

Satcher headed back to Morehouse

U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher is headed back to Morehouse College in Atlanta.

Satcher, who announced last year that he would not seek reappointment, will be the first director of the new National Center for Primary Care at the Morehouse School of Medicine.

For Satcher, the job will be a homecoming of sorts. Morehouse is his alma mater and he was professor and chairman of the department of community medicine and family practice for four years until 1982.

Satcher was named surgeon general by President Clinton. The Bush administration criticized Satcher last year after a report released by his office said that abstinence-only programs, which promote sexual abstinence while barring discussion of birth control, do not work as well as some groups have claimed.



Satcher

Actor receives artwork instead of plaque

LAUDERHILL, Fla. — Actor James Earl Jones reportedly received artwork at the city's Martin Luther King Day celebration Saturday instead of a corrected version of a plaque that mistakenly honored "James Earl Ray," King's assassin.

City Commissioner Margaret Bates, chairwoman of the city's King Day task force, said the plaque has picked up a "stigma" from the mistake and the ensuing national news coverage that can't be erased.

"We want the plaque to go its way, and we will go our way," she said.

Instead, Bates said, Jones received a piece of African-American art during the celebration in this Fort Lauderdale suburb.

Texas-based Merit Industries, the plaque's maker, has accepted responsibility for engraving the plaque "Thank you James Earl Ray for keeping the dream alive." Ray fatally shot King in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968.

Merit officials said the mistake happened when an employee was preparing Lauderdale's plaque at about the same time as one for Ray Johnson.

March to protest lack of black coaching slots in college football

The head of the American Football Coaches Association's minority issues committee says he is thinking of holding a march on Washington or a demonstration on National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) headquarters to protest the lack of black head coaches at 115 Division A colleges.

There are still only four black head football coaches at 115 Division I-A schools, but there were no black candidates to fill 13 recent vacancies.

"It seems like the new deal for athletic directors now is to say they contacted a (candidate of color). But then you find out that they really hadn't but they let it out to the media that they had and they're left looking like pretty good guys," committee head Tony Pierce said.

The number of black coaches is at the level of 3.5 percent representation, in a sport where slightly more than half of players are black.

Ecumenical group has woman president

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — As the first woman president of a coalition of mostly black clergy, the Rev. Kathy Ogletree Goodwin has made a habit of crossing boundaries.

Goodwin was the first black woman in Kentucky to be ordained an elder in the United Methodist Church since 1968, when the newly merged denomination integrated its racially separate jurisdictions.

Goodwin, who now is pastor of Coke Memorial United Methodist Church in Louisville's Smoketown neighborhood, said she's excited about serving as president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Coalition.

Goodwin was elected in November to lead the group after being nominated by outgoing President Walter Malone Jr., pastor of one of Jefferson County's largest congregations, Canaan Missionary Baptist Church.

Goodwin, 44, said she respects those coalition members who do not ordain women, but that her unanimous election is a clear statement that they are willing to work with her.

The ecumenical group of Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal and other churches does not delve into doctrinal disputes such as the ordination of women. Instead, it seeks to present a unified voice for black Christians on political and social issues.

Tucker will return as Image Awards host

LOS ANGELES — Actor/comedian Chris Tucker will host the 33rd NAACP Image Awards for the second consecutive year, it was announced last week by executive producer Suzanne de Passe. The live presentation will be taped on Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Universal Amphitheatre and will air Friday, March 1, on FOX at 8 p.m. ET/PT.

"We're thrilled to have Chris back as host," said Kweisi Mfume, president and CEO of the NAACP. "Chris's charisma and quick wit are a huge asset to the Image Awards."

Tucker is one of Hollywood's fastest rising stars. His box office hits include "Money Talks" and "Rush Hour," which grossed more than \$300 million worldwide. In 2001, Tucker starred in "Rush Hour 2," which became one of the five top grossing films of the year. His upcoming projects include his live stand-up movie and starring in the highly anticipated film "Mr. President," which is set for release in 2002.

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Congress flunks NAACP's test

NAACP: Report cards reveal regression 'that must be stopped'

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WASHINGTON — More than half of the members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives received a grade of F on the NAACP's civil rights report card.

The Legislative Report Card covers issues considered important by the NAACP for the first half of the 107th Congress, which recently concluded.

Although the Senate is controlled by Democrats and the House is controlled by Republicans, a majority of members in each body received flunking grades.

"It still clearly shows that so many members of the House and Senate still don't have a clear understanding or they really disregard the real needs and concerns of the African-American community," said Hilary Shelton director of the NAACP Washington Bureau. "It's got to be one or the other. They either simply don't understand or they have no regard for it."

Fifty-two of the 100 senators received F's and 226 members of



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Sen. James Jeffords won over many liberal allies when he left the Republican Party, but the NAACP says Jeffords is not always friendly when it comes to civil rights issues.

the 435-member House received F's on votes related to education, election reform, foreign affairs, discrimination, economic justice, health care, hate crimes and charitable choice.

The grading scale is A, 100-90 percent; B, 89-80 percent; C, 79-70 percent; D, 69-60 percent; F, 59-0 percent.

Among the most startling revelations in the report was the grade of F for Sen. James Jeffords

(I-Vt.), who won accolades from many liberal organizations when he switched his party allegiance from Republican to independent last spring, tipping Senate power to Democrats.

Jeffords, who voted correctly only 55 percent with the NAACP, did well on predatory lending, hate crimes and AIDS prevention, but fared poorly on public education and economic justice issues. He also voted in favor of the con-

firmation of Attorney General John Ashcroft, who was opposed by the NAACP, and voted against the Patients' Bill of Right, also supported by the NAACP.

Jeffords has gone from bad to worse. His final grade was D on the previous NAACP report card.

Curiously, the NAACP did not include two crucial votes by Congress after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The first was the Sept. 14

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HBCUs included in Bush's budget

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

U. S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige this week announced that President George W. Bush's budget request for the Education Department will include more than \$350 million for programs that will strengthen historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), historically black graduate institutions (HBGIs) and Hispanic-serving institutions (HSIs) — an increase of more than \$12 million over current funding levels.

Paige described Bush's commitment to meeting the needs of all America's students — particularly students from minority and disadvantaged backgrounds — during his remarks at a citywide observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Washington, D.C.

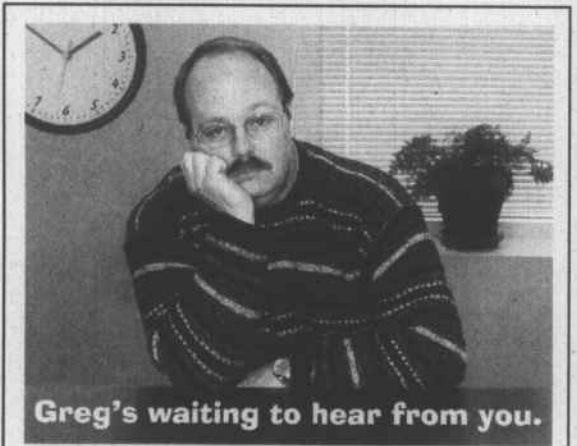
Paige reflected upon the significance of Bush's commitment to educating America's youths through the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, which he signed into law earlier this month. Noting that Bush's commitment extends beyond elementary and secondary schools to expanding higher education



Paige

opportunities, Paige announced that Bush will continue to support funding increases for programs that support higher education institutions serving large numbers of minority students and will ask Congress for more than \$264 million in federal support for HBCUs and HBGIs for fiscal year 2003.

Bush's budget request for fiscal year 2003 also will include a request for more than \$89 million to support HSIs in order to help close the attainment gap between Hispanic students and their peers.



Greg's waiting to hear from you.

This is Greg Errett

Greg's a planner with the city's Transportation Department. Recently he's been working on the 2025 Multi-Modal Long-Range Transportation Plan. He calls it the "LRTP" for short. It lays out the vision of how our transportation system will look in 2025. It covers streets, highways, buses, commuter rail, bicycles and pedestrians.

With it goes the Air Quality Determination Report. It discusses how the quality of the air would be affected in Forsyth County if we built everything in the LRTP.

Read his plan ... and the report

You can make Greg happy by looking over both documents and telling him what you think of them. Copies are available in all branches of the Forsyth County Public Library, in the town halls of all the municipalities in Forsyth County, at the city's DOT office (100 E. First Street, Suite 307) and in the state DOT office at 2125 Cloverdale Ave. You may view the document online at www.cityofws.org/dot/

Then tell him what you think...

Greg wants to hear what you think about both the plan and the report, but he needs it in writing. And, he needs to hear from you by 5 p.m. Feb. 25. Comments may be submitted by mail, fax or e-mail.

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