

News at a Glance

Film to tell Nelson Mandela's story

(Special to the NNPA) - Hollywood star Morgan Freeman will star in a new \$40 million movie about the life of Nelson Mandela, who helped lead South Africa out of the bonds of apartheid.

Based on Mandela's autobiography, "Long Walk to Freedom," the movie will be produced by South African Anant Singh, and directed by Indian film-maker Shekar Kapur.

Initially Kapur turned down the project but later accepted after visiting South Africa. "Somebody had to take the responsibility," Kapur said. "He (Mandela) is a spiritual hero like Gandhi. He does not need to fight a bloody battle to win."

The movie will span Mandela's highly eventful life: his childhood and tribal upbringing, his youth spent working as a law clerk, his political awakening and role in the African National Congress (ANC), his 27 years in prison, his eventual release and role in ending the oppression of South Africa's blacks (for which he won the Nobel Peace Prize), his five-year term as president, his ongoing work as an advocate for peace and freedom.

Producer Anant Singh says that he will be casting South African as well as international actors for the film, which will start production later this year, and should be released in late 2004.

Princeton University to end program for minority students over fear of a lawsuit

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) - Princeton University will stop offering a summer enrichment program for minority students because of concerns that it could be targeted in an affirmative action lawsuit.

Administrators of the Woodrow Wilson School Junior Summer Institute made the decision earlier this week after Princeton's lawyers determined the program's race-based admissions policy could not be defended in court. The decision was announced last Thursday.

The decision does not mean Princeton is against affirmative action, and the university has found no problems with its other programs, said Robert Durkee, the university's vice president for communications.

The university will go ahead with this year's program because 30 students are already enrolled. School officials then will wait for the Supreme Court to rule on the University of Michigan's affirmative action policy to see whether the program could continue if its admissions criteria were changed.

The Ford Foundation and other private groups initially funded the seven-week program when it was started in 1985, but the foundation withdrew its support five years ago after becoming concerned about the program's legal status.

Since then, the university has funded the program, which encourages black and Hispanic undergraduates to pursue graduate work in public policy and international affairs.

University officials said a group that opposes affirmative action had contacted them within the past year and raised questions about the program. They would not identify the group, but Roger Clegg of the Virginia-based Center for Equal Opportunity said his group and the American Civil Rights Institute had made inquiries.

Virginia picks first black chief justice

(Special to the NNPA) - The Virginia Legislature will elect Leroy Hassell to become the 24th chief justice of the Virginia Supreme Court, its first black chief justice.

Hassell will become one of only four black chief justices nationwide. The other jurists serve in Maryland; Washington, D.C.; and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

A native of Norfolk, Hassell graduated from the University of Virginia with honors in 1977 and earned his juris doctorate degree from Harvard Law School in 1980. A former partner of a prestigious law firm in Richmond, Hassell was appointed to the Supreme Court of Virginia in December 1989 at age 34.

"The first time I met him he told me he was going to Harvard Law School," friend and University of Virginia classmate George Martin told reporters. "He hadn't been to one class yet his first year of college, and I met him in a dorm and that was the first thing he said."

Hassell was second-in-line to succeed Harry L. Carrico as chief justice. However, Virginia replaced the seniority system with procedures for the justices to elect their top administrator. Hassell will serve a term of four years.

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center gets \$6 million in donations

WASHINGTON (AP) - Black Entertainment Television founder Robert L. Johnson and former Procter & Gamble chairman John Pepper are donating \$3 million each to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati.

These are the largest donations made so far, bringing the total raised for the \$110 million center to more than \$90 million, officials said.

The center, an affiliate program of the Smithsonian Institution, is expected to open by July 2004.

Pepper and former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young are chairmen of a fundraising campaign for the center. Pepper earlier had donated \$800,000 for lobbying for the center in Washington.

Two of the center's three pavilions will be named after the Johnson and Pepper families. Spencer Crew, the center's executive director, said last week.

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Inmates with HIV having unsafe sex

Many former inmates have unprotected sex after release, a new university study finds

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CHAPEL HILL - A new University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine study finds that inmates infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, engaged in unprotected sex both before imprisonment and after their release at "exceedingly high rates."

Seventy-eight percent of N.C. men and women prisoners carrying the virus who had a main sex partner reported unprotected sex with that person in the year before they were locked up, the study showed. Twenty-six percent of them interviewed again soon after release admitted to already having sex without condoms with their main sex partners.

For about half the subjects, the time between regaining their freedom and having sex averaged fewer than nine days and ranged from one hour to 31 days. Two-thirds of inmates had at least one other sex partner before imprisonment, and of those with multiple partners, the average number was eight, researchers found.

Given their current sexual behavior, 29 percent of former inmates felt it was "very" or "somewhat" likely that they would infect their HIV-negative main sex partner. It was not clear why that did not change their behavior or why others did not think they could pass on the disease.



Inmates leaving prison could be spreading the HIV virus to the general population.

"This clearly should be a wake up call for public health experts, physicians, prison officials and others concerned about reducing the spread of HIV," said Dr. David A. Wohl, assistant professor of medicine at UNC and an infectious disease expert.

In their study, which ran from May 2001 to the present, UNC researchers enrolled and interviewed inmates from larger facilities across North Carolina, including Central Prison, about their behaviors before being locked up. Investigators have so far reached 75 of them again via telephone after their release and asked comparable questions. Two interviewed earlier already had died of HIV-related illnesses, and

five were locked up again before the second interview.

Subjects ranged in age from 18 to 55 and averaged 36 years old. Fifty-seven percent were women, 74 percent were black, 4 percent were Native American and 83 percent described themselves as heterosexual. Half had at least a high school education.

About two-thirds of former inmates with multiple partners reported having at least one partner before going to prison who did not have the virus yet.

Just over 3 percent of the U.S. population - 6.5 million people - were in some form of correctional custody nationwide in 2002, according to Bureau of Justice statistics. Of those in prisons and

jails, between 35,000 and 47,000 were HIV-infected, which was more than 10 times the prevalence of HIV among those not incarcerated. The vast majority were infected outside prison, not inside, Wohl said.

A recent study led by Dr. Adaora Adimora, assistant professor of medicine at UNC, of 244 black men and women with and without HIV showed that HIV-positive men were six times more likely than HIV-negative men to have had a sex partner who had been incarcerated in the previous year, Wohl said. HIV-positive women were four times more likely than others to have had a partner who had been locked up in the past year.

Sanford apologizes for 1968 massacre

BY JIM DAVENPORT THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, S.C. - Gov. Mark Sanford formally apologized Saturday for state troopers gunning down three civil rights protesters shortly after a memorial on the 35th anniversary of what has become known as the Orangeburg massacre.

"I think it's appropriate to tell the African-American community in South Carolina that we don't just regret what happened in Orangeburg 35 years ago - we apologize for it," Sanford said in a statement.

Sanford's apology caught civil rights leaders by surprise.

"Well, I'm glad that we have someone that recognizes that this was a massacre, and it's long overdue," said James Gallman, president of the state's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"We seem to have a governor who is ready to step up to the plate and make amends for some of the atrocities of our previous leadership," Gallman said.

"It's good that the governor shows the kind of courage, respect that he has shown for what has been a very difficult situation," said Lonnie Randolph, the NAACP's state program director. "It's now possible healing will take place that hasn't taken place over the years," he said.

At a memorial service two years ago, former Gov. Jim Hodges said the people of the state "deeply regret" the incident, but a spokesman stressed that wasn't an apology.

Sen. Kay Patterson, D-Columbia, said he didn't see much difference between Hodges' expression of regret and Sanford's apology. "That's kind of splitting hairs," he said.

Still, it shows an effort "to try to heal the state and bring the state together," Patterson said.

The incident started on Feb.

8, 1968, when protesters marched back to South Carolina State University's campus from an Orangeburg bowling alley where blacks were banned.

The men gathered near a bonfire when a platoon of white highway patrolmen opened fire. The shots killed 20-year-old Henry Smith and 19-year-old Samuel Hammond, both students at the university, and 17-

year-old Delano Middleton, a local high school student.

Twenty-seven other students from South Carolina State, neighboring Claflin University and an area high school were injured.

Nine patrolmen were indicted by a federal grand jury, and all were acquitted. Many of them said students fired first and threw bricks and at least one

Molotov cocktail. Students and protesters have denied that they were armed.

About 200 people attended a ceremony Saturday to honor the men.

Sanford wasn't at the ceremony, but said in his statement that his prayers and thoughts went out to the friends and families of the men killed 35 years ago.

NOTICE MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is seeking minority and women-owned firms (M/WBE) to bid on upcoming highway projects throughout the State. The Locations of the projects are:

Project No.	County/Route	Type	Location	Metric/English	GOALS BY PERCENT		
					DBE	MBE	WBE
8.2492806	Guilford	Widening, grading, drainage, paving & structures	SR-1546 (Guilford College Rd.) from SR-4121 (High Point Rd) in Jamestown to north of SR-1549	Metric	10%		
8.2510602	Rockingham	Grading, drainage, paving & structure	Bridge over Norfolk Southern Corp & approaches on SR-1378	English	10%		
8.2550402	Montgomery	Replacement of structure	Bridge over Lake Tillery & approaches on SR-1110	English	10%		
9.8103421	Cabarrus	Grading, drainage & paving	Kannapolis West Side Bypass from NC-73 to SR-1620 (Macedonia Church Road)	Metric		8%	4%
7.8511247	Burke	Shoulder reconstruction & resurfacing	2 sections of US-64, 1 section of NC-126, 1 section of NC-181, 2 sections of US-70 and 7 sections of secondary roads	English		5%	3%
8.1960902	Jackson	Median guardrail	US-74 east of Swain County line to east of US-441 North and US-74 from SR-1514 to SR-1527	English	0%		

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