

Leaders

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women's basketball team dominated the airwaves and the streets. Meanwhile a string of high profile and racially volatile incidents dominated the news all year.

Among them were: Sean Bell, shot and killed in a round of 50 bullets fired by New York City Police officers Nov. 25, 2006, just hours before his wedding; Martin Lee Anderson, 14, of Tallahassee, Fla., a youth who died Jan. 5 in a juvenile bootcamp, complaining that he could not breathe as he was roughed up by camp guards, who were later found not-guilty in his death; Genarlow Wilson, finally released from prison Oct. 26 by the Georgia Supreme Court after serving two years of a 10-year sentence in an Atlanta prison for having consensual oral sex with his teen girlfriend; Megan Williams, 20, the West Virginia woman who for a week in early September was tortured and made to eat dog and rat feces by six Whites who repeatedly called her a n*****; Kyle Coppin, 18, an unarmed teen carrying a hairbrush who was shot 10 times Nov. 12 and then handcuffed by New York City Police officers; and Mychal Bell, the only member of the famous Jena Six of Jena, La., who remains incarcerated after a schoolyard brawl connected to nooses that were hung in a so-called White-only tree.

Amidst the already tense atmosphere, on June 28 last year, the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling against race-conscious public school assignments in Louisville, Ken., and Seattle, Wash., setting a precedent that activists say assaulted the spirit of Brown v. Board of Education and sent a chilling effect over other such school desegregation plans across the nation.

Within Black communities, joblessness, homicide and incarceration continued at astronomical rates and most inner cities remain economically, socially and educationally traumatized by White and middle-class Black flight during the 1970s.

"We're exporting jobs and capital, importing guns and drugs; therefore there's an increase in violence," said Jackson. "Taxes are up and services are down. We have first-class jails and second-class schools. That's the present urban policy. Infrastructure is collapsing. We're investing billions in Iraq, billions in Pakistan and pennies

at home."

Heads of major Black economic and civil rights organizations are poised to continue the struggle.

"Our desire is that the enforcement of civil rights laws be given priority by the new Attorney General [Michael B. Mukasey]," said National Urban League President and CEO Marc Morial, "And that these issues be part of the discourse during the presidential campaign season, which coincides with the 40th anniversary of the death of Dr. King and Bobby Kennedy whose legacies were the protection of civil rights in this nation."

NAACP Chairman Julian Bond, reflecting on 2007, says the work of the nation's oldest civil rights organization remained overwhelming.

"For almost 100 years, we've fought against racial discrimination. And while the climate has changed, we still see much of the same," Bond said. "The mortgage crisis has ensnared too many people of color — we've filed suit against some of the prime offenders. We're gearing up for a massive [voter] registration drive in 2008 and will ensure that everyone who can vote; and that every vote cast is honestly counted."

Bond adds, "Police-community relationships continue to occupy our branches across the country as we receive reports of brutality and mistreatment almost daily. The list is long, but protecting against discrimination and remedying discriminatory acts remains a main priority."

The battles that continued and those that started last year will carry over, said Sharpton. "Top priorities are to follow up from where we have left off. We must continue to have strong hate crime legislation, and we must make it a central issue in the 2008 election. We did

get it in the last debate, but we need it to be a resonating issue," he said.

According to Jackson, trying to gain equality through presidential politics will be among the strategies but is not the ultimate route.

"The presidential politics tend to avoid the tough issues because they are controver-

sial. For example, the issue of stopping the flow of guns; they avoid that trying not to offend the [National Rifle Association]," Jackson said.

Rather than politicians leading, Jackson says, just as 2007 was a banner year for activism, it must be the voices of people that will ultimately make impact.

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The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (the "District") is requesting proposals from qualifying firms of certified public accountants to audit its financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, with the option of auditing its financial statements for each of the four subsequent fiscal years. These audits are to be performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, the standards set forth for financial audits in the currently applicable or later versions of Government Auditing Standards (the "Yellow Book"), issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the applicable version of Circular A-133 of the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB Circular A-133"), Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.

A pre-proposal conference for all firms interested in submitting a proposal will be held on **Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 10:30 AM (PST)**, in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101. The purpose of the pre-proposal conference is to discuss the proposal and any prospective proposers concerns.

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