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Thousands Marched Against Racial Profiling

Tens of thousands of civil and human right advocates and outraged community members marched today in silent solidarity down Fifth Avenue in New York City to bring attention to the racial profiling and to protest the city's abusive and discriminatory stop-and-frisk policing practice.

Convened by the NAACP, 1199SEIU, and the National Action Network (NAN), the silent march was endorsed and supported by hundreds of rights advocates including the New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU), Communities United for Police Reform (CPR), and community organizations from across New York City.

"Today we are marching in silence to call for an end to racial profiling," said NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous. "Stop-



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and-frisk is the most massive local racial profiling program in the country. All children, of every color, should feel protected by our police, not threatened, harassed or intimidated. Stop-and-frisk is a violation of NYPD policy, our constitution and the basic values of liberty and justice for all."

The silent march was first used in 1917 by the NAACP—then just eight years old—to draw attention to race riots that tore through communities in East St. Louis, Illinois, and build national opposition to lynching. 95 years later, the decision to hold a silent march was based on the seriousness of the need to put an end to racial profiling practices.

"Stop-and-frisk is a concern

for all communities in the City as the young men who are targeted are our sons, brothers, nephews, future fathers and community leaders," said George Gresham, President of 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East. "That's why this diverse mobilization of civil rights, faith, labor and community groups marched today in silent protest of this failed policy. New Yorkers of all



President of 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East

back-grounds are sending a strong message that racial profiling endangers our children and the safety of our communities as whole."

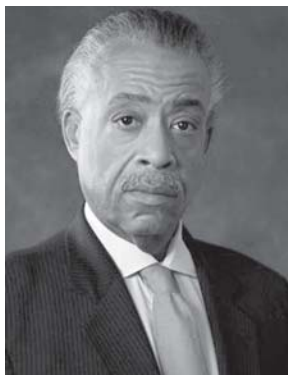
Police officers stopped nearly 700,000 people last year, 87 percent of them black or Latino. Of those stopped, more than half were also frisked.

"Stop-and-frisk policing violates our civil rights as citizens, humiliates

our personhood, violates racial profiling laws, and violates our constitutional right to probable cause,"

stated Rev. Al Sharpton, President of National Action Network. "Therefore it is illegal, immoral, and must be ended. You cannot mend bias. You must end bias."

"Protecting the safety of all New Yorkers and reducing crime in all parts of our city does not require



National Action Network founder Al Sharpton

Americans Aged 48-60 Feel Financial Crunch

MILWAUKEE, June 18, 2012 /Americans aged 48-60 are facing an extraordinary convergence of issues that are impacting their long-term financial plans, according to new research released today by Northwestern Mutual. Falling housing prices, diminished 401(k) accounts, and the growing number of adult children returning home are among the factors leading two thirds (65%) of Americans aged 48-60 to believe that they will have to work beyond the age of 65.

"Americans approaching retirement have serious concerns about their financial preparedness for living comfortably in this next phase of their lives," says Dave Simbro, senior vice president at Northwestern Mutual. "It has also underscored for many of them the critical need for solid financial planning in the years ahead."

Longevity trends also play a role since for couples age 65, there is a 50/50 chance that one of them will live to age 94 and a one in ten chance that one of them will live to

age 100.*

On the flip side of that, the Northwestern Mutual study revealed a deep concern among Americans aged 48-60 regarding their financial picture without a spouse's income. One-third of those surveyed feel they have too little life insurance coverage, and half expect at least a fair share of their coverage will decline by the time they are 65. Four out of ten permanent life insurance policyholders wish they had purchased more when they were younger.

"For many, the numbers just aren't adding up to a secure retirement. What people need now is to revisit their plans and come up with a robust strategy that takes these new financial realities into account," says Simbro. "The right approach is one that considers all the obstacles and lays out a plan that creates a predictable income throughout one's retirement."


turning any neighborhood or any block into a Constitution-free zone,"

said New York Civil Liberties Union Executive Director Donna Lieberman.

"Contrary to the mayor and police commission's assertions, the NYPD's stop-and-frisk regime has done little to remove firearms from the streets. Instead, it has corroded the ability of communities of color to trust and respect the police."



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DISD Statewide Test Scores Show Mix Result

DALLAS-Dallas ISD 10th and 11th grade students posted gains on TAKS, while a majority of district 9th grade students struggled with the state's new rigorous end of course exams, particularly in reading and writing.

School districts throughout the state are in the first year of implementing the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) while phasing out the Texas Assessment of Knowledge

and Skills (TAKS).

"The staff at our high schools did a very good job of managing two different state assessment systems this year," said Interim Superintendent Alan King. "While there are encouraging results from TAKS, there is a clear roadmap for where our staff, students and parents need to focus their efforts during the summer and upcoming school year."

The percentage of 10th grade

students passing the TAKS test increased in all four subjects:

English/Language Arts

3.2% increase

Mathematics 5.8% increase

Science 2.4% increase

Social Studies 1.3% increase

In addition, the percentage of 10th grade students passing at the more difficult commended levels increased in two subjects and decreased in two others:

English/Language Arts

5.2% increase

Mathematics 1.3% increase

Science 0.3% decrease

Social Studies 1.1% decrease

In grade 11, the percentage of students passing TAKS increased in two subjects while decreasing in two others:

English/Language Arts

1.7% decrease

Mathematics 0.9% increase

Science 4.9% increase

Social Studies 0.2% decrease

The percentage of 11th grade students passing at commended levels increased in all subjects:

English/Language Arts

5.8% increase

Mathematics 5.1% increase

Science 1.8% increase

Social Studies 4.7% increase

"Up until this school year, the commended scores on TAKS have been the best indicator of college readiness among our students so additional gains are noteworthy," said King. "The STAAR end of course (EOC) exams, which are more closely aligned with the state curriculum, will now become the bellwether of college readiness."

The state of Texas required school districts to prepare students for the more rigorous STAAR exams in the same year when public education funding was cut by \$5.4 billion. Dallas ISD had 1,441 fewer employees during the 2011-12 school year and received \$63 million less from the state. The district will receive \$100 million less during the 2012-13 school year.

Dallas ISD 9th grade students took the state's end of course exams for the first time this past spring. A student must meet or exceed the minimum score on each assessment
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Application Fee Waived for New Students, Scholarships Available

As part of its outreach efforts, Paul Quinn College has waived its \$25 application fee for Fall 2012 applicants. The College is also offering scholarships for high school and transfer students.

The College is still accepting students for Fall 2012 along with a \$3,000 scholarship for high school graduates who are accepted and commit to the College by June 30. Graduates must have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA and apply for at least two external scholarships. Transfer students can earn \$6,000 if they have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and apply for at least two external scholarships. New student orientation for Fall 2012 is on August 6 with classes beginning on

August 8.

Paul Quinn's admissions process consists of students' needing to meet selective criteria before their applications go before the College's admissions committee.

The committee then renders a decision of accepted or denied after which students are notified of their status. Paul Quinn College instituted selective admission in Fall 2008.

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Juneteenth Celebration Highlights

The Bandan Koro: African Drum & Dance Ensemble and others performing at the Pan-African Connection Bookstore during the 2012 Juneteenth weekend celebration.

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, is a holiday in the United States honoring African American heritage by commemorating the announcement of the abolition of slavery in the U.S. State of Texas in 1865. Celebrated on June 19



DeWell



Yvette Wilson of “Moesha” Passed On



Actress Shar Jackson and others are mourning the death of former “Moesha” co-star Yvette

Wilson.

The 48 year old, who played Andell Wilkerson in the U.S. sitcom which also starred singer Brandy, lost her battle with cervical cancer on Thursday, June 14, 2012, according to reports.

Just last month, Wilson reached out to the public in the hopes that she would be able to acquire the financial help she needed — around \$25,000 — to undergo proper treatment for the cancer. She was also reportedly plagued with kidney problems, and was in need of a transplant.

Community Calendar

Wednesday July 4

Fair Park Fourth. Celebrate July 4th with festivities for all ages and watch fireworks from inside Dallas Cotton Bowl Stadium at MetroPCS FAIR PARK FOURTH from 4:30 10 p.m. at Fair Park. Free and open to the public, the family-fun event will feature a Dallas Wind Symphony patriotic performance, reduced admission to Fair Parks museums from 4:30 7:30 p.m., dancing water shows at the Esplanade Fountain, carnival games, plus a fireworks show sponsored by Gold Metal Recyclers.

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Star-Studded Gala Honoring Bishop Jakes’ 35 Years of Ministry



Jakes’ 35 years of spiritual leadership and service.

Aptly titled “A Triumphant Journey,” the three-hour, black-tie celebration was hosted by director/writer/producer Tyler Perry and CNN anchor Soledad O’Brien at the state-of-the-art AT&T Winspear Opera House.

The awe-inspiring evening was a surprise for Bishop Jakes and featured an unexpected appearance by entertainment icon Oprah Winfrey who congratulated him for being a “man of conviction and beacon of light.”

Successfully accomplishing the near impossible, wife Serita Jakes and daughter Sarah Henson enlisted the help of family, friends and staff to keep the night’s biggest moments under wraps from the notably inquisitive Bishop. Jakes, senior pastor of the 30,000 member Dallas-based church **The Potter’s House**, was celebrated

for a career spanning more than three decades. A true man of God, his accomplishments in ministry and entertainment, as well as his dedication to humanity and family, were applauded in front of a packed audience of family, friends, parishioners, dignitaries, celebrities and fans.

The red carpet is rolled out to welcome the iconic Bishop T.D. Jakes and his wife, Serita, at the black-tie gala to celebrate 35 years of ministry. (Photo Credit: Vernon Bryant, courtesy of TDJ Enterprises/The FrontPage Firm).

DALLAS, June 12, 2012 /— World leaders, dignitaries and celebrities from around the world gathered in vibrant Arts District near downtown Dallas Friday to attend an historic event honoring global humanitarian and faith-based entertainment mogul **Bishop T.D.**

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Calls For New Focus on Wealth Creation in the Black Community



Bethesda, MD (June 19, 2012) -- In an address to the Conservative Black Forum hosted by Congressman Allen West (R-FL-22) focus-

ing on the economic empowerment in the African American community, Robert L. Johnson, founder and chairman of The RLJ Companies, called for a renewed national discussion on the growing wealth gap which he referred to as a "wealth gap Tsunami threatening African Americans".

Johnson cited a recent study conducted by the Pew Research Center, which concluded "The wealth gap between white and African American families has more than quadrupled over the course of a generation; the racial wealth gap increased by \$75,000, from \$20,000 to \$95,000; the median wealth of white households is 20 times that of black households; and at least 35% of African Americans have no assets".

In response to this compelling national crisis, Johnson stated that, "We must admit the harsh reality of a history of institutionalized racism and economic discrimination against African Americans is the primary cause of wealth disparity between Black and white Americans" and "we must be willing to talk about race recognition remedies at the highest levels of government as well as between Black and white

Americans."

In his remarks to the Forum, Johnson listed several race recognition policy initiatives that could be discussed. For example, encourage majority-owned businesses to invest in black-owned companies by deferring the taxes on the economic gain similar to the FCC "tax certificate program" which motivated major media companies to sell to minorities and create a Treasury-backed fund to securitize short-term borrowing or emergency loans made by minority banks or other lending institutions to Black families provided these loans are marketed and made in a regulated and transparent manner. The securitized loans would encourage banks and lenders to make short-term or emergency borrowing available at reasonable rates and end "payday" lending as we know it today and break the cycle of borrowing at outrageous interest rates.

"Something has to be done to recalibrate our economic system to address these problems. We need the political courage to propose race-based remedies based on the disparity caused by past and present race discrimination. In the next 25 to 30 years, the majority of Americans will be black and Hispanic. There is a compelling national interest in addressing racial disparity and if we are to be a successful nation and compete globally, we must ensure that all Americans are given an opportunity to fully participate in the U.S. economic system," he concluded.

Simple Things That Must Be Taught To Our Black Youth



By Orrin C. Hudson

On Thursday, June 7, 2012, another family had the unfortunate experience of burying another young black male as a result of

violence in Atlanta. The more disturbing factor is that the shooting took place in the parking lot of a church, just after a funeral had ended. Now, two more young black men are dead.

I'm fed up, and so should all of us be.

Over the past 12 years, I've been blessed to have mentored more than 25,000 young people through the game of chess. I teach life lessons through the meticulous moves required to proudly proclaim "checkmate." These lessons inspire and instill patience, concentration and dedication.

But I just realized how foolish it is of me to think the passion I have for training and developing kids is enough. The news of this continuous cycle of "black-on-black crime" compels me to take more action, and I encourage adults around the country to do the same.

Join me. Stand up and help our kids find better means of managing conflict resolution. It takes a village, right?

How can we do this together? Let's start here. Tell kids:

1) Think It Out, Don't Shoot It Out.

Young black kids must first understand they can make one bad decision or make one bad move in life and never recover from it... such as death. Teach kids that walking away from trouble is always an option to deflating tense situations.

2) When Bad Things Happen, Look Inside Yourself.

Kids need positive motivation. Encourage them to reflect on how they can make the best of a bad or impossible situation. Train them to be grateful for the good, bad and ugly of life. Tell them to take a step back and recognize that there is a conspiracy to help them win in life - every set back is a set up for a comeback. Every

downfall does not equal a pitfall. Also, ensure kids that life's "red lights" could very well prevent them from heading in the wrong direction. It's their time to stop, reflect and think about their next move.

It's our - the adults' - responsibility to impart wisdom to our young. Inspire them with the love of Christ. Teach them that God's will for their lives is far better than anything they can vividly image. Remember, a key to success is getting up after a fall, while one of the biggest mistakes in life is giving up after a fall.

3) Education is Priority.

Parents play a pivotal role in ensuring education is priority within the household. We must find ways to create an exciting, fun educational atmosphere for our kids. All too often, parents pass along their parental responsibilities to teachers. I encourage you to teach our youth how to create fish, rather than how to catch fish. Stimulate innovation and creativity. Wherever we go, it's imperative to inspire kids to stay in school.

4) KASH is KING

One of the most important aspects of life is money. We all love it to some degree, and it's usually the root of the mishaps our youth face. Instead of teaching kids the misconceptions of cash, tell them the true value of KASH, which ultimately means: Knowledge, Attitude, Skills and Habits.

K - Knowledge is power, but kids must first apply it and use it.

A - Attitude is always everything - junk in, junk out; love, peace and power in, then love, peace and power out. We are what we think.

S - Skills can take kids further in life than not having any training at all.

H - Habits (good habits) can instill great character.

It's better to have KASH and not need it, than to need it and not have it. One more thing concerning money: The Bible teaches that it's always better to give than to receive. Kids need to understand the power of giving, and that only good things will come to them as a result of their giving - which can be time, gifts, or volunteerism.

This is not where it ends, but this is where it begins. And, these are the solutions our kids need for success. Let's join together as a united family and teach our youth the value of KASH and, more importantly, the value of life.

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Urging Federal Support To Improve Early Detection Of Prostate Cancer

BOSTON, June 15, 2012 — U.S. Sen. John F. Kerry (D-MA) has taken the lead on a national movement to recognize prostate cancer as a “health care crisis” in African American men and to improve early detection by introducing today a Senate Resolution. This bipartisan legislation urges federal agencies to end the prostate cancer crisis by supporting education, awareness, and research to advance diagnostic tools, including novel biomarkers and imaging technologies. The Resolution, co-sponsored by Sens. Saxby Chambliss (R-GA), Ben Cardin (D-MD), Daniel Akaka (D-HI), and Ron Wyden (D-OR) is the latest example of growing Congressional support for increasing federal research funding to develop reliable prostate cancer diagnostics.

“There’s not a Father’s Day that passes that I’m not reminded of the disease which killed my dad and which is the same diagnosis I was lucky to beat ten years ago,” stated Sen. John Kerry.

“Prostate cancer is a silent killer that robs us of too many fathers, brothers, and sons, and it doesn’t have to be that way. We need to stay focused on research and arm Americans with the tools to prevent, detect, cure and treat this disease. I’m especially aware that African American men are one and a half times more likely to get prostate cancer and two and a half times more likely to be killed by it than other Americans, and that too is a moral reason to take on this disease.”

According to AdMeTech Foundation President Dr. Faina Shtern, who has worked with Senator Kerry and his staff for several years on prostate cancer research funding issues, “While prostate cancer is curable when detected early, it remains the second most lethal cancer in men. We applaud Senator Kerry and other Massachusetts legislators leading the battle for the develop-

ment of accurate diagnostics, which are critical for saving lives and eliminating unnecessary medical procedures. Similarly to women with breast cancer, early detection and minimally-invasive treatment of lethal prostate cancer should be the right of every American man.”

This event will create a Massachusetts model of national leadership in recognizing prostate cancer as a public health priority and major patient care disparity – and calling for more aggressive medical research to improve early detection.

Prostate cancer is the most common malignancy in the United States, but it has yet to be recognized as a national priority. Consequently, the federal research support is lagging behind, and men do not have reliable diagnostic tools. This epidemic kills an American man every 16 minutes and strikes an American man every 2.5 minutes.

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Spring Championship

Highlights

at the Park South Y.M.C.A.



Defending Fall AMYF Champions Jonathan Rickett goes up for two in their playoff win to advance to the next round.



Got Dat Work Calvin Cosby in a 80-64 playoff win against Up & Running. Got Dat Work was led by D.J. Perkins 16 points.



Got Dat Work Jonathan Walker

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for that score to count on the cumulative score requirement necessary to graduate.

Dallas ISD is still waiting for final results from the state, but the preliminary results for ninth grade students are as follows:

Algebra I: 67 percent passing.
State average: 83 percent passing

Geometry*: 96 percent
passing

Reading: 56 percent passing.
State average: 68 percent passing

Writing: 43 percent passing.
State average: 55 percent passing

Biology: 83 percent passing
State average: 87 percent passing

World Geography: 76 percent
passing. State average: 81 percent
passing

It should be noted that a little less than one-third of district ninth grade students took the Geometry exam and the remainder took Algebra I.

Students who do not pass an end of course exam will be required to retake the test. The number of Dallas ISD students who must retake an exam ranges from approximately 1,500 in biology to 5,100 in writing.

“We were expecting these tests to be more rigorous and they obviously are, particularly in reading and writing,” said King. “Our job as a school district is to provide the necessary resources to help our

students be successful on these exams in the future. Incoming Superintendent Mike Miles has been very clear in communicating that our main purpose is improving student achievement and he has been laying important groundwork toward that goal during the last few weeks.”

During the summer, Dallas ISD is offering End-of-Course Academies to students to help prepare for the July administration of the test. The district has hired more than 100 additional teachers during the last few weeks to be ready for students who choose to attend. Parents whose students did not pass the end of course tests are being notified that they are required to attend a parent academy to receive information, tools and resources in preparation for the retest. The district will also provide written materials, a help hotline and online tutoring videos.

For those students who continue to struggle with STAAR, tutoring and other supports will be provided during the new school year.

Students in grades 3-8 also took STAAR exams for the first time. Because the cut score has yet to be set by the state and because test items will be weighted differently, the district is not releasing the percentage of items passed in each

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subject at this time.

The Texas Education Agency is not using results from the 2011-12 administration of the TAKS or STAAR exams for accountability

purposes. This means that school ratings will not be based on this year's scores and results will not be used to determine whether students are promoted to the next level.