

## District Manager's Report January/February 2006

For the month of January staff had approximately 900 contacts (see attachment a-1) with the majority being for Board Business.

**Borough Services Cabinet – Highlights January 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting;**

Police – Crime has been down year to date in the 30, 26, and Transit District 3 in all categories with the exception of Felony Assaults in the 26<sup>th</sup>.

District 3 indicated that they had caught some Grand Larceny suspects who they felt were responsible for a series of picket pocket crimes along the number 1 Line. On the issue of Truancy raised by Barbara Marshall of CB9 both the Transit Police, and Officer Rijo of Manhattan North said the main time that sweeps netted significant numbers was in the Spring and late Summer. There had been 300 youths detained from September to the end of January 2006.

Manhattan D.A.'s Office – There are now 554 Buildings in the Trespass Affidavit Program, up six from the Fall. Mr. Solomon gave a Break down of arrest dispositions (see attached a-2)

FDNY – Has a Mobile Unit available for fre CFPR training from 8 AM – 8PM.

Human Rights – James Berry indicated that they are receiving reports of Landlords using credit and other report to Blacklist persons who have brought other Landlords to court (see attached article a-3)

**District Services Cabinet – Highlights February 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting;**

Borough President Scott Stringer said that he wanted the Boards to concentrate on issues that overlapped and had a Borough wide significance. All Agencies agreed to have a representative at every meeting.

Events Attended;

January 26, 2006 – Attended Mayor's State of the City Address in Staten Island (see attached a – 4).

January 31, 2006 – Hosted the HPD Home Buyers Forum here in the District Office

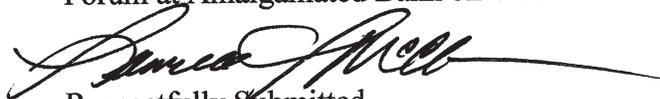
February 1, 2006 – Attended with Chairman Montblanc and other Board Members the official announcement by David Paterson, in Shepard Hall at City College, that he was running for Lt. Governor, on the ticket with Attorney General Eliot Spitzer who introduced him.

February 6, 2006 – Attended with Chairman Montblanc the Black History Program hosted by Mayor Bloomberg (see attached a-5), at the Malcolm X & Betty Shabazz

Cultural Center ( 165<sup>th</sup> & Broadway). The Center designed to promote Educational assistance and Cultural Awareness will open in the Spring. During the ceremony announced that six African American City Employees were being recognized for their contributions to the community. Edwin Marshall whom I consider one of OUR OWN, was one of those six.

February 11<sup>th</sup> – Scheduled to take part in School District 5's & Region 10's First Annual Black History Month Reading and Writing Competition at the Harriet Tubman School on West 127<sup>th</sup> Street (see attached a-6 & 7).

February 13, 2006 – scheduled to attend the Department of Consumer Affairs Tax Credit Forum at Amalgamated Bank on West 125<sup>th</sup> Street.



Respectfully Submitted

Lawrence T. McClean  
District Manager  
February 9, 2006

MONTHLY LOG

MONTH January 2006

CATEGORY:	PHONE	WALK-IN	MAIL	TOTAL
BOARD BUSINESS	<u>185</u>	<u>305</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>565</u>
PERMITS	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>13</u>
COMPLAINTS				
A) Housing	<u>5(3)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>
B) Traffic	<u>1(1)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
C) Police/Fire	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
D) Environmental (noise, pollution, open hydrants, sanitation)	<u>10(2)</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>14</u>
E) Other	<u>8(3)</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>15</u>
INFORMATION	<u>25</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>70</u>
REFERRAL	<u>35</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>50</u>
EMPLOYMENT	<u>0</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>55</u>
* OTHER	<u>35</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>125</u>
TOTAL:	<u>305</u>	<u>406</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>915</u>

# Suit may help blacklisted tenants

By Ted Phillips  
amNewYork Staff Writer

**If you've ever been in housing court—even if you won your case—your name might be on a blacklist that makes it hard to get a new apartment. That happened to Brooklyn resident Adam White, and the class-action lawsuit he brought is poised to help thousands of blackballed renters.**

The settlement between White and the company that maintains the records—a lawsuit check for city landlords—is pending court approval. But if it goes through in its present form, it could:

- make it easier for renters

to have their records cleared if they can document the case was meritless, or brought in error;

- require a notice on their reports if their cases have been dormant for 12 months but not officially settled;
- and provide certain renters with \$100 from a \$1.9 million settlement provided by the firm that maintains the list.

"Blacklisting has the effect of eliminating a tenant's ability to enforce their right for fear of becoming blacklisted," said White's lawyer, James Fishman.

The outcome was hailed by tenant advocates, who say the move would resolve a longstanding unfairness. White brought the suit in

## CHECKING YOUR RECORD

Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, consumers are entitled to a free report from First Advantage Corporation every 12 months—or any time they have been denied housing because of information on the report. New Yorkers can download a request form at [www.fadv.com/consumer\\_relations/index.php](http://www.fadv.com/consumer_relations/index.php)

2004 after he was turned down for an apartment because his report mentioned a 1996 eviction case that had been dismissed.

White says he withheld rent to compel his landlord to fix a leaky roof. On Friday, First Advantage Corp., the parent company of the screening company and White's lawyers filed a settlement in federal court that would change the way court data is reported. The settle-

ment would have to be approved by the judge after notices are sent out to the thousands who were affected by the reports and following a fairness hearing. The company says it did not do anything wrong.

Under the agreement, the company will also set aside \$1.9 million to pay out the \$100 claims to some 35,000 people who were subject to tenant reports by the company and tried to rent an

apartment between Feb. 26, 2001, and a date yet to be determined. White would get \$15,000 and would have his legal fees covered. On Monday, the judge ordered the parties to resubmit their settlement agreement for mainly procedural reasons.

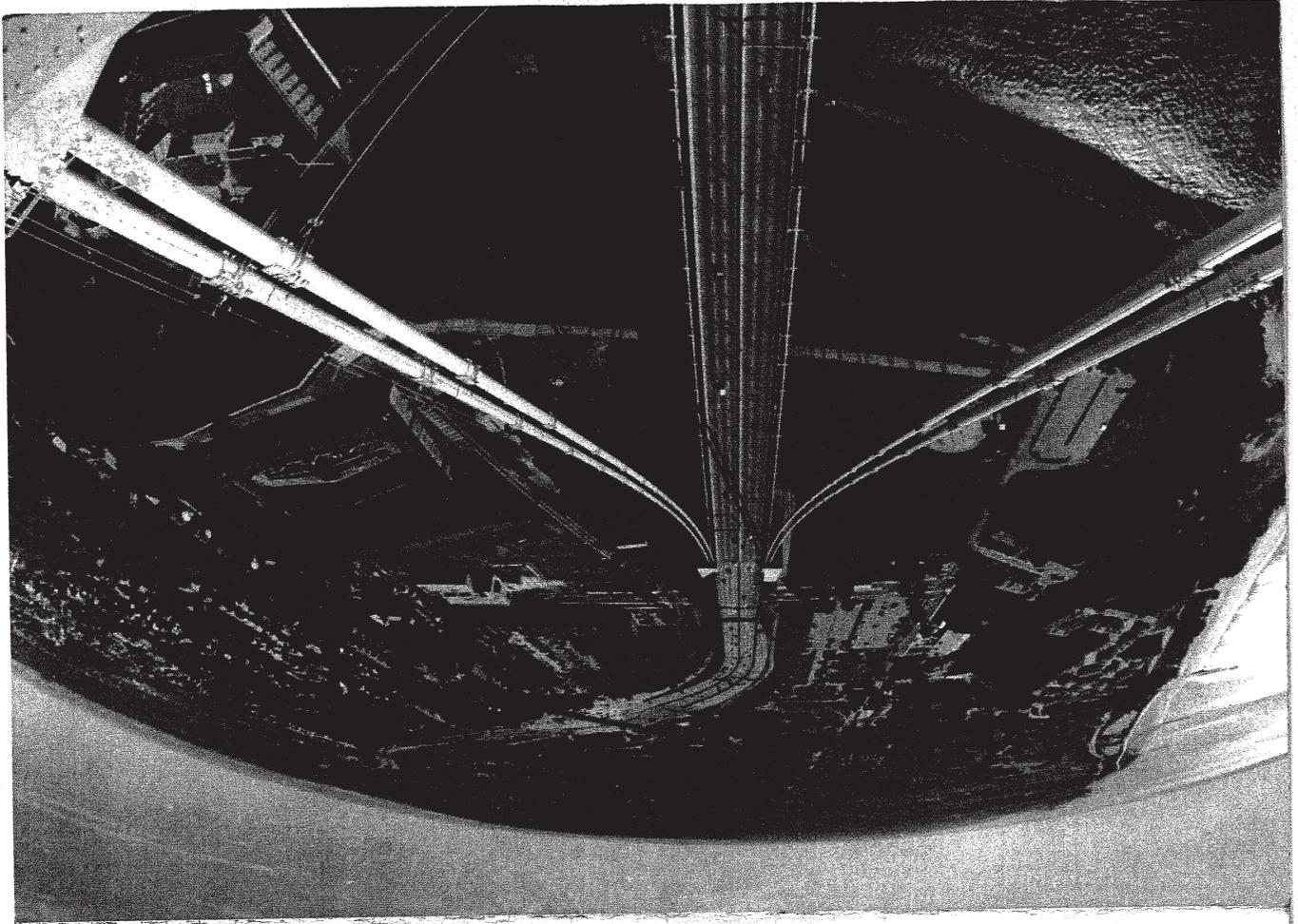
The company is one of several that maintains such records, but the suit targeted the practices of the firm, which was known at the time as First American Registry. Renee Svec, spokeswoman for First Advantage Corp. said it was premature to comment on the settlement before it was approved by Judge Lewis A. Kaplan of the Southern District Court of New York. Tenant advocates and landlord representatives said

that people should not be penalized for simply being in housing court.

"That in itself should not disqualify someone from getting an apartment," Joe Strassburgh, president of the landlord organization Rent Stabilization Association, said Strassburgh said landlords should look at a variety of information to decide whether to accept a tenant.

"This settlement goes a long way to ensure that the tenant screening company First American Registry will comply with the fair credit act," said Louise Seeley, the director of the Citywide Task Force on Housing Court. "The problem is that is only this one screening company." (tphillips@am-ny.com)

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## CELEBRATING OUR CITY'S CULTURAL RESOURCES

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COVER IMAGE: "VERRAZANO-NARROWS BRIDGE," 1994, BY MICHAEL FALCO, STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE *STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE*.

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MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG

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**THE STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2006

PROGRAM BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 1:00 P.M.

PLEASE ARRIVE BY 12:45 P.M.

SNUG HARBOR CULTURAL CENTER MUSIC HALL  
1000 RICHMOND TERRACE  
STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK

RSVP (212) 788-2569

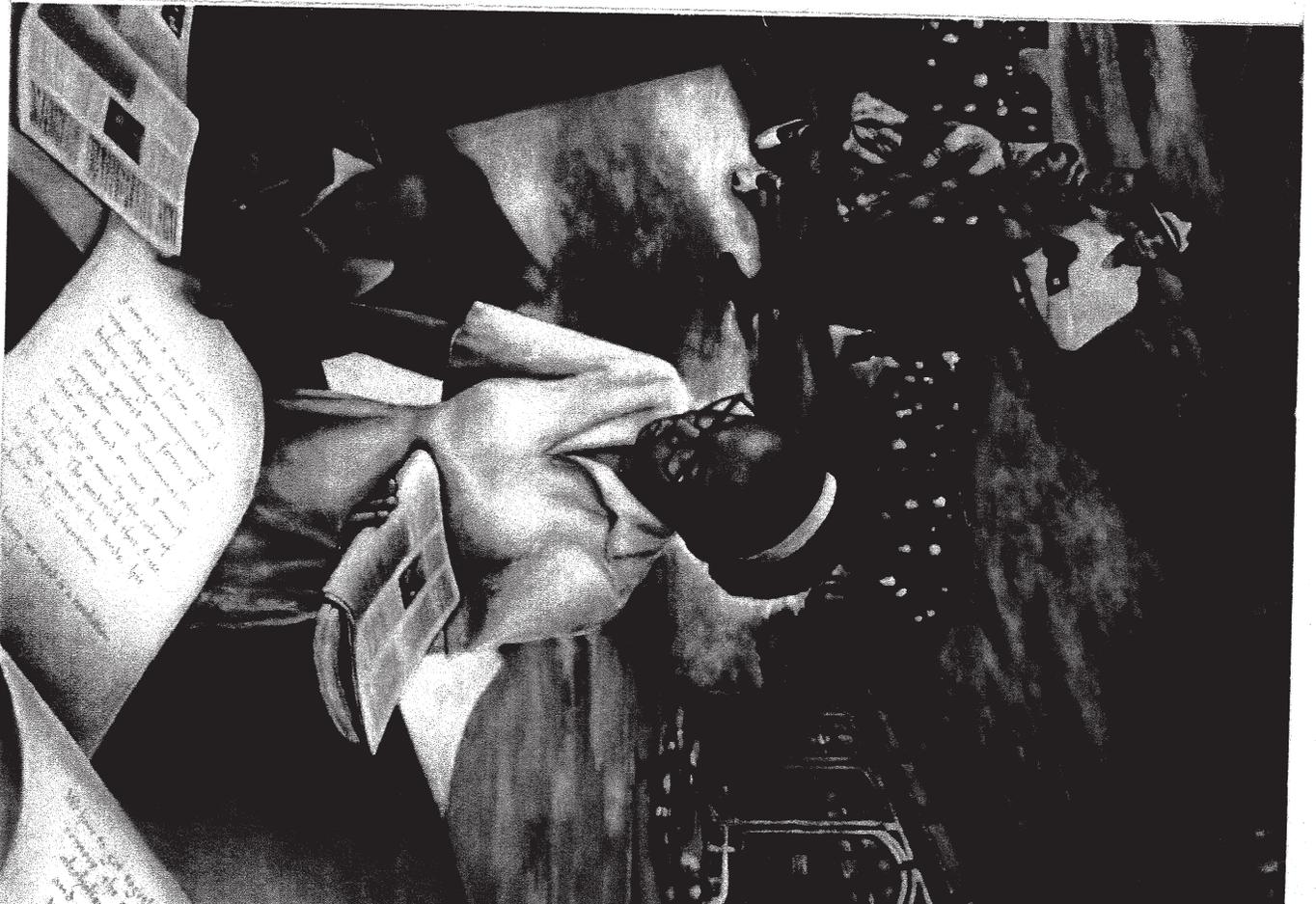
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## CELEBRATING OUR CITY

**The Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center** is located at the former Audubon Ballroom which is the site of the assassination of Malcolm X, a black civil rights activist and Muslim minister. The Center commemorates the lives and works of Malcolm X and his wife Dr. Betty Shabazz through archival materials and multi-media presentations. Scheduled to open to the public in May 2006, the Center will provide educational and public programs and serve as a cultural resource for the Harlem and Washington Heights communities. For more information, please call 311 or visit [www.nyc.gov/html/dcla](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcla)

**Cover Image:** "Homage to Malcolm X," by Daniel Galvez, 1997. This image is part of a wall mural commissioned for the Audubon Ballroom by New York City's Percent for Art Program in collaboration with the New York City Economic Development Corporation. Galvez's mural incorporates imagery from print, film, and television that documents events in Malcolm X's life and the civil rights movement. Juxtaposing these images with portraits of contemporary Harlem residents, Galvez connects the storied past of the Audubon Ballroom with its current surrounding neighborhood.





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CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO  
A RECEPTION TO CELEBRATE

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

FEATURING AN AWARD PRESENTATION  
FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2006  
5:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.  
PROGRAM BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 6:15 P.M.

MALCOLM X AND DR. BETTY SHABAZZ  
MEMORIAL AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER  
BROADWAY AT 165<sup>TH</sup> STREET

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New York, New York 10027  
212-769-7500 ext. 232

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January 18, 2006

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**WHERE ARE THE BEST READERS AND WRITERS?**  
**HERE IN HARLEM @ COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 5 FIRST ANNUAL BLACK**  
**HISTORY MONTH SHOWCASE**

To commemorate Black History Month and to celebrate readers and writers, Community School District Five (CSD5) in Central Harlem will present their First Annual "*Here in Harlem*" Readers and Writers Showcase, a fun-filled, free event for the whole family showcasing and spotlighting spoken and written word, at the Harriet Tubman School PS 154, 127th Street, between Seventh and Eighth Avenue, on **Saturday, February 11, 2006 from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm.**

Attendees of the "*Here in Harlem*" Readers and Writers Showcase, will be treated to storytelling and riveting tales by authors, politicians, celebrities, and other professionals including: Deputy Chancellor, Carmen Fariña; Rita Owens (Mother of Queen Latifah); Community Board 10 District Manager, Yasmin Cornelius; members of the Harlem Council of Elders; and special invited guests including the Honorable Michael Bloomberg, the Honorable C. Virginia Fields, and the Reverend. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III. Additionally, workshops will be presented on fiction and non-fiction writing, songwriting (including rap), technical writing, grant writing, and more by music, literary and other professionals including writers from the Harlem Writers Guild, Fay Daley, and special invited writers Grace Edwards, Walter Dean Myers, and Eric Copage.

"*Here in Harlem*" will also acknowledge the wonderful accomplishments of students and professionals from in and around Harlem, as well as those in education who are helping to transform CSD5 from a good district to a great district. Students from schools in District 5 will perform and display their artwork at a special art exhibit. Additionally, six students will receive awards for submitting winning essays to the "*Here in Harlem*" Essay contest, where students were asked to write about what Harlem means to them.

Registration for workshops will take place from 8:30 am to 9:30 am, followed by the welcome address, performances, Readers' Workshops, Writers' Workshops, and Lunch.

"*Here in Harlem*" is designed to celebrate and promote the life of the mind. The immortal words of F. Scott Fitzgerald remind us of the importance of this celebration, "*The mind of a child is fascinating, for it looks on old things with new eyes.*"

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Regional Superintendent  
Mrs. Gale Reeves



Community Superintendent  
Dr. Yvonne Young

# "HERE IN HARLEM"

## YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

### TO ATTEND THE 1ST

### READER'S & WRITER'S SHOWCASE

### For Region 10/ District 5



Writing Workshops



Essay Contest



Invited  
Celebrity  
Readers

Playwrights



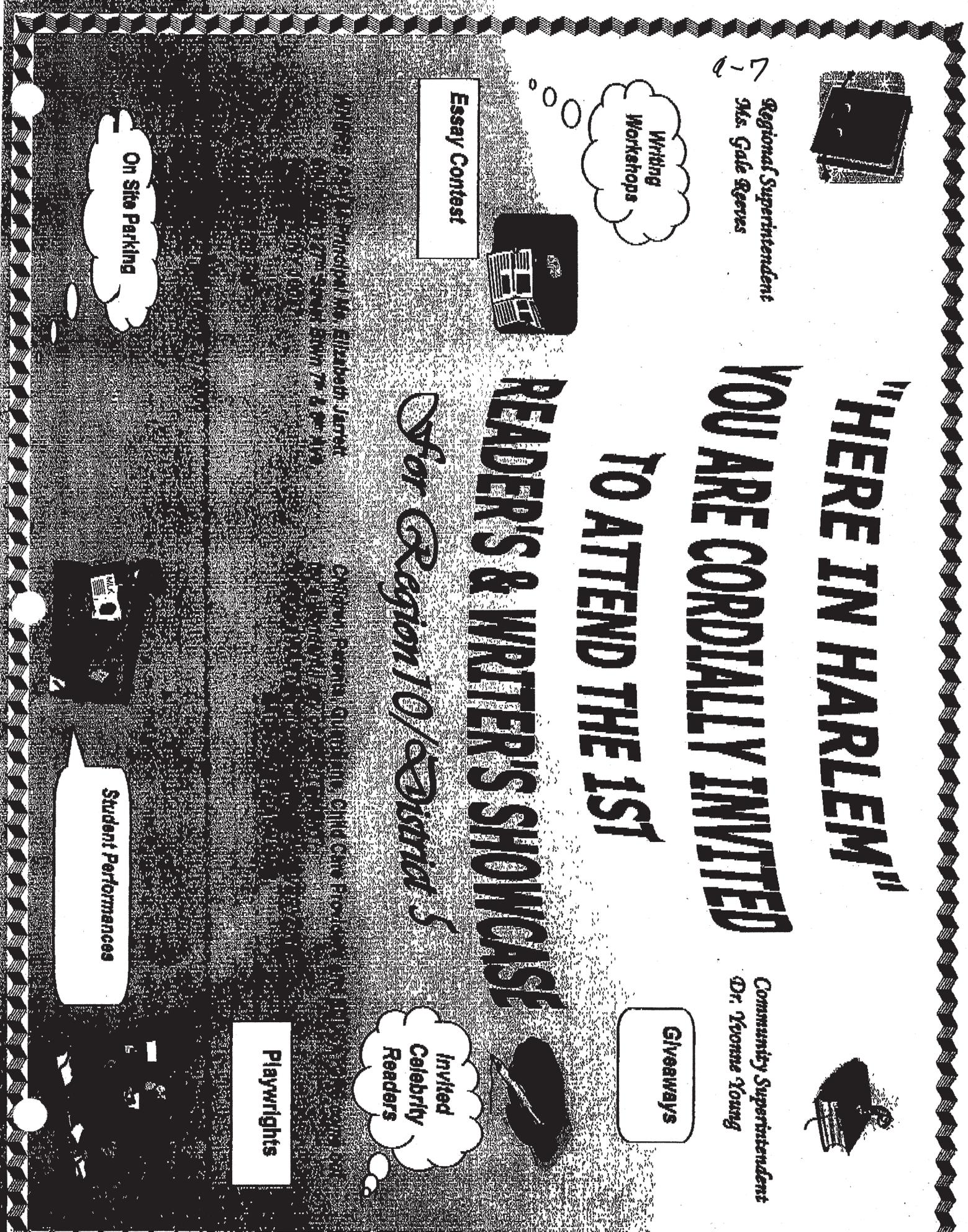
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Tenn 37033

Children's Home, 2000 Main Street, Elizabet  
Tenn 37033



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*Comptroller of the City of New York*

*Metropolitan Council of New York State Conference of NAACP Branches*

*New York Urban League*

*cordially invite you to join them at a celebration of*

# AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2006

5:30 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.

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(ONE BLOCK NORTH OF CANAL STREET)

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**Hamilton Grange  
National Memorial**



# African-American History Month Celebration

287 Convent Avenue  
(141st Street and Convent Avenue)

**Saturday, February 25, 2006**

**Special Guest Speaker: Celedonia "Cal" Jones**  
Manhattan Borough Historian



## Exhibit

View a dynamic display of documents and artifacts. Materials provided by the Board for the Education of People of African Ancestry (John Henrik Clarke House).



1:00 p.m. Lecture: From African Free Schools to New York Public School System

Learn of the first schools for children of African descent; chronicle the evolution of the school system; and identify issues that challenge schools, today.

For More Information: 212-283-5154 or 212-666-1640

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