

Detroit deals with homeless

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administration is putting together a plan to avert mistakes made in other cities, where homeless people were arrested at the Super Bowl.

Dr. Calvin Trent, head of the city's bureau of substance abuse treatment and recovery, leads the team catering to the homeless during the Super Bowl.

"What has happened in the past in other cities where the

Super Bowl took place is that there were negative consequences for people who were homeless or where there are a lot of poor people," Trent said. "We are concerned that we don't cause any negative effects on the homeless and those with mental challenges."

Trent said Detroit will avoid anything like the incident in Jacksonville, Fla. that led to some lawsuits against that

city last year.

According to an Associated Press report three homeless men in Jacksonville — Michael Robert Johnson, Christopher Lee Nelson and Thomas Worley — were arrested in 2004 on charges of drinking in a public park.

Treaty Oak Park, where they were arrested, had been designated a party zone before the Feb. 6, 2005 event. Assistant Public Defender

Tyler McKinney argued in court that if "the rich, powerful and famous can drink in the park in the weeks before the Super Bowl, why can't the homeless do it now?"

The park was inside a 21/2-mile entertainment zone.

Laws against open containers, noise pollution and outdoor alcohol sales were suspended for 18 days before the Super Bowl, the Associated Press reported.

Coretta King stood alone with Martin's Dream

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Coretta Scott King was more than Dr. King's widow.

"Long before she met and married Martin Luther King Jr., she was an activist," Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.), former chairman of the Atlanta-based Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, said in an interview on CNN.

In her autobiography, "My Life with Martin Luther King, Jr.," she spoke of her own humble background growing up in Marion, Ala.

"They made it illegal for blacks and whites to eat together in public, to sit together in theaters, buses or trains, to use the same comfort stations or water fountains, even to enter public buildings by the same door. It was as though the blacks had some contagious disease."

She continued, "And yet, we worked in their houses, prepared their food, nurtured their children, and were inti-

mately associated with them in every domestic way. The whole idea was to impress upon the black people that we were an inferior race, to reduce us, not to slavery again, but to being less than men."

To re-enforce that message, she said: "African Americans, no matter what positions or how much education they had, were never called 'mister' or any other title. They were addressed as 'boy' or 'girl' even if they were old and gray. They were supposed to say, 'Yes, sir,' and 'Yes, ma'am' — even to teenage whites. It was all deliberately aimed at instilling the slave mentality in our people."

The Scott family tried to insulate Coretta from further indignities by sending her to Antioch College, a small, liberal institution in Yellow Springs, Ohio, where she earned a bachelor's degree in music and education.

With an emphasis on voice, she enrolled in Boston's New England Conservatory of Music. It was in Boston that she met a young Martin Luther King, who was studying for his doctorate in theology at Boston University.

Coretta Scott King marched with her husband in Birmingham, Ala. and other hot spots, but yearned for a larger role in the movement. She actively supported the movement, her husband and took care of their kids at the same time.

"I've had the good opportunity to get to know the children over the years, and I have seen the time that they have spent with their mother," U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy said on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America."

"The mother was not only a powerful and charismatic figure and leader for our time, but she helped those children grow up to be individuals

with a sense of dignity, a sense of pride in their heritage, and their strong commitment to do something for someone else. I admire her for that, as well."

Myrlie Evers Williams, whose husband, Medgar, was assassinated in Mississippi, understands the burden Coretta King carried.

"She and I, along with Betty Shabazz, were members of a club that no one wants to join — the 'widow of.'"

"We shared the challenges of raising our children without their fathers; we shared the challenges of bearing our husbands' legacies with dignity, we shared the challenges of the ever-shifting civil rights movement. And, through it all, she maintained her graciousness while impacting the world's politics with her strength and sophisticated influence."

Mall site for African American history museum

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tion's National Museum of the American Indian, also located on the mall.

"It will tell the stories of African-American culture from slavery through civil rights," said Lonnie G. Bunch, the museum's director.

Officials hope to select a design firm and complete construction in less than a decade. The federal government is expected to cover half the cost, which could top \$400 million, with the balance provided through private sources and public donations.

Roger W. Sant, chairman of the regents' executive committee, cited the importance of the National Mall in

the history of all Americans in the decision to locate the museum close to one of the nation's most recognizable symbols. He promised that

the design would be sensitive to the location.

President George W. Bush signed legislation in 2003 calling for selection of a site

for the museum. An advisory council considered three other sites in the capital.

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The N.C. Turnpike Authority and the N.C. Department of Transportation propose to improve east-west travel through Gaston County by constructing a new roadway between I-85 west of Gastonia and I-485/NC 160 in Mecklenburg County [TIP Project No. U-3321]. This workshop series will present maps and information on the alternatives to be studied in detail in the next phase of planning and design.

The N.C. Turnpike Authority is authorized to study, develop and construct up to 9 toll roads in the state. The Gaston East-West Connector is one of the projects under consideration for development as a toll road.

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