

Not a Note

Brazile to advise Martin

ATLANTA (AP) — Donna Brazile, a well-known Democratic pundit who led Al Gore's White House bid, is coming to Georgia to help Jim Martin.



Brazile

Brazile will be advising Martin's runoff campaign against Republican Sen. Saxby Chambliss.

Brazile said in an e-mail to Democrats that she "cleared her calendar" after learning Martin had forced a runoff with Chambliss. Brazile has some experience with runoffs. She helped Sen. Mary Landrieu win a 2002 runoff in her native Louisiana.

Brazile is perhaps best known for her political pundit duties on CNN. She was Al Gore's campaign manager in his unsuccessful presidential race against George W. Bush, becoming the first African-American to lead a major presidential campaign. The runoff election will be early next month.

UNCF, magazine partner

NEW YORK — American Legacy Magazine, the premier source for African-American history and culture, has announced that its Spring 2009 issue will feature a special advertising section highlighting UNCF — the United Negro College Fund — the nation's largest and most effective minority education organization.

This special section will highlight UNCF, which will celebrate its 65th anniversary in 2009, and a portion of the advertising proceeds from the section will benefit the 60,000 students who attend UNCF's 39 member private historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and receive UNCF scholarships.



Reynolds

"With college funding cuts a looming threat during this economic crisis, our HBCUs are bracing for the worst. However, this is a creative way for our existing and potential advertisers to support higher education," says Rodney J. Reynolds, founder and publisher of American Legacy Magazine.

UNCF provides operating funds for its member colleges, making it possible for these small institutions to offer their students 21st century academic programs while keeping their tuitions far below the average of other private colleges.

American Legacy Magazine is distributed nationwide to more than two million readers through black churches, educational and cultural institutions. Celebrating its 14th year, American Legacy Magazine is available on newsstands and through paid subscriptions; American Legacy is a joint venture between RJR Communications Inc. and Forbes Inc.

Protesters rally at courthouse

PARIS, Texas (AP) — Protesters galvanized by a dragging death that stirred memories of the notorious James Byrd case rallied twice outside an East Texas courthouse Monday to speak out against a justice system they consider racist.

About 60 people, led by a contingent from the New Black Panther Party and the Nation of Islam, met at the Lamar County Courthouse to bring attention to the death of Brandon McClelland. Later in the day, the groups returned with about 200 protesters. Afterward, dozens of people chanting "No justice, no peace" marched to a nearby church for a meeting.

Authorities have said two suspects, both of them white, purposely ran over and killed McClelland, a black man, following an argument on the way home from a late-night beer run in September. McClelland's body was dragged about 70 feet beneath a pickup truck and dismembered by the trauma near Paris, a city about 95 miles northeast of Dallas with a history of tense relationships between blacks and whites.

The death came 10 years after Byrd was killed in Jasper, another East Texas town. Byrd was chained to the back of a pickup truck and dragged for three miles.

Authorities have disputed that racism was the motivation for McClelland's death, citing the victim's decade-long friendship with the two suspects. They also point out that McClelland was run over and not chained to the back of a truck, as Byrd was.

Vick wants to return to NFL

(St. Louis American/NNPA/AP) — It appears that Former NFL star Michael Vick has no doubts that he will return to the field upon his release from prison. His bankruptcy attorneys have laid out a plan to pay creditors based in part on his anticipated earnings as a player.



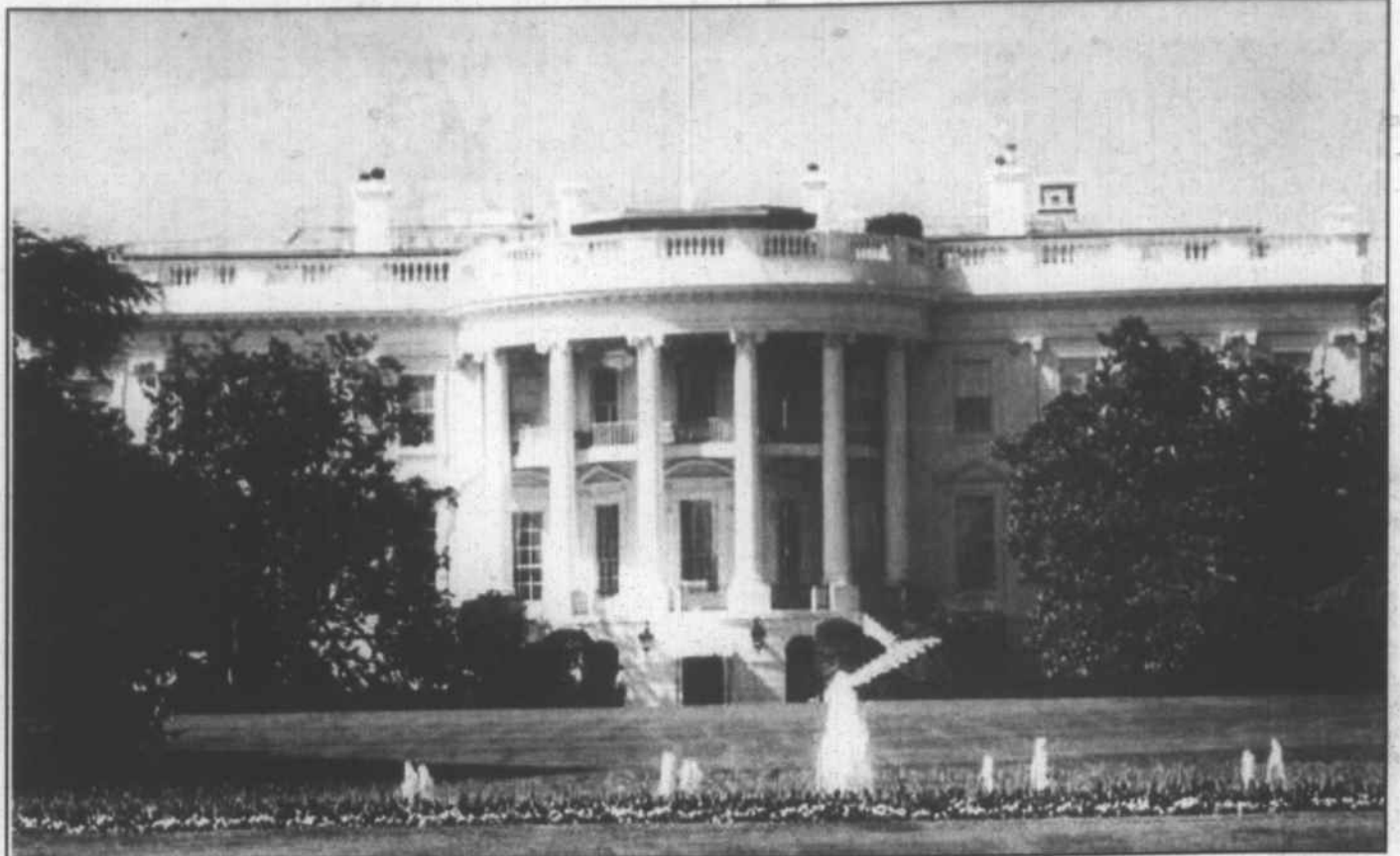
Vick

"The Debtor has every reason to believe that upon his release, he will be reinstated into the NFL, resume his career and be able to earn a substantial living," Vick's attorneys wrote in a disclosure statement filed before a hearing last Thursday in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Norfolk.

The former Atlanta Falcons star is serving a 23-month sentence in a federal penitentiary for bankrolling a dog-fighting ring in rural Virginia and is scheduled to be released on July 20.

A Vick attorney said a committee representing all his debtors has proposed a plan to pay off his debt. A judge scheduled a hearing for mid-December on the appointment of a trustee, which Vick's attorneys oppose.

Vick still faces two state felony counts — dogfighting and animal cruelty. They carry maximum prison terms of 10 years, but under a plea deal, Vick would serve a suspended sentence and a year of probation. He is scheduled to appear in Surry County Circuit Court on Nov. 25.



Black hands built White House

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(NNPA) — When the new First Family takes up residence in the White House in January, Barack and Michelle Obama and their daughters will be living in a historic mansion that was built in large measure with slave labor. From the early 1790s when the cornerstone of the White House was laid, to the mansion's rebuilding in 1815 after a ruinous fire, the talent and labor of African-

American slaves went into creating what is still considered today as America's finest 18th-century stone building.

According to the White House Historical Association, commissioners charged by Congress to build the White House and the newly created District of Columbia under the direction of the president hoped to import workers from Europe. But the recruitment efforts were dismal, according to the association, and they turned to slaves to provide the

bulk of the labor.

Free African-Americans and immigrant Scots also participated in the construction. Skilled slaves — from quarrymen to carpenters and brick makers to sawyers — turned raw materials into the lumber, stone, brick and nails that ultimately became the home at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Slaves quarried and cut the rough stone from the government's quarry at Aquia, in Northern

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Bond will not seek NAACP re-election

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

After 10 years of volunteer service as the NAACP National Board Chairman Julian Bond, 68, announced he would not seek reelection when his term ends in February 2009.

"This is the time for renewal," he said. "We have dynamic new leadership. The country has a new President in Barack Obama; the organization has a new CEO in Benjamin Jealous, and we'll soon have a new Chairman of the NAACP Board. The NAACP and the country are in good hands."

In a letter to Board members, Bond wrote that he would not run for reelection as Chairman of the National Board; however, he will remain on the Board. He also intends to run for reelection to the Board when his three-year term ends.

"It has always been my plan to serve until the Centennial which will be underway in February when my term ends," said Bond. "I'm not resigning, I'm just not running for reelection," he added.

NAACP Board members and officers are volunteers in elected positions. The Chairmanship is a one-year term and Board members serve a three-year term.

For Bond, this decision was part of a life change. "Being Chairman has been a wonderful honor however, it has been more time demanding than anything I've ever done. I'm ready to let a new generation of leaders lead," he said.

"We appreciate Chairman Bond's commitment and look forward to his continued active involvement on the Board," said Benjamin Todd Jealous.

Bond was elected as the chairman of the Board of NAACP in 1998. In 2002,



Jealous

Bond was awarded the National Freedom Award, a prestigious award whose recipients in past years include Jackie Robinson, Bill Clinton, Oprah Winfrey and Rosa Parks.

The holder of 25 honorary degrees, Bond is a Distinguished Professor at American University in Washington, DC, and a professor in history at the University of Virginia.



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