



Goose Creek Branch NAACP offers free SAT and ACT practice tests and a free College Financial Aid Workshop

The Goose Creek NAACP Branch offered high school and middle school students free college entrance practice tests, and a free financial aid workshop for parents, on Feb. 19 at Goose Creek High School.

Ninety-five students and 47 parents attended the event, which was open to all residents. The Goose Creek NAACP partnered with The Princeton Review to offer the practice SAT and ACT tests, and received cooperation and support from GCHS Principal Jimmy Huskey and the Berkeley County School District.

Parent and student participation was diverse and test takers came from Berkeley County, Charleston County, and Dorchester County School Districts. Jerry Zucker Middle School of Science in



particularly middle school students were encouraged to take the Pre-ACT as they prepare for college and life. April Ridgeway is The Princeton Review territory manager for the Atlantic Region.

volunteered to be proctors for the exams. Volunteer proctors included Shirley Hill Blunt, Barbara Bodison, Herbert Bodison, Beverly Hargrow, Krystal Campbell Jones, Joyce Medovic, Iona Soodoo, Brenda Bines Watson, William Watson, Eyamba Williams, Linda Sims Smith and Angela Gadsden Wright.

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North Charleston sent students to Goose Creek for the ACT exam to give them an important learning opportunity. Many of America's middle and high school students need more help from schools to effectively plan for the future, according to a recent study by ACT.

The study suggests that many students don't start thinking about their post-high school plans early enough, and that those who do may not be taking the right classes to prepare to meet their goals. Minority students and

"I was very pleased to see such a great turnout with students and parents alike," she said. "Our partnership has started a platform for helping students achieve greater success and I am proud to be a part of this effort." Ridgeway thanked the team from the Goose Creek NAACP and administrative team at Goose Creek High School "for the outstanding job they all did working together to make this all happen."

Educators from the Goose Creek NAACP branch and local education professionals

Myrlie Evers Williams

"You can kill a man but you can't kill an idea"

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 of the month at Abraham Masonic Building
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Monday March 7, 2011 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM General Meeting

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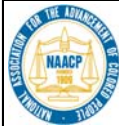
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S.C. State House

Columbia, South Carolina

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www.scpronet.com

March 8, 7pm: Columbia Network Meeting

2025 Marion St. We'll be organizing volunteers for the final push for the rally and tasks at the rally. Come get plugged in. Flyers are available for distribution at the Turnipseed Law Office, corner of Assembly and Washington; drop by during working hours.



You can download this flyer from our website: www.naacpgoosecreek.org



President Cakley envisions mentoring program for young black men

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**By Frank Johnson
The Gazette**

Wednesday, February 09, 2011

From four years in the U.S. Air Force, to three decades in Texas where he was a probation officer, to a year he spent teaching in Berkeley County, David Cakley has seen and done a lot.

Now, the 60-year-old is drawing on his life experience as he embarks on a new challenge: leading the Goose Creek NAACP.

Cakley was recently elected president of the local organization.

He has a vision for where he wants to take the Goose Creek branch during his tenure. A mentoring program designed to keep young black men out of trouble is at the top of his agenda.

"It's the biggest emphasis of my administration," Cakley said. "I'm sick and tired of seeing young black faces in the newspaper for crimes.

"It seems like if the young black males knew better, they would do better. If they have someone to guide them along the way, maybe they'd have more success in their lives."

Cakley said the mentoring program, in addition to giving young people someone to talk to, will emphasize the importance of education. "Stay in school," Cakley said, "and do the best you can in school as far as grades ... and this good life can be yours."

Cakley said that he realizes a mentoring program will only be successful if accompanied by an increased membership at the Goose Creek NAACP – and he plans to lead the drive for new members.

An emphasis will be placed on getting young people involved, he said.

The Goose Creek NAACP recently joined with Goose Creek Mayor Michael Heitzler on an AIDS awareness proclamation, emphasizing the importance of education in the black community about the disease. Cakley said a host of other events and community outreach activities are scheduled in the weeks and months ahead.

It's all about being active as an organization, which will lead to an increased awareness in the community, which will itself increase membership.

"I plan to do the best I can," Cakley said.

After growing up in the Lowcountry, Cakley

graduated from Bishop College in Dallas, where he would spend the next 30 years working as a probation officer, following a four-year stint in the Air Force. He would later join the U.S. Air Force Reserves, from which he retired in 1999.

He retired in 2002 from his job as a probation officer, and moved back to South Carolina. In 2006, Cakley put a teaching degree he'd obtained in college to use, and taught Social Studies at Sedgefield Middle School.

Cakley, who has two sons who reside in Texas, lives in Goose Creek with his wife, Alicia. He is a deacon at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church. ■



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March is Women's History Month

A-Ella Josephine Baker (December 13, 1903 – December 13, 1986) was an African American civil rights and human rights activist beginning in the 1930s

B-Modjeska Monteith Simkins (5 December 1899 - 9 April 1992) was an important leader of African American public health reform, social reform and the civil rights movement in South Carolina.

C-Mary White Ovington (April 11, 1865 – July 15, 1951) was a suffragette, socialist, Unitarian, journalist, and co-founder of the NAACP.

D-Septima Poinsette Clark (May 3, 1898–December 15, 1987) was an American educator and civil rights activist. Clark developed the literacy and citizenship workshops that played an important role in the drive for voting rights and civil rights for African American in the civil rights movement.

E-Fannie Lou Hamer (born **Fannie Lou Townsend** on October 6, 1917 – March 14, 1977) was an American voting rights activist and civil rights leader.

F-Dorothy Irene Height (March 24, 1912 – April 20, 2010) was an American administrator, educator, and social activist. She was the president of the National Council of Negro Women for forty years.

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Goose Creek High School staff members who assisted included assistant principal Mike Wilkerson, Maria Abrash, Donna Bird, and Arthur Reese who provided onsite assistance and support.

The Princeton Review team included: Ridgeway, Morrison Giffen, Rachael Breazeale and Hannah MacKenzie-Marquies.

Since the Goose Creek branch of the NAACP was chartered in 2004, education has been a priority on its civil rights agenda.

Brenda Bines Watson the branch's former president and education committee member said, "Education is a civil right and in a democracy it is only right and fair that all people regardless of race or national origin should have the right to a decent education.

Reducing the achievement gap between minorities and other students and ensuring equal educational opportunity remains one of the branch's top priorities.

Brenda Bines Watson who recently retired as Director of Guidance at Cross High School also said, "We believe the practice tests will help prepare students for the actual tests and help them feel more comfortable when it is time to take the actual test.

"If nothing more, it gives students a feeling they know what's going on and what to anticipate."

Goose Creek NAACP President David Cakley was on hand to help setup and oversee the area and greet the incoming students and parents. "I am pleased with the turnout and the success of our first free PSAT and ACT exams," Cakley said. "We commend all the volunteers for their superb work."

"A lot of people think the NAACP is just around to help African Americans but we believe everyone is entitled to good public education without distinctions such as race, color, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, birth or other status. We plan to make this an annual event and look forward to helping more students and parents," said John Matthews, Goose Creek NAACP Branch Press and Publicity Committee. ■



PHOTOS FROM FREE PRACTICE SAT AND ACT EXAM FEBRUARY 19, 2011



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POINT of View: Labor Rights Are Civil Rights

By Julian Bond

The following is excerpted from Julian Bond's speech to the AFL-CIO 25th Constitutional Convention in July, 2007. However, this message is valid today and we thank Mr. Bond for allowing us to reprint it.

“Our needs are identical with labor’s needs: decent wages, fair working conditions, livable housing, old age security, health and welfare measures, conditions in which families can grow, have education for their children and respect in the community”

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

I know the mutual benefits that grew from the historic alliance between organized labor and the movement for civil rights—benefits we all must work to strengthen and extend today.

In the 19th and early 20th centuries, most labor unions excluded blacks. Unorganized blacks were used as scabs when white unionists went on strike. The old divide-and-conquer strategy was put to good use by corporate bosses. The labor movement’s racism was used against it to great effect.

Things began to change when A. Philip Randolph organized the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in the 1920s. Blacks scored a major breakthrough in the struggle for admission to the ranks of organized labor in 1930 when the AFL recognized the Brotherhood.

In 1924, the NAACP helped create the Interracial Labor Commission. Its goal was to bring more blacks into the labor movement. It worked. Thousands of black workers joined the ranks of the organized rank-and-file in the ensuing years as widespread discrimination began to fall, and they quickly became some of labor’s most disciplined and dedicated foot soldiers, infusing the movement with renewed energy and vigor.

In many organizing campaigns in the 1930s and 1940s, especially in the South, black workers were the first to join, were the most steadfast and the most militant. This was true of campaigns to organize longshoremens along the Missis-

sippi River, in ports of the Gulf of Mexico and on the Eastern Atlantic Coast and in largely black mining regions in Alabama and West Virginia.

Given our common interests, minority Americans and organized labor are both better off when we cooperate. Most of us are working people. Our interests and your interests are the same.

In 1961, when Martin Luther King Jr., addressed the AFL-CIO Fourth Constitutional Convention in Bal Harbour, Fla., he spoke of the “unity of purpose” between the labor movement and the movement for civil rights. He said:

“Our needs are identical with labor’s needs: decent wages, fair working conditions, livable housing, old age security, health and welfare measures, conditions in which families can grow, have education for their children and respect in the community... The duality of interests of labor and Negroes makes any crisis which lacerates you a crisis from which we bleed. As we stand on the threshold of the second half of the twentieth century, a crisis confronts us both.”¹

Now, as we stand on the threshold of the 21st century, a crisis confronts us once again.

It is a crisis for the freedom movement and a crisis for the movement of working women and men. Despite impressive increases in the numbers of black people holding public office, despite our ability now to sit and eat and ride and vote and attend school in places that used to bar black

faces, in some important ways non-white Americans face restrictions more difficult to attack than in the years that went before.

The current leadership of the House and Senate is as hostile to civil rights as any in recent memory—on a report card prepared by the NAACP, they fail!

In recent years, in a stealthy, devious campaign, the enemies of justice and fair play have whittled away at the components of the progressive coalition. They’ve promoted deeply flawed economic and foreign policies. They’ve passed tax cuts that were not only unfair but unaffordable.

How did they do it? How did they make political hay from barnyard straw?

They did it by coupling ostentatious piety with a victim mentality. They quoted Martin Luther King and misused his message, all the while profiting from a supine press. They reinforced their message by harnessing a round-the-clock perpetual motion attack-machine and echo chamber. And some Democrats won’t take their own side in a fight.

They’re attacking Social Security, the underpinning of every American’s dream of retirement free from need and want. They want private charity to replace government’s helping hand, substituting faith-based organizations free to discriminate and proselytize for the fairness and secularism required of the

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Eliminating Health Disparities: An NAACP Strategic Priority

Evidence is now accumulating that the causes of increased cancer morbidity and mortality in African Americans are related more to poverty and lack of education and access to care than to any inherent racial characteristics. To be healthy is to be aware of what diseases or disorders are out there, what may affect you and what you can do to prevent it or treat it.

March is National Colorectal and Kidney Disease Awareness Month

Colorectal (Colon) Cancer

In 2007 the most recent year for which numbers have been reported, Black people had the highest incidence rate for colorectal cancer. From 1999–2007, African Americans were more likely to die of colorectal cancer than any other group.

Colorectal cancer is cancer that occurs in the colon or rectum. Sometimes it is called colon cancer, for short. As the drawing shows, the colon is the large intestine or large bowel. The rectum is the passageway that connects the colon to the anus.

Colorectal cancer affects men and women of all racial and ethnic groups, and is most often found in people aged 50 years or older. In the United States, it is the third most common cancer for men and women.

Of cancers that affect both men and women, colorectal cancer is the second leading cancer killer in the United States, but it doesn't have to be. If everybody aged 50 or older had regular screening tests as many as 60% of deaths from colorectal cancer could be prevented.

Colorectal cancer screening saves lives! Screening can find pre-cancerous polyps—abnormal growths in the colon or rectum—so that they can be removed before turning into cancer. Screening also helps find colorectal cancer at an early stage, when treatment often leads to a cure. About nine out of every 10 people whose colorectal cancer is found early and treated are still alive five years later.

Doctors maintain that it's important to know who is most at risk for the disease. Those at risk, according to CDC:

- Aged 50 and older
- Smokers
- Overweight, especially those who carry fat around their waists
- People who aren't physically active
- People who drink alcohol in excess, especially men
- People who eat a lot of red or processed meat
- People with personal or family histories of colorectal cancer

If you are aged 50 or older or think you may be at higher than average risk for colorectal cancer, speak with your doctor about getting screened.■

Kidney Disease

The kidneys are two fist-shaped organs located on either side of the spine. They filter your blood in order to rid the body of impurities that can cause damage to your body. Kidneys also work to control blood pressure and produce hormones critical to bodily function.

Kidneys are comprised of smaller structures called nephrons which contain blood vessels that remove impurities from the blood in the form of urine. As we age, the nephron's ability to filter blood degrades, leading to kidney disease that requires treatment to filter the blood more efficiently. This is a long term process, so those over 50 are especially prone to kidney disease.

It is important to detect malfunctioning kidneys early, but since this disease has no symptoms during its early stages, you should see your doctor regularly and have him or her perform blood and urine tests to trace early signs of declining kidney function.

If your doctor or other health care professional involved in your care has indicated that you are at risk for kidney disease, it is recommended that you keep blood pressure low (below 130/80 mmHg), take appropriate medications prescribed by your doctor, or keep diabetes under control, which is commonly paired with kidney failure.

Chronic kidney failure describes the gradual loss of kidney function. Your kidneys filter wastes and excess fluids from your blood which are then excreted in your urine. When chronic kidney failure damages your kidneys, dangerous levels of fluid and waste can accumulate in your body.

Treatment for chronic kidney failure, also called chronic kidney disease, focuses on slowing the progression of the kidney damage, usually by controlling the underlying cause. Chronic kidney failure can progress to end-stage kidney disease, which is fatal without artificial filtering (dialysis) or a kidney transplant.■





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public sector.

They've outsourced thousands and thousands of jobs—now they're even outsourcing torture, sending suspects to foreign lands.²

They've gone after labor unions, making it harder for workers to organize.

We are today the most economically stratified of all industrial nations, the gap between rich and poor larger than in Britain, Italy, Germany, Canada, France, Finland—larger here and growing faster here than anywhere else.

And for those workers whose skins are black or brown, the gap is greater and the prospects bleaker. Today the net financial assets of black families in which one member has a post-graduate degree are lower than white families in which the highest level of education achieved is graduation from elementary school.

But we know black union members earn more than their non-union counterparts: In 2003, the average non-union black worker earned \$491 a week, while the average earnings of blacks who were union members were \$665. That's like a 35 percent paycheck bonus.

While once blacks couldn't get a union card, today they and other minorities are disproportionately represented in terms of the total American population. Polls show that when asked, 77 percent of blacks say they'd join a union. Only 49 percent of whites say the same.

More than 40 years ago, a coalition of progressive forces brought justice to the segregated South. That same coalition created the New Deal this callous Congress has tried to repeal.

When labor reaches out its hand to racial minorities, labor and minorities win. When either turns its back on the other, each loses, America loses. We all lose.

That coalition can shape public policy once again.

Minority Americans have better lives because of labor's struggles. Labor supported the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the Fair Housing Act of 1968, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1988 and the Civil Rights Act of 1991. We know labor will be with us when we fight for renewal of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The interests of minorities and labor are inevitably bound together; as Martin Luther King said, "When you are cut, we bleed."

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1. Martin Luther King, Jr., Address before the Constitutional Convention, AFL-CIO, Bal Harbour, Fla., Dec. 11, 1961.

2. "Torture, American Style," Bob Herbert, *The New York Times* (Feb. 11, 2005).

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NAACP: One Nation One Vision, Join Us and Become a Member

We are at a most critical juncture. Economic misery has been divisive. Our adversaries are energized. A new radical right speaks of "reclaiming" the civil rights movement – and is laboring day and night to undermine everything we've accomplished.

From voting rights, to desegregation, to equal education, the battles we fought decades ago continue to reemerge under new and insidious guises.

The Goose Creek NAACP Branch works with the SC Conference of NAACP Branches and the National NAACP Office and other Civil and Human Rights organizations to meet these challenges but we need your ongoing support. **Keep your membership current and support our branch fund raising activities.** This will ensure that we have the resources necessary to take on injustice and violations of civil liberties whenever they occur. We cannot grow complacent. Not when so much is at stake and so many crucial battles lie ahead.

Join or renew your membership now and help protect our hard-won rights against forces that are all too eager to turn back the clock. Your membership in the NAACP Goose Creek Branch helps provide our branch and the national organization the necessary resources to stand up for justice.

We know that together we can give our children the freedom and justice that we inherited from previous generations. **Please join or renew your membership now!**

To join or renew your membership:

- Fill-in the membership application on the next page and turn it in with your payment at the next meeting or mail with your check to Goose Creek NAACP, PO BOX 1356; Goose Creek, SC 29445; or you can
- Join online at: <http://action.naacp.org/pages/join> **When you join online include our branch number: 56A3.**

Thank you,

David Cakley

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Goose Creek NAACP celebrates National Consumer Protection Week



Mayor Michael Heitzler signed a proclamation supporting the Goose Creek National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Branch "2011 National Consumer Protection Week". From left to right: David Cakley (President of Goose Creek Branch NAACP), Mayor Michael J. Heitzler, and Paul Wesley Staggers, Jr. (Chairman of Legal Redress of Goose Creek Branch NAACP)

Consumer education is essential to economic empowerment. That's why the NAACP has partnered with federal agencies and national organizations as part of the Planning Committee for National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW).

The Goose Creek NAACP is joining with the national NAACP, federal, state, and local government agencies and other national organizations to celebrate the 13th annual National Consumer Protection Week March 6-12.

The week will see groups nationwide share tips and information that help consumers protect their privacy, manage money and debt, avoid identity theft, and avoid frauds and scams.

This year, the Goose Creek NAACP will focus on identity theft. On Monday March 7, at 7 p.m., Goose Creek Police Chief Harvey Becker will lead a discussion on the topic.

The NAACP and the Federal Trade Commission posted the Web site www.ftc.gov/naacp designed specifically for NAACP members and supporters. As part of its mission to foster fairness and opportunity in the marketplace, the Federal Trade Commission is working with the NAACP to provide resources that will enable you to empower consumers in your community.

Fairness plays a role in any economy, and for that reason, the NAACP has developed a number of programs designed to elevate civil and human rights as they pertain to economic opportunity. As the nation recovers from the worst fiscal crisis in more than three decades, the NAACP will be here to ensure that this is done in a fair and just manner.

Visit www.ncpw.gov to read, view, download and order multiple copies of consumer protection educational materials. ■

THE BROCK REPORT



<http://thebrockreport.org/>



Roslyn M. Brock is Chairman of the National Board of Directors for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). She made history in

February 2010 when she was unanimously elected as its 14th Chairman.

In its second century, the NAACP will continue to need effective leadership guided by the right values and broad experiences. I have been a faithful servant leader within the NAACP for twenty five years and believe the leadership opportunities I've been afforded within this venerable organization and the larger community have prepared me to effectively lead the NAACP National Board of Directors.

Visit The Brock Report Blog site, <http://thebrockreport.org/> A site designed by Roslyn M. Brock, Chairman, NAACP National Board of Directors to keep you in tune with the activities of the NAACP and more specifically, the work of our Board of Directors. If you visit our features tab, you will find great pieces on civil rights issues such as health care, the economy, and education. It also highlights the connection between social justice activism and our faith-based and youth communities

I welcome Dr. Julius R. Scruggs to our Board of Directors. Over the years, the Board has benefitted from the substantial contributions of distinguished Presidents of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. such as Dr. J. H. Jackson and Dr. T. J. Jemison.



"His election to the Board signals our appreciation for the denomination, generally, and our admiration for him, particularly, as the Convention's leader for such a time as this. The African-American Church has long been a critical partner in our network of freedom fighters, and the Baptist tradition's historic commitment to religious freedom and human liberty is essential to informing and inspiring our ongoing struggle for justice. [Read more at www.naacp.org/press/.../naacp-announces-dr.-julius-scruggs-to-board/](http://www.naacp.org/press/.../naacp-announces-dr.-julius-scruggs-to-board/)

SPOTLIGHT OF FEMALE NAACP BOARD MEMBERS FOR WOMAN'S HISTORY MONTH



Alice A. Huffman began her tenure as President of the California NAACP January 2000. Under her leadership, the organization has accelerated into one of the most sought after organizations in California's policy arena. The State NAACP office is in downtown Sacramento two blocks from the state Capitol. She believes that the NAACP is the constant voice for low income African Americans and students trapped in low performing schools or the criminal justice system. [Read more at http://thebrockreport.org/](http://thebrockreport.org/)



2011 Upcoming Events

- Mar 4 42nd NAACP Image Awards
- Mar 6-12 National Consumer Protection Week
- Mar 7 7 PM Goose Creek Branch Meeting
- Mar 24-27 NAACP SE Region Mtg - Montgomery, AL
- Apr 4 7 PM Goose Creek Branch Meeting
- May 26-29 NAACP Leadership 500 Summit
- July 23-28 NAACP 102nd Annual Convention
Los Angeles, California

Did you See Dr. Lonnie Randolph on SC ETV?

On February 18th and again on February 20th the SC ETV program Connections featured an episode on the African-American experience during the Civil War.

The show's host, P.A. Bennett, spoke with Jannie Harriott of the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission, **Dr. Lonnie Randolph, President of the S.C. Conferences of Branches, NAACP**, and Michael Allen of the National Park Service about the issues African-Americans faced in the South during the war.

If you missed it you missed a most informative and factual discussion about the roles African Americans had during the Civil War and why we commemorate but not celebrate the U.S. Civil War. You can still see the episode online or purchase a DVD by going to:

<http://www.sctev.org/index.php/connections/>

South Carolina's Civil War Sesquicentennial Events

Learn more about the Sesquicentennial and other Civil War Commemorations
<http://sc150civilwar.palmettohistory.org/events.htm>

Fort Sumter National Monument: <http://www.nps.gov/fosu/>

Charles Pinckney National Historic Site: <http://www.nps.gov/chpi/>

March is Women's History Month

2011 Theme - Our History is Our Strength

Our shared history unites families, communities, and nations. Although women's history is intertwined with the history shared with men, several factors - social, religious, economic, and biological - have worked to create a unique sphere of women's history.

The stories of women's achievements are integral to the fabric of our history. Learning about women's tenacity, courage, and creativity throughout the centuries is a tremendous source of strength. Until relatively recently, this sphere of women's history was overlooked and undervalued. Women's achievements were often distorted, disdained, and denied. But, knowing women's stories provides essential role models for everyone. And role models are genuinely needed to face the extraordinary changes and unrelenting challenges of the 21st century.

Women had key roles in civil rights movement

But few achieved prominence with the public

Ella Baker. Septima Poinsette Clark. Fannie Lou Hamer.

They and others risked their lives and worked tirelessly, demanding a social revolution — but history has often overlooked them. They were the women of the civil rights movement.

Though historians now acknowledge that women, particularly African-Americans, were pivotal in the critical battles for racial equality, Rosa Parks' death highlights the fact that she was one of the very few female civil rights figures who are widely known. Most women in the movement played background roles, either by choice or due to bias, since being a women of color meant facing both racism and sexism.

"In some ways it reflects the realities of the 1950s: There were relatively few women in public leadership roles," said Julian Bond, a civil rights historian at the University of Virginia and Chairman Emeritus of the NAACP. "So that small subset that becomes prominent in civil rights would tend to be men. But that doesn't excuse the way some women have just been written out of history."

For many, the wives of the movement's prominent male leaders, including Coretta Scott King, Betty Shabazz and Myrlie Evers Williams, were among the most visible women in the struggle.

But scan historical images of the most dramatic moments of the civil rights movement — protesters blasted by fire hoses and dogs lunging at blacks — and women and girls are everywhere.■

Do You Know who these ladies are (See Page 4)?

