

News at a Glance

Powell says he's leaving politics

WASHINGTON (AP) — As he prepares to end his tenure as secretary of state, Colin Powell is ruling out a run for political office.

Asked on the Sunday talk shows if he had any plans to seek elective office, Powell responded with a firm and quick, "no."

He said he has no immediate plans to write a book, either.

Powell said he really hasn't nailed down exactly what he's going to do.

"I'm still looking at the opportunities that are out there after I retire. I'm sure there will be opportunities to serve in a public way," Powell told NBC's "Meet the Press."

"I don't intend to go hibernate for the rest of my life. And so we'll see what happens. I hope to continue to serve the country in some way in private life," he added.

Powell also appeared on CBS and CNN. In a farewell interview with The Associated Press last month, the secretary suggested that working to promote education among disadvantaged children might play a role in his future endeavors. "I wouldn't be surprised if working in the field of mentoring or education or something like that does not appear on my calendar," he said.



Powell

Federal monitor says Cincinnati police officials are not cooperating

CINCINNATI (AP) — Police are not fully cooperating with a federal monitor appointed in the wake of riots in 2001 triggered by an officer's fatal shooting of an unarmed black man, the monitor said in a report released last week.

Police officials refused access to documents requested by a member of the monitor's staff and refused to let the staffer ride along with police on an inspection of known drug locations, the report said.

Saul Green, a former federal prosecutor, heads the team overseeing implementation of a 2002 agreement to make changes in police policies and a related settlement of a racial profiling lawsuit that accused police of harassing blacks.

Green's report was submitted to Judge Susan Dlott, who oversees negotiations for the agreement and the settlement of the lawsuit.

In earlier reports, Green had been critical of the city and Police Department; his report recently was the sternest yet, saying the city's noncompliance is a material breach of the agreement.

In the 2002 agreement, police agreed to improve training, reform use-of-force policies and change the way supervisors track performance. The city also pledged to improve relations between police and blacks. The terms of the settlement are supposed to last five years.

Greg Baker, the department's executive manager of police relations, did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

In October, Mayor Charlie Luken asked the government to end its supervision of police, insisting the department had achieved "outstanding results" and that demands from the Justice Department had become a nuisance.

Giants, NFL donate \$200,000 toward restoration of historic stadium

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The NFL and the New York Giants recently announced a \$200,000 donation toward the restoration of historic Hinchliffe Stadium in Paterson.

The grant is from the NFL Grassroots Program, a \$150 million fund established by the NFL and the NFL Players Association, to support youth football initiatives in NFL markets. Hinchliffe was identified by the nonprofit Local Initiatives Support Corp., a nationwide community development organization based in Manhattan.

The grant will be administered by the Paterson Public Schools as part of a \$25 million project to develop a district sports academy, with a restored stadium as its centerpiece.

Built in 1932 and used for high school football, Hinchliffe is best known for its role in professional baseball as home to the New York Black Yankees of the Negro National League in the 1930s and '40s.

The 7,500-seat stadium, which overlooks Paterson's Great Falls, fell into disrepair and was closed in 1997. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

City celebrates boycott 50th anniversary

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — City leaders hope to turn an event that once divided blacks and whites in the early stages of the Civil Rights Movement into a celebration of equality for the 50th anniversary of the Montgomery bus boycott.

Observance events are scheduled to take place throughout the new year — the boycott began four days after the arrest of Rosa Parks on Dec. 1, 1955 — with many designed to educate the community on the significance of the boycott.

Some who participated in the historic events of a half-century ago, such as Johnnie Carr, are involved in the anniversary activities.

"After 50 years of struggling, the accomplishments should be known to the people, to let them know where we were and where we're going," said Carr, president of the Montgomery Improvement Association, the group formed in 1955 to organize the protest.

One activity planned is a commemoration of the legal case, styled *Browder v. Gayle*, that led to the federal court ruling that declared bus segregation unconstitutional. Also planned is an observance highlighting the contributions of E.D. Nixon of Montgomery, who moved quickly after the Parks arrest to launch the boycott, which propelled the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. into the national spotlight.

Rep. Alvin Holmes, D-Montgomery, a veteran black politician, said it is important for blacks and whites to take part in the observance.

"It's the birthplace of the Civil Rights Movement, and people should join in and send a very good signal to the nation that we have made much progress in Alabama," Holmes said. "We still have a way to go — we're not completely free and equal — but we're a long way from what we used to be during the Civil Rights Movement."

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Shirley Chisholm made political history during her 80 years of life. In the late 1960s, she became the first black woman elected to Congress. She also ran for president. This photo of Chisholm was taken in 1997.

Shirley Chisholm remembered as one 'unbought and unbossed'

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WASHINGTON — Retired Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm (D-N.Y.), the first black woman elected to Congress and a 1972 presidential candidate, is being hailed in death as a die-hard heroine for justice and equality.

Chisholm, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., died at her home in Palm Coast, Fla., near Daytona Beach, on Saturday at the age of 80. She had suffered several strokes and was reported in deteriorating health, according to relatives.

But those who worked closely with one of the founding members of the Congressional Black Caucus remember her as a healthy, feisty, outspoken advocate for the voiceless in society.

"When you see somebody as feisty and as gutsy as Shirley, breaking a barrier, running for Congress and then having the guts to go for broke and run for president, the effect she had was

to encourage struggle, encourage people who were down and out

to understand that without struggle, you could break barriers," said D.C. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton.

Norton, who was commissioner of human rights in New York when Chisholm first ran for Congress in 1968 against James Farmer, former chair of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), recalls how Chisholm was ridiculed simply

for running.

Chisholm spent 25 years in politics, including serving as a state assemblywoman in New York from 1964 to 1968 and in 1969 beginning the first of seven terms in Congress. The title of her autobiography, "Unbought and Unbossed" — was perhaps the best description of her.

"Those of us who served with her in the New York State Assembly and watched her career in the House, to which she was elected in 1968, knew of her boldness and passionate commitment," recalled U.S. Rep.

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Marchers protest deaths of two blacks by cops

BY RON WORD
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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — About 200 people chanting "No justice, no peace" marched through the city Saturday to protest the deaths of two black men in police custody.

At a rally on the steps of the Jacksonville sheriff's office,

An internal investigation of the death is continuing, but investigators found the officer used excessive force in another incident.

In the other death, Ezra Jones, 29, suffered a heart attack while in restraints on Dec. 5. Jones, who was homeless, had been arrested for

blocking a public sidewalk.

Sheriff John Rutherford said in a statement Saturday that no excessive force was used by officers. The county medical examiner's office found the heart attack was caused by cocaine use and the stress of the restraints.

Both the FBI and the U.S.

attorney's office are investigating the deaths to determine if the victims' civil rights were violated.

Brown, D-Fla., also promised to push for a full investigation by the U.S. Justice Department. "We have no confidence in the police department," she said.



Brown

U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown, civil rights leaders and ministers called for the creation of a citizens review

board to look into police brutality.

"This police department is out of control," said Adora Obi Nweze, president of the Florida chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "These are not killings by law enforcement officers; these are murders."

A white police officer has resigned since the death of one of the men, Sammie Lee Evans, 49, whose neck was broken as police tried to arrest him on Dec. 3 for possession of an open container of alcohol outside his home.



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