15, 1967. King would be killed by an assassin's bullet less than a year later.

"While he was surrounded by the crowd before his speech at the United Nations on April 15, 1967, I dropped to my knees and caught Dr. King in a moment of deep thought. My determination in getting the photograph led to my eventual friendship with Dr. King and his family."

—**Benedict Fernandez**

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Editorial

Iwonder from which vantage point Martin Luther King is trying to ingest the events that will be unfolding from the East Coast to the far West in honor of his birthday. I wonder how many people will put themselves into the aggressive passive first person of Martin Luther King. I wonder how many speakers will be able to tell their audience about Martin Luther King's dreams for Black America better than he was able to articulate them before the hordes of Made in America in August of 1963, with the backdrop of the Lincoln Memorial holding fast his words, and with the reflecting pool mirroring America's commitment to his ideas; a monsoon of euphoria blanketed America much like sunshine on an open field of just-planted flowers of dreams.

Every bud of every plant found in his speech all of the nutrients for growth . . . every finger rolled into a fist of resolve, clasping a personalized word or phrase to carry forth.

Yet the perpetuity of that sunshining day and his commitment to changing the faces of racism, inequality, and access to the workplace and education have faded to an extent like leaving jeans or dreams in the sun too long.

The people who rent the Martin Luther King dream for a day, the people who could but don't make a difference because of politics and other facsimiles, don't even pay the human deposit for making his theirs.

Martin Luther King was a man surrounded in daylight with co-equals and left alone in the dark with condolences. It is very important for us to know King was selected by people pointing at him and away from themselves. It worked out just fine, thank you very much. King moved out of the shadows of finger-pointing onto the American stage of collective consciousness.

People at the height of King's speech looked past the moving words of his vision to the anchor of his discourse . . . the Emancipation Proclamation. This document opened the minds but not the gates for blacks. Considering the circumstances of the Lincoln presidency, he had little choice but to make this right choice. No one believed that he could win reelection without electing to move past his intellect into his conscience. This decision by Lincoln to set the slaves free on both sides filled his inhibitions with grey thoughts and blue-blood coagulations across the minds and souls of all the combatants.

He expected blacks to run from shackles of slavery into a shapeless society more forlorn than reality into a circle of loyalty toward their masters than respect for themselves.

It is ironic that one-hundred and eighteen years later, King asked White America to give what Lincoln had decreed in writing. Lincoln was as fragile with his mind as King was with his soul. It is scary that King's fate duplicated

Lincoln's—both were in the South, both died emitting red blood. The slaves in Lincoln's time put out the fires caused by a white-on-white war; for blacks in 1968 and not knowing totally why, we committed a sort of economic suicide that was repeated in Los Angeles. Having failed to completely understand the corollary of 1968, history repeated itself in 1992.

The corpulence of racism always results in the thinning of resources. The mirrors of the Civil War and the reflection of the riots in black communities both shine on the fact that they started out with something and ended up with nothing.

Blacks did more destruction to their communities than Sherman in his march through Georgia. The price of anger is always finger-pointing. In Los Angeles, milk lines and food lines stretched beyond help and rested more often than not at a place of hope up the road and the crossroad of despair down the hill.

I am positive that King, if he could have spoken after his assassination, would have asked for calm and reflections of his dreams and the worth of black culture. If Lincoln could have acted after then, after viewing King's death, he would have asked for healing and equality. Knowing now that looking back at history and its inconsistencies of fallowed racism, Lincoln might still be signing.

If he is in heaven and walking around and bumping into all those who could not because he and others like him would not . . . even in the confines of heaven, he must be entrenched into heaven equal to the ninth realm of Dante's inferno-bumping into nameless people with recognizable faces.

Yet without the Emancipation Proclamation, the journey King and millions like him made might not have happened. King might have turned out to be Frederick Douglass and King's birthday of January 15 might have been the celebrating of gospel songs, the fruit harvest in Florida, winter wheat in Maine, and beach cleaning in California.

The two men . . . one steeped in history and the other in ideas . . . walked the same path to the monument—for Lincoln, an idea that had not blossomed into a visual like planted flowers; and King, using the steadfastness of the monument to stand vanguard over words he said that day which kissed and cleansed the unsettled soul as they bathed his resolve that sunny afternoon in August. The trick is for us to catch up with a time and ideas past that are resilient and relevant today as the Emancipation Proclamation was then.

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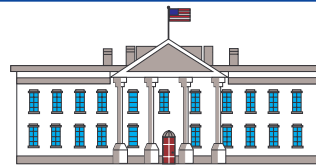
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INDEPENDENCE CENTER PRESENTS ALEXANDRIA WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia (ECNV) has presented the City of Alexandria and the Alexandria Commission on Persons With Disabilities with a Lifetime Achievement Award. The award honors the City and the commission for expanding the rights and services of individuals with disabilities in Alexandria and Northern Virginia. Alexandria was recognized for providing outstanding leadership and establishing standards and services in the areas of human rights, employment, bus and paratransit transportation services; and accessibility to streets and traffic signals, polling areas and voting machines, public and private facilities, housing, recreation, education and other social services.

The City Council appoints the members of the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities. The commission researches programs and legislation relating to the physically and mentally handicapped and advises City Council and members of the community about these programs and laws. It serves as the local Disabilities Services Board and a forum for the disabled.

The ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia is a community-based resource and advocacy center that is managed by and for people with disabilities. Founded in the spring of 1981, the organization seeks to empower people with disabilities to live independently. The ECVN promotes an independent living philosophy and equal access for all persons with disabilities.

The ECVN has only granted the prestigious award one other time in the organization's 23-year history.

For more info: 703-549-4617.

HELP SUPPORT GADSBY'S TAVERN MUSEUM AT FOUNDER'S JOHN WISE BEER NIGHT!



Gadsby's Tavern Museum

Good beer and good food for a good cause! On Friday, **January 14** from **5-10PM**, enjoy a pint of Wise's Weiss at Founder's Brewery while helping to support one of Alexandria's most historic buildings—Gadsby's Tavern Museum. Named in honor of Alexandria's founding father and builder of Gadsby's Tavern, this Weiss beer (a German pale ale) will be available to Beer Night Participants until **9PM** at Happy Hour prices. Founder's Brewery will

donate 10% of the total bills from Beer Night Participants to the museum. And **John Wise** himself might come by to say hello.

Founder's Brewery is located at 607 King Street, Old Town Alexandria. There will be no admission fee, just cost of food and beer. To ensure that 10% of the proceeds is returned to Gadsby's Tavern, please tell Founder's Brewery that you are there for the Beer Night event.

Call for more information, **703-838-4242**.



KIDS' NIGHT AT KRISPY KREME IN COLUMBIA

Krispy Kreme in Columbia will host a special **KIDS' NIGHT** every other Tuesday, beginning **January 18, 2005** from **5PM-7PM**.

Children will be able to:

- Make their own Krispy Kreme doughnut at the "Dipping Station"
- Enter to win door prizes and giveaways
- Complete coloring sheets
- Receive balloons

Adults will be able to:

- Sample Krispy Kreme's fresh roasted signature coffee from the "Coffee Back Pack"

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts in Columbia is located at 8630 Snowden River Parkway, Columbia, MD 21045.

Krispy Kreme can be found on the web at www.krispykreme.com.



Dr. Kenneth L. Hoyt presents Harriet Ruch Canter a gold diploma for her 50th graduation anniversary.

ALEXANDRIA RESIDENT IS AWARDED GOLD DIPLOMA FROM HER ALMA MATER

Harriet Ruch Canter, a resident of Alexandria, is pictured with Centenary College President, Dr. Kenneth L. Hoyt, at Homecoming and Alumni Weekend this past semester where she was presented with a Gold Diploma, an honor bestowed upon graduates celebrating their 50th anniversary.

Founded in 1867 by the Newark Conference of the United Methodist Church, Centenary College is an independent, coeducational liberal arts and career studies college distinguished by an accomplished faculty, small class size and diverse student body. Centenary is the only baccalaureate and master degree granting institution in northwest New Jersey.

Centenary College's main campus is located in Hackettstown, NJ, with its equestrian facility in Washington Township (Morris County). The College's Center for Adult and Professional Studies (CAPS) offers accelerated degree completion programs in Parsippany, with an additional facility in Engelhard Corporation, Iselin, and at corporate sites throughout New Jersey.



COMMUNITY BLOOD SUPPLY ATTEMPTS TO RECOVER FROM HOLIDAY SHORTFALL

The Greater Chesapeake & Potomac Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross is urging all eligible blood donors to give the gift of life in order to maintain an adequate blood supply immediately following the New Years holiday. The beginning of January typically experiences an increase in elective surgical procedures, and therefore a safe community blood supply is essential to ensure that all patients receive the care they need, when they need it. The American Red Cross is urging all citizens to make giving the gift of life a part of their New Years resolution for 2005. Donors are encouraged to call **1-800-GIVE-LIFE** to schedule an appointment to donate whole blood. Platelet donors may call **1-800-272-2123** to schedule their appointment.

"No one should be in the position to choose who gets the last pint of blood on the shelves," said **Dave Slaughter**, Chairman of the GC&P Region's Board of Directors. "Local patients are depending on local blood donors to avoid such a situation by scheduling a donation appointment as soon as possible. Every patient deserves the best care possible, and every physician must have the tools to deliver that care. This includes a safe and adequate blood supply."

To better accommodate donors, the GC & P Region has extended

hours of operation at many of its community blood Donor Centers this week, and is also offering a special t-shirt to all participants at all sites. In addition, to celebrate "National Volunteer Blood Donor Month," all participants throughout the month of January will receive a special edition armband, giving members of the community the opportunity to show their support for the life-saving mission of the American Red Cross.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO GIVE BLOOD?

DONORS MUST:

- Be generally in good health;
- Be at least 17 years of age, or in the state of Maryland only, 16 years of age w/ written parental consent;
- Weigh no less than 110 pounds;
- Have NOT received a tattoo within the past year;
- Have NOT donated whole blood within the past 56 days.

Members of the community are asked to call **1-800-GIVE-LIFE** immediately to schedule an appointment to donate at any American Red Cross Donor Center or community blood drive. Businesses and community groups that are willing to hold blood drives are asked to call **1-800-787-9282, x4925** for information.

Visit us online at www.my-red-cross.org

DUNCAN ANNOUNCES RE-OPENING OF WORKING PARENTS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan announced recently that the County's Working Parents Assistance Program (WPA) will re-open to serve an additional 110 children from the program's waiting list. "I'm pleased we are able to serve more children through the Working Parents Assistance Program," said Duncan. "This program has a long history of helping to ensure that working families in Montgomery County have access to quality child care, a critical factor in maintaining self-sufficiency."

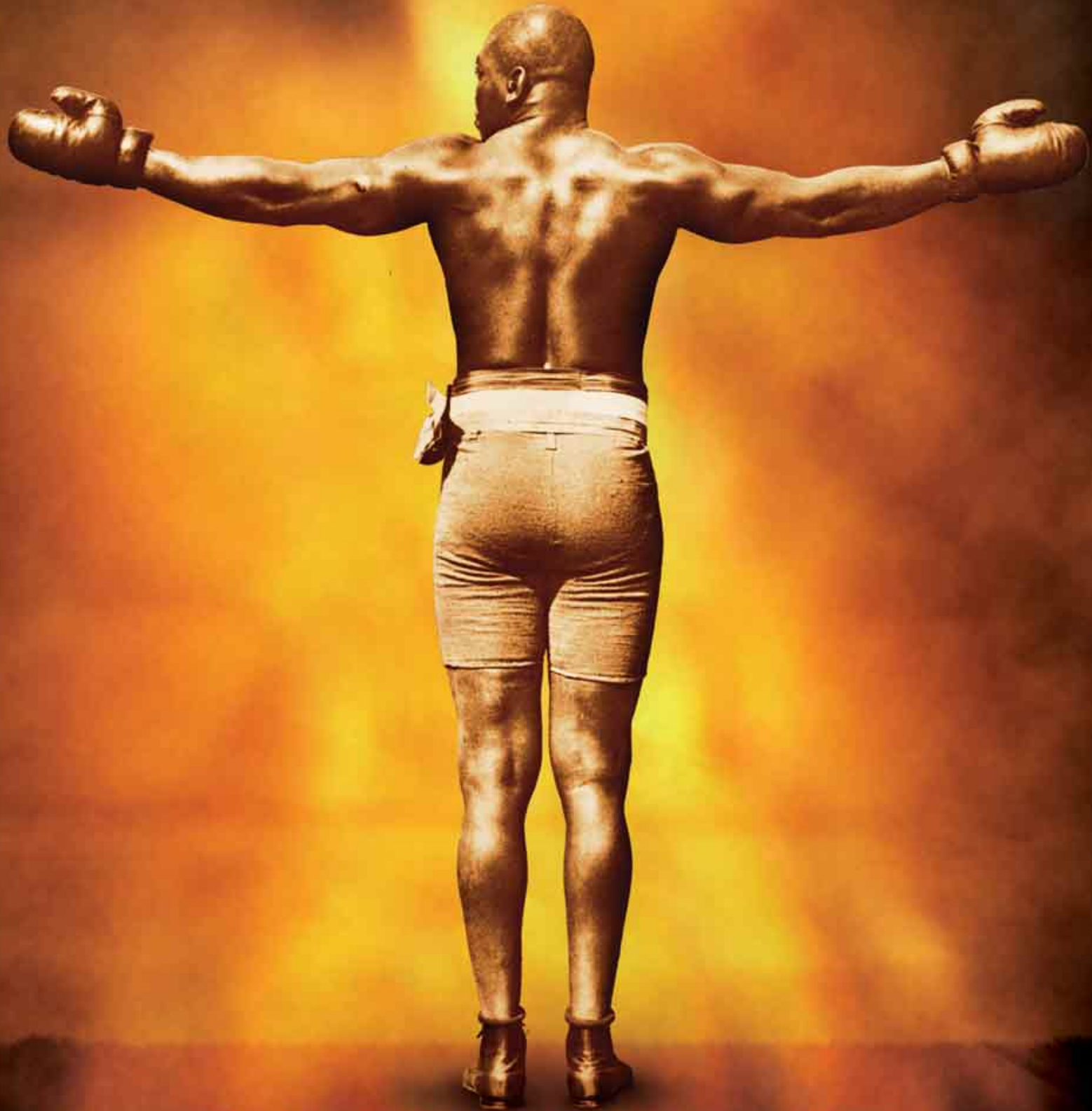
In January 2003, when the Maryland Department of Human Resources imposed a freeze on the Purchase of Care Child Care Subsidy Program (POC), applicants to

the state program were admitted to the County's WPA Program until capacity was closed in October 2003. The additional capacity in the program is possible now because of attrition in the WPA program and additional funding approved recently by the County Council.

Letters requesting up-to-date eligibility information from 500 families on the waiting list were sent in late November 2004 and subsidy vouchers will be issued beginning the week of January 10, 2005. There are currently 3, 019 children on the State's Purchase of Care Program waiting list and 529 children on the Working Parents Assistance Program waiting list.

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They couldn't knock him out, so they tried to tear him down.



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OP-ED

VIRGINIA DOES NOT NEED NEW NUCLEAR REACTORS

Elena Day
Special to *The Metro Herald*

Dominion Resources (formerly Virginia Power) has applied for an Early Site Permit to build two or more new nuclear reactors at their North Anna power station, located in Central Virginia.

Despite the fact that a new nuclear reactor hasn't been ordered in the United States since 1978, the Bush administration has set its sights on revitalizing the moribund nuclear energy industry and has begun by streamlining the licensing process with the 2003 Energy Act.

Public scrutiny and intervention are limited. Taxpayers will ultimately pay for half the expenses incurred in the application process. In the case of the North Anna site the cost of applying for and obtaining a permit is a hefty \$14 million.

Nuclear power proponents once promised us electricity that was "too cheap to meter." Instead, nuclear power remains expensive and government/taxpayer-subsidized. The Price Anderson Act, originally passed in 1957, caps the nuclear industry's liability in case of a major accident at \$10 billion. However, government estimates place the cost of a severe accident at \$500 billion, and we taxpayers would have to pay the difference.

Currently the industry and the government are seeking Congressional reauthorization of Price Anderson for 20 more years. New nuclear plant construction will be included, because full liability insurance on the open market remains prohibitively expensive for nuclear power.

The opening of the proposed federal nuclear waste depository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada is scheduled for 2010. The Bush Administration pushed through the site designation process, despite substantial scientific evidence challenging the safety of the site (Yucca Mountain is

crisscrossed with earthquake faults). Though a recent federal court ruling has put the Yucca Mountain project on hold, a total of 70,000 metric tons of highly radioactive spent fuel will move across the country to Yucca Mountain over a 24-year period if the site is approved.

Other negative outcomes inherent in the opening of a nuclear facility include the large amounts of fossil fuels consumed during the facility's operation, the legacy of nuclear waste that must be safeguarded for generations, and the risk of catastrophic accidents and nuclear terrorism.

In the case of the Dominion Resources site, highly radioactive spent fuel rods would most likely remain in storage pools (or in dry casks) at the nuclear reactor facility. These temporary storage methods are considered highly vulnerable to terrorist attack.

The federal government's nurturing of the nuclear industry is not surprising. The industry was a heavy contributor (\$260,000) to the Bush-Cheney campaign in 2000. The Bush administration and the nuclear industry have produced a plan called "Nuclear Power 2010," which would construct 50 new nuclear reactors and bring them on line by 2020. And Congress (which benefited from the nuclear industry PAC largesse to the tune of \$5.8 million in the 2002 election cycle) is on board as well.

However, we Virginia citizens are not ready to accept new nuclear reactors in our Commonwealth. In May 2004 three environmental organizations (Public Citizen, Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, and Nuclear Resource Information Service) filed contentions in this first phase of licensing, requesting that the Early Site Permit be denied. On August 6 the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) of the NRC agreed

that indeed Dominion had failed to adequately address the adverse impacts of operating one or two additional reactors. In particular, they cited the effects of increased water temperature on the striped bass in Lake Anna and fish in the North Anna River. Other contentions regarding Central Virginians' health and safety, terrorism and evacuation in case of an accident, were denied by the ASLB.

Given that nuclear power generation is expensive, that the nuclear waste problem remains unresolved and that reactors are acknowledged terrorist targets, why embark on a program to build new nukes? Isn't it time that we take a good look at alternatives for energy generation—alternatives that include conservation technologies and renewable energy?

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has scheduled a public hearing for January 19 in Louisa County on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS), which was released on December 10. Dominion Power will be able to "bank" the central Virginia site, or apply to construct and operate up to two new reactors there for 20 years, if the challenges to the EIS are settled. This hearing is important because it will be one of the few opportunities for the public to voice their concerns about Dominion's proposed new reactors. And our voices need to be heard.

Day is a former medical technologist and an environmental and social activist. Copyright (©) 2005 by the Virginia Forum. The Forum, is an educational organization that provides the media with the views of state experts on major public issues. Letters should be sent to the Forum, P.O. Box 12363, Richmond, VA 23241.

OP-ED

NO CHILD, NO ANNIVERSARY TO CELEBRATE

Elena Day
Special to *The Metro Herald*

The third anniversary of the signing of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act by President Bush occurred last Saturday, January 8th. The President announced this day in 2002, that, "America's schools are on the path to reform. Our schools will have higher expectations. And our schools will have greater resources to meet those goals." Three years after the great fanfare surrounding this event, two out of those three statements have come to pass. The third, and arguably most important, has not.

Since its enactment, NCLB has been chronically under funded. President Bush and Congressional Republicans have provided \$27 billion less than was promised when the bipartisan bill was enacted. Because of this lack of funding, NCLB has become an unfunded mandate, meaning a new requirement without adequate resources for states and local school districts.

In 2004 alone, NCLB was under funded by \$9.8 billion. This painfully large figure has kept 2.5 million children from receiving access to Title I math and reading assistance, 1.3 million children from after school learning opportunities and approximately 50,000 teachers from getting professional development. All represent promises made, but not kept. It is flat out wrong for the government to be expecting 100% accountability while only footing 10% of the price tag.

I also take issue with the effect NCLB has on the way children are taught. Due to the pressure to keep schools from failing repeatedly and thus allowing students to transfer to other schools (an action much more available to children from families in better economic situations) teachers are forced to teach to the test. This



Rep. Jim Moran (D-VA)

has the effect of closing the very schools that are accomplishing the most with children who receive the least support at home. Rigid requirements in NCLB hinder development and redirect teacher and student energies to activities that have less to do with true exploration and learning and more to do with just getting by.

I believe measurement of educational attainment should be gauged by the level a child starts on the first day of school, compared with their level at the end of the school year. We should be encouraging our children to learn in ways that develop their unique abilities. Learning by rote does not satisfy such a goal.

It was once said, "Education is the great equalizer in a democratic society, and if people are not given access to a quality education, then what we are doing is creating an underclass of people who will ultimately challenge our way of life." I think this quote rings true today, and a Congress and White House with priorities that continue to be out of whack need to keep it in mind. In the coming weeks the President's Budget will be revealed. The figures contained inside should prove whether their broken promises will continue.

James P. Moran is the Democratic Representative of Virginia's Eighth Congressional District.

HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Witness for Justice



BERNICE POWELL JACKSON

Executive Minister
UCC Justice & Witness Ministries

What would Dr. King think of the world today had he lived? What would he have to say? What causes would he be speaking out for or against?

Many ask that question every year as we approach his January 15 birthday. The truth is we will never know because no human being stands still in time, but we all grow and mature just by living. For example, by reading Dr. King's sermons and writings in the last five years of his life, we know that he prioritized economic justice issues and working for peace in a world of war. These became his priorities, just as racial justice had been his prime motivator in the early days of his ministry.

What would Dr. King have to say about the terrible toll of the tsunami throughout the nations of the Indian Ocean? I think he would have spoken a word of consolation to the people of those nations and an assurance of the love of God, especially for those who had lost not only family, but all possessions. But I also think he would have challenged those of us who live so comfortably in Amer-

ica to understand that our sharing with the world cannot come only during times of crisis and catastrophe. I think he would have used this opportunity to help Americans understand that our federal government's foreign aid (excluding military spending) and our private charitable gifts combined equal only 21 cents per day, per person - far less than our European counterparts. Many Americans falsely believe that our federal government foreign aid is 25% of our national budget. Instead, it is less than one quarter of one percent. I think Dr. King would say we, the richest nation in the world, can do better.

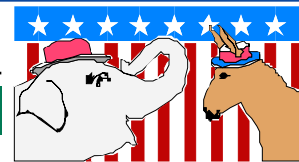
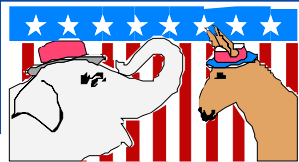
What would Dr. King say about the on-going war in Iraq? I have said many times that I believe Dr. King would have spoken out forcefully against going into that war and would have continued to voice his opposition to the war, just as he did

in the Viet Nam War. In his famous sermon entitled, "Silence is Betrayal," at The Riverside Church in New York City, one year before his assassination, Dr. King spoke out against the inherent danger of trying to end conflict with war, the racism of that war, the spending of our national budget for war instead of against poverty and the high price being paid by the soldiers who were mostly black and Hispanic or poor.

Recently there have been some African American clergy who have tried to expropriate Dr. King in their fight against same sex marriage, some even beginning a march at his graveside. I don't profess to know what Dr. King's position on same sex marriage would have been, but I do believe that Dr. King would have supported the full humanity and the inclusion of all children of God in our society. Just as he supported Bayard Rustin, the labor unionist and

gay man who was the genius behind the March on Washington and many of the strategies of the civil rights movement, I believe Dr. King would have reached out to the gblt community.

Whatever Dr. King might have said about the issues of today, I know that he would have urged each and every American to work for justice and peace in our nation and the world. This year, as we celebrate Dr. King's birthday, let's all find a concrete way to work for such a world. Write a letter to your Congresspersons and Senators about the genocide in Darfur, work in Habitat for Humanity building projects, make sure your church is using fair trade coffee, tutor a child in need or teach an adult to read. If we want a world of peace with justice, then we must work for it. I know Dr. King would approve of that.



ALLEN PRAISES PRESIDENT'S CHOICE TO LEAD DOMESTIC POLICY



Sen. George Allen (R-VA)

former Deputy Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

"This is an outstanding decision by President Bush. I have known and worked with Claude and know him to be a person with the right principles, experience in State and federal government, and the depth of knowledge to serve the President and America very well," said Senator Allen.

During Senator Allen's tenure as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Mr. Allen served as Counsel to the Virginia Attorney General. He later served as Secretary of Health and Human Services for the Commonwealth under Governor Gilmore. In 2003, Mr. Allen was nominated to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

"I believe Claude will be especially helpful in Welfare reform efforts and in perfecting the implementation of education standards under 'No Child Left Behind' and other important domestic policy initiatives that will be so important to a successful second term for President Bush," said Senator Allen.

U.S. Senator George Allen (R-VA) today praised President Bush's choice to head the White House Domestic Policy team, Claude Allen. Mr. Allen served the Commonwealth of Virginia in the administrations of Governors George Allen and James Gilmore. In addition, Mr. Allen is a

ALLEN VOICES SUPPORT FOR JANUARY 30TH ELECTIONS IN IRAQ

"I think it's very important that the elections go forward on January 30th so that the people of Iraq can exercise their right to vote. Granted, in the Sunni triangle area, it will be very difficult for everybody to vote because there are remnants of Saddam's regime and a number of religious terrorist hornet's nests. But, we should not deny the rights of the Kurdish people in the north or the Shiites in the south, the right to vote. The Iraqi interim government wants to proceed with the elections and I believe the people of Iraq should not be intimidated or thwarted in their ability to cast a vote to determine the future of their nation.

"If we delay the January 30th election, we would be backing down to the terrorists who hope that if they continue with these types of intimi-

dating acts of murder and destruction, they'll be able to gain power in Iraq.

"There is no doubt that this election will be held under very difficult circumstances. But, I think that what we'll see—and this is my faith in human beings—is a large turnout by a determined nation that has spent decades under the repressive rule of Saddam Hussein. We've seen these sorts of threatening situations in the past in Afghanistan, Latin America and Central America. Yet people came out by the millions, men and women, which was especially unique in Afghanistan. And, I think the same will be true in Iraq on January 30th. The terrorists cannot stop the right of the people in Iraq to form their government for their own freedom and opportunity."

VIRGINIA INCOME TAX REFORMS TAKE EFFECT THIS MONTH

Many lower-income Virginia taxpayers will see more money in their paychecks starting this month—and many will not have to file a Virginia income tax return in 2006 for tax year 2005.

Reforms included in Gov. Mark R. Warner's major tax-reform proposal and enacted by the 2004 General Assembly raised the filing thresholds for single and married taxpayers. The thresholds mark the minimum income at which taxpayers are required to file a state income tax return, depending on their filing status.

"Tax fairness was one of the chief objectives of the Governor's plan and raising the filing thresholds is a big step in the right direction for working Virginians," said Commissioner Kenneth W. Thorson of the Virginia Department of Taxation.

For single taxpayers, the filing threshold increased from \$5,000 to \$7,000 on January 1. It rose from \$8,000 to \$14,000 for married taxpayers.

While higher take-home pay will be most noticeable among lower-income Virginia taxpayers, tax reform also brought two key changes to the withholding formula used to compute tax liability. These changes—increasing the personal exemption and upping the standard deduction for married taxpayers—should raise the net pay for all wage earners in Virginia.

The personal exemption increases from \$800 to \$900. The standard deduction for married taxpayers filing jointly increases from \$5,000 to \$6,000, while the standard deduction for married taxpayers filing separately goes from \$2,500 to \$3,000.

Filing thresholds are based on Virginia adjusted gross income (VAGI), not on Virginia taxable income. The gross income is computed first, before deductions and exemptions are subtracted to determine taxable income. After considering their filing status, if taxpayers anticipate their VAGI will fall below the new filing threshold, they may choose not to have withholding deducted from their wages.

At the end of 2005, taxpayers who elected not to have withholding deducted from their checks, and whose VAGI was below the new filing thresholds, will not be required to file a Virginia return for the 2005 tax year. Taxpayers whose VAGI was below the filing thresholds, but had withholding deducted from their checks, may file a Virginia return and receive a full refund of their withholding.

For lower-income taxpayers who elect not to have withholding deducted from their take-home pay, the maximum increase in wages is:

- Single taxpayers earning between \$5,000 and \$7,000 could increase take-home pay by up to \$81 a year, or \$3.38 per pay period, assuming a twice-monthly pay schedule;
- Married taxpayers with joint VAGIs between \$8,000 and \$14,000, where both spouses work, could increase take-home pay by up to \$239 per year, or \$9.96 (\$4.98 per spouse) per pay period; and
- Married taxpayers with joint VAGIs between \$8,000 and \$14,000, where only one spouse works, could increase take-home pay by up to \$365 a year, or \$15.21 per pay period for the working spouse.



HOYER APPLAUDS FEDERAL FUNDS FOR MARYLAND'S TROOPS TO TEACHERS PROGRAM



Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD)

Congressman Steny Hoyer recently applauded the award of a \$2 million federal grant to the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) for a project designed to improve teacher mobility. MSDE's Troops to Teachers Program received the three-year grant aimed at eliminating some of the barriers to certification reciprocity that military career changers face when they begin searching for teaching careers in public schools. A collaboration with the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification, the Maryland project will help states across the nation increase opportunities for entering and staying in the education field.

"Ten years ago, Congress created the Troops to Teachers program at the Department of Defense to help improve public school education by providing funds to recruit, prepare, and support former members of the military services as teachers in public schools," said Congressman Hoyer. "Since 1994, thousands of retired members of the military have become math, science and technology teachers and I am pleased that Maryland will be able to benefit from this program to boost the number of qualified teachers in our state."

Certification requirements vary across the country, often making it difficult for teachers certified through Troops to Teachers to move from state to state. MSDE's project, one of

two such grants awarded by the federal Troops to Teachers program, will review requirements in other states in an attempt to reach common ground.

The new project will recognize military career changers' qualifications and expertise and help them acquire the additional skills they need to teach in Maryland's classrooms. Colleges and universities in the state will be invited to join the program through their teacher education programs.

The program's success led to Troops to Teachers being made a feature of the No Child Left Behind Act. Through the new grant award, Maryland is recognized for its commitment to supporting Troops to Teachers and its national leadership in education and certification reform.

GOVERNOR WARNER ANNOUNCES SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

Governor Mark R. Warner announced today the creation of an expedited professional licensure process for

military spouses and family members. The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) will work directly with other states, testing providers, and credentialing organizations to

accelerate the approval of license applications for military spouses and dependents moving into Virginia or being transferred out of the Commonwealth.

"We continue to look for ways to support our military families as tours of duty and demands of service grow," Governor Warner said. "With special attention, the Commonwealth can do a little more to help secure the economic security of military families who call Virginia home."

According to the Department of Defense, the unemployment rate of military spouses is three times as great as the average American spouse in the same age group. The mobile military lifestyle causes spouses to suffer long periods of unemployment and, therefore, loss of income.

The expedited licensure process is a recommendation of the Virginia Citizen Soldier Support Council, formed by Governor Warner to work with the Department of Defense, community organizations, businesses, and state and local government agencies in assisting military personnel and their families in assisting military families. Professional licensing requirements often differ among states, limiting career advancement or deterring re-entry into the workforce for military families that move to new locations.

"Troop mobilization and frequent relocations make it difficult for military spouses to start and sustain a career," said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Michael J. Schewel. "To enhance their employment opportunities, Virginia is making the extra effort to ensure a smooth process when military families move to and from the Commonwealth."

DPOR licenses or certifies more than 286,000 individuals and businesses engaged in nearly 40 careers. The agency regulates professions ranging from architects and contractors to real estate agents and cosmetologists.



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ALEXANDRIA

CITY'S JOBLINK CAREER CENTER CHANGES HOURS OF OPERATION

JobLink, the City of Alexandria's one-stop career center, will change its hours of operation to provide more efficient and cost-effective services. Effective **Saturday, Jan. 15**, the center's new hours of operation are **Monday through Friday from 8AM to 5PM**. The center will no longer be open on the second **Saturday** of each month or remain open after **5PM** on any weekday.

The City's JobLink career center provides job listings, and telephone and computer access to local job seekers. The center is located at 2914 Business Center Drive (two blocks south of Duke Street at the intersection of Duke and Roth streets). Since 1998, the center has assisted numerous individuals in finding local employment.

For more information on JobLink, call 703-838-4316.

ALEXANDRIA ART LEAGUE GIFT OF A WOODCUT TRIPTYCH ON PUBLIC DISPLAY

The public is invited to an exhibition of a mock-up and photographs of a woodcut triptych print, a gift given to the City of Alexandria by the Art League. The exhibition will be open **Jan. 17 from 8AM to 5PM**, at the Dr. Oswald D. Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron Street. The woodcut triptych print was created by youth-at-risk under the supervision of Steven Prince, a professional woodcut artist. Special high speed wood cutting

tools, and a steamroller were used to create the 4' by 24' print.

Visitors will be able to provide public comments on the print for consideration for acceptance of the gift by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts and the Alexandria City Council.

For information on the exhibition, call the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, call the Commission's office at **703-838-6348**.

MOUNT VERNON GENEALOGY SOCIETY MEETING

The **January 18th** meeting of the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS) in Alexandria, Virginia will feature a presentation entitled "Rich Man? Poor Man? What Does his Estate Inventory say?". The program will be presented by **Charles S. "Chuck" Mason, Jr., CGRS SM**.

Chuck is a Certified Genealogical Records Specialist, specializing in Southern New Jersey and 19th and 20th Century Death Records. He is a two-time graduate of National Institute on Genealogical Research at the National Archives and a graduate of the National Genealogical Society's home study course, American Genealogy: A Basic Course. He became an instructor for the NGS course in April of 1996.

The meeting is free and open to the public. It will be held on **Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at 1:00PM** in the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Room 112, Alexandria, Virginia. The Center is located 4 miles south of Alexandria just off Fort Hunt Road.

Additional information about the meeting and MVGS can be found at

www.mindspring.com/~mvgs. Any questions about the program should be directed to **Harold McClendon** at **703-360-0920**.

NAACP YOUTH FORUM

The Alexandria, Virginia branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will host a youth forum on **Wednesday, January 19, 2005** at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center located at 2701 Commonwealth Avenue in Alexandria. The time of the forum is **6:30-9PM**. The objective of the forum is to bring youth, parents, youth community activists, outreach organizations and the Justice Department together to discuss the effects of illegal drugs, youth drinking and driving, teen pregnancy and teen fatherhood, high school dropout and laws which govern our youth. Organizations and groups invited to participate include Alexandria City Police Department, Alexandria City Public Schools, Fairfax County Public Schools, Safe Youth Coalition, South County Youth Network, Project HOPE, and the Untouchables. Entertainment will be provided by the West Potomac High School Step Team. The event is free to the public. For information contact **Winifred Brumskine** at **202-833-7653** and **James Williams** at **703-922-7080**.

NEW DASH ABOUT LUNCH BUS SHUTTLE SERVICE IN OLD TOWN

The lunch shuttle began operation on **Jan. 10** and will provide all lunch-time passengers free travel every ten minutes

from the Alexandria Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) campus to Old Town and back from **11:30AM to 2PM, Monday through Friday**.

The pickup point for the lunch-shuttle service will be at the PTO offices on Ballenger Avenue. The shuttle will run continuously and pick up and drop off passengers at King and Alfred streets; King and Henry streets; King and Fayette streets; and King and West streets; and will return to the PTO campus.

For more information on the new, free DASH About Lunch Shuttle Bus service, call **703-370-3274** or visit www.dashbus.com.

FAIRFAX COUNTY

2004 LAND CONSERVATION AWARDS

The Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, in cooperation with the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District and the Fairfax County Tree Commission, will host the annual Land Conservation Awards program at **10AM on Friday, Jan. 14**, in Rooms 9 and 10 of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

The Land Conservation Awards honor developers, designers, site superintendents and contractors whose projects best demonstrate excellence in erosion and sediment control design and implementation or a commitment to tree preservation and replacement in Fairfax County. The following awards will be presented during the ceremony:

For further information regarding the awards program, contact **Bob Dittmann** with Environmental and Facilities Inspections Division, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services at **703-658-3806, TTY 711**. If there is inclement weather and the county government is closed, the ceremony will be rescheduled.

RICHMOND

THE VIRGINIA HOLOCAUST MUSEUM ADDS ONLINE ACCESS TO THE MUSEUM LIBRARY

The Virginia Holocaust museum has added an online library catalog to its research facilities. The addition of the online catalog allows Internet users the ability to search the Museum Library's resources from the comfort of their home or office. The online library can be accessed from the Museum's web page, www.va-holocaust.com, under "Explore the Museum".

The museum's library currently boasts over 4,000 volumes and 12,000 documents on subjects ranging from Holocaust Literature and Anti-Semitism to Jewish Genealogy. It also houses an impressive collection of VHS videos, including oral history videos, documenting interviews with Holocaust survivors. Anyone is welcome to visit, browse, or utilize the collection in the Museum at 2000 E. Cary Street in Richmond. For more information or to make an appointment, call **804-257-5400**, or visit the website at www.va-holocaust.com.

ARTCARES! HOSTS TSUNAMI RELIEF EFFORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS

On **Friday, January 14th**, from **7 to 11PM**, Philadelphians struck by the enormity of the tsunami disaster can share in the process of healing in a very direct way.

ArtCares!, along with the International & American Red Cross, invite you to participate in an evening to "help make a difference" to the global regions adversely affected by the events of the last few weeks.

This event will directly raise funds for the international tsunami relief efforts. Proceeds from a planned silent art auction will go to the American Red Cross International Response Fund. Donations can also be made to Red Cross volunteers on hand.

"I hope, together with the American Red Cross, we can spur other artists, organizations and individuals to continue this enormous and important relief effort," says **Laurance Rassin** co-founder and inspiration behind ArtCares!. Laurance's canvases will be showcased during the silent auction and again for a charitable cause the

first weekend in March, at a Red Cross event in South Florida.

Rassin says attendees of the event will be treated to some well known fine art as well. "We are blessed by additional support from I. Brewster Gallery & Co.; they are generously donating Salvador Dali pieces to the silent charity auction. This is a rare opportunity to bid on, and view other important works from this famous surrealist. The chance to view the works will surely create further interest in the Dali exhibition coming in February to The Philadelphia Museum of Art."

The auction will take place at The Butcher's Cafe located at the North West corner of 9th and Christian Streets in the Italian Market in Philadelphia.

For further information, or interviews please call **Olivia Whitt**, Special Events Coordinator for the American Red Cross Philadelphia Chapter, **215-299-4022**, email: olivia.whitt@redcross-philly.org or Laurance Rassin **267-980-2423**, email: laurance@lauranceheartist.com.

LWR PRESIDENT MEETS WITH PRESIDENT BUSH, SECRETARY POWELL, USAID ADMINISTRATOR NATSIOS

Kathryn Wolford, president of Lutheran World Relief, joined twenty-three NGO leaders in a meeting and briefing on relief and development efforts related to the South Asia tsunami with President **Bush**, Secretary of State **Colin Powell** and USAID Administrator **Andrew Natsios**.

"One of the most exciting things about the meeting was that everyone involved agreed on a few key things we consider critical to our work," commented Wolford. "First that we all must commit ourselves to long-term efforts in the areas affected by the tsunami. Second, that money given by governments, corporations and individuals to tsunami efforts shouldn't come at the expense of other needs and other gifts. And, third, that we cannot and must not forget the many other disasters and conflicts occurring around the world."

President Bush called the meeting to thank NGOs and USAID employees for their hard work in response to the South Asia tsunami.

He stated, "We just finished meeting with a group of representatives and heads of non-governmental organizations, NGOs, all of which are providing love and compassion and help. After that meeting I must tell you my spirits were raised even higher than they were walking into the meeting. There is no question in my mind that the NGOs of America provide such vital, vital help in times of disaster."

Wolford also asked the Bush Administration and other NGO leaders to continue publicizing urgent needs in places such as Sudan.

President Bush concluded his remarks by highlighting the legislation he will sign that will allow taxpayers to deduct this month's contribution for tsunami relief from their 2004 tax returns.

LWR is supported by the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, LCMS World Relief, individuals and parish groups. For more information or to make a donation visit www.lwr.org or call **1-800-LWR-LWR-2**.

VERIZON DONATIONS FOR TSUNAMI RELIEF EFFORTS TOP \$2 MILLION

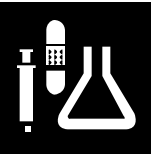
Verizon employees continue to respond strongly to the company's special disaster relief program to aid the victims of the deadly tsunami, resulting in donations doubling in less than a week to more than \$2 million. The Verizon Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Verizon Communications, is matching employee contributions to the American Red Cross and UNICEF on a 2-to-1 basis through **Jan. 31**.

As of today, employee gifts totaling about \$740,000 were made to the American Red Cross and UNICEF, with a Verizon Foundation match of about \$1,470,000, for a total of \$2,210,000. Additionally, the foundation last week contributed \$50,000 to each of the two organizations, for a combined total of \$2,310,000.

Verizon, Verizon Wireless, and SuperPages customers can also now contribute to relief efforts by going online at www.verizon.com, www.verizonwireless.com and www.SuperPages.com.

"Employees continue to respond strongly to disaster relief efforts for the thousands affected by the disaster in South Asia and East Africa," said **Patrick R. Gaston**, president of the Verizon Foundation. "Customers also now can make donations to the American Red Cross and UNICEF by going online to our websites."

For more information on the foundation, visit www.verizon.com/foundation.



HEALTH OFFICIALS EXPAND FLU SHOT PRIORITY GROUPS

Montgomery County Health officials have expanded the eligible priority groups for influenza vaccinations to include:

- All individuals age 50 to 64; and
- Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of persons in high-risk groups

These priority groups are in addition to the following risk groups initially identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- Children aged six to 23 months;
- Adults aged 65 years and older;
- Persons aged two to 64 with underlying chronic medical conditions (such as diabetes, asthma, heart diseases, lung disease);
- Women who are pregnant;
- Children aged six months to 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy;
- Health care workers involved in direct patient care; and
- Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children under six months old.
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities.

While the County's Department of Health and

Human Services has exhausted its supply of flu vaccine, listed below are additional clinics being held in the community.

Friday, January 14th, 2005
9 to 2PM
Spencerville SDA Church
16325 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD

Sunday, January 16, 2005
1 to 3PM
Washington Adventist
Hospital Conf. Center
Building
7620 Carroll Avenue
Takoma Park, MD

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Thursday, January 20, 2005
2 to 4PM
Holiday Park Senior Center
3950 Ferrara Drive
Wheaton, MD

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Pleasant Health will make home visits and do home-bound and other high risk individuals. Call Pleasant Health at **301-460-6372** for more information.

For additional information on preventing the flu, go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov and click on the link for "Flu Information" or call the Immunization Information Line at **240-777-1050**.

BIDIL® NAMED TO AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION'S 2004 'TOP 10 ADVANCES' LIST

BiDil®, NitroMed's nitric oxide-enhancing drug, was recently cited as the 2nd most significant research advance in heart disease and stroke by the American Heart Association (AHA) in 2004. BiDil, the only cardiovascular drug to make the 'Top 10' list this year, earned AHA's top honors by demonstrating a 43 percent improvement in survival for African American heart failure patients during the African American Heart Failure Trial (A-HeFT), the first trial conducted in an all African American heart failure patient population. The study, which enrolled 1,050 patients, also reported a 33 percent reduction in first hospitalization for heart failure and an early and sustained improvement in the overall quality of life.

The African American community is affected at a greater rate by heart failure than that of the corresponding Caucasian population. African Americans between the ages of 45 and 64 are 2.5 times more likely to die from heart failure than Caucasians in the same age range.

The A-HeFT trial was co-sponsored by the Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc. (ABC). In July 2004, the study was halted early by the Data and Safety Monitoring Board due to the significant survival benefit seen with BiDil.

Spokespeople are available to further discuss the unmet need of African Americans with heart failure and additional details of the A-HeFT trial:

- **Anne Taylor, M.D.**, University of Minnesota (primary A-HeFT investigator)
- **Clyde Yancy, M.D.**, University of Texas Southwestern at Dallas (A-HeFT investigator)
- **Malcolm Taylor, M.D.**, Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc. (ABC)

- **Gary Puckrein, Ph.D.**, National Minority Health Month Foundation
- **Michael Loberg, Ph.D.**, NitroMed, Inc.

For more information on NitroMed, BiDil and A-HeFT, visit www.nitromed.com or to view the AHA's complete list of Top 10 Advances for 2004, visit www.americanheart.org.

KIDS GET ARTHRITIS TOO

Many of us believe that arthritis only affects the elderly. Think again. At this point in time there are 300,000 children under the age of 16 all over the country, affected with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis (JRA). With about 3-5,000 JRA kids in the metropolitan area alone one of the biggest problems they are faced with is finding a pediatric rheumatologist to treat them. Nationally, there are only 90 board certified practicing doctors making it hard for these children to get to one, adding to the stressful life of coping with pain. Trips to the doctor can take one hour or more, sometimes requiring a suitcase. With a lack of interest in the field of pediatric rheumatology and very low government funding, children all across the United States are left struggling.

This is where your help can make a difference. The National Arthritis Action Plan developed by the Arthritis Foundation and the Centers for Disease Control, is making an effort to turn this problem around through the Arthritis Prevention Control and Cure Act. A section of this bill is dedicated to the expansion of research and public health activities related to Juvenile Arthritis, as well as investing in future pediatric rheumatologists.

In order to get this bill passed, the Arthritis Foundation is pushing for more people to sign up and become official advocates. The process is simple and can improve the lives of the 300,000 children now, and those in the future. Signing up online at www.arthritis.org, "advocacy" tab or calling **800-283-7800** can make a difference.

For more information on JRA, or if you are the parents of a suffering child please contact: The Arthritis Foundation Metropolitan Washington Chapter at **202-537-6800**.

DUNCAN ANNOUNCES NEW INFORMATION AND REFERRAL LINE FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

County Executive **Douglas M. Duncan** recently announced a new information and referral line for the County Department of Health and Human Services. Duncan was joined at the announcement by **Carolyn W. Colvin**, director of Health and Human Services, and **Sharon Friedman**, executive director of the Montgomery County Mental Health Association.

The new phone number, **240-777-1245 (240-777-1295 TTY)**, will be staffed by information and referral specialists **Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 5PM**. The line offers assistance in multiple languages; including Spanish, Chinese and Hindi. Calls received after hours will be referred to the 24-hour Crisis Center.

"Having a single phone number available is a great way of ensuring that information about health and human services is easy to find," said Duncan. "This unit will be a valuable service to all of the residents of Montgomery County."

Among the services and programs offered by the Department of Health and Human Services are health care services for the uninsured, mental health services, child care subsidy programs, financial assistance, services for seniors and persons with disabilities, immunizations, child protective services and addiction services.

"With 124 different programs and services for families and individuals in 19 separate locations, it is critical that we make it easier for residents to find and obtain the services that they need," said Colvin. "This unit is staffed by a group of highly qualified individuals whose goal it is to help callers find the services they need."

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THE KENNEDY CENTER AND GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY PRESENT A FREE MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and Georgetown University celebrate the legacy of Dr. **Martin Luther King, Jr.** with a free musical tribute on **Monday, January 17, 2005 at 6:00PM** in the Kennedy Center Concert Hall. No tickets are required. The program, part of the free daily performance series on the Millennium Stage, features acclaimed artist **Aaron Neville**, members of **Georgetown University Choirs**, the **Sweet Heaven Kings**, and the **Metropolitan Music Ministry**.

Four-time Grammy Award-winner Aaron Neville is the third of the four famous Neville Brothers of New Orleans, a product of that city's richly complex musical culture. In 1966 he broke onto the national scene with "Tell It Like It Is," which went #1 on the pop charts. His Grammy Awards include 1989's Best Pop Duo with **Linda Ronstadt** for "Don't Know Much;" 1989's Best Pop Instrumental Performance with the **Neville Brothers** for "Healing Chant;" 1990's Best Pop Duo with Linda Ronstadt for "All My Life;" and Best Country Collaboration with Vocals with **Trisha Yearwood** for "I Fall to Pieces" in 1994. He was named "Best Male Singer" two straight years in the *Rolling Stone* critics' poll. Aaron Neville has recorded a dozen solo albums ranging in genre from gospel to country to jazz. He can be heard on *Nature Boy* (Verve, 2003), the 2002 EMI Gospel release *Believe*, and *Devotion* (EMI Gospel, 2000).

Georgetown University supports choral ensemble for every type of singer. Faculty conducted groups include the GU Concert Choir, The Chamber Choir, The GU Chapel Choir, and the GU Gospel Choir. These groups study and perform a

variety of music from a broad range of cultures and historical styles and perform regularly on the Georgetown campus and in the DC community. Georgetown also supports student-led vocal ensembles performing international, popular, and original music. The Georgetown Choral Program seeks to promote understanding and positive interaction through regular ensemble singing and excellence in choral performance.

The Sweet Heaven Kings is the premier brass band at the United House of Prayer in Anacostia. The gospel brass band tradition is unique to this denomination, dating back to 1919. Sweet Heaven Kings is comprised of sixteen musicians. Instruments include three lead trombones (with two playing at a time), two sets of "run" horns playing harmony parts, background trombones that simulate the body of the choir, sousaphone, baritone horn, and a percussion section with bass drum, snare drum, and cymbals. The music builds slowly through songs to a sustained crescendo known as "thundering," with lead players improvising.

The Metropolitan Music Ministry, under the direction of the Reverend **Nolan Williams, Jr.**, Minister of Music, is the primary music aggregation of the historic Metropolitan Baptist Church. With a history spanning 139 years, the Metropolitan Church has maintained a rich tradition of musical excellence, establishing itself as one of the premiere church music ministries in the country. Under Williams' leadership, the Metropolitan Music Ministry has launched a successful new concert series and an academy for the study of sacred music. The ministry has released a signature CD, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*.

This concert is the fourth jointly

hosted by the Kennedy Center and Georgetown University as part of the University's ongoing "Let Freedom Ring" initiative honoring the legacy of Dr. King. This performance builds on the success of the first joint program in January 2003, which featured the legendary **Roberta Flack** and attracted more than 5,000 patrons. The second, held in August of 2003, commemorated the 40th anniversary of King's "I Have a Dream" speech and featured veteran actor, civil rights leader, and 2004 Kennedy Center Honoree **Ossie Davis**, the Metropolitan Music Ministry of Metropolitan Baptist Church, and the Georgetown University Gospel Choir. The third concert, held in January 2004, featured 1997 Kennedy Center Honoree and world-renowned opera singer **Jessye Norman**.

Georgetown University is the oldest Catholic and Jesuit university in America, founded in 1789 by Archbishop **John Carroll**. Georgetown today is a major student-centered, international, research university offering respected undergraduate, graduate and professional programs on its three campuses. For more information about Georgetown University, visit www.georgetown.edu. Georgetown University annually celebrates and commemorates the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a series of academic, artistic and extracurricular activities during the month of January. A link to the University's full schedule of events this year is available at www.georgetown.edu/president/mlk.

MILLENNIUM STAGE

The Millennium Stage, underwritten by **James A. Johnson** and **Maxine Isaacs**, is brought to the public by Target and the Fannie Mae Foundation, with additional funding



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Aaron Neville



Metropolitan Music Ministry



Georgetown University Choir

Post Company, DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities and The National Endowment for the Arts, The Cora and John H. Davis Foundation, and the Millennium Stage Endowment Fund.

TRANSPORTATION

The Show Shuttle, Kennedy Center's link to Metro's Foggy Bottom/GWU Metro station and the Columbia Plaza parking garage,

provides free daily transportation every 15 minutes to and from the Center. The Show Shuttle operates this service from the Metro from **9:45AM to 11:45PM Monday through Saturday** and from **11AM until 11:45PM on Sundays**. On federal holidays the hours are **4PM until 9PM**. The Shuttle's Columbia Plaza hours are **6PM to 11:45PM** weekdays and weekends from **11AM until 11:45PM**. There is no Columbia Plaza service on federal holidays or on Open House day.

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WHAT WE SHOULD REMEMBER ON MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY— JUDGE PEOPLE BY THEIR CHARACTER, NOT SKIN COLOR

Edwin A. Locke
Special to *The Metro Herald*

What should we remember on Martin Luther King Day? In his "I Have a Dream" speech Dr. King said: "I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

This statement means that in judging other men, skin color should be ignored—that it should not be a factor in evaluating their competence or moral stature. It follows that skin color should not be a factor in taking actions toward other people, e.g., hiring and admitting to universities.

What has happened in the years following King's murder is the opposite of the "I Have a Dream" quote above. Colorblindness now has been replaced with color preference in the form of affirmative action. No amount of rationalizing can disguise the fact that affirmative action in-

volves implicit or explicit racial quotas, i.e., racism.

Consider the realm of work as a case in point. Taking jobs away from one group in order to compensate a second group to correct injustices caused by a third group who mistreated a fourth group at an earlier point in history (e.g., 1860) is absurd on the face of it and does not promote justice; rather, it does the opposite. It promotes racism. You cannot cure racism with more racism. Singling out one group for special favors (through affirmative action) ignores the fact that people are individuals—not interchangeable ciphers in an amorphous collective.

Consider a more concrete, though fictional, example. Suppose that since its creation in 1936, the XYZ Corporation refused to hire red-headed men due to a quirky bias on the part of its founder. The founder now dies, and an enlightened board

of directors decides that something "positive" needs to be done to compensate for past injustices and announces that, henceforth, redheads will be hired on a preferential basis. Observe that: (1) this does not help the real victims—the previously excluded redheads; (2) the newly favored redheads have not been victims of discrimination in hiring, yet unfairly benefit from it; and (3) the non-redheads who are now excluded from jobs due to the redhead preference did not cause the previous discrimination and are now unfairly made victims of it. The proper solution, of course, is simply to stop discriminating based on irrelevant factors. Although redheaded bias is not a social problem, the principle remains the same when you replace hair color with skin color.

The traditional solution to the problem of racism is colorblindness, or, from the other side of that coin,

individual awareness. For example, in the job sphere there are only three essential things an employer needs to know about an individual applicant: (1) Does the person have the relevant ability and knowledge (or the capacity to learn readily)? (2) Is the person willing to exert the needed effort? and (3) Does the person have good character, e.g., honesty, integrity?

The rational alternative to racial diversity, focusing on the collective, is to focus on the individual and to treat each individual according to his own merits. This principle should apply in every sphere of life—from business, to education, to law enforcement, to politics. Americans have always abhorred the concept of royalty, that is, granting status and privilege (and, conversely, inferiority and debasement) based on one's hereditary caste, because it contradicts the principle that what counts are the self-made characteristics pos-

sessed by each individual. Americans should abhor racism, in any form, for the same reason.

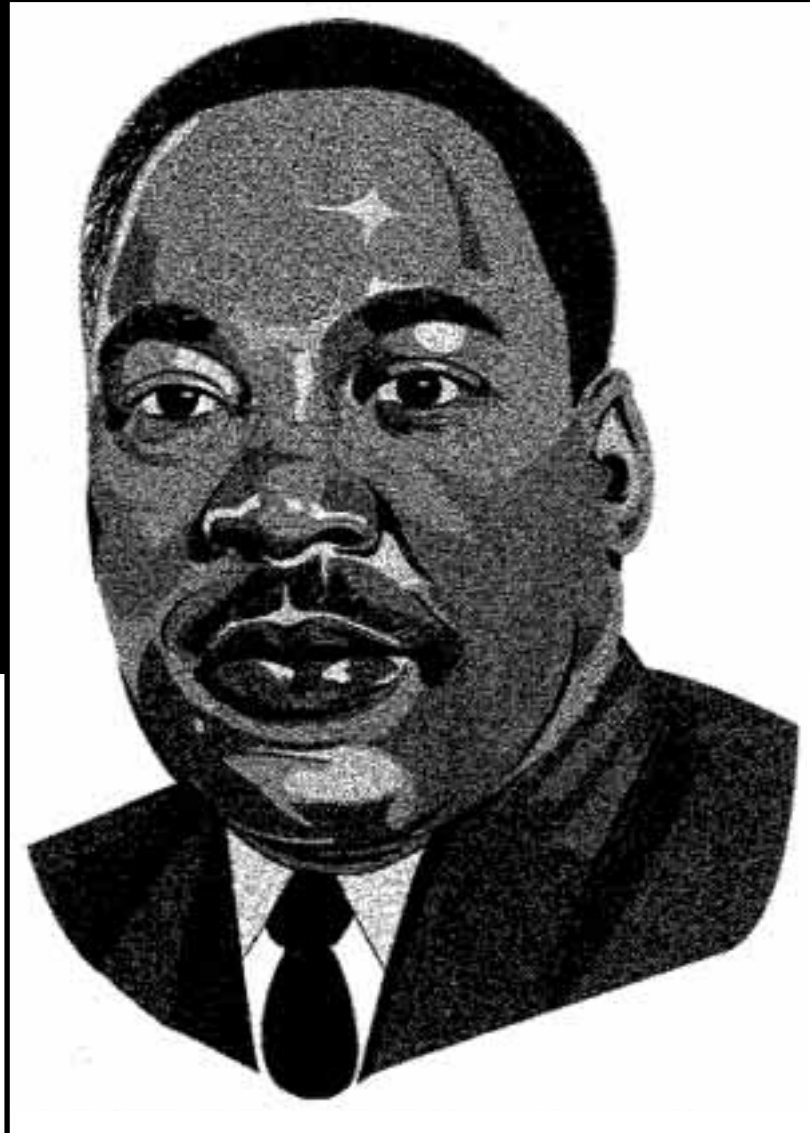
On Martin Luther King Day—and every day—we should focus on the proper antidote to racism and the proper alternative to racial thinking: individualism. We need to teach our children and all our citizens to look beyond the superficialities of skin color and to judge people on what really matters, namely, "the content of their character."

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ALEXANDRIA ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY AND INAUGURATION DAY

- State Offices Also Closed on Jan. 14 for Lee-Jackson Day
 - City of Alexandria government offices will be closed on Jan. 17 and on a regular schedule on Jan. 20
 - In accordance with Virginia State Law, the Alexandria Police Department will suspend enforcement of parking restrictions at metered spaces as well as time restrictions in residential permit parking districts and other areas with signed parking time limits on Jan. 17. All other parking regulations will be in effect. Additionally, HOV restrictions on Washington Street and Route 1 will be lifted on Jan. 14 (Lee-Jackson Day) and Jan. 17. All parking regulations and HOV restrictions will remain in effect on Jan. 20.
 - State offices in Alexandria, including Circuit, General District, and Juvenile and Domestic Relations District courts, the Clerk of Court Office and the Alexandria Health Department will be closed on Jan. 14 (Lee-Jackson Day) and Jan. 17. State offices will be open on Jan. 20.
- The Treasury and Revenue Divisions of the Finance Department will be closed on Jan. 17 and Jan. 20.
- Alexandria City Public Schools will be closed for students and staff on Jan. 17 and for students only on Jan. 20.
 - There will be no regular residential trash and recycling collection on Jan. 17.
 - The Charles Houston, Cora Kelly, Mt. Vernon, William Ramsay and Nannie J. Lee recreation centers will be open on Jan. 17 and Jan. 20 from 9 am to 6 pm. The Chinquapin Recreation Center will be open from 6 am to 6 pm on Jan. 17 and Jan. 20. All other City recreation centers will be closed on Jan. 17 and Jan. 20.
 - In addition, all City libraries will be closed on Jan. 17 and Jan. 20.

FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

County Government closed on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 17, 2005 and Inauguration Day, Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005

ALSO CLOSED

- County Community Centers, Teen Centers and Senior Centers*
- Courts**
- Fastran
- Libraries
- Schools & School Offices

REGULAR SCHEDULE

- Citizens Recycling and Disposal Facilities at I-66 and I-95

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on **Monday, January 17:**

- County Offices—closed
- Libraries—closed
- County liquor stores—open from **11AM to 7PM** with the exception of the following stores which will be closed: Chevy Chase, Cabin John, Gaithersburg and Twinbrook
- Ride-On—Saturday schedule with supplemental service
- Metrobus—Saturday schedule with supplemental service
- Metrorail—**5:30AM to midnight**
- Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters—free
- Refuse/recycling pick-up—regular collection
- Transfer Station—open
- MCPS Administrative Offices—closed
- State offices & courts—closed

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES PROGRAM FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Montgomery County's official 2004 Dr. **Martin Luther King, Jr.** birthday celebration will be held on **Monday, January 17 at 3PM**, at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, at 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda.

The keynote speaker will be the Reverend **Donell Peterman**, founding pastor of the Joshua Group Ministries of Silver Spring. Peterman served as a consultant to CONSERVE, a homeless advocacy group, and coordinated worship services at the Central Union Mission, a homeless shelter for men. He is an active member of the National Urban League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Greater Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce, and the Silver Spring Rotary International Club where he is currently serving as President, the Montgomery County Black Ministers Association and Silver Spring Community Vision, Inc.

The annual program will also include presentations of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award and the Children of the Dream Awards. The awards recognize County residents and youth who have demonstrated a commitment to perpetuating the goals and ideals communicated by Dr. King. Musical entertainment will be provided and a reception will immediately follow the program.

This free celebration is open to the public and persons attending are

STUDENT WINNERS OF KING DAY ESSAY CONTEST ANNOUNCED



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and writings have been an inspiration for all humanity. To deepen the understanding of Dr. King's teachings among area youths, the Omicron Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Reston's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Birthday Celebration Planning Committee sponsored a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Essay and Poetry Contest for area high school students and eighth graders.

Contestants were asked to write a 300 word essay or poem on one of two themes:

- 1) What person or event had the most influence in your life?
- 2) Who has modeled Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream in your life?

FAIRFAX BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMENDS RESTON'S DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. OBSERVANCE



(photo by Linda Rutledge)

On **January 10, 2005**, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a Resolution commending Reston's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration on its 20th anniversary year. On behalf of all the residents of Fairfax County, the supervisors thanked the event's planning committee for its diligent work and noteworthy commitment. The supervisors urged all residents to take part in the festivities.

Reston's King Day events begin on **Sunday, January 16, 2005** with a Commemorative March and Community Sing-along. The Commemorative March will begin at **2:45PM** at Lake Anne Plaza. The Community Sing-along will begin at **4PM** at the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation.

On **Monday, January 17**, there will be a Commemorative Program at South Lakes High School from

I love her bunches and I am hoping that this paragraph is enough to show that. I have three simple words to say to her when she reads this . . . I love you!"

Sarah Wambaugh praises her school's marching band. "My participation in the Pride of Herndon band program has been the most meaningful of my life. . . . These people are my extended family, unrelated by blood, all from different cultural backgrounds. . . . This band teaches you that you are valuable. My band has made me who I am. The first two years they gave me training and guidance, the last two years I gave them my heart and my life."

This contest is held in conjunction with Reston's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration, which recently won a commendation from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. For more information on the schedule of events at Reston's King Day see our companion story elsewhere on this page entitled "Fairfax Board of Supervisors Commends Reston's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Observance" or visit www.kingday.org on the web.

Omicron Kappa Kappa (OKK) is a local chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Omicron Kappa Kappa Chapter was founded in late 1996 to serve parts of Fairfax and Loudoun counties with emphasis on the Herndon/Reston communities. Omega Kappa Kappa's parent organization, Omega Psi Phi, founded in 1911, is one of the Nation's first Black fraternities. Omicron Kappa Kappa is particularly proud to continue to sponsor the Reston Poetry/ Essay Contest and support the Reston Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Birthday Celebration.

JUSTICE MONDAY AN HISTORIC CIVIL RIGHTS/ HUMAN RIGHTS MARCH ON ANNAPOLIS

January 17, 2005 • 5:00PM—8:00PM
Lawyers Mall—Annapolis Maryland
www.justicemonday.org

January 17—Marylanders will stand together for justice! Justice Monday is a call to action to all Marylanders to march on Annapolis during the birthday celebration of **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** Support for this march indicates the continuation of the work of Dr. King and other civil rights leaders for a fair and honest criminal justice system for all Marylanders. **January 17** is the time to let our state elected officials who meet in Annapolis know that we are holding them accountable to restore our communities. January 17 is the time to bring our collective voices, stories, and voices to inform state politicians that we expect reform during this legislative session.

Justice Monday is an initiative of the Maryland Justice Coalition, a leading statewide criminal justice advocacy and reform organization. Our coalition is over 300 members strong working toward projects designed to divert non-violent drug offenders into treatment instead of prison. We work to reform and identify criminal justice regulations that perpetuate the cycle of poverty and racial injustice that hinder citizens and the community from becoming self-sufficient.

We urge individuals and groups that represent victims of crime, working families, communities of color, women, ex-offenders, and concerned with justice to join us on January 17. For additional information please call or visit the website.

Maryland Justice Coalition reports that:

- Maryland maintains an annual prison population of 27,000 prisoners and releases about 15,000
- Men and women return from incarceration with limited available rehabilitation services while inmates or upon reentry
- More than 50% return to prison within 3 years for a new offense

ALEXANDRIA PROGRAMS SCHEDULED TO HONOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

The public is invited to participate in programs in Alexandria in honor of **Martin Luther King Jr.** The 32nd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Program is scheduled for **7:30PM** on **Saturday, Jan. 15**, at the Shiloh Baptist Church, 1401 Duke St. Rev. **Carla Thompson** of the Vicar, Meade Memorial Episcopal Church will serve as the ceremony's guest speaker. The event is sponsored by the City of Alexandria in cooperation with local religious, civic and social organizations. Other activities during the month include:

- **Friday, Jan. 14, at 7:30PM:** Youth Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Departmental Pro-

JOIN UCM AND THE SACRAMENTO NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER IN CELEBRATING DR. KING'S LEGACY

United Community Ministries' (UCM) Sacramento Neighborhood center (SNC) is hosting a community celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King on **Monday, January 17** from **10AM to 2PM** at the community center, located at 8792 East Sacramento Drive in Alexandria, Virginia. Admission is free.

Included in the day's festivities will be a performance by the SNC Dance team, music, craft activities, educational demonstrations and refreshments. For additional information about the event, please contact the SNC Center directly at **(703) 619-2964**.

UCM is a qualified 501(c)3 non-profit human services agency that has served the community for over 34 years. UCM's mission is to help others achieve self-sufficiency and its programs have helped thousands of individuals help themselves. UCM and its programs are made possible through the generous support of the

RESTON DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FEATURES COAT AND CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Reston's Dr. **Martin Luther King, Jr.** Birthday Celebration is more than a celebration, it is an attempt to bring Dr. King's community service philosophy into the everyday lives of everyone in our community. You can honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and help Reston Interfaith assist Reston residents in need by participating in this year's food and coat drive. Please bring canned food and clean winter coats, gloves and hats to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration on **January 17**, from **10AM** until **3PM** at South Lakes High School. Reston Interfaith will distribute these donations throughout the winter season.

At the ceremony on **January 17**, events and activities designed to evoke the spirit of Dr. King will be presented. The program, entitled

"Twenty Years of Keeping the Promise/Uniting Cultures," includes a keynote address by Reston's Founder, **Robert E. Simon**, entertainment, special exhibits, community information booths, children's and teen activities, refreshments and birthday cake. Everyone is invited to this free event on January 17. South Lakes High School is located at 11400 South Lakes Drive in Reston, Virginia.

Reston's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration is sponsored by a diverse group of religious communities, civic organizations, businesses, schools and the Reston Community Center.

For further information, directions, or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact **Haywood R. Hopson**, Special Events Director, at **(703) 390-6161** or go to the event's website, www.kingday.org.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration Planning Committee Receives Commendation From Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (photo by John Nash)

THE DREAM CONTINUES . . . KING HOLIDAY, 2005

January 14, 2005

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION DAY IN WASHINGTON, DC

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Day Committee, Inc. will hold its Annual King Celebration in Washington, DC on **January 15-17, 2005**. This year salutes "The Life, Dream and Vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

The 3 day celebration will feature a Youth Symposium, Annual Black Tie Gala Reception, Gospel Musical Concert, Inter-Faith "Prayer, Peace, & Praise" Service, The Wreath Laying Ceremony and the Annual Celebrity Celebration Performance at the Historic Lincoln Theatre. Local and national artists are also invited to share in the celebration, noted artists such as **Stevie**

Wonder, The Winans, Kenny Lattimore, Tony Terry, Melba Moore, Doug E. Fresh and many others have participated in previous celebrations. This year's celebration will feature a surprise performance by a National Recording Artist. For the past 15 years the committee has provided a *free* weekend of events and activities for thousands of residents from the metropolitan area to attend.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Day Committee, Inc., is a nonprofit organization established in 1989, to educate and promote the National Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The committee also assists in providing

scholarships to high school graduates. A summer tutorial and mentoring program was established to support school aged children with learning disabilities. Each summer, the committee sponsors educational and recreational activities with social development empowerment. For the past fifteen years, the outreach program has assisted more than three thousand students through their summer youth programs. Students attend and participate in programs that provide them with hands on jobs related work experience, summer camp, field trips and many other positive and productive programs that help enhance their lives.

"KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE A VISION FOR ALL GENERATIONS" SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2005

- **2005 MLK Youth Symposium— "Keeping the Dream Alive"**
(Free Admission)
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington
Eastern Branch, 261 17th Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003
(2 Blocks from the Stadium/Armory
Metro Station)
Time: 10:00AM-3:00PM
(Free box lunch, Interactive discussions, guest speakers, entertainment, door prizes)
- **Black Tie Gala Reception**
Embassy of Finland, Ambassador Valtasari, Host
3301 Massachusetts Avenue, NW,
Washington, DC. 20008
Time: 7:00PM-10PM
(Proceeds to benefit Scholarship Fund)
Reception Ticket Prices: Single \$50/Couple \$80—
include VIP seating at the Lincoln Theatre
Black Tie Gala Reception tickets are Limited—
Must RSVP by **January 13, 2005** to Register
for Reception Guest List

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2005

- **Gospel Musical Concert "Keeping the Dream Alive"**
(Free Admission)
Nineteenth Street Baptist Church,
4606 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011
Time: 5:00PM-7:00PM
Rev. Dr. **Derrick Harkins**, Host Pastor

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2005

- **Interfaith "Prayer, Peace, & Praise" Service**
(Free Admission)
Tenth Street Baptist Church, 1000 "R" Street, NW,
Washington, DC 20001
Time: 10:00AM-12:00PM
Rev. **A.C. Durant**, Host Pastor
(Immediately following the Inter-Faith Service,
we will parade two blocks to the Memorial to
lay Wreath)
- **Wreath Laying Ceremony African-American Civil War Memorial**
(Free Admission)
Hon. **Frank Smith, Jr.**, Chairperson
Vermont Avenue & "U" Street, NW,
Washington, DC 20001
Time: 12:30PM
- **Celebrity Celebration Performance at the Historic Lincoln Theater**
1215 "U" Street, NW, Washington, DC
(Free Admission with Ticket—
must get advance ticket from Lincoln Theatre
Box Office)
Time: 6:00PM-9:00PM

For info call: **202-345-4006** or visit: mlk.1colony.com.

A KING DAY TRIBUTE AND FUNDRAISER FOR THE FORGOTTEN TSUNAMI VICTIMS IN SOMALIA AND THE HOMELESS IN DC

If Dr. King were alive today, we firmly believe that he would be an advocate for the homeless and encourage people to make donations to help the forgotten Tsunami victims in Somalia. Over 150 homeless and community friends of the poor will gather at the First Seventh-day Adventist Church Soup Kitchen located at 810 Shepherd Street, NW on this Sunday, **January 16**, to celebrate the life of Dr. King in a grand fashion.

This unique celebration takes place from **8:30 to 10:45AM**. Organizers hope that this King Day event will especially highlight the seriousness of the situation in Somalia where over 100,000 are homeless and over 300 dead. The country currently faces a severe drought. The plight of these poor Africans has been virtually overshadowed by the enormous tsunami crisis in southeast Asia.

According to Mr. **Robert Simpkins**, leader of the soup kitchen since its inception, the organization desperately needs food donations (bread, vegetables, fruits, vegetarian meats, canned goods) from the community to effectively continue their service for the 75 people who regularly use their services four times a week.

Donations can be dropped off at the church **Monday through Thurs-**

day between 10AM and 1PM or on **Saturday and Sunday from 8AM to 12PM**. In celebration of Dr. King's beautiful birthday, soup kitchen representatives urge the public also to make checks out to ADRA, The Adventist Development Relief Agency—mark it Somalia.

Individuals who want to do something special on King's birthday ARE URGED to come out and volunteer at the kitchen from **8-11AM**. **SIMP-KINS SAYS THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAS AN APRON WITH MARKED WITH YOUR NAME.**

Those who participate will receive a true King Day Blessing. **Rashida Jolley**, Miss DC 2001 and Miss America contestant will provide a special tribute to Dr. King on her harp. Jolley, who serves on President **Bush's** AIDS Advisory Council will also talk to the homeless about abstinence from drugs and sex. She will be joined by Mrs. **Electa Geer**, former professor of speech and drama at Spelman College, one of the homes of the civil rights movement of the sixties. on this Sunday.

Bernadette and Winston Charles, a dynamic husband and wife singing team from Hyattsville, Maryland will provide music to honor the life of the slain civil rights leader.

HAPPENINGS AT PROVISIONS LIBRARY

NEW MOVIE NIGHT

Provisions Library is excited to launch a new weekly event! Join us every **Wednesday at 7:00PM** for screenings of films from the fabulous Media Collection. To jumpstart Black History Month, the program will begin with films focusing on civil rights and protest/liberation movements.

**JANUARY 16, 2005
2:00PM**

Free and Open to the Public
Thomas Sayers Ellis reads and discusses his latest books of poems for the second meeting of the WPFW Book Club

**JANUARY 20, 2005
7:00PM**

\$5 MEMBERS
\$8 NONMEMBERS
Film Screening and
Panel Discussion
Brother Outsider:
The Life of Bayard Rustin
Presented in cooperation with
Quaker Arts

For More Information, visit www.provisionslibrary.org/rustin.shtml

All events will take place at Provisions Library, 1611 Connecticut Ave. NW, Second Floor (Above Ann Taylor Loft), Washington DC 20009. Metro Accessible: Dupont Circle Q Street North Exit.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT UPDATES

The Media Collection is now circulating! Members can choose from a list of over 200 films to check out for one week.

Sign up as a new member and receive a *free* Provisions Library t-shirt. Current members can also receive *free* t-shirts when they refer new members.

NEW WEEKEND HOURS

In response to user surveys, Provisions will be open from **12-5PM** on **Saturday and Sunday** instead of **11-4PM**. These new hours will go into effect on **February 5**.

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS GROUP ANNOUNCES KICK-OFF OF 'JUSTICE SUNDAY' OBSERVANCE IN SPIRIT OF MLK JR.

PHILADELPHIA, PA—In a fitting tribute to the memory of Dr. **Martin Luther King Jr.**, the National Religious Affairs Association of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice will hold a service in observance of 'Justice Sunday' this **Sunday, January 16**, one day before the federal observance of Dr. King's birthday.

Association and community leaders will challenge individuals nation-

wide to make a pledge of volunteer service in support of families and communities, especially those affected by crime and incarceration.

The host service where the group will launch its campaign will be held at **11AM** at the 59th Street Baptist Church in Philadelphia. Dr. **W. Wilson Goode Sr.**, former mayor of Philadelphia, will be recognized for his long-standing service to his community. The service is expected to attract thousands of Philadelphia residents, in-

cluding federal, state and local officials. Association leaders will be available to meet with the media.

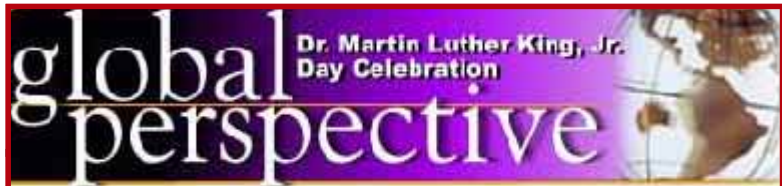
A similar, partnering service will be conducted at Mount Airy Church of God in Christ, also in Philadelphia.

The National Religious Affairs Association promotes the effectiveness of faith in addressing the consequences of and finding solutions to crime, with emphasis on its impact on African Americans and others of color.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. POSTER AND AWARDS PROGRAM

The Alexandria Black History Museum hosts the Martin Luther King, Jr. Poster and Awards Program in the Vola Lawson Lobby of Alexandria's City Hall at **1PM** on **Monday, January 17**. The student's artwork, which will remain on display in City Hall through February 2005, illustrates the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s non-violent movement. Seating is limited. *Free*. Call **703-838-4356** for more information.

January 14, 2005



THE 2005 GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES AWARD

Reston's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Planning Committee is proud to present the "2005 Global Perspectives Award" to the United Christian Parish of Reston. This award is presented to organizations or individuals who make outstanding contributions to furthering the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. of building the "Beloved Community." According to Dr. King, the "Beloved Community" would bring down the walls of injustice, social and economic inequality and racial discrimination in the global community.

The 2005 award recognizes and honors the work of the United Christian Parish of Reston in response to the plight of the thousands of impoverished children in Rwanda who were made orphans by the 1994 genocide and AIDS epidemic. A team from the UCP, led by **Yvonne Kauffman** is helping to rebuild the country by building schools, feeding the children, and paying for their education, among other activities. The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Day Planning Committee honors the United Christian Parish of Reston, for its work in improving educational conditions in Rwanda.



Volunteers from the United Christian Parish of Reston in Rwanda

15TH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING YOUTH ORATORICAL CONTEST

The 20th Annual Martin Luther King Day Celebration and 15th Annual Martin Luther King Youth Oratorical will be held on **Monday, January 17**, at Hylton Memorial Chapel located at 14640 Potomac Mills Road, Woodbridge, VA.

The theme for this year's event is *Martin and Malcolm . . . Two Roads to Freedom*. Students from regional districts of Prince William County, Manassas City and Manassas Park Public Schools compete as youth orators. Judging parameters include voice, diction, style, speech length, and theme interpretation.

As we anticipate an audience of close to 3000, we are celebrating the 15th anniversary of this award-winning program by featuring past orators as commentators and judges.

Ms. **Janelle Haynes**, former winning orator and graduate of Thomas Jefferson will serve as this year's Emcee.

The Martin Luther King Community Choir, under the direction of **Robbie Wigington**, will perform and local recording artist **Robert Maletick**, Soprano Saxophonist, will highlight the program.

The Prince William County Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and its Delta Education Foundation sponsor this program. Other sponsors include the Hylton Chapel foundation, Manassas Park and Manassas City Education Foundations and Prince William County Schools Curriculum Services—Multicultural Education Department.

For more info: 703/494-3220.

EVIDENCE THAT THE DREAM CONTINUES: LIST OF 75 MOST POWERFUL AFRICAN AMERICANS IN CORPORATE AMERICA

BLACK ENTERPRISE announced its list of the 75 Most Powerful African Americans in Corporate America, which will be featured in their February 2005 cover story. The list, which includes 18 CEOs (15 men and three women), was culled from the 1,000 largest domestic and international corporations traded publicly on the U.S. equities markets. The top 75 include representatives from a total of 62 companies representing 12 industries.

The full list includes 15 women. Young & Rubicam Brands CEO **Ann M. Fudge** represents one of three female chief executives. "I think African American women have met the challenges of corporate America," she says, "and absolutely there is no doubt there will be an African American woman running a Fortune 500 company. It's going to happen."

In 1988 when *BE* named the 25 Hottest Corporate Managers, the list was devoid of black chief executives. By 1993, there were 12 presidents and two CEOs among the 40 African Americans included in the top tier: **Richard D. Parsons**, the then-CEO of Dime Savings Bank of New York, and **Clifton R. Wharton Jr.**, CEO of TIAA-CREF. When *BE* selected the Top 50 Blacks in Corporate America in 2000, the number of CEOs had grown to six. This year, the number of African American CEOs rose to 18—a 300% increase. **Franklin D. Raines**, former chairman and CEO of Fannie Mae, re-signed his post shortly after the list was compiled.

Has progress been made? "Well yes and no," says *BE* Founder and Publisher **Earl G. Graves Sr.** "While it is true that the corporate elite identified in our 2005 list represent a 300% increase over our 1988 list, it is also true that African Americans still hold less than 1% of the tens of thousands of senior-level, corporate posts at America's 1,000 largest public corporations."

The 18 African American executives who have attained the rank of CEO are:

- **Kenneth I. Chenault**, Chairman and CEO, American Express
- **Erroll B. Davis Jr.**, Chairman and CEO, Alliant Energy
- **Reginald E. Davis**, CEO, Wachovia
- **W.H. "Bill" Easter III**, Chairman, CEO, and President, Duke Energy Field Services
- **Ann M. Fudge**, Chairman and CEO, Young & Rubicam Brands
- **Arthur "Art" H. Harper**, CEO and President, GE Equipment Services
- **Carl Horton**, CEO and President, The Absolut Spirit Company Inc
- **Aylwin Lewis**, President and CEO, KMart
- **Renetta McCann**, CEO, Starcom Americas
- **E. Stanley O'Neal**, Chairman, CEO, and President, Merrill Lynch & Co.
- **Clarence Otis Jr.**, CEO, Darden Restaurants
- **Dan Packer**, CEO and President, Entergy New Orleans
- **Richard D. Parsons**, Chairman and CEO, Time Warner
- **Franklin D. Raines**, former Chairman and CEO of Fannie Mae
- **Pamela Thomas-Graham**, CEO and President, CNBC
- **John W. Thompson**, Chairman and CEO, Symantec Corp.
- **Lloyd G. Trotter**, CEO and President, GE Consumer and Industrial
- **R.L. "Bob" Wood**, Chairman, CEO, and President, Crompton Corp.

Ten companies have multiple executives on the list. General Electric—the parent company of NBC—leads the way with four, followed by Xerox with three. Eight companies have two executives on the list: Duke Energy, Fannie Mae, FedEx Express Corp., Ford Motor Co.,

General Mills, McDonald's USA, Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc., and Wachovia.

In a corporate environment that is often inhospitable to black professionals, these top executives say the number of blacks who reside in corner offices will continue to grow. "I think it's extremely positive that we have a number of African American CEOs, presidents, and chief operating officers of major corporations as effective role models," says **Ronald A. Williams**, president of the \$17.9 billion Aetna Inc. "And it helps organizations focus on becoming more of a [meritocracy], where people can be judged on the basis of the value they create and not on the basis of their race or ethnicity."

Paula Madison, president and general manager of Los Angeles-based KNBC and regional manager for two Telemundo stations, sums up her philosophy of the advancement of blacks, particularly women, simply: "The important thing is to continue getting us into the pipeline and have us positioned so that as more executive positions become available, we're poised and ready to take advantage of the opportunities."

"The corporate leaders on our inaugural list of top black managers set a standard of excellence that many of the executives on our 2005 list were challenged to match—and exceed. We are confident that today's black corporate elite will do the same for future generations of African American corporate achievers," says Graves.

The selection criteria and comprehensive profiles of the 75 Most Powerful African Americans in Corporate America is available in the February issue of *BLACK ENTERPRISE*, available on newsstands **January 18**.

For a complete list of the 75 Most Powerful African Americans in Corporate America, please contact **Andrew Wadium** at 212-886-9598 or email wadiuma@blackenterprise.com.

FILM: AN AMAZING GRACE

This film and discussion on the legacy of Dr. **Martin Luther King Jr.** will feature the documentary *An Amazing Grace*. Using newsreel and television footage, the film traces the development of Dr. King's career and his growth toward political and ideological maturity. It focuses on the racism and violence of America that King faced throughout his life.

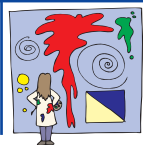
Following the film there will be a discussion led by Rev. **Osagyefo Uhuru Sekou** around the aspects of King's life that are generally overlooked or misrepresented in contemporary portrayals.

Rev. Osagyefo Uhuru Sekou is considered one of the most formidable intellectuals and activists of his generation. He is the author of the critically acclaimed *Urbansouls*. This winter Rev. Sekou will lead, through SALSA, a two-part series on Religion and Social Activism.

*Free at last,
Free at last
Thank God
almighty
We are free
at last!*

Dr. King quoted these words from a Negro spiritual to end his "I Have a Dream" speech given during the March on Washington, August 28, 1963, Washington, DC.

Archive issues are available at www.metroherald.com!



January 14, 2005

BLACK HISTORY MONTH COMMEMORATION



CELEBRATING African American History

The U.S. Army invites you to experience Freedom... the U.S. Army's Black History Month Commemoration Celebrating the African American soldier. This compelling photo exhibition depicts African Americans' historic journey in America from 1863 to the present.



Washington, DC
Howard University
January 17 - February 2, 2005

U.S. ARMY CELEBRATES AFRICAN-AMERICAN SOLDIERS



(Left to right): MAJ Lorenzo Ray Phillips, Los Angeles, ROTC University of California Los Angeles; CPT Chevelle Thomas, Public Relations Branch Chief, U.S. Army; CSM Evelyn Hollis, First African American woman in Combat Arms to achieve the rank of Sergeant Major; Frank Quiambao, President, West Los Angeles College & CW2; Tony Cox, Moderator & Host of NPR's News with Tony Cox; COL Arnold Bray, Director Joint and Army Experimentation in Training and Doctrine Command; CSM James Dale, Sergeants Major Academy's seventeenth Command Sergeant Major; SFC Eugene Russell, Equipment Platoon Sergeant, 864th EN BN

The U.S. Army presents "Freedom... the U.S. Army Celebrates African American History," a traveling photo exhibition celebrating African American soldiers from the Revolutionary War to Operation Iraqi Freedom. This is the second consecutive year of the historical exhibit that features approximately 160 photo images of African Americans in the Army, prominent African American individuals and key civil rights events. The exhibit will be shown in five cities across the country from **January 5 to March 28, 2005**. The photo exhibition, is *free* and open to the public. Photographs will be on display from **10:00AM to 5:00PM** at Howard University, Blackburn Center Art Gallery Lounge, 2400 Sixth Street, NW (main campus).

"The U.S. Army is very pleased and privileged to present this stirring photo exhibition," said Colonel **Thomas Nickerson**, U.S. Army director of strategic outreach. "The photos capture the determination, confidence and strength of our soldiers and our people," Nickerson stated.

Nickerson added, "The Army has been and continues to be a diversity leader in providing opportunities for all Americans. Although many African-Americans have strong and opposing views about our presence in Iraq, the community has rallied and supported our men and women in uniform. We appreciate and respect that support. From an African American perspective, the Army's men and women are our relatives and friends, and historically we have all traveled the road in America together."

The exhibit features original photos from the Army archives, as well as photos from photo-journalist **Jason Miccolo Johnson**, the Washington and Baltimore Afro American newspapers and the NAACP

archives. The exhibit will also feature art illustrations provided by students from local middle schools and high schools in the various cities.

The photo exhibition also includes: photos of African American soldiers from the Civil War to the Global War on Terrorism; pictures depicting African American history from 1863 to the present; and photos of well known African Americans including **Coretta Scott King, Maya Angelou, Oprah Winfrey, Colin Powell** and activist **Dick Gregory**.

Other activities associated with the photo exhibit include:

- Special tours for local high school students
- Panel discussion featuring Army officers, community leaders and a reception featuring local entertainment on **Wednesday, January 19th at 7:00PM**
- An Army reception featuring local entertainment

PHOTO EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

- **Jan. 17-Feb. 2**—Washington, D.C., Armour J. Blackburn Center, Howard University, Main Campus
- **Feb. 7-10**—Atlanta, Morehouse College
- **Feb. 11-18**—Atlanta, Fulton County Government Center
- **Feb. 22-March 2**—St. Louis, Black World History Museum
- **March 14-28**—Greensboro, NC, International Civil Rights Museum

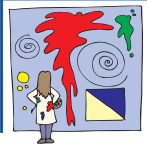
For more information about the Washington, D.C. exhibit, contact **Margaret Kargbo** at (301) 588-1993.



(Left to right, one row): Robert L. McDaniel, Buffalo Soldiers-9th & 10th Cavalry; CSM James Dale; COL R. Franklin Henderson, Buffalo Soldiers; SFC Corlin E. Morrison; Oliver Goodall, 477th Bombing Group, Tuskegee Airmen; CSM Evelyn Hollis; COL Arnold Bray; Oscar H. York, 477th Bomb Group, Tuskegee Airmen; Ted Fortier, Tuskegee Airmen; CPT Chevelle Thomas; MAJ Lorenzo Ray Phillips; SFC Billy Dill; SFC Eugene Russell; Trooper Ron Jones, Buffalo Soldiers



(Seated left to right): Trooper Ron Jones, Buffalo Soldiers; COL R. Franklin Henderson, Buffalo Soldiers; Robert L. McDaniel, Buffalo Soldiers-9th & 10th Cavalry; Oscar H. York, 477th Bomb Group, Tuskegee Airmen; Oliver Goodall, 477th Bombing Group, Tuskegee Airmen; (Row 2): CPT Chevelle Thomas; CSM Evelyn Hollis; SFC Billy Dill; Frank Quiambao, President, West Los Angeles College & CW2; (Row 3): SFC Eugene Russell; SGT Joel Millerman; CSM James Dale; Tony Cox, Moderator & Host of NPR's News with Tony Cox; COL Arnold Bray; MAJ Lorenzo Ray Phillips; COL R. Franklin Henderson, Buffalo Soldiers



MEET JUANITA PATIENCE MOSS AT THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL WAR MUSEM



Juanita Patience Moss

Juanita Patience Moss is an educator, historical researcher, family griot, speaker and author of *Created To Be Free*, and *The Battle of Plymouth, NC: April 17-20, 1864—The Last Confederate Victory*.



Mark your calendar for the Book Signing and Discussion of her third published work *The Forgotten Black Soldiers in White Regiments During the Civil War* on Monday, January 17, 2005 at 12:30PM.

The Book Signing Event and Reception will honor the Birthday Celebration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The event is hosted by the African American Civil War Museum in conjunction with the National Park Service. The Book signing and Reception will take place in the Museum Showroom.

Please enter through AACWM Main Lobby. The museum is located at 1200 U Street, NW in Washington, D.C. with Metro access via U Street/ Cardozo. Frank Smith is the founder of the AACWM and Hari Jones is Curator.

For more information about the event, call (202) 267-2667 or visit the web at www.afroamcivilwar.org/.

For more information on Juanita Patience Moss, please send an e-Mail to: juanitam2@cox.net or call (703) 780-7882.

JIM WEISS, STORYTELLER EXTRAORDINAIRE APPEARING AT ALDEN THEATRE IN MCLEAN

On Saturday, January 15, 11:00AM and 1:30PM, award-winning storyteller and recording artist Jim Weiss will captivate children and adults with an array of exhilarating fables and folk tales at the Alden Theatre located in the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA 22101.

Jim Weiss has been a storyteller for more than 25 years and he travels throughout the United States giving live performances at libraries, schools and community events. He has hosted and starred in a PBS television pilot that won a Northern California Emmy award for Best Children's Show, and has performed at the White House's annual Easter Egg Roll. *Parents' Choice Magazine* says, "Weiss' ear for dramatic tension, his versatility in creating characters and his flawless storyteller's rhythms work magic . . . even adults will find it difficult not to be caught up in the spell." This performance is recommended for children ages 6 and older.

Tickets are \$7, \$5 for McLean tax district residents. To purchase tickets, stop by the Alden Theatre Box Office, or to charge tickets by telephone, call TICKETMASTER at 703-573-SEAT. For more info: 703-790-9223/TTY: 703-827-8255, or visit: www.mcleancenter.org.

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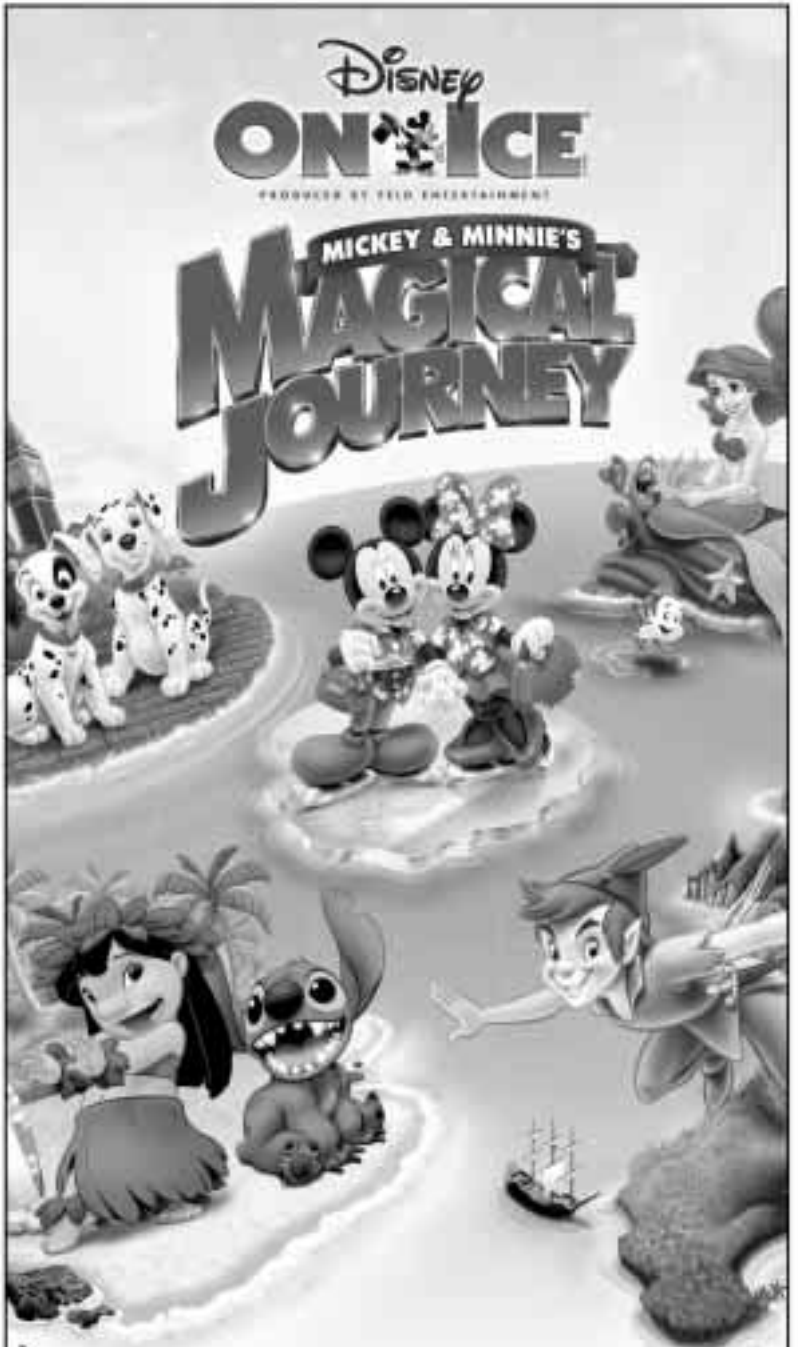
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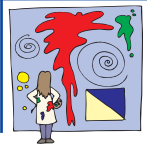
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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY

FEATURED EVENT FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR CELEBRATION

“Service, Sacrifice, Struggle,”
Saturday Jan. 15—
11AM–4:30PM, throughout the museum

The museum will commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through stories, songs and tours. Visitors will experience the inspirational words of Dr. King as presented by actor Anthony Lucas; sing along with songs of peace and struggle, led by the Program in African American Culture Community Choir under the direction of Pam Rogers; and reflect on the achievements of Ralph Bunche, Nobel Prize recipient with curator Fath Davis-Ruffins. Visitors will also hear from participants in the 1951 Prince Edward County Virginia protest that became part of the *Brown v. Board of Education*; enjoy stories and songs of resistance that pre-date the Civil War and take interactive tours through the exhibition, “Separate Is Not Equal: Brown v. Board of Education.”

PRESENTATION

“Lift Every Voice: Trickster Tales and Spirited Songs,” Tuesdays, Jan. 11, 18, 25—2–4PM;
“Communities in a Changing Nation” exhibition

Storyteller and singer Kimberly Kelly will recreate the Gullah culture of a South Carolina slave community with stories of resistance and songs taught to enslaved African American children before the Civil War.

GALLERY TALKS

“WWII Photographic Perspectives,” Saturday, Jan. 15—2PM, third floor, west

Exhibition curator Michelle Delaney will lead a tour of the exhibition and discuss continuing efforts to collect photos and family albums from the 1940s. The show includes images by Robert Capa, the Scullock Studio of Washington D.C., and U.S. Navy photographer John Wes-

ley Stipe as well as family photographs and albums that provide an overview of the war effort. The works are drawn from the museum’s World War II-era photography collection.

SMITHSONIAN CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

“Quartets Plus One: Stradivarius and Amati,” Saturday, Jan. 15—8PM, Hall of Musical Instruments; Sunday, Jan. 16—7:30PM, Hall of Musical Instruments

Pre-concert lectures begin one hour prior to the performance.

Tickets are required for both performances; visit ResidentAssociates.si.edu or call 202-357-3030 for more information

For this series, presented by the Smithsonian Chamber Music Society, audiences will be able to hear Franz Schubert’s *Quartet in G Minor, D 173*, Felix Mendelssohn’s *Quartet in D Major, Op. 44, No. 1* and Johannes Brahms’s *Quintet in B Minor, Op. 115*.

Performers will be Marc Destrub and Marilyn McDonald, violins, Steven Dann, viola, Kenneth Slowik, violoncello and Eric Hoepflich, clarinet.

TOURS

“Preserving the Star-Spangled Banner: The Flag That Inspired the National Anthem,” Exhibition Tour, Thursdays, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27—11AM–noon, “Star-Spangled Banner” exhibition space, second floor, west

Star-Spangled Banner Preservation Project staff will present a brief overview of the history of the Star-Spangled Banner and the current conservation project underway at the museum.

BEHIND-THE-SCENES

Quilts, Tuesdays, Jan. 11 & 25—10AM–noon, “America on the Move” entrance, first floor, east

Reservations required, call 202-633-3825 for more information

Arrive at 10AM to obtain passes. Volunteers from the Annapolis Quilt Guild display quilts from the past 300 years of American history and discuss the significance of quilts to American society and their significance in history.

Embroidery Samplers, Tuesday, Jan. 18—10AM–noon

Reservations required, call 202-633-3627 and leave call-back information

Arrive at 10AM to obtain passes. Volunteers show embroidered samplers in the museum’s textile collection.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Embroidery Demonstration, Wednesday, Jan. 26—11AM–1PM, Textiles Hall

Members of the Washington, D.C. chapter of the Embroiderers’ Guild of America will demonstrate and display different types of embroidery.

Note: All programs are free and no reservations are required unless noted.

NEW DISPLAY

Declaration of Independence: OPENS: Jan. 14, 2005; CLOSES: March 6

In celebration of 55th quadrennial Presidential Inauguration, the museum will display an original copy of the Declaration of Independence that was owned by George Washington’s personal secretary, Tobias Lear. It was printed in the print shop of John Dunlap on August 2, 1776. This original copy is one of only 25 copies known in existence today. This important document was the not only the foundation but the guiding principles for the new nation and has served to inspire future generations in America and around the world. The document is on loan from the University of Virginia and collector Albert Small and will be on view at the entrance of “The American Presidency: A Glorious Burden” until March 6.

A NEW YEAR, A NEW ARLINGTON ARTS CENTER

Arlington Arts Center will reopen on January 11, 2005, with its inaugural exhibition, *STATE OF THE ART*, A Mid-Atlantic Regional Overview. With the addition of new galleries, classrooms and events spaces (one with Tiffany windows), resident artist studios and a conference room/library, the renovated and expanded Arlington Arts Center exudes energy as it opens a new gallery season to coincide with the new year.

STATE OF THE ART will pay tribute to the spirit and variety of artistic practice in the Mid-Atlantic region. A team of five curators each representing one of the states in AAC’s geographic focus has assembled 80 works of art by 68 visual artists who live and work in Virginia, Washington, DC, Maryland, Penn-

sylvania and Delaware. The team works in coordination with the AAC’s Director of Exhibitions and Programs, Carol Lukitsch.

Curators for the exhibition are SYMMES GARDNER, Director of The Center for Art and Visual Culture and Associate Professor at The University of Maryland, Baltimore, CAROLE GARMON, Associate Professor at Mary Washington University, Fredericksburg, VA, J. SUSAN ISAACS, Consulting Curator, Delaware Center for Contemporary Art, Wilmington, DE, CINDI MORRISON, Executive Director, Lancaster Museum of Art, Lancaster, PA, STEPHEN BENNETT PHILLIPS, Curator, The Phillips Collection, Washington, DC. An exhibition catalog is planned.

EMI GOSPEL SHOWCASE FEATURES INDUSTRY’S HOTTEST ARTISTS

The heart of the Gospel music industry will beat loudly in Houston on January 14. In anticipation of a slew of new projects, EMI Gospel will shine the spotlight on some of the label’s most exciting artists in a showcase at the Magnolia Hotel from 6:00PM–8:00PM. Gospel’s leading man, Smokie Norful, will perform, as will Micah Stampley, and EMI gospel newcomer Darrel Petties & SIP. The evening will be hosted by teen Gospel sensation Kierra “Kiki” Sheard, whose debut CD, *I Owe You* has been at the top of the Billboard Gospel charts since its release in September.

“With the debut DVD release from Gospel’s number one artist, Smokie Norful, LaShun Pace’s initial EMI release *It’s My Time*, new Gospel artist Micah Stampley celebrating the release of *The Songbook of Micah*, and the three Stellar nominations for *New Birth*, the Stellar Awards weekend is the perfect opportunity for EMI Gospel to showcase our leading artists,” says EMI Gospel Vice-President and General Manager Larry Blackwell. “We’re also excited about the launch of EMI Gospel’s debut compilation *Look Up, Sing Out . . . Power* which features “Yes Lord” the first single from Darrel Petties & SIP. Darrel, who is a cross between Harvey Watkins & O’linda Draper brings his classic Memphis sound to kick off the showcase.”

Look Up, Sing Out . . . Power, which was recorded in hi-definition 5.1 surround sound, features superstar artists performing live new material and will be released simultaneously on CD and DVD on January 25, 2005. The DVD will be unveiled as a video presentation during the January 14 showcase.

In addition to *Look Up, Sing Out . . . Power*, other exciting EMI Gospel releases on the horizon include Smokie Norful’s first-ever DVD, *Nothing Without You*, a tap-

ing of Norful live in concert. Street date is set for March 29. A long-time favorite on the Gospel music scene, LaShun Pace debuts her sixth album and first project with EMI, *It’s My Time* on March 1, 2005. The first single, “For My Good,” is the #1 single on the Christian/Gospel charts. Micah Stampley, one of the most exciting new voices to emerge in the past year, is a protégé of Bishop T.D. Jakes and winner of the 2004 Stellar Awards Talent Search. The industry is buzzing in anticipation of his debut CD, *The Songbook of Micah*, set to drop on March 29. Stampley’s freshman effort was recently recorded live at Houston’s St. Agnes Baptist Church where he is assistant minister of music.

Bishop Eddie Long’s New Birth Total Praise Choir, a 300 member mega-choir from Atlanta, sent ripples through the industry and up the Billboard charts with 2004’s debut album for EMI Gospel, *Spirit & Truth*. The project, helmed by highly respected producer Kevin Bond (Kirk Franklin, Yolanda Adams), has earned three Stellar Award nominations.

Legendary Gospel supergroup *The Mighty Clouds of Joy*—newly signed to EMI Gospel—will also be in attendance during the showcase. The group recently recorded their newest project *In The House Of The Lord—Live In Houston at Praise Hillcroft Worship Center*. The CD is scheduled for release April 12, 2005.

Brentwood, Tennessee-based EMI Christian Music Group is the world’s largest Christian music organization and includes EMI Gospel, EMI CMG Label Group, EMI CMG Distribution and EMI CMG Publishing. It is part of EMI Group, the world’s largest independent music company whose other U.S. labels include Angel, Astralwerks, Blue Note, Capitol, Capitol Nashville, EMI Latin, Narada and Virgin Records.

INDUSTRY LEADER INCREASES ACCESS TO THE PERFORMING ARTS

For the first time, the Association of Performing Arts Presenters (Arts Presenters) is expanding access to the resources of the performing arts field with its launch of www.insidearts.org, the website for its industry-leading magazine, *Inside Arts*, a bimonthly publication that explores issues critical to the performing arts. The new website offers industry resources never before made available to the general public in an attempt to broaden access to the performing arts.

“For 16 years, *Inside Arts* has been a tremendous resource for a few thousand readers working quietly behind-the-scenes in the performing arts field. Now, performing arts patrons and audience-goers worldwide

will be able to access these important stories,” said Patrick Madden, Publisher of *Inside Arts*. “Our editorial direction allows readers to understand what happens ‘behind the curtain’ in a way that general newspapers and magazines rarely cover.”

A must-read for those passionate about the performing arts, each issue of *Inside Arts* introduces readers to well-known or unfamiliar artists, challenges and resources in the field, and news from the industry. Readers learn who the players are and how decisions are made about what is performed on America’s stages. Performing arts professionals count on *Inside Arts* to keep them aware of the work in the field, political and economic issues, trends in

fundraising, arts education and audience development, and much more.

In August, Arts Presenters brought on a new team to lead a redesigned *Inside Arts*. Alicia Anstead joined as Editor after spending over ten years as an Arts and Culture Writer for the *Bangor Daily News* in Bangor, Maine. Brian Noyes, who serves as art director of *Smithsonian Magazine*, joined as the new *Inside Arts* Art Director.

Recent issues of *Inside Arts* featured the building boom among performing arts centers around the country, technology and the performing arts, visa and immigration challenges, arts education and accessibility to the arts.



GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY'S CENTER FOR THE ARTS
THEATER OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT
PRESENTS A WORLD PREMIERE, MUSICAL THEATER EVENT—
OPEN THE DOOR, VIRGINIA!

The big role a small county played in an historic decision . . .

January 12–February 6, 2005,
Wednesday–Friday at 8PM,
Saturdays at 2 & 8PM, Sundays
at 4PM. (February 6 at 2PM)

Award-winning choreographer and dancer **Dianne McIntyre** and one of America's greatest bluesmen, **Olu Dara**, team up again for the world premiere of *Open The Door Virginia!*, a music-theater work exploring the historic moments of a student-organized strike in Virginia's Prince Edward County in 1951—a strike which led to one of the pivotal court cases forming the monumental 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* decision. Commissioned and produced by George Mason's own professional company, Theater of the First Amendment, performances are January 12 through February 6 in Harris Theater on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University.

Based on interviews with Virginians involved in that early court case,

Open The Door, Virginia!, through its blend of historic facts and dramatic vision, depicts the story through song, dance and spoken word. The cast includes **Nyahale Allie, Steven A. Butler, Jr., Joy Jones, Joseph Lane, Cedric Sanders, and Tryphena Wade.**

Director and choreographer Dianne McIntyre formed her own company, Sounds in Motion, in which her choreography was mostly based on jazz music with blend of modern dance and African American social dance, in the early 1970s. As a choreographer, she has worked in productions both on and off-Broadway. She was an Emmy nomination for her work on the HBO production of *Miss Evers' Boys*. Theater of the First Amendment produced three of McIntyre's works in the past: the Helen Hayes Award-winning *In Living Colors*, *I Could Stop on a Dime* and *Get Ten Cents Change*, which the choreographer created as an homage to her father's adventuresome youth in Cleveland from the 1920s onward, and *Blues Rooms*.

Composer and Musical director Olu Dara is an acclaimed composer and multi-instrumentalist, who blends Mississippi blues, modern jazz/funk and a wealth of African themes into his signature style. He has worked on 70 albums with various artists from diverse backgrounds, including his son, hip hop artist **Nas. Dara** has also written an original musical melodrama, *From Natchez to New York*, aired on National Public Radio and performed live at the Smithsonian. His latest album, "Neighborhoods," was released in 2001. Dara has collaborated previously with Dianne McIntyre for Theater of the First Amendment's productions of *Blues Rooms* in 1998, and *In Living Colors* in 1992.

The creative team assembled for *Open the Door, Virginia!* includes scenic designer **Narelle Sissons**, costume designer **David Burdick**, lighting designer **Allen Lee Hughes**, and sound designer **Jens McVoy**. The stage manager is **Valerie K. Wheeler**.

With this new work, its songs and movement depicting emotions running the gamut from despair to joy to



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Tickets for *Open The Door, Virginia!* are \$25. Charge by phone at

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TWO WASHINGTON-AREA STUDENTS NAMED WINNERS OF THE 2005 READING IS FUNDAMENTAL NATIONAL POSTER CONTEST

Reading Is Fundamental (RIF®) and Nestlé USA have named two local students as honorable mention winners in the 20th and final RIF National Poster Contest, a back-to-school reading motivation competition developed by RIF, the nation's oldest and largest national children's literacy organization. **Sindy Chavez, 9**, a resident of Kensington, Md. and a student at the Sacred Heart School in Washington and **Jordyn Elliott, 8**, of Hollin Meadows Elementary School in Alexandria designed posters that were among the 53 best out of more than 360 national entries and 25,000 nationwide participants in the competition, themed "Celebrate the Joy of Reading."

"Reading books and sharing stories can inspire true joy in children of all ages, and the RIF National Poster Contest offers them an artistic outlet for expressing that joy," said **Carol H. Rasco**, RIF president and chief executive officer. "My sincere congratulations go to Sindy and Jordyn, and to the families, teachers, and RIF volunteers who contribute every day to the education and achievements of the children of the Washington area."

"Nestlé USA has been a proud sponsor of many RIF programs since 1996," said **Cam Starrett**, executive vice president of human resources for Nestlé USA. "Improving literacy and self-esteem in children is a top priority for Nestlé USA. Our corporate programs, from the Very Best In Youth to the Adopt-A-School program and our collaboration with RIF, strive to create that positive difference."

In December, seven independent judges from the fields of education, media, children's books, art, and government selected Sindy's and Jordyn's posters as two of 50 honorable mention winners. The judges also selected a national contest winner and two runners-up. All 53 of the winning posters will be displayed on the RIF website at www.rif.org; visitors can also purchase reproductions and post cards featuring each image. In addition, the artwork will be exhibited in various locations around Washington, D.C., throughout the rest of the year.

As an honorable mention winner, Sindy and Jordyn will each receive a certificate of honor and a \$25 gift certificate to purchase books. Their RIF sites will also each receive a \$50 gift certificate to purchase books.



Poster—Honorable Mention—**Jordyn Elliott, 8**, of Hollin Meadows Elementary School in Alexandria.



Poster—Honorable Mention—**Sindy Chavez, 9**, a resident of Kensington, MD, and a student at the Sacred Heart School in Washington, DC.

COSTEN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

The Costen Cultural Exhibit entitled "To God Be The Glory" is a very unique collection of rare photographs, ephemera, memorabilia and collectibles. It has been custom designed to travel to your location and show viewers the accomplishments of Americans with an emphasis on African Americans throughout history. Topics address the interests of all age groups and include: Slavery, Civil Rights, Invention & Science, Athletics & Sports, Harlem Renaissance, Aviation & Military (NASA, Buffalo Soldiers, Tuskegee Airmen), Music & Entertainment. It is available to Fundraising Groups, Schools, Universities, Museums, Historical Societies, Libraries, Churches, Community Organizations, and Corporations.

To book Exhibit at your event contact: **Bill Costen** at **860-242-0228** or e-mail: skyendeavor@comcast.net.

THE HISTORY OF PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION IS CELEBRATED WITH EXHIBITION AT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The Library of Congress is the nation's oldest presidential library and has in its custody the papers of 23 presidents, including those men who founded the nation and led it through some of its greatest crises. Among these papers are key documents relating to the early presidential inaugurations.

"I Do Solemnly Swear . . .": Inaugural Materials from the Collections of the Library of Congress" offers a selection of these items—photographs, manuscripts, campaign posters, letters, broadsides and inaugural speeches—that provide a glimpse into the history of American presidential inaugurations.

The display is installed in the "American Treasures" exhibition, located in the Southwest Gallery of the Thomas Jefferson Building, 10 First Street S.E., Washington, D.C., and is on view from **10AM to 5PM, Monday–Saturday, through May 7.**

The 2005 inauguration of the president is the latest manifestation of a profound American political ritual, one witnessed by the American people every four years since 1789. As prescribed by the Constitution, the only requirement for taking office is for the president-elect to utter "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of the President of the United States and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Beyond the oath and the date of inauguration, nothing else about the event is mandated law. The place and manner in which the oath is taken, the use of a Bible, the inaugural speech, parades, balls and other festivities are all rooted in traditions—many of which were established by George Washington at his first inauguration in 1789. Although each president-elect defines the celebration, inaugural speeches have been the cornerstone of the ritual for more than 200 years.

Featured in this special installation within the "American Treasures" exhibition are some 50 items from the Library's collections that touch on the inaugurations of 18 presidents: **George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, William Harrison, James K. Polk, Zachary Taylor, James Buchanan, Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Calvin Coolidge, Franklin D. Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy.**

Among the materials on display are a letter from George Washington describing the cloth and buttons for the suit he was to wear at his first inaugural; Thomas Jefferson's draft of his first inaugural address, in which he tried to mend the bitter rift between Federalists and Republicans with the phrase ". . . every difference

of opinion is not a difference of principle"; an 1841 printed invitation to the Tippecanoe Inauguration Ball of William Henry Harrison (who died one month after he was inaugurated as the result of a cold he caught on the chilly, wet day he took the oath of office); the first known photograph of an inauguration, James Buchanan's, at the East Front of the Capitol; a broadside from Abraham Lincoln's 1860 campaign for president and the Bible used by Chief **Justice Roger B. Taney** to administer the oath of office to Lincoln on **March 4, 1861**; and campaign banners for Rutherford B. Hayes (1876).

Twentieth-century presidents are represented by an invitation to Theodore Roosevelt's inauguration; Woodrow Wilson's draft of his 1913 inaugural address in shorthand script; Calvin Coolidge's terse note saying "I do not choose to run for President in nineteen twenty eight"; a photograph of **Herbert Hoover** and Franklin Roosevelt on the way to Roosevelt's first inauguration on **March 4, 1933**; and a copy of the poem titled "Dedication" that **Robert Frost** wrote for and intended to deliver at the inauguration of John F. Kennedy but was unable to read because of the blinding reflection of the sun off the snow that day.

"I Do Solemnly Swear . . ." is also available online at www.loc.gov/exhibits.

INAUGURATION: AN EVOLVING TRADITION EXHIBIT OPENS AT INTERIOR MUSEUM

A new U.S. Department of the Interior Museum exhibit celebrates inaugurations past and present with artifacts from noteworthy chapters in presidential history. The exhibit opens **Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005.**

Inauguration: An Evolving Tradition includes 18 historic objects linked with inaugural events. The objects are on loan from 11 National Park Service sites in eight states and include: Clara Barton's invitation to a gala ball at Lincoln's second inauguration; FDR's beaver and silk-lined top hat; and original sheet music for the "President **Lyndon Baines Johnson** March" performed at the 1965 inaugural concert. The exhibit continues on view at the Interior Museum through **March 31, 2005.**

Whether it's an admittance card to **Ulysses S. Grant's** second inauguration ceremony, or a sachet made from a dress worn to **John Quincy Adams'** inauguration by his relative **Elizabeth Coombs Adams**, the objects provide glimpses of the evolution of this quadrennial event.

The exhibit includes several surprises, such as who introduced "So help me God" to the Oath of Office; when it became customary to hold balls on the day of the ceremony; and "firsts" associated with inaugural parades. The ob-

jects, whether a commemorative medal, apparel worn by eminent guests or souvenirs, illustrate that the inauguration is, in fact, a collection of celebratory traditions.

An opening reception for the exhibit is scheduled for **Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005 at 2PM** in the Interior Museum. Among prominent Interior officials, the program will feature National Park Service Director **Fran Mainella**. Light refreshments will be served. Reservations are required by **Jan. 13**; call **202/208-4659**.

The museum educates the public and Interior employees about the current missions and programs of the Department, the history of the agency, and the art and architecture of its headquarters building. The museum is open to the public **Monday through Friday** from **8:30AM to 4:30PM** (except federal holidays) and the third **Saturday** of each month from **1PM to 4PM**.

Admission is *free*. Adult visitors must present a form of photo identification (such as a driver's license, student ID, or employment card) when entering the Main Interior Building at 1849 C Street, N.W., in Washington, D.C. Wheelchair access is available at the 18th and E Streets entrance. For more information, call **202-208-4743**.

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very competitive field. In every respect, he is a wonderful ambassador for our hotel."

A native of Youngstown, Ohio, Harris began his career at the Stouffer Dallas Hotel, followed by several years at the Ritz-Carlton Cleveland. In 1995, he joined the former Excelsior Hotel, and in January, 2002, transferred to the payroll of The Peabody Little Rock. Harris has a thorough knowledge of the Little Rock and regional markets, and his experiences in Cleveland and Dallas have prepared him for the national markets. "I hope to promote and facilitate the growth of our hotel's multicultural and other convention business," said Harris, upon his appointment. "I intend to work closely with the Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau to establish and advance this exciting new synergy between our hotel, our local community, the region and nationwide. As part of my sales strategies, I will showcase the many great attributes of Little Rock. I believe it is imperative to promote the destination as much as our hotel, because they are all part of the same wonderful product."

Harris is father of four, and has five grandchildren. In his spare time, he is a certified scuba diver, is involved in music production and entertainment and dabbles in real estate.

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NEW LAW ENCOURAGES TSUNAMI RELIEF CONTRIBUTIONS

The Internal Revenue Service alerted taxpayers who itemize deductions that they may claim on their 2004 tax returns charitable donations made during Jan. 2005 for relief of the victims of the Indian Ocean Tsunami.

The new law enacted on **Jan. 7** allows these donations to be deducted as if they were made on **Dec. 31, 2004**.

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The new law only allows for cash contributions. The contributions must be made specifically for the relief of victims in areas affected by the **Dec. 26, 2004**, tsunami in the Indian Ocean. The new law gives taxpayers the option of deducting the contributions on either their 2004 or 2005 returns, but not both.

The IRS advises taxpayers to be sure their contributions go to qualified charities. Taxpayers who have a specific charity in mind can make sure that it is a qualified charity by doing a

search on IRS.gov. Some organizations, such as churches or governments, may be qualified even though they are not listed on IRS.gov. For information on groups involved in tsunami relief, donors can also look to the USAID site at: www.usaid.gov/locations/asia_near_east/tsunami/ngolist.html or USA Freedom Corps at www.usafreedomcorps.gov.

The IRS reminds donors that contributions to foreign organizations generally are not deductible.

IRS Publication 526, Charitable Contributions, provides information on making contributions to charities. Publication 3833, Disaster Relief: Providing Assistance through Charitable Organizations, explains how the public can use charitable organizations to help victims of disasters, and how new organizations can obtain tax-exempt status. Both publications are available on IRS.gov.

When donors make contributions to assist the victims of the tsunami, they should notate their records to that effect. Donors may want to notate the memo field of checks they send that it is a contribution to help tsunami victims.

RFP NO. P25-136 DESIGN/BUILD SERVICES FOR OLNEY MANOR SKATEBOARD PARK

The **Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission (M-NPPC)** (Montgomery) hereby invites sealed proposals from interested parties for performing all work in conjunction with **RFP No. P25-136**, for design/build services to provide engineered detail design and construction of a concrete skateboard park and associated support infrastructure and facilities.

Copies of the proposal documents are furnished by the **Park Development Division of the Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning** from its offices at **9500 Brunett Avenue, Room B107, Silver Spring, Maryland**, after **12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 18, 2005**. The cost per bid document is \$20.00 (payable to M-NCPPC) and non-refundable. Payments must be made with **check or money order only**. Cash, credit and debit cards are not accepted. Proposal Documents may be sent by express delivery service. Call **301-495-2535** for instructions.

A pre-proposal information meeting is being held **Tuesday, February 1, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., Parkside Headquarters, 9500 Brunett Avenue, Room B107, Silver Spring, MD.**

Sealed proposals must be received by the **Commission's Purchasing Office, c/o Linda Rodecap, M-NCPPC, 9500 Brunett Avenue, Room B107, Silver Spring, Maryland 20901**, not later than **Tuesday, February 15, 2005 at 3:00 p.m.** The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids received, and to waive irregularities.

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RFP NO. P25-148 WOODSTOCK EQUESTRIAN PARK BEALLSVILLE, MARYLAND

The **Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission (M-NPPC)** (Montgomery) hereby invites sealed bids from interested parties for performing all work in conjunction with **IFB No. P25-148**, for construction of gravel entrance road and parking lot, bioretention facilities, handicap accessible hiking trail and four-board fencing.

Copies of the bid documents are furnished by the **Park Development Division of the Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning** from its offices at **9500 Brunett Avenue, Room B107, Silver Spring, Maryland**, after **12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 18, 2005**. The cost per bid document is \$20.00 (payable to M-NCPPC) and non-refundable. Payments must be made with **check or money order only**. Cash, credit and debit cards are not accepted. Proposal Documents may be sent by express delivery service. Call **301-495-2535** for instructions.

A pre-bid information meeting is being held **Friday, February 4, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., Parkside Headquarters, 9500 Brunett Avenue, Room B107, Silver Spring, MD.**

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BID NO. B25-146 OVID HAZEN WELLS RECREATIONAL PARK

The **Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission (M-NCPPC)** (Montgomery County) hereby invites sealed bids from interested parties for the the **Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park, Phase 1B** construction project. Work includes the construction of recreation facilities including two softball fields, hiker-biker trails, playground, and related infra-structure including entrance, internal access road, parking and stormwater management.

Copies of the bid documents are furnished by the **Park Development Division of the Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning** from its offices at **9500 Brunett Avenue, Room B107, Silver Spring, Maryland 20901**, after **10:00a.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2005**. The cost per bid document is \$50.00 (payable to M-NCPPC) and non-refundable. Payments must be made with check or money order only. Cash, credit and debit cards are not accepted. Bidding Documents may be sent by express delivery service. Call (301) 495-2535 for instructions.

A pre-bid information meeting is being held on **Tuesday, January 25, 2005, 10:00a.m.**, at **Parkside Headquarters, 9500 Brunett Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20901**.

Sealed bids must be received by the **Commission's Purchasing Office, c/o Rhonda Brown, M-NCPPC, 9500 Brunett Avenue, Room B107, Silver Spring, Maryland 20901**, not later than **Wednesday, February 16, 2005, at 11:00a.m.** The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids received, and to waive irregularities.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING STRONGLY ENCOURAGES THE PARTICIPATION OF MINORITY, FEMALE, AND DISABLED OWNED BUSINESSES IN THE SOLICITATION PROCESS, AND INVITES THEM TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE CONTRACTING AND SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES.

Questions and concerns regarding this solicitation should be directed to **Rhonda Brown, Contract Specialist, at (301) 495-2546**.

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Dulles Airport New Runways Environmental Impact Statement

PUBLIC NOTICE ■ FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Washington Dulles International Airport

Notice of Availability: Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Draft General Conformity Determination & Draft Section 106 Report

Notice of Public Hearing: New Runways and Related Improvements

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) incorporating a Draft Air Quality General Conformity Determination (DGCD) and Draft Section 106 Historic Resources Report will be available for public review beginning January 13, 2005. The DEIS presents a comprehensive analysis of the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed development of two new air carrier runways, terminal facilities, and other related improvements at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD).

DEIS LOCATIONS

A copy of the DEIS which contains the DGCD as Appendix G-5 and the Section 106 Report as Appendix C-2 will be placed on reserve for review at the following locations.

Fairfax County:

Centreville Regional Library, Chantilly Regional Library, Great Falls Library, Herndon Fortnightly Library, Reston Regional Library, Fairfax City Regional Library, Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library

Loudoun County:

Ashburn Library, Rust Library, Middleburg Library, Purcellville Library, Sterling Library, Eastern Loudoun Regional Library

FAA & MWAAs Offices:

The DEIS will also be available for review by appointment only at the following FAA / MWAAs Offices. Please call to make arrangements for viewing:

- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Washington Airports District Office, 23723 Air Freight Lane, Suite 210, Dulles, VA, Phone: (703) 661-1364
- Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD), Airport Manager's Office, Main Terminal Baggage Claim Level, Dulles, VA, Phone: (703) 572-2710

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

FAA will conduct Public Information Workshops and Public Hearings where you can comment on the information contained in the DEIS, DGCD and Draft Section 106 Report.

Exhibit Areas will be set up during the Information Workshop and citizens can discuss the documents with representatives of the FAA, MWAAs and consulting team.

All comments are due between January 21 and March 7, 2005.

PUBLIC HEARING LOCATIONS

Loudoun County: Tuesday, February 22, 2005; 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. (Information Workshop); 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. (Public Hearing), Farmwell Station Middle School, 44281 Gloucester Pkwy, Ashburn, VA.

Fairfax County: Wednesday, February 23, 2005; 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. (Information Workshop); 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. (Public Hearing), Stone Middle School, 5500 Sully Park Dr., Centreville, VA.

Pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, this project is being evaluated for consistency with the Virginia Coastal Program.

Section 306 (b) (14) of the CZMA requires public participation in the Federal consistency review process.

These Public Workshops/Hearings are also being conducted pursuant to MWAAs 1987 Programmatic Memorandum of Agreement with the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (as regards Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 - 36 CFR 800).

If you require special assistance to attend and participate in these meetings, please call 48 hours in advance of the meetings—757-460-4183. Collect calls will be accepted.

QUESTIONS?

Please direct questions or comments concerning the DEIS, DGCD, or Public Hearings to FAA's Project Manager: Mr. Brad Mehaffy, FAA, Washington Airports District Office, 23723 Air Freight Lane, Suite 210, Dulles, VA 20166, Phone: (703) 661-1364

For more information visit: www.mwaa.com/dulles/EnvironmentalStudies/RunwaysEIS.htm





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