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Mia Farrow offers her freedom for that of Darfur rebel Suleiman Jamous

KHARTOUM (Reuters) - Mia Farrow has offered her freedom in exchange for that of a respected Darfur rebel figure, virtually imprisoned for more than 13 months, in a letter to Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir.

Sudan Liberation Army (SLA) Humanitarian Coordinator Suleiman Jamous has been confined to a U.N. hospital in Kordofan, neighboring Darfur, since the United Nations moved him there without permission last year.



Farrow

He needs a stomach biopsy which cannot be performed there.

Khartoum said if he left he would be arrested, but has said it is open to talks on his release.

"Before his seizure, Mr. Jamous played a crucial role in bringing the SLA to the negotiating table and in seeking reconciliation between its divided rival factions," Farrow said in the letter dated Aug. 5.

"I am therefore offering to take Mr. Jamous's place, to exchange my freedom

for his in the knowledge of his importance to the civilians of Darfur and in the conviction that he will apply his energies toward creating the just and lasting peace that the Sudanese people deserve and hope for."

Farrow, who was once married to Frank Sinatra, is a goodwill ambassador to the U.N. children's agency UNICEF and has visited Darfur twice. She has 15 children, 11 of them adopted.

International experts estimate 200,000 have died and 2.5 million been driven from their homes in more than four years of fighting in Sudan's remote west.

NAACP to investigate jail death

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) - Greenville's NAACP says it will conduct its own inquiry into the hanging death of a 25-year-old man in the Fountain Inn jail.

Police said Richard J. Johnson hanged himself with his long-sleeve T-shirt while he was in a holding cell alone July 29.

Johnson's family says the man had just gotten a new job and was engaged to be married, said Clarence Echols, president of the Greenville chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"There was no indication that he would do anything to take his own life," Echols said.

The NAACP is helping the family raise the \$3,400 needed for a second autopsy.

Fountain Inn police Chief Keith Morton said Johnson was arrested with a co-defendant and did not show any "signs of distress or odd behavior." Morton said Johnson died about an hour after being charged with possession of crack cocaine.

DNA testing confirms at least two more children for James Brown

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - The late soul singer James Brown is the father of at least two other children, his longtime adviser and trustee Buddy Dallas said Friday.

DNA testing has been done on about a dozen people who claimed the singer was their father, Dallas said. Several of the tests have come back negative for Brown's paternity, while others were pending, said Dallas, who did not have the exact numbers Friday night.

Dallas refused to identify the two people whose DNA showed they were Brown's children, but The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle reported that LaRhonda Pettit, a 45-year-old retired airline stewardess and teacher living in Houston, showed the newspaper a report that says there is a 99.99 percent probability she is Brown's daughter.

She would be the oldest of Brown's children. The Associated Press could not immediately reach her for comment.

Brown died on Dec. 25 from heart failure in an Atlanta hospital. His body wasn't laid to rest until March, when he was entombed in a crypt at the home of one of his daughters.

Brown's will names six children. It is being disputed in court. Dallas said one possible child of Brown that hasn't undergone a DNA test is 6-year-old James Brown II, the son of Tomi Rae Hynie.

Famed lawyer Oliver Hill dies

RICHMOND, Virginia (AP) - Oliver W. Hill, a civil rights lawyer who was at the front of the legal effort that desegregated public schools in the U.S., has died at age 100, a family friend said.

Hill died peacefully Sunday at his home during breakfast, said Joseph Morrissey, a friend of the Hill family.



Hill

In 1954, he was part of a series of lawsuits against racially segregated public schools that became the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* decision, which changed American society by setting the foundation for integrated education.

In 1940, Hill won his first civil rights case in Virginia, one that required equal pay for black and white teachers. Eight years later, he was the first black elected to Richmond's City Council since the Reconstruction Era that began after the end of the American Civil War in 1865.

A lawsuit argued by Hill in 1951 on behalf of students protesting deplorable conditions at their high school for blacks in Farmville, Virginia, became one of five cases decided under the *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling.

Though blind and confined to a wheelchair in recent years, Hill remained active in social and civil rights causes. In 1999, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest U.S. civilian honor, from President Bill Clinton.

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More black women are choosing to date white men

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RICHMOND, Va. - For years, Toinetta Jones played the dating game by her mom's strict rule.

"Mom always told me, 'Don't you ever bring a white man home,'" recalled Jones, echoing an edict issued by many Southern black mothers.

But at 37, the Alexandria divorcee has shifted to dating "anyone who asks me out," regardless of race.

"I don't sit around dreaming about the perfect black man I'm going to marry," Jones said.

Black women around the country also are reconsidering deep-seated reservations toward interracial relationships, reservations rooted in America's history of slavery and segregation.

They're taking cues from their favorite stars - from actress Shar Jackson to tennis pro Venus Williams - as

well as support blogs, how-to books and interracial-themed novels telling them it's OK to "date out."

It comes as statistics suggest American black women are among the least likely to marry.

"I'm not saying that white men are the answer to all our problems," Jones said. "I'm just saying that they offer a different solution."

She reflects many black women frustrated as the field of marriageable black men narrows: They're nearly seven times more likely to be incarcerated than white men and more than twice as likely to be unemployed.

Census data showed 117,000 black wife-white husband couples in 2006, up from 95,000 in 2000.

There were just 26,000 such couples in 1960, before a Supreme Court ruling banished laws against mixed



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Census data shows that unions between black women and white men are up.

Oakland paper editor was 'assassinated,' police say

Chauncey Bailey was an outspoken newsman

BY C. DIANNE HOWELL
THE OAKLAND POST

OAKLAND (NNPA) - Chauncey Bailey, 57, editor-in-chief of all five editions of the Post Newspaper and long time reporter covering the African-American and other communities, was gunned down in the street by an unknown assailant at 7:30 a.m. Thursday morning, August 2.

Devaughdne Broussard, 19, has been arrested for the murder. Police says he has confessed to the shotgun murder, saying he killed Bailey because of stories he was writing on the bakery where he worked as a handyman, according to reports.

Bailey had been reporting on the finances of Your Black Muslim Bakery.

Already on probation for a robbery conviction in San Francisco, Broussard was arrested last Friday along with six other people in an early-morning police raid on the bakery and adjacent buildings. Reports quote police as saying they recovered the shotgun they believe was used to kill Bailey at the house in which Broussard was living near the bakery.

Bailey was shot at the corner of 14th and Alice streets in downtown Oakland, apparently on his way to work. Roland Holmgren, Oakland police spokesman, said witnesses told police that a single gunman, wearing a mask, shot Bailey several times and fled.

Police and Crime Stoppers of Oakland had offered up to \$25,000 in reward money for information leading to the arrest of the suspect.

Chauncey Bailey grew up in east Oakland and was a member of St. Benedict's Church. He was one of five children, three of whom survive him. He was divorced and had one teenaged son who lives in Southern California.

For over 20 years Bailey covered the African-American community for the Oakland Tribune. Prior to writing for the Tribune, he wrote for the Detroit News, UPI, and the Hartford Courant. After leaving the Tribune, he continued to distinguish himself as a reporter on issues of concern to all communities. He was a popular reporter for KDIA radio and Soul Beat TV, and wrote for various



Chauncey Bailey

other publications, including the Sun Reporter and the Globe. Most recently he was one of the producers, co-founders and hosts for OUR-TV (Comcast Channel 78).

In June, he was promoted to become the editor-in-chief of all of the Post Newspapers - Oakland, Berkeley, Tri-City, Richmond, San Francisco and South County.

"Chauncey and I were

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