

Digital TV switch now delayed

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 WASHINGTON — Black members of Congress praised the 264-158 vote by members of the U.S. House of Representatives to give consumers four more months to prepare for the end of analog broadcast television to digital. The switch was to take place on Feb. 17 but because of the action of Congress, it

will not occur until June 12. The Senate had previously voted for a delay. President Obama is expected to sign the bill soon. An estimated 6.5 million Americans have not yet bought the special converter boxes that will be necessary to continue receiving free TV signals on analog sets once the transition is completed, according to a Nielsen Co. survey.

Rep. Maxine Waters', D-Calif., district based in south-central Los Angeles is considered one of the least prepared for the change, according to Commerce Department statistics, with 7,502 households waiting for converter box vouchers. "I am glad that we voted for this bill because all hell would have broken loose if we did not," Waters said. D.C. Del. Eleanor Holmes

Norton (D) agreed. "Despite our efforts and the efforts of residents to get the coupons, some D.C. residents would have seen their televisions go dark without today's bill," she said. "The government did not carry its side of the bargain. The only fair thing to do was to delay the transition." *James Wright writes for the Afro-American Newspapers.*

SCLC

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 les chapter is as large as the national chapter and he has done a magnificent job in that post." SCLC is a now a nationwide organization made up of chapters and affiliates with programs that affect the lives of all Americans: north, south, east and west. Its sphere of influence and interests has become international in scope because the human rights movement transcends national boundaries. Past national presidents have included, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: 1957 to



Eric P. Lee is being considered for the SCLC's presidency.

1968; Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy: 1968 to 1977, Rev. Joseph E. Lowery: 1977 to 1997; Martin L. King, III: 1997 to 2004, Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth: February 2004 to November 2004 and Steele, Jr. Will Lee be next? Reverend Lee is one of Los Angeles' most vocal and visible civil and human rights activists. From addressing the right of African-American security guards to organize into unions to addressing homophobia, Lee has already leading the SCLC into the 21st Century. *Jennifer Bihm writes for the Los Angeles Sentinel.*

Diallo

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 Amadou Diallo Scholarship Fund, Ms. Diallo announced this year's academic scholarship winners in memory of her son on the 10th anniversary of his death," said Eugene Adams, a college spokesman. "Ms. Diallo established the fund in 2005 to be equally divided between Bronx Community College and Borough of Manhattan Community College, as encouragement and support for hardworking and committed students.

"Rev. Al Sharpton joined Ms. Diallo in announcing a fundraising concert on June 30, 2009 at Harlem's Apollo Theater on 125th Street to help raise money for the Diallo Scholarship Fund," Adams continued. "With the increase of African student immigrants to the Bronx and the College over the past 10 years, Bronx Community College has led an outreach effort to help meet the needs of this new community. Sponsors of the event were Bronx Community College's Collaborative

Programs and the Center for Tolerance and Understanding." Kadiatou told the *AmNews*, "Amadou was an innocent young man. Look at Barack Obama: His father came from overseas, married a young lady, and his son became the president of the United States. We don't know what Amadou would have done and what he would

have become. I'm sure he would have done great things." Overflowing with appreciation, Ms. Diallo told the *AmNews*, "I'm so grateful to all of you who have supported us. Thank you." For more information on Amadou projects, go to: amadoudiallofoundationinc.com. *Nayaba Arinde writes for the Amsterdam News.*

Aaron

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 gone, your name, the name of Henry Aaron, will symbolize what I believe it really means to be a genuine American hero." While always a bit uncomfortable in the spotlight, Aaron agreed to a party that would benefit his Chasing The Dream foundation, which helps underprivileged youths pursue their talents — an effort that stretches far beyond the baseball field. "This is not just a celebration of Hank Aaron," he said. "This is a celebration of the kids chasing a dream. I'm so proud of these kids. That's what makes me proud. That's what keeps me going." Selig, who'll turn 75 later this year, said he talks frequently with Aaron by telephone and often turns to him for advice on baseball issues. "He really does have wonderful judgment about things," Selig said. "It's easy to be a friend with him." If Aaron could change one thing about the sport he played so well, what would it be? His reply came quickly: a salary cap. "I would try to put a cap on things," he said. "Really, that's the thing that I see will probably do baseball in if we don't have some kind of money cap. I go back to the Yankees and the way they just gobble up players. You don't need to do that really. It was proven last year when Tampa was in the World Series. They probably had one of the lowest payrolls in all of baseball. You just need to put the right people on the field and do it right." "I think a cap would get baseball back to where it was before." His wife, Billye, closed the night by serenading her husband with a Marilyn Monroe-like performance of "Happy Birthday." Aaron couldn't stop smiling. The contrast couldn't have been more striking.

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