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Dr. Josie Johnson honored

Dr. Josie Johnson, a pioneer of compassion and service, was captured in one of her most poignant moments when the Minnesota Department of Human Services honored Dr. Johnson with its Humanitarian Award.

Twin Cities area most regressive in educating children of color

By Harry Colbert, Jr.
Contributing Writer

In an area that is generally considered one of the most progressive in the nation, when it comes to educating children of color, the Twin Cities is among the most regressive.

public schools were reading at an above grade level. This is compared to 19 percent of white students in the district who are reading at or above grade level. The same report revealed that in 2011, a policy by parents of white students in the district completed high school within five years, compared to 47 percent of their white counterparts.

NEXT TURN TO 10

POVERTY A Minnesota epidemic



By Scott Gray
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For years an epidemic has been spreading right before our eyes. It is often referred to as the "silent epidemic." We are in need of a more open dialogue, not just about the epidemic, but about the underlying causes, the symptoms, and the best ways to combat it.

epidemic, a great problem that has exponentially increased in the last decade. Being fully employed, an ability to generate a fair wage, and a comprehensive program of health care, transportation, and housing are all things that are being eroded at the rate, resulting in a downward spiral for the individual and the community as a whole.

GRAY TURN TO 10

Ellison, Democrats post solid wins by mobilizing grassroots voters



U.S. Representative Keith Ellison

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With the election a month behind, already Democrats and Republicans are looking ahead to 2014 and 2015.

Ellison, in Minneapolis, was the second-most in the nation to receive the endorsement of the Congressional Caucus in the last congressional election. Keith Ellison, the first Muslim elected to Congress, has been instrumental in leading an bipartisan coalition of Democrats and Republicans to support "Clean Energy, for every American" in the House. Ellison has an 87 percent approval rating in a recent poll and has been the recipient of the Congressional Caucus award for his efforts in support of the new law that will, for the first time, allow the federal government to invest in clean energy and renewable energy. Ellison's endorsement of the caucus is a testament to his leadership in the caucus, as well as his ability to bring together Democrats and Republicans in support of the caucus's goals.



L-R: William Crocker, Gust Morris (see other), Roger Brown, Raymond (see other), Brian Lamb, Metro Transit general manager Nadine Babu, central station: Hugh Franklin, Light Rail operator Carol Nordstrom, central station sign and Ellen Gray, Metro Transit general manager

Commuter Nadine Babu hailed as Metro Transit's 3 billionth customer

By Jean B. Miller
Staff Writer

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NASHVILLE, TENN — *Insight News* took first place for the newspaper Layout and Design category in National Newspaper Publisher's Association Merit Awards last week.

"We have a great product and a great team producing a high quality journalism experience for our readers," said Al McFarlane, *Insight News* editor.

The *St. Louis American* won the top award for general excellence for the second consecutive year Thursday night at the National Newspaper Publishers Association's (NNPA) Annual Merit

Insight News wins NNPA Best Layout and Design

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Awards ceremony. For the first time, the NNPA also presented excellence awards for two smaller categories. Winning in Category B was the *Houston Defender*. *The Miami Times* won in Category C.

"There were many exceptional entries this year," said Karl B. Rodney, Merit Awards Chairman and publisher of the *Carib News*. "We congratulate not only the winners, but other papers that exemplify excellence every week."

Mary Alice Thatch, publisher of the *Wilmington Journal*, was selected "Publisher of the Year" by her colleagues. Thatch was the driving force behind the NNPA's successful national campaign win pardons of innocence for the Wilmington Ten. Her paper provided the lead coverage of the issue. The stories were then distributed to member newspapers by the NNPA News Service.

NNPA Legacy Awards were presented to Jesse Jackson, Sr., founder and president of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, and James Farmer, former vice president of General Motors Acceptance Corp. (GMAC). The NNPA's Front Page Award was presented to Roland Martin, host of "Washington Watch with Roland Martin" on TV One cable network, and Larry Waters, Senior Director of Community Commerce and Partnerships for MillerCoors.

Merit Award winners were (in order of 3rd, 2nd, then 1st place):

BEST EDITORIAL

1. Skanner
2. Philadelphia Tribune
3. Afro

BEST COLUMN

1. St. Louis American
2. Los Angeles Sentinel
3. Philadelphia Tribune

BEST NEWS STORY

1. St. Louis American
2. Florida Courier
3. New York Amsterdam News

BEST FEATURE STORY

1. Philadelphia Tribune
2. Houston Forward Times
3. Call & Post

BEST LAYOUT & DESIGN (Broadsheet)

1. St. Louis American
2. Miami Times
3. Insight News

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BEST LAYOUT & DESIGN (Tabloid)

1. Houston Defender
2. Washington Informer
3. Los Angeles Watts Times

BEST LIFESTYLE

1. Philadelphia Tribune
2. Houston Forward Times
3. Call & Post

BEST YOUTH WRITER (16-23)

1. Philadelphia Tribune
2. New York Amsterdam News
3. Houston Forward Times

BEST USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS (Broadsheet)

1. St. Louis American
2. Houston Defender
3. Los Angeles Sentinel

BEST USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS (Tabloid)

1. Chicago Defender
2. Washington Informer
3. Los Angeles Watts Times

BEST CHURCH PAGE

1. Miami Times
2. Indianapolis Recorder
3. South Florida Times

BEST SPORTS SECTION

1. Houston Defender
2. Daily Challenge
3. Los Angeles Sentinel

BEST BUSINESS SECTION

1. St. Louis American
2. Miami Times
3. Pittsburgh Courier

BEST ENTERTAINMENT SECTION

1. St. Louis American
2. Los Angeles Sentinel
3. Miami Times

DIGITAL EXCELLENCE

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3. Miami Times

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

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