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## NATIONAL NEWS

### JACKSON TO PROTEST ROLLBACK OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

SAN FRANCISCO - Civil rights leader Jesse Jackson and supporters plan to protest any move by the University of California to dismantle affirmative action even if it means going to jail, a spokesman said recently. Jackson and his supporters plan to attend a July 20 meeting in San Francisco at which the University of California's governing Board of Regents will discuss proposals to curtail preferential policies for women and minorities at the university. Reports say the San Francisco Chronicle accurately quoted Jackson Friday as saying that he and his supporters would go to the meeting "fully prepared to go to jail."

### TYSON SAID RUNNING OUT OF SPARRING PARTNERS

ORWELL, Ohio - Former boxing heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, preparing for an August return to the ring, is running out of sparring partners, says promoter Don King. King in a news release issued Monday said: "Heavyweight sparring partners are needed for Mike Tyson. Experience necessary. Medical benefits provided. Contact Don King Productions at 305-568-3500." Tyson, 28, started training at King's camp in this rural community with 11 sparring partners. But he has sent four to the hospital and scored a knockout in each day of sparring, according to the release. Tyson, who was released in March from an Indiana prison where he spent three years for a rape conviction, is scheduled to face Peter McNeeley in the August 19 match. Tyson's current weight was said to be 218 pounds.

## NAACP Chairwoman Says Racism In Full Force

MINNEAPOLIS - NAACP Chairwoman Myrlie Evers-Williams justified the continuing need for affirmative action programs by saying that racism was still alive and well in America.

"We may have thought that we were free of racism and prejudice, but we are finding that it was just sleeping for a while and it's back in full force now," Evers-Williams said at a news conference Sunday at the group's meeting.

"We are harmless until you start to trample on our civil rights and then we can become slightly vicious," she said.

Evers-Williams was reacting to

recent Supreme Court decisions that challenge affirmative action in the awarding of federal contracts.

Evers-Williams assumed the chair in February, defeating 10-year incumbent William Gibson, amid charges of fiscal mismanagement. It is estimated that the NAACP's current debt is \$3.8 million.

The organization has contracted with the accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand to conduct an audit, which will be presented to the board this Wednesday. The board will decide at that time how much, if any, of the report will be made available to the public.

One of the NAACP's goals during

the next 15 months will be to improve voter registration and turnout for the 1996 elections.

Looking back over recent elections, Evers-Williams said, "We fell far short of what we should have done.

"If we had voted as we should have, we would not be having the problems that we are now having with Supreme Court. For example, we would not have Justice (Clarence) Thomas there."



MYRLIE EVERS-WILLIAMS

## GOP ONCE AGAIN 'PLAYS THE RACE CARD' DNC Demands Republicans Retract Most-Wanted Poster

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A new Republican fundraising appeal that targets for defeat 28 House Democrats - most of whom are either minorities or women - is the latest example of Republican efforts to use race, ethnicity and gender to divide the nation, Democratic National Committee Chairman Don Fowler charged recently.

A recent mailing by the national Republican Congressional Committee includes a "most wanted" poster with pictures of 28 Democrats, 22 of whom are either African American, Latino,

Jewish or female. Fowler called on the GOP to denounce the poster and apologize.

"Republicans like to talk about their 'big tent,' but when it comes right down to it, they always play the race card," Fowler said. "This is a cheap political trick that is intended to raise money by driving a wedge between different ethnic and gender groups. The Republicans ought to apologize for it."

Fowler pointed out that most of the 28 targeted Democrats represent districts that are solidly Democratic.

"The Republicans don't really expect to unseat these Representatives," Fowler said. "The GOP is merely using their faces on a poster to fan the flames of racial, ethnic and religious discord. It is a shameful and disgusting tactic that is not befitting the Party of Abraham Lincoln."

Fowler tied the "most wanted" poster to a series of recent incidents in which the GOP has embraced those who use racist appeals. He cited the Republicans' plan to honor radio talk

show host G. Gordon Liddy at a recent senatorial fundraising dinner, as well as Speaker Newt Gingrich's decision last week to appear on a radio talk show with Bob Grant, who has made the use of racist language his trademark.

"While the Democratic Party has fought long and hard for diversity, inclusion, and a Congress that looks like America, the Republicans continue to divide this country," Fowler said. "They have a responsibility to condemn this kind of shameful tactic."

## NINTH ANNUAL ROSE AWARDS BANQUET Professional Black Women's Alliance To Honor Stella Parson And Others

The professional Black Women's Alliance, Inc. will honor Mrs. Stella Parson as one of its 1995 Role Models at its Ninth Annual Rose Awards Banquet, Saturday, July 15, 1995, at the Showboat Hotel & Casino.

Mrs. Parson, wife of Claude Parson, Pastor of Vegas View Church of God in Christ, is a true example that one can rise above poverty to become somebody.

Other distinguished women of color being honored that evening include: Rosiland Olivarez, Sonya Young-Cheltenham, Teri De La Torre, Verdie Foreman, Asalee Harris, Carolyn Hensley, Marsha Irvin, Quinella Rivers, Susie Scott, Esther Taylor, LaTonia

Whitaker, Fannie Dixon, Brenda Miller, Japal Robinson, Lillian Rhodes, Claudette Whitson, Joyce Thomas, Patricia Watson, and Mrs. Ida Webb.

Mrs. Stella Mason Parson was born in a time of poverty and oppression for black families in the south. As sharecroppers on a southern plantation, her family taught her hard work, strong moral values, and godliness with contentment.

The family moved west and finally settled in West Las Vegas, still poor, but somewhat freer. She finished her schooling in Las Vegas and went to the 5th Street School and Las Vegas High School. Though she didn't consider

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STELLA PARSON

## AN OUTRAGEOUS AFFAIR PLANNED BY AFRICAN AMERICAN SINGLES GROUP

By Victor S. Ingram

In a benefit concert for HIV and AIDS education and awareness, Black Coffee, an African American singles organization, will host a concert and fashion show on July 15 from 5 to 10 PM. The outdoor event will be held at the Sammie Davis Jr. Festival Pavilion located adjacent to Lorenzi Park. Proceeds will benefit the Allied Services for AIDS Prevention, a non profit AIDS awareness organization. Black Coffee strives to provide African American singles with compatible mates through stimulating conversation, cultural events and counseling retreats. Organization president and founder Frantonia Pollins started the group in January as a response to the frustration that she and a group of friends and associates felt in the dating arena.

Pollins says a lot of people don't feel comfortable in dance clubs and bars, which are the traditional dating hot-spots for singles.

The initial response to Pollins' concept mimicked a cry-for-help from companionship-starved Las Vegas African American singles-already a mailing list topples 250. Events such as an afternoon discussion of African American art and literature appreciation replace fast night clubs. Pollins has already conducted two public discussions in which communication between the sexes have been the chief topics. Education about safe sex is also an important topic of discussion. Pollins has dedicated her life to HIV and AIDS education and awareness, losing both an aunt and uncle to the disease. "Single people in my age group are (See Outrageous Affair, Page 10)