

# This Week in History

## OCTOBER 7

**1888** - Sargent C. Johnson is born in Boston, Mass. He will be a pioneering artist of the Harlem Renaissance, known for his wood, cast stone, and ceramic sculptures. Among his most famous works will be Forever Free and Mask.

**1891** - Archibald John Motley, Jr. is born in New Orleans, LA. He will become one of the more renowned painters of the 1920's and 1930's.

**1897** - Elijah Poole is born in Sandersville, Ga. He will become better known as The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, one of the most influential leaders in the Nation of Islam. Poole will be trained by Master Farad Mohammad, founder of the Nation of Islam, and will lead the organization to become the largest African-American movement since Gareveyism.

**1934** - LeRoi Jones is born in Newark, NJ. He will be better known as Amiri Baraka, influential playwright, author, and critic of the African-American experience.

## OCTOBER 8

**Columbus Day Observed** - Thanksgiving (Canada)

**1930** - Faith Ringgold is born in New York City. She will become a multimedia artist whose paintings, face masks, fabric and soft sculptures, and quilts will earn her praise for her reaffirmation of African-American women's values and unique perspective.

**1941** - Rev. Jeese L. Jackson is born in Greenville, S.C. He will be a civil rights leader and founder of PUSH (People United to Save Humanity) in 1971, an organization that will focus attention on the economic disparity between whites and African-Americans.

## OCTOBER 9

**Independence Day** - Republic of Uganda

**1806** - Benjamin Banneker was a self-taught mathematician and builder (at age 21) of the first striking clock in the U.S. An amateur astronomer, Banneker's calculations for solar and lunar eclipses appeared in 29 editions of his almanacs, published from 1792 to 1797.

**1823** - Mary Ann Shadd is born in Wilmington, Del. She will become the publisher of Canada's first anti-slavery newspaper, *The Provincial Freeman*, and the first woman in North America to publish and edit a newspaper.

**1929** - Ernest "Dutch" Morial, first black mayor of New Orleans, born in New Orleans, La.

**1962** - Uganda achieves its independence from Great Britain.

## OCTOBER 10

**1899** - J.W. Butts, inventor, receives a patent for a luggage carrier.

**1901** - Frederick Douglass Patterson is born in Washington, D.C. He will become a veterinarian and founder of the United Negro College Fund.

**1917** - Innovative jazz pianist and composer of 'Round Midnight Thelonious Monk is born in Rocky Mount, N.C. Monk will be considered one of the fathers of jazz improvisation and in 1961 will be featured on the cover of *Time* magazine, only one of three jazz musicians so honored.

**1935** - George Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* premieres at the Alvin Theater in New York City.

**1946** - Dancer and multi-faceted entertainer Ben Vereen is born in Miami, Fla.

## OCTOBER 11

**1865** - Jamaican national hero Paul Bogle leads a successful protest march to the Morant Bay Courthouse.

**1882** - Acclaimed concert pianist, composer, arranger, and choral conductor R. Nathaniel Dett is born in Ontario, Canada.

**1919** - Art Blakey is born in Pittsburgh, Penn. Blakey, a jazz drummer credited as one of the creators of bebop, will be best known as the founder of the Jazz Messengers. The band will become a proving ground for some of the best modern jazz musicians, including Horace Silver, Hank Mobely, Freddie Hubbard Wayne Shorter, Sonny Rollins, Wynton Marsalis, and Branford Marsalis.

**1939** - Coleman Hawkins records his famous "Body and Soul" in New York City.

**1980** - Billy Thomas dies of a heart attack in Los Angeles, Calif. He was an actor most notable as the third child to portray Buckwheat in the *Our Gang* comedies, a role he played in some 80 episodes of the popular film series.

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# KVVU FOX 5 program caters to children

Special to Sentinel-Voice

KVVU-FOX 5 continues its commitment to the community with a program that will assist the community's youth.

"Take Five For Kids" will assist a different group of youth or organization that targets youth each month.

For the month of October, FOX 5 is targeting approximately 1,200 foster children in Southern Nevada. Plastic garbage or grocery bags are used to transport their belongings from Child Haven of shelters back to their own homes or to foster homes.

"Take Five for Kids" will donate new or used backpacks,

suitcases and duffel bags to help foster children make their journey from their own home to a less familiar foster care home more pleasurable.

Those interested in dropping off donations can do so at the following Auto Title Loan Store locations: 1590 E. Sahara; 1701 Las Vegas Blvd. North; 712 W. Sunset; 3209 W. Sahara; and 2828 E. Fremont

Suitcases can also be dropped off at the Division of Child & Family Services, located at 610 Belrose St and FOX 5, at 25 TV 5 Drive, in Henderson.

# Black stuntworkers claim racial bias

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Minority stuntworkers are accusing Hollywood of discrimination, saying the industry is hiring whites to stand in for black actors such as Eddie Murphy, Samuel Jackson and Louis Gossett Jr.

At a news conference last week, several stuntworkers asked viewers to boycott all Viacom products Oct. 8-10. Viacom owns CBS, MTV, VH-1 and Nickelodeon, as well as the Paramount studios and the Blockbuster chain of video-rental stores.

Wayne King Jr., who doubled for Michael Jordan in "Space Jam," said he can count on one hand the number of days he's worked as a stuntman this year.

"I'm feeling it," he said.

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"When you have paint downs, you're taking jobs away from African-Americans," said Marvin Walters, a retired black stuntman. "I don't care what they say, this is discrimination."

The protest follows the criticism of TV networks for their largely white casting this season. The lack of roles for minorities in Hollywood has

been a contentious issue.

Walters estimated that of some 65 black stuntworkers in Hollywood, only 15 work on a regular basis. Walters said "we hold SAG ultimately responsible," referring to the Screen Actors Guild, which represents nearly 96,000 actors, including stuntworkers, nationwide.

Katherine Moore, a SAG spokeswoman, said the guild has an aggressive diversity campaign and has published for the second year a directory called "Stunt Performers of

Color."

Walters said a white stuntwoman stood in for the female Asian lead of CBS's "Martial Law" and complained over the hiring choices on Paramount's "Shaft," a spin-off of the 1970s TV detective series.

CBS spokesman Chris Enders said "Martial Law" star Kelly Hu has a regular Asian stuntwoman but that one time the woman didn't want to do a stunt where she had to fall off a cliff.

"Shaft" director and producer John Singleton, who is black, said he simply "hired the best people."

"Any allegations that anyone is being hired on a racial basis is unfounded, totally erroneous and very offensive to me," he said in a statement.

## Conspiracy

(Continued from Page 10) battle against the elements of nature. They're fighting for their very survival. And it's likely to be a long and costly struggle.

(Note: For additional information or to offer support to African American farmers, contact Black Farmers and Agriculturists Association, P.O. Box 61, Tillery, NC 27887/ e-mail, tillery@aol.com)

## Slave

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And all of this was prior to the dreaded "middle passage" in the suffocating hold of a slave ship that would take them across the Atlantic to points in the Americas.

Some of us like to insist that we are descended from African kings and queens.

I prefer to see myself as being descended from American slave survivors.

My ancestors survived their treatment at the hands of African slave traders in their native land, and they survived the inhumanity that was directed at them by whites here. It is up to us to make sure their story is told, and not forgotten.

I see no shame there.

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