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**TWENTY FIVE INFLUENTIAL
AFRICAN MALE LEADERS -
SOON COME** KEITH O. HILTON

As the folks often say down in Jamaica, "Soon Come". That means that we are not quite ready, but soon will be.

It is beginning to seem almost impossible to come up with the list of twenty five influential African male leaders. This, as you can guess, is a pleasant situation because there are and have been millions of outstanding African male leaders and role models - for me, beginning with my father, Richard Hilton.

In January, we paid homage to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., while at the same time acknowledging twelve other contemporary leaders (1900-1993).

We stated that it was our intention to present the final results during or as close to the May birthday of Minister Malcolm X Shabazz. As you may be noticing, we remain one step away from completing this process.

At this time, we will list one hundred men who were recommended. This is truly an international list, with nearly twenty countries represented. The men on this list also represent various philosophies and ideologies as well.

We encourage serious students of African issues to share the list with others because we doubt if you will see such a varied list again for a while. This is African power. This is True Human Power. Many thanks also to the many men and women from coast to coast who called and/or wrote us.

In order for us to reach our final list of twenty five, we are asking readers to view the list below and then give us your new lists. We will compare, count and then publish our final list in July, therefore, we need your feedback (lists) by June 15.

Please call (909) 899-0650 or write us at 3179 N. Garey Avenue, #101, Pomona, CA 91767. Your lists may have as few as one or as many as twenty five. Let's talk.

Henry Aaron, Ralph Abernathy, Chinua Achebe, Muhammed Ali, Fela Anikulapo-Kuti, Ayi Kwei Armah, Molefi Asante, Authur Ashe, Nnamdi Azikiwe, James Baldwin, Yosef ben-Jochannan, Steven Biko, Maurice Bishop, James Brown, Ron Brown, Willie Brown, Ralph Bunche, Alexander Bustamante, Fidel Castro, Wilt Chamberlin,

John Henrick Clarke, Albert Cleage, Don Cornelius, Bill Cosby, William Cox, Ajayi Crowder, Chuck D., Ronald Dellums, David Dinkins, Cheikh Anta Diop, Charles Drew, W.E.B. DuBois, Duke Ellington, Louis Farrakhan, Clarence Gaines, Marcus Garvey, A.S. Gaston, Cito Gaston, Henry Louis Gates, Moammar Ghadafy, Dizzy Gillespie,

Barry Gordy, Jr., Earl Graves, William Gray, Alex Haley, Richard Hatcher, Benjamin Hooks, Langston Hughes, John Jacob, Jesse Jackson, Michael Jackson, Franklyn Jenifer, Verneo Johns, Ervin Johnson, John H. Johnson, Robert Johnson, Quincy Jones, Scott Joplin, Michael Jordan, Jomo Kenyetta, Martin King, Spike Lee, Ed

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Lewis, Reginald Lewis, Joe Louis, Patrice Lumumba, Malcolm X, Nelson Mandela,

Michael Manley, Bob Marley, Thurgood Marshall, Frank Mathews, Oscar Michaux, Listervelt Middleton, Warren Moon, Robert Mugabe, Elijah Muhammed, Herb Mckinsey, Samuel Myers, Kwame Nkrumah, Julius Nyerere, P.J. Patterson, Sidney Portier, A.C. Powell, Colin Powell, A. Barry Rand, A. Phillip Randolph,

Paul Anderson, Eddie Robinson, Jackie Robinson, Anwar Sadat, Haile Salassie, John Sengstacke, Al Sharpton, George Stallings, Carl Stone, Louis Sullivan, Clarence Thomas, John Thompson, Kwame Ture, Gene Upshaw, Melvin Van Peebles, Derek Walcott, Booker T. Washington, Bill White, Chancellor Williams, Eddie Williams, Eric Williams, Ranny Williams, August Wilson, Carter G. Woodson.

TEST SCORES STABLE, ABOVE AVERAGE

Test scores for students in grades eight and 11 for the 1992-93 school year remain stable from the previous year and are above the national average. In addition, performance in the three tested subject areas is above ability at both grade levels.

Students were tested last fall with the SRA Survey of Basic Skills, a series of standardized tests used to measure student achievement in reading, math and language in relation to national norms. Students are also tested on ability.

Clark County eighth graders showed a one percentile im-

provement in reading, while 11th graders showed a one percentile decline in language, according to test scores released recently. Eleventh graders also showed a one percentile decline in ability.

"The slight changes mean very little in terms of student achievement," said Judy Costa, district testing director. "Essentially, it means we are holding steady. Given the continued influx of new students, the increase in the number of second language students and other changing demographics of our community that can effect student achievement, we're very pleased

to be holding our own."

Eighth graders increased from the 53rd percentile to the 54th percentile in reading, while 11th graders declined from the 57th percentile to the 56th percentile in language. Eleventh grade ability scores dropped from the 50th to the 49th percentile.

All other scores remained stable: eighth grade ability, 51st

percentile; eighth grade math, 60th percentile; eighth grade language, 55th percentile; 11th grade reading, 54th percentile; and 11th grade math, 63rd percentile.

The national average is the 50th percentile. Scores are reported using the mean percentile rank, the percentile equal to the average score of all the students taking the test.

LV HIGH SCHOOL PLANS A COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

The original Las Vegas High School will host a community-wide open house Wednesday, May 12, before it relocates to a new building for the 1993-94 school year.

The open house, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., will allow alumni and other members of the public an opportunity to reminisce and take one last look at the familiar halls of Las Vegas High School, the city's high school from which a number of prominent citizens graduated. The school's main hall and gym, which date back 63 years, are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and the building's front is famous for its art deco style.

Las Vegas High School is moving from its current location at 315 S. Seventh Street in downtown Las Vegas to a new

building at 6500 E. Sahara. That building at first was named Winchester High School, but the Board of School Trustees decided during secondary zoning to relocate Las Vegas High School to the new building and retain the Las Vegas High School name. Staff and students will be transferred to the new building.

Meanwhile, the existing Las Vegas High School building will become the Las Vegas Academy of International Studies and Performing Arts, home of two new secondary magnet programs that will be offered beginning this August.

Alumni, friends and anyone else interested in visiting the school one last time are invited to the open house. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria.

DRUG-FREE CELEBRATION PLANNED

An estimated 1,000 students, parents and teachers involved in substance abuse prevention clubs throughout Clark County schools will converge for a drug-free celebration on Saturday, May 8, at Freedom Park.

Festivities for the "Spring

Drug-Free celebration" will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Freedom Park, at Mojave and Washington. The event culminates Drug Awareness Week. Activities include games, a rec-moblie, singing and dancing (See Drug-Free, Page 9)

WILLIAMS ES PLANS DAY-LONG DEDICATION

Thirty-five years after it first opened, Tom Williams Elementary School finally will be officially dedicated with a day-long celebration Friday, May 7.

The celebration, a project of the school's 1992-93 Gifted and talented Educated class, begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 8 p.m. All events will be held at the school, 3000 E. Tonopah in North Las Vegas.

The day's activities begin with a Flight for Life helicopter landing at 9:30 a.m. Also, present to talk to students will be representatives of Mercy Ambulance, the Thunderbirds and the North Las Vegas Fire department.

The fire department demonstration will include a talking robot. A 10:30 a.m. outdoor assembly will feature an oral history of the school by GATE students and several songs by the honor choir. At 11 a.m., the Metro Police bike patrol will hold

a 45-minute presentation on bike safety, and the metro canine unit will conduct a demonstration at 1 p.m.

That evening, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., an estimated 700 people associated with the school will gather for a lasagne dinner and the dedication ceremony. A bronze plaque with a brief history of the school will be presented as part of the ceremony. The Nellis Air Force base color guard will be present, and the Thunderbirds will return. The school also will receive new state and national flags which have flown over their perspective capitols.

In the course of their studies, students learned that the school is named for Tom Williams, founder of North Las Vegas. In incorporating the new community, he established two school sites, including the one named in his honor.

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