

News at a Glance

Oprah to release 20th anniversary DVD

CHICAGO (AP) — Oprah Winfrey's greatest hits are coming to DVD.

"The 'Oprah Winfrey Show': 20th Anniversary DVD Collection" is scheduled for release in November. The multiple-disc set will feature some complete episodes as well as highlights, behind-the-scenes footage and interviews with Winfrey, according to her production company.

"Every show you'll see here holds such profound meaning for me," Winfrey said in a prepared statement.

Winfrey's Harpo Productions Inc. plans to donate its profits from the DVD release to Oprah's Angel Network, a charity that has raised more than \$30 million for nonprofit groups.



Winfrey

FAMU recommends penalties, names new compliance official

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida A&M volunteered to strip its football program of 28 scholarships over three years and impose a one-year postseason ban on its men's basketball team as the school conceded a "widespread" lack of institutional control in an internal report released Monday.

The school fired football coach Billy Joe several weeks ago as part of its effort to avoid additional penalties for more than 200 violations that surfaced in nearly every varsity sport at the historically black college.

The report also recommended eliminating 4.5 baseball scholarships, 3.5 in men's track and 2.5 in women's track and curtail recruiting activities for three years and reduce the time allowed for football practice.

The university's findings revealed more than 100 athletes were allowed to compete without filling out eligibility or drug-testing consent forms required by the NCAA.

Florida A&M said it would vacate any team or individual records or awards resulting from performances by ineligible athletes between 1998-2005.

The investigation has already led to the school stripping itself of 11 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference titles, including two in football. Florida A&M forwarded this report to the NCAA in June, but had not released the details of the proposed scholarship cuts. The NCAA is doing its own investigation at the school and is expected to make its ruling this fall.

The proposed cutbacks would coincide with Florida A&M's budget cuts that have staggered the athletic department.

Rev. Al Sharpton forms group to promote racial harmony in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Rev. Al Sharpton announced Monday he was forming a coalition to promote racial unity between blacks and Hispanics in the city, hoping to ease a long-running rivalry over jobs, housing and schools.

"Neither community can be what it needs to be unless we are together. We are not each other's enemies," Sharpton said at a news conference. "We cannot turn on each other at a time that there are those that exploit, oppress and suppress all of us."

Sharpton called for a range of public activities aimed at bringing attention to the shared interests of blacks and Hispanics, from community forums to church visits to radio appearances. The group, the Latino & African-American Leadership Alliance, plans a march later this month on the anniversary of the Watts racial riots.

He said he was particularly concerned about conflict in schools. At one high school last spring, a series of fights was blamed on tension between black and Hispanic students. One fight was so serious police needed batons and pepper spray to break it up.

The activist minister made the announcement seated beside his co-chair, Christine Chavez, a union organizer and granddaughter of labor hero Cesar Chavez. Asked about the shortage of prominent black or Hispanic leaders at the event, Sharpton said, "You have to begin the process and others will come forward. I don't think that you want to do everything in one day."

Dupri says Jackson shouldn't be humble about acquittal

NEW YORK (AP) — If Michael Jackson took Jermaine Dupri's advice, he'd be on TV flaunting his acquittal instead of retreating from the public eye.

"I was him, I would have gone on 'TRL' immediately and said look, 'Everybody who wanna say something about me, good, y'all could say whatever y'all wanna say. There's nothing you can say about me at this point, no more than what just happened,'" said Dupri, who is based in Atlanta and is dating Jackson's sister Janet.

Jackson was acquitted in June on child molestation charges.

While other scandal-plagued stars have launched the comeback route with a teary-eyed interview with Oprah Winfrey or Barbara Walters, Dupri scoffed at the suggestion that Jackson should be remorseful.

"He don't have to do that, because he didn't do nothing wrong. Everybody else did something wrong but him. What did he do wrong? Why should he come back and cry?" Dupri asked.

And though some have doubted whether the pop star could make a successful comeback, Dupri says Jackson has a magical quality that will always keep people interested.

"If Michael Jackson came in this room right now, there would be no one in this room who could not stop looking at him. As long as you've got that power, you're never damaged," Dupri told The Associated Press in a recent interview.



Dupri

Hispanics new target of hate groups

BY BILL POOVEY
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.

— Organized hate groups such as the Ku Klux Klan have historically terrorized blacks and Jews in the Southeast. But the recent influx of Hispanic immigrants to the region has given hate groups a new target, and officials say Hispanics are increasingly targets of hate crimes.

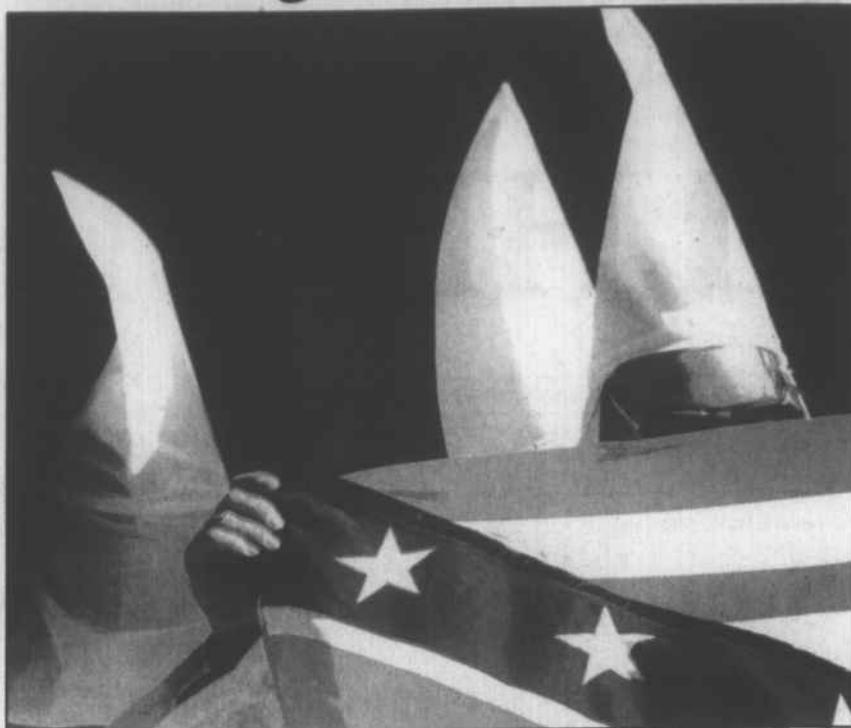
Former Klansman Daniel Schertz, a 27-year-old from the southeast Tennessee town of South Pittsburg, was indicted in June on charges of building pipe bombs to kill Hispanic immigrants.

Imperial Wizard Billy Jeffery of the North Georgia White Knights denied any connection to the bomb plot and said he banished Schertz from the group, but he readily admits he isn't happy with the flow of immigrants to the region.

"The blacks fought for their civil rights. These illegal immigrants are coming in here and having everything just handed to them," Jeffery said.

Advocates say there are no precise statistics on hate crimes against Hispanics. Victims don't always call the police because of their precarious immigration status.

"People feel they will not be protected, and they are risking deportation," said John Bernstein, director of federal policy at the National Immigration Law Center in Washington. "That is more and more a problem with hate crimes."



Hate crimes against Hispanic immigrants have been common in other parts of the country, but Southern states saw their Hispanic populations boom in the 1990s. Arkansas' Hispanic population rose by 337 percent during the decade, Georgia's by 300 percent, Tennessee's by 278 percent, and South Carolina's by 211 percent.

One of the first signs of organized anti-Hispanic activi-

ty in the South occurred in Gainesville, Ga., in 1998, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, an Alabama group that tracks hate crimes.

The American Knights of the KKK held a rally on Hall County Courthouse steps, followed by a cross-burning in nearby Winder. A few years later, in 2001, the nation's largest neo-Nazi organization, the National Alliance, staged a

rally in Hall County.

Santos Aguilar of the Alianza Del Pueblo, an advocacy center for immigrants in Knoxville, said he believes the number of hate groups taking aim at immigrants continues to grow.

"The majority of the crimes are not reported to the law enforcement agencies," he said.

While a member of the

See **Hate** on A9

Rally planned for Voting Rights Act

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY
NNPA CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON — African-Americans and other people of color must fight now to not only reauthorize, but strengthen the Voting Rights Act of 1965 when key anti-discriminatory sections of it comes up for a congressional vote in 2007, say civil rights activists.

"We must have mass education and mass inspiration so our people can know to fight back. Most people do not know the Voting Rights Act is in jeopardy, and the Voting Rights Act is up for reauthorization, and the Voting Rights Act is not being fully enforced," Jesse Jackson Sr. said in an interview with the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

"It'll be time to go back to the streets and march to alert people and mobilize people before the fact, not after the fact. 2007 will be too late," Jackson said. "We'll be too far behind the eight-ball by 2007."

Jackson will lead a national march Saturday in Atlanta to commemorate the act's 40th anniversary and to press for reauthorization.

The 15th Amendment (ratified in 1870) gave black men the right to vote but was not fully enforced until the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Congress amended and strengthened the Voting Rights Act in 1982 and extended it for 25 more years — until 2007. A key



Jesse Jackson will lead the march effort.

section set for expiration is the pre-clearance clause of Section 5, which requires certain states with a history of discrimination to submit any changes in voting procedures to the Department of Justice for approval before they can take effect.

Those states are: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas and Virginia. The state, county or local governments must prove to federal authorities that voting changes do not have racially discriminatory purposes and that they will not make racial minority voters worse off than they were before the change.

The attorney general can then

prevent a change by issuing an objection, which can be challenged in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Section 5 also requires federal poll watchers to be on site during voting.

Section 203, which requires voting precincts to eliminate any language barriers, is also up for renewal in 2007.

Though House Judiciary Committee Chairman F. James Sensenbrenner (R-Wyo.) said at the NAACP annual convention that he will support full authorization of the measure, Jackson says nothing can be taken for granted.

"The forces that we defeated in 1965 never stopped trying to take it back. They use gerrymandering, annexation, at-large, roll-purging, intimidation, gentrifica-

tion. They never stop trying," Jackson said.

Jackson also repeated the uncertain answer that President Bush gave to his son, U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-Ill.), during a Congressional Black Caucus visit to the White House in January.

The congressman quoted Bush as saying he "didn't know enough about" the Voting Rights Act to say whether he will support reauthorization.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan has since said that Bush is "firmly committed to protecting the voting rights of all Americans.... In terms of the reauthorization of that section of the Voting Rights Act, the president said that he would take a look at it."

See **Act** on A8

Attention Homeowners

Homes 1 year and older need to be checked for termites

"A flea circus is a good act but it takes termites to bring a home down."

Call
Triad Pest Control
1535 S. Martin Luther King Drive
Winston-Salem, NC
788-3020

New Name. New Location. Same People.

Mike Carico
336.231.8917

Lisa Clayton
336.831.1050

Ruth Hudspeth
336.831.1055

Dario Romo
336.231.8918

GRANITE MORTGAGE, INC.
Financing The American Dream

Granite Mortgage, Inc. is our new name.

You may remember us as GLL & Associates, Inc. Initially founded in 1985.

This year we celebrate 20 years as a local mortgage lender.

Offering great rates, quick closings, numerous loan programs and more.

Unique mortgage solutions at a local level.

For the past 15 years Granite Mortgage has been #1 in NC for First Time Homebuyer Loans.

Ann Tucker
336.831.1054

Corporate Location
791 Jonestown Road, Suite 110
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103
336.760.4911 Office • 336.760.4915 Fax
www.granitemortgageinc.com

Bob Church
336.712.1444

Natalie Dillard
336.831.1057

Denise Maroldy
336.499.1121

Lisa Wright
336.331.8915

Formerly GLL & Associates, Inc.

The Chronicle (USPS 067-910) was established by Ernest H. Pitt and Ndubisi Egemonye in 1974 and is published every Thursday by Winston-Salem Chronicle Publishing Co. Inc., 617 N. Liberty Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101. Periodicals postage paid at Winston-Salem, N.C. Annual subscription price is \$30.72.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to:
The Chronicle, P.O. Box 1636
Winston-Salem, NC 27102-1636