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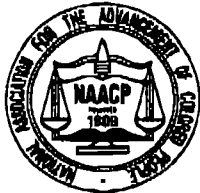
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New Strategies for Progress in the 21st Century

Dinner Chair.....Mr. Roderick Gillum
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PROGRAM

Call to Order.....Mr. Roderick Gillum
 National Anthem: "Star Spangled Banner & Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing".....The Spirits of Hope & Zenobia Blackwell
 Invocation.....Rev. Wilma Johnson
 Red Dais.....New Prospect Baptist Church

DINNER

WB20 Walk a Mile in My Shoes: The 90 Year Journey of the NAACP (Video Promo)

Entertainment by***

Presentation of Dais Guests

Yellow Dais.....Cliff Russell, WDTR, 90.9FM
 Green Dais.....Mark Hayes, WXYT TV-7
 Red Dais.....Huel Perkins, FOX 2
 Blue Dais.....Mildred Gaddis, WCHB AM1200

Special Tribute: A MILLENNIUM JUBILEE

Welcome.....Mr. Roderick Gillum
 Blue Dais.....2000 Chair, FFFD/VP of Corporate Relations & Diversity General Motors
 Greetings.....Mr. Anthony Earley, Jr.
 Red Dais.....2000 Corporate Chair, FFFD, Chairman/CEO DTE Energy

DTE ENGERGY VIDEO PRESENTATION

Greetings.....Mrs. Avis Washington
 Yellow Dais.....2000 Co-Chair, FFFD/EEO Coordinator Grant Thornton, LLP
 Greetings.....Rev. Wendell Anthony
 Yellow Dais.....President, Detroit Branch NAACP
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SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF THE DETROIT BRANCH NAACP FREEDOM AND JUSTICE AWARD SECRETARY OF HUD ANDREW CUOMO

Blue Dais.....Rev. Wendell Anthony
SPECIAL WELCOME UNITED STATES PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON

Blue Dais.....Rev. Wendell Anthony
 Introduction of Keynote Speaker.....Mayor Dennis W. Archer
**SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF THE DETROIT BRANCH NAACP LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
 CONGRESSMAN JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

Blue Dais.....President William Jefferson Clinton
 Keynote Address.....President William Jefferson Clinton
 Blue Dais.....President of the United States
 Benediction.....**
 Green Dais.....**

MENU

Vegetable Pasta Salad Rolls & Butter Chicken Duxelle Garden Blend Rice Coffee or Tea
 Yellow & Green Beans w/ Baby Roasted Carrots Sweet Potato Pie (by Sweet Potato Sensations)

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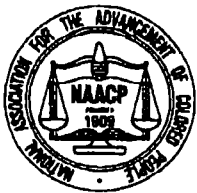
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Heaster Wheeler (me)

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Biographical Sketch of Reverend Wendell Anthony

Reverend Wendell Anthony is a native of St. Louis, MO. He was educated in the Detroit Public School system from elementary through high school. He graduated from Wayne State University with a B.A. in Political Science. He graduated from Marygrove College with an M.A. in Pastoral Ministry. He also attended the University of Detroit for advanced study in Black Theology. Reverend Anthony is also a **Certified Social Worker** with the State of Michigan. As a student activist, Reverend Anthony was most active in the 60s and 70s as a member of the Committee for Student Rights, and as the Student Director of Special Student Services for Wayne State University, 1969-1974. **Reverend Anthony was ordained in 1981, and became the Associate Pastor of Fellowship Chapel in 1983.**

He served as the commentator for the Detroit Black News and for the Detroit Black Journal Public Television News Show (1972-1976), he also served as news commentator for WNEC 4 Radio. Reverend Anthony was host of the Community Health Forum Television Show on Channel 62 (1985-1986), and the host and producer of "A New Vision" radio program, on WCHB Radio. He is a former guest columnist for the Michigan Chronicle, with articles on racial and social direction. **Reverend Anthony became the Pastor of Fellowship Chapel in December of 1986 following the passing of Reverend James E. Wadsworth, Jr.** Through the grace of God and the labor of his ministry, the church has experienced the greatest growth in its 32 year history.

Fellowship Chapel has a spiritual and social ministry that touches every facet of community life. Through its **James E. Wadsworth, Jr. Community Center**, it has a full-time **Outreach Ministry** with programs ranging from Computer Programming, Adult Education, Narcotics Anonymous, Homeless Assistance, Education 2000 (tutoring from elementary through college), Job Training and Placement, special SAT and ACT college preparation training, and much more. **Reverend Anthony is the developer of the Luthu Institute (Coming into Manhood Program) for boys ages 6-18, dealing with black male responsibility. It is one of the oldest Mentoring programs of its kind in the country. He also initiated the Intonjane Institute (Coming into Womanhood Program) for girls ages 6-18.**

A nationally known lecturer and motivationalist, Reverend Anthony is also a writer and a poet with articles and poems on the African experience in North America and throughout the diaspora. He is also a special educational consultant for Holt, Rinehart, and Winston Publisher, Inc. He was a contributor and consultant for the elementary and mathematics series, (Mathematics Unlimited 1987, copyright), published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston, and a special consultant to the African Literature text, an Anthology for middle and high school students, 1992 copyright..

Reverend Anthony has traveled extensively throughout Africa. He leads a group from Detroit each year on a special Pilgrimage to visit the roots of African-Americans and to establish cultural ties between Detroit and Africa. He has led groups to Ghana, Senegal, Togo, Mali, Timbuktu, Dahomey, Ivory Coast, Benin, Egypt, and Israel.

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In August of 1988, Reverend Anthony was invited by the government of Angola in Southwest Africa, along with 18 other ministers from around the country to conduct a fact-finding mission of the South African Military's invasion of that sovereign nation. Utilizing this unique honor, the group met with the U.S. Congressional Black Caucus and House Foreign Relations Committee and presented documents and photographs of their tour to help advise U.S. foreign policy in that region. In 1992, Reverend Anthony had the high privilege of being "Enstooled" in Ghana. He was given such an honor based on his many travels to Africa and the work that Fellowship Chapel is doing in West Africa. He was given the name Nana Kwamina Amoesi, II. He was given a home in the village of Akotokyir in the Cape Coast Region of Ghana. Reverend Anthony was also a special delegate to South Africa representing clergy from across the country. He held meetings with the African National Congress, South African Council of Churches, Nelson Mandela, Bishop Desmond Tutu, and Reverend Allan Bosesak to discuss reforming the political and social conditions inside South Africa. This delegation was a part of the American Committee on Africa and the Religious Action Network. He has preached in churches in both West Africa, South Africa, and the Caribbean.

Reverend Anthony served as Co-Chairman of the International Mandela Freedom Tour to the City of Detroit, 1990. Reverend Anthony is a member of several boards and councils inside the City of Detroit. Among them are New Detroit, Inc., Detroit Urban League, Michigan Coalition of Human Rights, and the Minority State Health Policy Advisory Board. He is also the past Chairman of the Interfaith Council of Religious and Civic Leaders and a host of other boards. Reverend Anthony is a Trustee on the General Retirement System Board of the City of Detroit, managing over \$3 Billion in Assets.

Reverend Anthony is the current President of the Detroit Branch NAACP, the largest branch in the country with a current membership of more than 51,000. He is a single father with two daughters, Tolani (toe-lah-nee), age 27, and Maia (my-ee-yah), age 20, both students at Wayne State University. Reverend Anthony has received numerous local and national awards, among them; "Spirit of Detroit" award; State of Michigan Special Tributes; "Frederick Douglass Speakers" award; NAACP President's "Special Citation;" National Black United Fund Detroit Chapter "Malcolm X" award; Martin Luther King, Jr., "Commemorative" award; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., "Human Touch" award; Booker T. Washington Business Association "Brotherhood" award; Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., "Civic Activist" award; the Ghanaian Community Association's "Black Star of Ghana" award; Walter P. Reuther Award for Distinguished Service; International United Auto Workers, "Michiganian of the Year" award; National Kidney Foundation of Michigan—"Champion of Hope" award; Anheuser-Busch Companies, "Outstanding Achievement" award; the SHAR Foundations's "Human Service" award; Phylon Society of Wayne State University, "Ben Richard Coleman" award; St. Anthony's "Keep the Dream Alive" award; Urban Bankers Award for Justice, and the Metro Detroit APRI-CBTU "Community Service" award, just to name a few.

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Reverend Anthony was also the Clergy Co-Chairman for the Detroit Committee organized by the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union to assist the union organizing of Samson and Delila Plants in Waynesboro and Louisville, Georgia. This committee was organized to help gain union recognition and empowerment from S. Lichtenburg and Company for the workers in that region. Reverend Anthony is the founder of the Fannie Lou Hamer Political Action Committee. This is a grass-roots, independent, community-based organization with a successful record of support for activist-candidates for elected office. The PAC is named after the late civil rights activist, Fannie Lou Hamer, in tribute to her work in the Mississippi Delta Region.

In 1993, Reverend Anthony organized and led a march of over 250,000 persons in the City of Detroit to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the March of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to Detroit in June of 1963. This march occurred before the historical march in August of that same year. This was the largest march organized for this purpose since 1963. In 1994, Reverend Anthony was a part of a special delegation of the National NAACP leadership to visit South Africa in support of the national elections held in April of 1994. He, along with the delegation, met with various political parties on the ballot and helped to coordinate election activities for South Africans residing in the United States. In October of 1994, Reverend Anthony organized a Rwanda Relief Effort in which the Detroit Branch NAACP raised nearly \$1 million in monies for transport vehicles, food, clothing and medical supplies to aid in the assuagement of the holocaust occurring in Rwanda and Goma, Zaire. Reverend Anthony personally supervised the distribution of the materials to persons in Rwanda in conjunction with relief agencies on the ground. In 1995, Reverend Anthony was the Co-Chairman for the City of Detroit Million Man March Committee. This led to the largest delegation of a city in America being represented with more than 75,000 men in attendance.

Reverend Anthony is Co-Chair of the Detroit Fair Banking Alliance, which is responsible for negotiating over \$7.2 billion in economic development with local banking institutions. This is a precedent for any NAACP Branch in the nation. It includes mortgage, consumer and home improvement loans, procurement and employment of African Americans, women, and other minorities within the City of Detroit. He has been a member for the Detroit Building Authority since 1994, which oversees construction and building programs throughout the city of Detroit, and currently serves as the Citizen Trustee for the Detroit General Retirement System Pension Fund, which manages a pension fund of over \$2.7 billion. Reverend Anthony founded the Fellowship Chapel Health Clinic in Cape Coast, Ghana, West Africa, in March of 1996. This clinic was built from the ground up providing medical service to children and adults throughout the central region of Ghana, in March of 1996. Reverend Anthony has served as president of the Detroit Branch NAACP since 1993.

Heaster Wheeler

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Detroit Public Schools**

- *April/1997 to Dec./1998*

**Deputy Director
Democratic Communications Staff
Speaker Hertel's Office
Michigan House of Representatives**

- *Jan/1994 to March/1997*

**Lobbyist
Manager, State Government Affairs
Ameritech**

- *May/1992 to Dec./1993*

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Office of Representative Carolyn C. Kilpatrick
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President Clinton is scheduled to be the keynote speaker at the **Detroit NAACP's** 45th-annual Fight for Freedom Fund Dinner.

"For the year 2000, the **Detroit** branch of the **NAACP** will mark a milestone in the Fight for Freedom," said the Rev. Wendell Anthony, head of the **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Detroit** branch.

"Our special keynote speaker reflects the great respect and dignity that is now being paid to the Detroit Branch as the nation's No. 1 branch," he told The Detroit News for a report Tuesday.

The event will be April 30 at 4 p.m. at Cobo Center.

Vice President Al Gore spoke at last year's dinner, where he called for enhanced racial justice and the need to expand federal hate-crime legislation.

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PR Newswire**October 22, 1999, Friday****SECTION:** State and Regional News**DISTRIBUTION:** TO CITY, URBAN AFFAIRS AND PHOTO EDITORS**LENGTH:** 248 words**HEADLINE:** **Detroit NAACP** Special Community Forum to Take Place Saturday, October 23 On
Racial Profiling and Driving While Black;
Rev. Al Sharpton, Special Guest Panelist**DATELINE:** DETROIT, Oct. 22**BODY:**

Rev. Wendell Anthony announced today that there will be a special community forum on racial profiling and "Driving While Black." The forum will be held at Fellowship Chapel, located at 19555 W. McNichols, on Saturday, October 23, 1999, 3 to 5 p.m.

Rev. Anthony, who is President of the **Detroit Branch NAACP**, indicated that several men's groups lead by the Men's Christian Fellowship of Fellowship Chapel will be conducting a national hearing on racial profiling by rogue police officers throughout this region.

"I am pleased that Rev. Al Sharpton, head of the National Action Network of New York City will be our special guest panelist. Rev. Sharpton has been involved with a number of cases of racial targeting in New York City; most notably the Amadou Diallo case where police officers recently admitted their guilt in the assault of Mr. Diallo in New York."

Other panelists include Congressman John Conyers, Jr.; Atkins Warren of the U.S. Justice Department; Judge Karen Ford Hood, President of the Black Judges Association; and Reginald Turner of the National Bar Association. The forum will be moderated by Rev. Wendell Anthony and Jeffrey Miller, host of the syndicated talk show, Transitions.

Rev. Al Sharpton will also be speaking at Fellowship Chapel during the 7:30 and 11:30 a.m. service. The general public is welcome.

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Poor parents want them, but civil-rights leaders are split

BODY:

The wolves are coming! cried out the Rev. Wendell Armstrong, president of the **Detroit** chapter of the **NAACP**. A chorus of amen rang out in the crowded church. The wolves, said Armstrong, are coming in the shape of vouchers, dressed in sheep's clothing! Vouchers--public and privately funded scholarships that enable schoolchildren to attend private schools--threaten to wreck the public-school system, declared Armstrong and 11 other speakers during a recent three-hour rally at Fellowship Chapel in northwest Detroit. Vouchers don't educate, they segregate, warned NAACP president Kweisi Mfume.

Vouchers are still very much of an educational experiment, affecting perhaps .1 percent of American schoolchildren. Only a couple of cities--Milwaukee and Cleveland--have large-scale programs. Polls show that most whites are indifferent to vouchers and are satisfied with their public schools. But vouchers are popular with some poor African-Americans and Hispanics eager to get their kids out of bad schools. This year a \$200 million foundation set up by billionaire Ted Forstmann offered scholarships to allow 40,000 poor children to attend private school. Nationwide, 1.25 million applied. Numbers like that are provoking a crisis for the black leadership community. It has divided traditional civil-rights leaders, who violently oppose vouchers, from a small but growing band of grass-roots leaders who believe that only competition will force inner-city schools to reform.

Vouchers, their critics charge, will skim off the brightest children and drain desperately needed resources from public schools. Poor kids without involved parents will be left behind. Vouchers can never reach more than a small percentage of students. Shouldn't the focus be on improving all public schools? All good arguments, but some civil-rights activists also see a plot. Once people find out who's really behind vouchers, they'll see they're a tool of the religious right, says the Rev. Timothy McDonald, chair of the African-American Ministers Leadership Council, an organization set up to oppose vouchers. Christian academies, he adds, are running out of money, so they want vouchers. Even private voucher programs like Forstmann's are suspect. Warns Carole Shields, president of the People for the American Way, a liberal lobbying group: When you put venture capitalists and right-wing fundamentalists together, you can believe nothing good will come of it for the poor.

Such statements are paranoid, says the conservative black writer Shelby Steele, a fellow at Stanford

University's Hoover Institution. So far, he notes, poor kids are the ones being helped most by vouchers. In Florida, a new voucher plan sponsored by Gov. Jeb Bush will award vouchers to students at the worst inner-city schools. Although the Miami chapter of the NAACP has gone to court to try to block the program, at least one local civil-rights leader, T. Willard Fair, chairman of the Miami Urban League, welcomes the Bush plan. He charges that the NAACP is in league with unionized teachers who see vouchers as a threat to their livelihoods. Are the people stupid? Fair asks. Or are the leaders selfish? The Rev. Floyd Flake, a former New York City congressman who is now pastor of the Allen AME Church in Queens, blames the teachers' unions for intimidating lawmakers from inner-city areas. They won't get elected if they don't toe the line, says Flake. The teachers' unions give a lot of money. (McDonald counters that money motivates the provoucher forces as well. He notes that Flake, who runs a church school, stands to benefit from new private-school funding ventures.)

The infighting between leaders does not mean much to parents who have to worry about their children's schooling. Dianne Flourney, a postal supervisor in Detroit, peeked inside the recent antivoucher rally at Fellowship Chapel but decided not to stay. She sacrifices to afford private school for her son, but she thinks that poor parents who can't foot the bill should have access to vouchers. With a nod at the gathering inside the church, she said, I understand all the points they are making. But until they can get public schools to a higher standard, parents like me don't have any other choice.

GRAPHIC: PHOTO: No other choice? A choir singing at an antivoucher rally at Fellowship Chapel in Detroit ; PHOTO: They don't educate': Mfume

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State Net Capitol Journal - Michigan**October 13, 1999****SECTION:** EDUCATION; Weekly Edition**LENGTH:** 740 words**HEADLINE:** DETROIT, **NAACP** JOIN ANTI-VOUCHER EFFORT**BODY:**

The City of Detroit and its **NAACP** chapter have formally joined the campaign opposing **school vouchers** in Michigan.

The joint effort hopes to block the Kids First! Yes! campaign that is trying to put a voucher question on next year's November ballot. It would require the state to make public financing available for private or parochial school tuition in districts with high dropout rates and poor test scores, or where parents successfully petition for such aid.

Detroit is expected to be a battleground for hearts and votes. The school system there is considered troubled, and there is a strong network of churches that might want to sponsor private academies.

Detroit and the **NAACP** argue vouchers would divert resources from public education as the city is embarking on an aggressive school reform effort.

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PR Newswire**October 15, 1999, Friday****SECTION:** State and Regional News**DISTRIBUTION:** TO CITY, EDUCATION AND URBAN AFFAIRS EDITORS**LENGTH:** 825 words**HEADLINE:** Detroit Branch **NAACP** and People for the American Way Foundation 'Fair Is Fair Public Dollars for Public Education';
Partners for Public Education Turn Up the Heat on **School Vouchers!****DATELINE:** DETROIT, Oct. 15**BODY:**

The **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)** and People for the American Way Foundation established Partners for Public Education to inform tax payers, parents and students about the negative consequences of **school vouchers**. Both of these nationally recognized organizations have hosted "Partners for Public Education" conferences throughout the country including Chicago, Milwaukee, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia. The theme is "Every Child Counts."

The "Partners for Public Education" conference will be held in Detroit on Tuesday, October 26, 1999. Educational Workshops will be held at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, 18700 James Couzens Hwy., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A rally against **school vouchers** followed by a service will be held at Fellowship Chapel United Church of Christ, 19555 W. McNichols, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The Partners for Public Education campaign is timely for the Metro Detroit Area as pro-**school voucher** petitions for a Year 2000 ballot vote have been approved by the State of Michigan. The petitions are soliciting support for the **School Voucher** Proposal which would lift Michigan's constitutional ban on using public money for private and parochial schools.

"**School vouchers** have been put before us as a distraction from real school reform," said Rev. Anthony, president of the Detroit Branch **NAACP**. "The debate over **school vouchers** should not be a lengthy one. The **school voucher** system has been considered unconstitutional by the State of Michigan for good reason. Simply put, public education reform cannot be accomplished by taking monies out of the Detroit Public School System and placing them into private schools. The Partners for Public Education's position is clear. Fair is fair: public tax dollars should not be used to fund private schools."

Kwiesi Mfume, President and CEO of the National **NAACP**, who will be present at both the Workshops and the Rally on October 26, 1999, felt the partnership with the PFAWF reflects the beliefs of the **NAACP** that challenges can be overcome when differences are transcended and issues are faced with a united front.

"Once again, we are being called upon to stand up on behalf of our children and to fight back," Mfume said. "Publicly funded vouchers will skim off the best students -- those whom private schools find desirable for their own reasons. Skin color, religion, economic class, language group, need for remedial work -- all these things would be barriers to acceptance and success in a system designed around the choices of the private schools, not the choices of the parents and students."

Studies conducted by the People for the American Way Foundation find that **school vouchers** don't cover all of the cost associated with private schooling such as uniforms, transportation, and excess tuition. Also charter schools, which are expected to rely on vouchers for funding, are not required to be accredited or to employ certified teachers which impact the quality of education they receive and ultimately, their chances for attending quality colleges and universities. The Michigan **school voucher** proposal would also lead to an increase of local property taxes to pay those continuing overhead costs of the public school system.

Carol Shields, President of the People For the American Way Foundation, who will also be in attendance at the October 26th event said, "America's public schools were built on the principle that 'every child counts.' There are those who claim that vouchers -- publicly funded scholarships to religious or other private schools -- are an escape route from public schools in crisis. Vouchers are really about taking resources from our public schools and about politics. Some politicians believe that if they tell us our public school ship is sinking, we will each try to save our own children and turn our back on the rest."

The workshops that will be conducted at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church will explore subjects such as who is behind the Pro-Voucher Movement; how vouchers hurt students; what are schools of choices/charter schools; and ballot initiatives.

Supporters of the Partners for Public Education include the ACLU, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), the Detroit Federation of Teachers (DFT), the Michigan Federation of Teachers (MFT), the Mayor's Office, the Detroit School Board, the National and Michigan Education Association (NEA/MEA), New Detroit, Inc., and the Council of PTA.

Partners for Public Education was launched by the PFAWF and the **NAACP** in early 1997 to build support for public education and oppose vouchers and other policies that weaken the public schools. SOURCE Detroit Branch **NAACP**

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The Detroit News**February** 11, 2000, Friday**SECTION:** Metro; Pg. Pg. C1**LENGTH:** 813 words**HEADLINE:** NAACP's leader an activist at heart: Detroit branch adds clout with Wheeler**BYLINE:** Darren A. Nichols / The Detroit News**BODY:**

DETROIT -- For Heaster Wheeler, fighting for civil rights is like playing chess.

People are either helping to make the right moves to win a battle or are standing nearby watching those who are playing and scrutinizing every move.

"The bottom line in this political, civil-rights and social-activism process is you're either a player or a spectator," said Wheeler, 43, the recently appointed executive director of the **NAACP's Detroit** branch, the nation's largest. "You make the choice."

In September, the Rev. Wendell Anthony, president of the branch, tapped into Wheeler's eight years of experience as a Lansing lobbyist for Ameritech and the Detroit Public Schools to lead the organization. Wheeler's expertise with the inner workings of Lansing politics is expected to help the branch pursue its public policy agenda.

Wheeler's appointment is significant because it signals that the Detroit branch is seeking to strengthen its leverage in the Republican-dominated Legislature. Many view outstate Republicans as attacking Detroit's leadership, such as for its handling of the schools.

Wheeler's leadership style is similar to that of past executive directors such as Joann Watson, who helped build the group's membership and grass-roots efforts, and John Johnson, who helped the branch fight to protect affirmative action.

"I respect his decision to bring the fight home to the NAACP," said Khary Turner, 29, who is chairman of the NAACP's Young Adult Committee.

As a lobbyist, Wheeler "was in the war and was a soldier on the school-reform issue," Turner said. "He stays grounded and keeps his finger on the pulse of the community. He really jumped in head-first and got things rolling."

When Wheeler took over as head for the branch, there was no time to get acclimated to the game's playing style. The branch was tackling several major issues, including: the pending sentencing of

Nathaniel Abraham, the juvenile who was convicted of killing an adult; blacks being eliminated as casino investors; and a state plan to remove principals from union ranks and eliminate residency requirements on city employees.

But Wheeler, who has been a community activist for years, welcomed the challenge of dealing with those issues. Wheeler has been an activist since middle school, when he was a member of the Black Student Union, he said.

Political activism gives me "the freedom to live and work on issues every day that I think and talk about naturally," Wheeler said. "After my family, this is something that I passionately look forward to. Every day is different, and you have a ton of issues. Coming to work is something I look forward to."

Many people point to Wheeler's honest, straight-to-the-point style as his leadership strength. Instead of playing political games to gain friends, he holds back no punches on issues.

"Heaster is one of those people who, when he gives you information, I take it to the bank," said Sen. Burton Leland, D-Detroit, who knew Wheeler when he was a lobbyist. "He's right on the mark and he's honest with you. He doesn't tell you what you want to hear. He's a well-respected person. Whatever he does, he does well."

Wheeler said his straightforward leadership style continues a tradition set by NAACP leaders.

"I'm really just an ordinary brother from the streets of Linwood with some extraordinary passion for doing things right," he said. "The bottom line is the NAACP is still a freedom-fighting organization and that's the cornerstone in which we will do anything under my leadership."

Heaster Wheeler

Age: 43

Education: Pursuing a degree in African Studies with an emphasis in public policy development at Wayne State University. A graduate of Northwestern High School, 1973.

Career: Spent eight years as a lobbyist for Ameritech and the Detroit Public Schools. Also worked as a firefighter with the Detroit Fire Department. Served as former president of the Black Fire Fighters Association.

Personal: Lives in Detroit with his wife, Jennifer, and their two children, Geneva, 3 and Jeremiah, 2.

NAACP plans initiatives

Heaster Wheeler says he wants the **Detroit** branch of the **NAACP** to focus on:

- * Increasing youth involvement. Most of the branch's members are 35 to 50 years old. The branch will start an initiative to integrate the efforts of the Young Adult Committee, the Wayne State University chapter and the Youth Council to attract younger members.

- * Voter education and public policy. The branch expects to work toward increasing young voters and making sure Detroiters participated in the 2000 Census.

- * Economic empowerment. The branch wants to start initiatives to teach more African Americans about saving and investing.

- * Discrimination issues. The branch gets about 60 calls about alleged discrimination cases each week. The branch handled about 3,000 cases in 1999.

GRAPHIC: Executive director of the **NAACP's Detroit** branch, Heaster Wheeler, spoke to the MotorCity Casino for the NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner ticket committee. Daniel Mears / The Detroit News

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PR Newswire**March 28, 2000, Tuesday****SECTION:** nSTATE AND REGIONAL NEWS**DISTRIBUTION:** TO CITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS EDITORS**LENGTH:** 629 words**HEADLINE:** **Detroit** Branch **NAACP** to Honor Congressman John Conyers, Jr. And HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo, April 30;
'New Strategies for Progress in the 21st Century'**DATELINE:** DETROIT, March 28**BODY:**

The **Detroit** Branch **NAACP** will present to Congressman John Conyers, Jr., a special "Lifetime Achievement Award" at the 45th Annual Fight For Freedom Fund Dinner, Sunday, April 30, 2000. Congressman Conyers will receive this award for his 36 years of active service as a member of the House of Representatives, as a sponsor of the Bill to make Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday a national holiday, and for his many years of being a leader in civil rights, worker's rights and international human rights. Congressman Conyers has been a champion of jobs, justice and peace for over 40 years. Congressman Conyers has served as the Congressman from the 14th Congressional District since his first election in 1964.

Rev. Wendell Anthony indicated, "Congressman John Conyers, Jr., has given exemplary service; enhancing the quality of life not only for Detroiters, but for people all around the world. The **Detroit** Branch **NAACP** is pleased to honor him as we move forward in the new millennium."

The **Detroit** Branch **NAACP** will also honor the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Andrew Cuomo with its "Freedom and Justice Award" at the 45th Annual Fight for Freedom Fund Dinner. Secretary Cuomo has led the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the quest to bring fairness and access to home ownership to people of color. Through his department, he has led civil suits totaling nearly \$5 billion against communities which have discriminated against African Americans, Latinos and other minorities throughout our nation.

According to President Anthony, "Secretary Cuomo exemplifies what real access to home ownership and equality reflects. Not only has he knocked on the door, but through his efforts, the doors have been knocked open for all people regardless of race and ethnicity. We are proud to honor Secretary Cuomo with the 'Freedom and Justice Award' for 2000."

Cuomo's presence will also act as a catalyst for the special weekend "**Detroit** Branch **NAACP** and WWJ Newsradio 950 Housing Conference" entitled "Home Ownership Day in Detroit" on Saturday, April 29, 2000, 10 a.m. at Cobo Hall Conference Center. Home Ownership Day in Detroit is a daylong event designed to be an educational opportunity for those interested in buying a home or those who currently own a home in the city of Detroit. The conference is free and open to the public.

According to Heaster Wheeler, Executive Director of the **Detroit** Branch **NAACP**, "The businesses that are helping to facilitate this event are giving back to the very communities that they serve. They will be increasing the educational process which will in turn get people into their own homes

faster and bring up the value of their home by remodeling that much quicker."

Seminar topics will include:

- Qualifications for financing
- Choosing a location
- Planning and budgeting for home improvements
- Mortgage readiness and issues related to fair housing
- All of the associated issues involved in buying a home and building a neighborhood.

The 45th Annual Fight For Freedom Fund Dinner is scheduled for 5 p.m., Sunday, April 30, 2000, at Cobo Conference Center in Detroit. The theme of this year's dinner is "New Strategies for Progress in the 21st Century."

For more information, including registration, call the **Detroit Branch NAACP** at 313-871-2087.

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Michigan Chronicle**December 14, 1999****SECTION:** Vol. 63; No. 11; Pg. A9**LENGTH:** 605 words**HEADLINE:** Detroit NAACP focuses on child safety seats**BODY:****Detroit NAACP** focuses on child safety seats

The **Detroit** branch **NAACP** will distribute free child car seats to low-income families at the branch office at 2990 E. Grand Blvd., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 11. The car seats are being provided by General Motors and the UAW-GM Center for Human Resources (CHR). Over the next 12 months, the **Detroit** branch **NAACP** Health Information Center will distribute 10,000 convertible car seats (appropriate for children from birth to 40 lbs.).

"Every child has a right to safety when riding in a vehicle regardless of their parents' ability to purchase a new car seat or their ability to get vital information on the proper use of car seats," said the Rev. Wendell Anthony, president, **Detroit** branch **NAACP**. "The number of children that have been injured or have died because of improper use or no use at all is unacceptable and we plan to do our part to address this issue."

Families can receive their free car seats after viewing a video and a demonstration on the proper use of the seats. Families will be required to be low-income to qualify for the program.

In Michigan, the law states that all children who are 16 and under who are passengers in motor vehicles must use a seat belt or be properly restrained in a car seat. If this law is violated, there is a fine of \$55 that includes court costs. Michigan also passed a new seat belt bill in May that will become effective in April 2000 where seat belt use becomes a primary enforcement law allowing police to pull over cars if drivers and front seat passengers are not buckled up. The new law will also require that children under age four be restrained in the back seat of a car in a child safety seat.

Deaths by motor vehicle crashes are the most serious health risk for children. Statistically, traffic accidents kill more children under the age of five than all the childhood diseases and illnesses combined. Approximately 40 percent of all children age four and under ride unrestrained. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional injury-related deaths among children age 14 and under. Of the children killed, 63 percent were not using safety restraints at the time of the collision. In addition, it has been found that in families that use child safety seats, four out of five are used incorrectly.

General Motors and the UAWGM CHR are providing \$2.5 million worth of car seats nationwide in partnership with the NAACP and the National SAFE KIDS campaign. As part of this partnership, the

National SAFE KIDS campaign and its local coalitions have provided training on car seat installation to local NAACP branches. The child safety seat distribution program is part of GM's pledge to America's Promise, the nationwide initiative led by Gen. Colin Powell to help children grow up to become successful adults.

"Child passenger safety is very important to the General Motors family," said Roderick D. Gillum, vice president of Corporate Relations and Diversity for General Motors. "Through the UAW-GM Center for Human Resources and our marketing division, we are pleased to help the NAACP in their efforts to protect the children and families they serve."

The **Detroit** branch **NAACP** Health Information Center will train and coordinate volunteers from more than 50 community groups that will participate as partners in this car safety campaign.

For more information or to reserve a space for training, contact Stephen Broyles at the **Detroit** branch **NAACP** at (313) 871-2087.

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November 16, 1999**SECTION:** Vol. 63; No. 7; Pg. 1**LENGTH:** 388 words**HEADLINE:** Politics for Y2K: NAACP hip-hop summit is outreach to youth**BODY:**

Politics for Y2K: NAACP hip-hop summit is outreach to youth

National activist Minister Conrad Muhammad will be in Detroit Nov. 13 to rally area youth for social and political activism as the keynote speaker at the **Detroit NAACP's** fourth annual Hip-Hop Summit.

The event, entitled "Politickin' for the 2 G," aims to prepare youth for the next millennium by promoting technological, political and economical preparation through dialogue and music.

The summit will be held at Wayne State University's McGregor Auditorium from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will feature workshops on issues such as economic empowerment, voter education and political outreach. In addition, the event will cover topics such as human and civil rights advocacy, job placement and membership services.

The summit also seeks to help nurture relationships between youth and parents to discuss social, political and cultural issues.

Muhammad, 35, has been traveling the nation on a mission to empower the hip-hop generation. His New Yorkbased campaign includes initiatives ranging from increasing voter registration to putting rap artists in political office. He hosts a radio show in New York that focuses on social, cultural and political issues in the hip-hop generation. Last year he founded Conscious Hip Hop Activism Necessary for Global Empowerment (CHHANGE), a nonprofit political activism group.

Khary Kimani Turner, chair of the **Detroit NAACP's** Young Adult Committee, said the purpose of the summit is to get more of the hip-hop generation to heed the call for social and political activism expressed in a lot of the music.

"Weve got to start getting some of these younger hip-hop heads into a politically and socially astute frame of mind," Turner said. "It's cool to wear the clothes and speak the language, but if your music is not helping to move you toward a different philosophy, then your music is no good."

Over 350 youth and adults attended the 1998 youth summit and received instruction in areas ranging from drug counseling to entrepreneurship.

In addition to Muhammad, this year's event will also feature several other noted speakers. Local and national rap artists will be featured in concert. -- M. Amick

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The Detroit News**October 28, 1999, Thursday****SECTION:** Front; Pg. Pg. A1**LENGTH:** 238 words**HEADLINE:** NAACP attacks Tiger hire: Lack of minority candidates for manager's job is 'slap in face,' black leader says 9900279763:**BYLINE:** Mark Puls / The Detroit News**BODY:**

DETROIT -- As Major League Baseball investigates the matter, the national leader of the NAACP on Wednesday called the apparent failure of the Detroit Tigers to seriously consider a minority for team manager a "slap in the face" to minorities.

"We call on (owner Mike) Ilitch to publicly apologize for this egregious affront to African Americans and Latino communities all over this nation who believe in baseball, who love this sport and who believe in equal opportunity," NAACP President Kwesi Mfume said at a news conference outside the team's new Comerica Park.

Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig has notified the Tigers that he is looking into whether the team considered minority candidates for the job, which went to Phil Garner after the Tigers fired Larry Parrish. Selig is pursuing a new policy to increase racial diversity in baseball management.

The situation is "still being discussed by the commissioner's office and our upper-office management," team spokesman Tyler Barnes said.

There is no timetable for a decision on whether the Tigers will be fined or face another penalty.

The Rev. Wendell Anthony, head of the **Detroit** Branch of the **NAACP**, said more people of color should help run the Tigers.

"It is unfortunate that as we applaud the participation of minorities in the construction of Comerica Park we still have a ways to go in terms of team involvement and participation," Anthony said.

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PR Newswire**March 10, 2000, Friday****SECTION:** nSTATE AND REGIONAL NEWS**DISTRIBUTION:** TO CITY AND FOREIGN EDITORS**LENGTH:** 634 words**HEADLINE:** Detroit Branch **NAACP:** PROJECT DREAMZZS**DATLINE:** DETROIT, March 10**BODY:**The following is a statement from Rev. Wendell Anthony, President of the **Detroit Branch NAACP:**

"The recent events inside Southeast Africa have caused a world community to gaze in horror and shock at the level of tragic deaths and flood victims with bodies floating down the Limpopo River. The world cannot sit idly by and watch another Rwanda, Goma or Somalia occur without engaging in direct action. There are over one million people who are without homes, food and medicine. Hospitals are overridden with sick children, elderly and women. There was not only the tragedy of heavy rain during the past several weeks but rains have started once again. This is causing a tremendous obstacle to rescue efforts in the provinces of Manica, Sofala, Gaza, Inhambane and even the capital of Maputo. The areas within the Limpopo and Sava River basins have borne the brunt of the disaster. In the Sussendenga and Mossurize District of Manica an estimated 5,000 families have lost not just their homes, but their crops to the heavy rains, winds, and flooding.

"As a result of some receding of flood waters, people are now moving back towards dry land. In this movement there are now victims of an outbreak of deadly malaria and cholera. For many of us in the West it is as simple as getting a vaccination against these diseases at a local health care clinic.

"But for thousands of others it is an exercise in futility. The malnutrition due to a lack of food has made it very difficult for nurses to properly inject babies with medicine and for many there is simply no medicine at all. It is out of this great need that we have decided to launch a special emergency project to aid those who are in need called PROJECT DREAMZZS, 'The Detroit Relief Effort To Aid Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and South Africa.' This project is calling on all of those who wish to aid the hungry, heal the sick, provide shelter to the homeless and save thousands of lives to join with us in this effort. We are asking churches, organizations, groups and individuals throughout the city of Detroit and its friends to join in this holy cause to aid those who have this great need. We have a strong desire to help rebuild families. Many of these people have great pride and are very self-determined that all they want after medicine and food are tools and seeds to replant and rebuild their own lives.

"We will be working with the international organization of Africare. Africare has representation on the ground in Mozambique and throughout Southeast Africa where the results of the floods and the heavy number of refugees will impact the surrounding countries as well. Detroit has always been out front during times such as these. We raised over \$800,000 in food, clothing, medicine and

transportation vehicles for the nation of Rwanda and Zaire during the tragic conflict in that nation. We have supported the needs of the poor and those affected by natural disasters for many years. We are now called upon during this season of Lent, of cleansing and loving, to reflect on the kindred spirit that lives in each of us to reach out and to touch the lives of those who desperately cry out for aid. Africa deserves to be aided. Africa has always provided both the natural resources and the human resources to aid the rest of the world. It is time for the rest of the world to aid Africa. 'For to whom much is Given, much is still required. Luke 12:48"

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The Detroit News♦ [View Related Topics](#)**April 7, 2000, Friday****SECTION:** Front; Pg. 9**LENGTH:** 368 words**HEADLINE:** **Detroit NAACP** gives 125,000 for flood relief
Local delegation will distribute aid to worst hit countries in Africa**BYLINE:** April Taylor / Detroit News Washington Bureau**DATELINE:** WASHINGTON**BODY:**

WASHINGTON -- The **Detroit** Branch of the **NAACP** is leading efforts to send both money and manpower to victims of a flood that has ravaged southeast Africa.

At a press conference Thursday, the group's president, the Rev. Wendell Anthony, presented a check for \$125,000 to Africare, an international relief organization, and announced that a special delegation of five Detroiters would travel to Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and South Africa to distribute the aid next week.

"We believe over 1 million people are without homes, food and shelter," said Anthony. "We look forward to being able to aid the thousands of families who have lost their homes."

The money will buy medicine, seeds, tools, clothing, cooking pans, blankets and other needed supplies.

Detroiters have been stirred, along with much of the world, over the last several weeks by images of Mozambicans stranded on roofs and treetops to avoid the devastating floods.

Anthony said Project DREAMSZ (Detroit Relief Effort to Aid Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and South Africa) exceeded its original goal to raise \$100,000 in aid and will continue to raise money. Of the \$125,000 already raised, \$75,000 will go to Mozambique, \$25,000 to Zimbabwe, and \$25,000 to South Africa.

Ambassadors from Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and South Africa praised Detroiters for the contributions to the relief effort. Africare President C. Payne Lucas also praised the city of Detroit.

"If we could replicate in the African American community the kind of commitment that has come out of Detroit, we could really change the meaning of foreign assistance in America," said Lucas.

Michigan Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit, who attended the Capitol Hill press conference along with Rep. Carolyn Cheeks-Kilpatrick, D-Detroit, said the nation needs to stay focused on Mozambique, where more than 700 are estimated dead from the floods. Both congressional representatives said they will urge President Clinton to send money appropriated for international disasters to provide immediate emergency assistance .

"The government needs to do more," Anthony said. "Even our worst day in America is still better than the best day for the people in Mozambique."

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The Detroit News♦ [View Related Topics](#)**February 29, 2000, Tuesday****SECTION:** Metro; Pg. Pg. D1**LENGTH:** 257 words**HEADLINE:** Activists step up attacks on racism 0000305457:**BYLINE:** Oralandar Brand-Williams / The Detroit News**BODY:**

DETROIT -- Local civil rights leaders and community activists are urging the state's Civil Rights Department to step up its attack on racism and to take bold steps on other concerns confronting Detroit's minority communities.

Commission members on Monday were asked to take a more active role on racial profiling, affirmative action and the state-mandated takeover of Detroit public schools, which has been perceived by some city leaders as a racist attack on black Detroiters by Lansing lawmakers.

"The civil rights department needs to take some steps that obviously your leader, Gov. John Engler, is not in sync with," said the Rev. Wendell Anthony, president of the **Detroit** Branch of the **NAACP** and one of the community leaders who attended a packed meeting of the Civil Rights Commission held at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

Last week's acquittal of four white New York City police officers in the shooting death of a West African immigrant Amadou Diallo prompted others to call for a special civil rights subcommittee to investigate complaints of police brutality.

"I'm outraged," said longtime community activist Joann Watson about the Diallo verdict. "It's just not a New York issue. It's a Detroit issue, too."

Department officials acknowledged that there is still a lot of work to be done.

"It is a challenge to the commission, but we're ready for it," said Nannette Reynolds, director of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission. "We can't do everything, but we know what we can do."

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HEADLINE: State and NAACP team up for civil rights

BODY:

State and NAACP team up for civil rights

The **Detroit** branch **NAACP** and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR) are partnering to provide on-site assistance to individuals that have civil rights complaints. MDCR provides a rights representative to the **Detroit NAACP** office every Tuesday and Wednesday.

The **Detroit NAACP** is the nation's largest branch office of the civil rights organization. More than 2,000 people bring their concerns to the Detroit office each year.

"We want to diminish some of the red tape that accompanies the process of filing a civil rights complaint," said Rev. Wendell Anthony, president of the **Detroit Branch NAACP**. "It is our job to provide the most immediate assistance possible to those who find themselves in an unjust situation. Having a MDCR staff person in our office will bring closure at a much faster rate to those who are in need."

Often, individuals who come to the NAACP for assistance are referred to MDCR because their concerns involve a violation of Michigan civil rights laws that MDCR enforces. MDCR is providing a staff person in order to provide on the spot consultation, which is also a step in strengthening ties between the MDCR and the NAACP.

"I am excited by this partnership initiative between the MDCR and the **Detroit Branch NAACP**," MDCR Director Nanette Lee Reynolds said. "As agencies that are both committed to eliminating discrimination, and to serving our customers well, we should be working together on joint issues. This initiative is just one example of the many new services MDCR began offering customers earlier this year. We are looking forward to developing additional programs together."

Those who have complaints can either walk-in or call-in and receive directions on how to best handle their case. For more information call (313) 871-2087.

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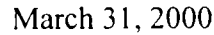
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B.

Carleton College, Northfield, MN

Date: June 10, 2000

Student Population: 1,856.

Minority Breakdown: 17% overall; 3% African American, 9% Asian American, 4% Hispanic, 1% Native American.

Scheduled Speaker: not yet determined

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C.

Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

Date: June 11, 2000

Student Population: 11,940.

Minority Breakdown: 13% overall; 1% African American, 8% Asian American, 3% q Hispanic, 1% Native American.

Scheduled Speaker: University President

Note: We believe this theme would resonate particularly well here given the recent hate crime incident in Oregon, and the high percentage of gun ownership in the state.

D.

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Date: June 16, 2000

Student Population: 7,747.

Minority Breakdown: 27% overall; 6% African American, 17% Asian American, 4% Hispanic.

Scheduled Speaker: not yet determined

Note: This is the late Coach Birdsong's university.

II. EDUCATION/ OPPORTUNITY

Context: We selected large state schools, with diverse racial and socioeconomic student bodies, where we believe the audience would be particularly receptive to your education message.

A.

Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI

Date: April 30, 2000

Student Population: 17,357.

Minority Breakdown: 19% overall; 14% African American, 2% Asian American, 2% Hispanic, 1% Native American.

Scheduled Speaker: not yet determined

B.

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Date: May 23, 2000

Student Population: 3,241.

Minority Breakdown: 25% overall; 6% African American, 13% Asian American, 6% Hispanic.

Scheduled Speaker: Dr. Michael Gottfried, alumnus

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C. Hudson County Community College, Jersey City, NJ

Date: May 25, 2000.

Student Population: 4,500.

Minority Breakdown: 80% overall.

Scheduled Speaker: not yet determined

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Note: Hudson County is a Historically Hispanic Institution with a significant immigrant population. *in an area that is Spanish*

D. Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

Date: June 11, 2000

Student Population: 11,940.

Minority Breakdown: 13% overall; 1% African American, 8% Asian American, 3% Hispanic, 1% Native American.

Scheduled Speaker: University President

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Note: We believe Oregon State University works for both speech themes.

Please note, while we're not recommending the following options, we wanted to remind you that John Hope Franklin has invited you to speak at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee (May 5-8); and Willie Garry has asked you to address Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina (May 13).

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
RADIO ADDRESS ON ENERGY SECURITY
THE WHITE HOUSE
MARCH 17, 2000

Good morning. In recent months, we have seen a rapid increase in the price of oil. And many are concerned about the effect on our economy. It is important to remember that while prices are higher now than they have been for some time, our overall economy is the strongest it's ever been. And inflation and unemployment remain at historic low levels. But, high oil prices are causing hardship for many Americans.

That is why we need to take action for both the short and long-term, to protect consumers and strengthen America's energy security. In the short term, I will continue to work with foreign countries to help close the gap between production and consumption.

Several important oil producing countries have recently expressed their support for a production increase. But we need to take a longer view – one that rejects environmentally damaging alternatives like drilling in the protected and treasured natural habitats of Alaska. That is why today I am announcing important new steps to reduce our reliance on foreign oil and fossil fuels, protect our environment and keep our economy strong.

First, to reduce the likelihood that future heating oil shortages will harm consumers, I am proposing the creation of an environmentally sound home heating oil reserve in the Northeast that could supply additional heating oil to the market in the event of a future shortage.

Second, to ensure that we have all available tools in the event of a crisis, I am calling on Congress to immediately reauthorize the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, which is a critical part of our nation's insurance against national emergencies caused by interruptions in the supply of oil.

Third, for over two years, Congress has refused to pass the common sense tax credits I have proposed to promote fuel saving cars of the future and energy efficient homes, buildings and equipment. I am proposing a comprehensive package of tax incentives to support domestic oil production, to improve the energy efficiency of our society and to promote the use of alternative fuels. I call on Congress to act now and pass these critical measures without further delay.

Finally, it is long past time for Congress to fully fund the more than \$1 billion that I have requested to accelerate the research and development of more efficient energy technologies, including the use of alternative and more efficient fuels.

Let's be clear: there is no overnight solution to this problem. Instead of taking short-sighted and risky steps now that we might regret later, we should use this opportunity to start down the right path toward real energy security. At the dawn of the 20th Century, Theodore Roosevelt defined America's great central task as "leaving this land even a better land for our descendants than it is for us."

If we take responsible action now, we can meet
Roosevelt's challenge. We can ensure our energy
security, protect our environment, and grow our economy
into the 21st century and beyond.

Thanks for listening.

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That is why we need to take action for both the short and long-term, to protect consumers and strengthen America's energy security. In the short term, to get prices down, we must continue working diplomatically with foreign countries to help close the gap between production and consumption. Several important oil producing countries have recently expressed their support for a production increase. But we to take a longer view. That is why today I am announcing a comprehensive plan to reduce our reliance on foreign oil and fossil fuels, improve our environment and keep our economy strong.

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Third, I am proposing a two-part package of tax incentives to support domestic oil production, to improve the energy efficiency of our society and promote the use of alternative fuels. This includes tax credits for electric and hybrid cars and more energy efficient homes.

Fourth, I am calling on Congress to pass my budget request of more than a billion dollars to accelerate the research and development of more efficient energy technologies, including the use of alternative and more efficient fuels.

Now I know some have suggested Band-Aid approaches to this problem, including repealing the federal gas tax and new drilling in Alaska. But, I believe these proposals are short-sighted and counterproductive. For instance, drilling in protected areas of Alaska could seriously damage one of our most treasured natural habitats, while providing only short-term relief from our reliance on foreign oil. Other proposals might undermine our diplomatic efforts to increase world oil production or cripple our ability to maintain our highways and transportation infrastructure. That would be a mistake. Instead of taking short-sighted and risky steps now that

we might regret later, we should use this opportunity to start down the path toward real energy security that protects our environment and strengthens our economy.

Thanks for listening.

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May 4, 2006 →

Attached is the promised list of students, teachers, and SCLC sponsors who marched from Selma to Montgomery in March. We all left Selma on Monday, March 6, the day after you spoke at the ceremony near Pettus Bridge, and reached Montgomery on Saturday, March 11. Because of rain, the closing rally in Montgomery was moved from the steps of the Alabama capitol (where Dr. King closed the original march with his "How Long? Not Long" address) to the nearby Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, where King began his career.

The participants were mostly very bright high school and college students, but many of them began with very little knowledge of segregation or Selma history. They learned along the way. We stopped in tiny churches for meetings with some of the original marchers. We sat along the highway to hear Alabamans who had never voted in 1965 explain how they became probate judges or deputy sheriffs. We gathered at the memorial built by SCLC women for Viola Liuzzo, the white Teamster's wife from Detroit who was killed by Klan ambush on the last day of the 1965 march. The 54-mile march over six days was a powerful bonding and learning experience.

Here is a rough starting point for any letter you might send these marchers:

"It was an honor for me to be at the Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama on Sunday, March 5, as the first sitting President to pay tribute in person to the voting rights movement of 1965. Now I also salute you and the students who literally took the next step that week by walking the 54 miles from Selma to Montgomery.

"Your 35th anniversary re-creation of the Selma-to-Montgomery march honors the best spirit of America. I'm sure all those miles along Highway 80 were a great learning and bonding experience for you, not only through those you met along the way but through the revived lessons of your forebears who risked violence and suffered blisters and abuse for the right to vote. Their triumph is a lasting gift to American freedom.

"It is our privilege to remember the Selma campaign. It is our duty to preserve and advance the cause of justice still embodied in the equal right to vote.

"I hope and trust that memories of the anniversary march will enrich your life as an American citizen. Hillary and Chelsea join me in sending thanks for your effort and best wishes for you in the days ahead."

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
ON HATE CRIMES

The East Room

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. Thank you, Amy Klobuchar and all the other law enforcement officials, civil rights leaders who are here; Attorney General Reno, Deputy Attorney General Holder.

Before I begin my remarks about hate crimes, I'd like to say just a brief word about the reunion of Elian Gonzalez and his father. After five months, it was long overdue. Now that they have been safely reunited, I believe it's time for all of us, including the media and those of us in public life, to give this family the space it needs to heal its wounds and strengthen its bonds; to work to lessen the pressure on them as the matter goes forward in the courts.

The thing that really matters now is that little boy and his life and his family. And I think, at least for the next several days, the less we all say about it and the more time he has to breathe the air of a normal life, the better.

I would like to commend the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General Holder, the law enforcement and the INS. They had a very, very difficult job to do, with no easy choices. And I am grateful that they were able to safely reunite the young boy with his father. Thank you. (Applause.)

We have just had a very, very good meeting with people who are on the front lines of law enforcement in our communities, people with different responsibilities, very different backgrounds, different viewpoints, who have all come to the same conclusion: we need to work together as partners and as a national community to fight crimes fueled by hate. And we need strong federal hate crimes legislation.

I want to be clear: most hate crimes are investigated and prosecuted at the state level. We support that. In fact, one of the reasons that I asked Janet Reno to become Attorney General over seven years ago is that she had been a prosecutor in Miami for a dozen years. And I wanted the federal government to have a unified law enforcement policy with state and local authorities all across this country in an unprecedented partnership. I think we have achieved that.

But in some of the most brutal, hate-motivated crimes, federal officials have been prevented from teaming up with local law enforcement. That has denied communities the resources and the expertise they need. We can draw a line against hate by drawing on each other's experiences.

One important way to ensure that hate crimes are punished and justice is done is to make sure we're all able to do our part. And that was the focus of our meeting today. Probably, you've heard me say many times by now that the great irony of this very modern age is that the

biggest stumbling block we face is perhaps the oldest problem in human relations -- our fear of those who are different from us. It's not a far leap from that kind of fear and then to distrust, and then the dehumanization and then to violence.

We have seen that in case after case across this land: a man dragged to death in Texas because he was black; a young man stretched across a fence in Wyoming because he was gay; children shot in Los Angeles because of their faiths; and a young Korean American shot coming out of church by a man who said he belonged to a church that didn't believe in God, but did believe in white supremacy.

In 1998, the last year for which we have statistics, over 7,700 hate crimes incidents were reported in our nation -- almost one an hour. And it is suspected by the experts that many more go unreported. These are not like other crimes, because these crimes target people simply because of who they are. And because they do, they strike at the heart of who we are as a nation.

Whenever one of these crimes is committed it creates a tension and fear that rips at the fabric of community life. This is not a partisan statement, but a simple statement of fact. This is about people who go to work, obey the law, are good citizens and good neighbors, who ought to be able to live their lives in dignity and without fear of abuse or attack but cannot. That's why we have worked hard to combat such crimes.

Two and a half years ago I convened the first ever White House Conference on Hate Crimes. Since then we have increased substantially the number of FBI agents working on them. We have successfully prosecuted a number of serious cases, formed local hate crime working groups in the U.S. Attorneys Offices around our nation, worked to help police officers identify the signs of a hate crime. My budget for the coming year includes funding for hate crime training for law enforcement.

But we must do more. You have already heard today, federal laws punish some crimes committed against people on the basis of race or religion or national origin. But they are hamstrung by needless jurisdictional requirements for existing crimes. Right now federal prosecutors cannot prosecute even the most heinous crimes unless the victim was voting, serving on a jury or doing some other federally protected activity. That defies common sense.

Today I heard about a case involving three skinheads in Lubbock, Texas, who declared a race war in their community, murdered one African-American as he was walking down the street and injured two others. Local prosecutors and the U.S. Attorney's Office decided together that the case should be tried in federal court. The skinheads were convicted and are behind bars with no chance of parole. But if the victim had been inside a friend's house instead of on a public street, that would not have been a hate crime under today's federal law. That doesn't make sense. It shouldn't matter where the murder was committed. It was still a hate crime. And the resources of the federal government were needed.

We also must give federal prosecutors the ability to prosecute hate crimes committed because of sexual orientation, gender or disability. These account for a growing number of such crimes. As the community leaders have told us today, this is not about taking anything away from states and communities. It's about making sure all our hometowns have the tools they need to fight hate.

So today I want to announce some new ways to do just that. First, the American Prosecutors Research Institute, the research arm of the

National District Attorneys Association, is releasing today a resource guide, the first of its kind, to help prosecutors' offices handle hate crimes investigations and prosecutions. This report was funded by the Justice Department. It highlights model practices around our country, giving guidance on everything from screening cases and investigation, to trial preparation, to help in preventing the crimes in the first place.

Second, I'm announcing the release of a new guide that highlights promising practices by communities to confront and reduce hate crimes. It spotlights five national models, from California to Maine, for training criminal justice professionals, treating the emotional and practical needs of hate crime victims, and taking creative steps to root out hate from public schools.

Third, and most important, I am renewing my call on Congress to pass a meaningful hate crimes bill. Last year, Congress stripped out important hate crimes protections from a bill that had already passed the Senate. I vetoed the bill in part because it did not contain the strong hate crimes provisions we're fighting for.

This year, America needs action. No one should be victimized because of how they look, how they worship, or who they are. The one thing I regret today is that all of you and through our friends in the media who are here, the American people, could not have heard the personal testimony of the two law enforcement officials -- who came all the way from Wyoming to be with us -- about how the searing experience of Matthew Shepard's murder and their responsibility to investigate it; to get to know his friends, gay and straight alike, and his family; to understand the circumstances of the inhumanity which took his life -- how all of that changed their lives. That is really what this is about. We need to provide a law that works. And we need to get beyond the law so that we all work together. It is profoundly important.

Let me say in a larger sense, this is part of our efforts to make our country a less violent place. I am grateful that crime is at a 25-year low; that homicides are at a 30-year low; that gun crimes have dropped 35 percent in the last seven years. But as we saw just yesterday at the devastating act of violence at the National Zoo here in our nation's capital, where seven young people were shot and wounded in a senseless act, our country still has too much violence and too much crime.

I'd like to express my concern and support to the Mayor and the entire community and, obviously, to the victims and their families. But whether it's a random act against children or a crime driven by hate, it should be obvious to all of us that we can do more and we must do more.

Seven years ago and three months now, when I became President, I think there were a lot of people who really wondered whether the crime rate could be brought down in our country; whether we could become less violent. In such an atmosphere, maybe reservations about taking even sensible steps could be justified. But today we don't have any excuses. We know we can make America a safer place.

But while the crime rate may be at a 25-year low, and gun crimes may be down 35 percent, and the homicide rate may be down to a 30-year low, there is not a single soul in this room or in this entire country who believes that our children are as safe as they ought to be, that people are safe from hate crimes, no matter what their race, their religion, their condition or their sexual orientation, that we have done all we can to make this the country it ought to be.

So if you believe that everyone counts and that everyone should have a chance to live his or her life, and if you believe we all do better when we work together, then you've got to help us pass this

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In partnership with you, and hard working Americans across this nation, we have risen to unprecedented heights of peace and prosperity. When I took office seven years ago, wages were stagnant, growth was slow, inflation was high, and confidence was low. In Michigan unemployment was almost 9 percent, well above the national average.

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We must also do more to ensure that all our children get a first class education in first class schools. Later this week, I will embark on a school reform tour in America's heartland to highlight the need to invest more and demand more from our schools. Education has always been the key to opportunity in America and it will be even more so in the knowledge economy of the 21st century.

Finally, we must do more to build One America. That means standing up to violent hatred by supporting the passage of a strong hate crimes bill. And it means doing all we can to make America's growing diversity our greatest strength.

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Thanks very much for your help. Sorry I was out of the office Friday and missed your call. Would love to discuss this topic when you have a moment. Hope all is well. Marvin

DRAFT STATEMENT FOR THE PRESIDENT for NAACP Dinner in Detroit

I also want to recognize the President of the University of Michigan, Lee C. Bollinger, who is with us tonight and has shown such great courage in defending the importance of diversity in higher education. President Bollinger and the University are fighting the Center for Individual Rights' efforts to turn back the clock here in Michigan, and we throughout the nation salute your leadership.

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Today, America and Michigan are on the rise again. Unemployment in this state has fallen to just three percent. Across this nation, we have created 21 million new jobs. We have the lowest poverty rate in 20 years. The lowest unemployment rate in 30 years. The lowest female unemployment rate in 40 years. The lowest African American and Hispanic unemployment rates on record.

Our social fabric is also on the mend. Crime is down by 20 percent to its lowest level in 25 years. Teen births are down seven years in a row. Adoptions are up 30 percent. Welfare rolls have been cut in half to their lowest levels in 30 years.

Together, we have also fought for and won the biggest increase in children's health in three decades. We have expanded Head Start to help more of our children start school ready to learn. And we have increased our support for mentoring and for higher education to help more of them graduate ready to succeed.

I am proud that I have put together the most diverse administration in history and appointed the most diverse group of federal judges ever. More than half my current judicial nominees are women or minorities, and they have earned the highest ratings of the American Bar Association – proving that excellence and diversity go hand in hand. But, for some reason, the Senate has stalled the nominations process.

My two Michigan nominees for the Sixth Circuit have been caught up in this. Judge Helene White, a highly qualified Michigan appellate judge has been waiting for a Senate Judiciary hearing for more than three years longer than any other pending appellate court nominee. My other Sixth Circuit nominee, Kathleen McCree Lewis, the daughter of the American hero, Wade McCree, is here tonight. Once confirmed, she will become the first African American woman ever to serve on the Sixth Circuit. I urge you to call upon the Senate to schedule confirmation hearings. ^{These} ~~They~~ deserve their appointments, but at the very least, an up or down vote. I want to thank Senator Abraham, who is here tonight, for his past support on behalf of Michigan federal judges, and ask him ^{to} do what he can to help us get these fine candidates confirmed.

We have created the most prosperous economy in a generation. Now we have the chance to create a generation of prosperity. By looking to the future. By meeting our long term challenges. We cannot rest. We still have work to do.

In spite of our growing prosperity, we all know there are people and places untouched by our economic recovery. We have an unprecedented opportunity, and responsibility to leave no one behind. We cannot rest until every community, every neighborhood, every block, and every family has the chance to reap the benefits of our booming economy.

That's why, over the past two years, I have traveled to some of this nation's hardest pressed communities – from the Mississippi Delta to Watts; from the barrios of Phoenix to the Pine Ridge Reservation. Some people may see these as pockets of poverty. But I see them as pools of potential. They are home to the new markets and new workers we need to keep our

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
45TH ANNUAL DETROIT NAACP DINNER
DETROIT, MICHIGAN
APRIL 30, 2000**

Acknowledgements: Rev. Wendell Anthony; Congressman Conyers; Sen. Levin; Sen Abrahams; Congressman Kilpatrick; Congresswoman Stabenow; Hester Wheeler; Lee Bollinger, President of the University of Michigan who has shown great courage in his fight to defend diversity in higher education in this state. And Mayor Dennis Archer who has led one of the great urban renaissance movements in the history of this nation. Mayor Archer, you have taken a city on the brink and proven that its best days are still ahead.

Good evening. I am delighted to join the world's largest civil rights organization for what I understand is the largest sit down dinner in the world. You have been doing this for 45 years. But they tell me I am the first sitting president to attend this great feast. After tonight, I am sure I won't be the last.

I mainly came here today to say thank you. For the past 7 years, you have been the best friend any President could ever have. And for more than 90 years, the NAACP has been one of the best friends America has ever had. You have been the conscience of a nation struggling to live up to its founding ideals. You have challenged us to look in the mirror of our hearts...to face our faults, to right our wrongs.

Earlier today, I spoke to the graduating class of Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. I told them that it is up to their generation to make sure that America's strong economy and technological progress always serve the public good. We must begin with a commitment that is at the heart of the NAACP philosophy: Everybody counts, everybody deserves a chance to succeed and we all do better when we help each other.

Martin Luther King once said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." This organization has never been silent about what matters most to America. And because of that you are more alive today than ever. We hear your voice in the fight to end racial profiling. We hear your voice saying that the way to improve education is not with vouchers but by increasing standards, accountability and choice within the public schools. We hear your voice speaking out against crimes of hate, racial injustice and the epidemic of gun violence that is tearing so many families and communities apart. We hear your call for One America.

Thanks to you and hard working citizens across this nation, America is stronger and more united than ever before. When I took office seven years ago, wages were stagnant, growth was slow, inflation was high, and confidence was low. In Michigan unemployment was almost 9 percent, well above the national average.

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11:00 A.M. panel

before 3

- Rick Allen -

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45th Annual Fight for Freedom Fund
Dinner - Largest sit down dinner in
the world 10,000 people -

Theme - New Strategies for Progress in the
21st Century -

* Racial profiling + School Vouchers -

NAACP working to defeat Voucher - maybe
on Nov. ballot - bottom of the ballot -
Keep at top - DWB - airports - shopping
malls - 60-75 complaints of discrimination
per week - many are puzzling - followed
around in malls - Central message - if
you think pub. schools in trouble now - wait till
you see impact of vouchers

POTUS will present lifetime
Achievement Award to John Conyers.

Rev. Wendell Anthony - welcome

Myer Dennis Archer - intro

- Special Recog. to Conyers -
^{elected officials}
Anthony to POTUS

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Prepare for 21st Century
Digital Divide kit
Wheeler's -
Sermon
10-10:30

Chapter pivot from Eastern Speech -

largest in
country 2 or 3 things

51,000 members
1st keynote T. Marshall
April 1956 - Privacy -
V.P. last year - Digital divide -
Barbara Jordan

New promise of technology -

~~Medical history~~
Racial profiling
Gun violence - reward - leadership
- rule - Kayla Holland -

H. travels to Africa - biblical reference
Church service 10,000
B. Chapter active in track - Africa

Fixed Costs remain same. \$6,500 benefit
that follows ev. student. Vouchers would
allow \$3,100 to follow -

Audience - 75% black 25% white
or 70-30 Black middle Class -
1000 high school students -
Corp. Citizens - tickets 125.00 per
\$1350 for table & ten or \$1500 -

any before. Conf on housing - in Detroit over 60% of
people who own have been subject to
predatory lending practices. Cuomo
will be recognized -

15-20 - digital divide - Census -
Participation

Detroit #3 response rate for census -

Local Branch -

1. discrimination
2. health awareness
3. Child safety seat - giving out over 1,000 seats
(training)

Gov. John Engler - signed into law - dim
residency for police + fire - NAACP -
asking leg. for central petition initiative
term limits -

Local -
gun violence - Flint -

4 days - POTUS on Blue Dias
9 people
dinner starts at 5- 7:30 over -