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Actress Gina Ravera stars as Detective Irene Daniels of the LAPD Priority Homicide Squad on the hit TNT drama "The Closer."



Portland Emergency Medical Technicians are portrayed in the new drama 'Saved' starring Tracy Vilar (from left), Omari Hardwick and Tom Everett Scott.

New Drama 'Saved' follows Portland EMTs

Diverse cast feeds TNT cable success

Portland-based Emergency Medical Technicians are portrayed in a new character-driven drama on TNT Cable, as part of the network's continuing contribution to programming diversity.

"Saved," starring Tom Everett School (That

Thing You Do), Omari Hardwick (Beauty Shop) and Tracy Vilar (Full Frontal) follows a dedicated group of experts who save lives, but may not be able to save themselves from the personal challenges they face.

"Saved" (10 p.m. PST) premiered on Tuesday on Comcast cable channel 54 in Portland, following the hit TNT drama "The Closer" (9 p.m. PST), another show featuring a diverse cast which returned for its second

season on the same night.

"The Closer" depicts the fictional Los Angeles Police Department Priority Homicide Division. The team of detectives expertly interrogates perpetrators of unusual, brutal and sometimes quirky murder cases while battling divisions within the squad.

The response to TNT's programming has elevated the network to the second highest African American audience on cable.

Martin Luther King Jr. Papers go to Auction

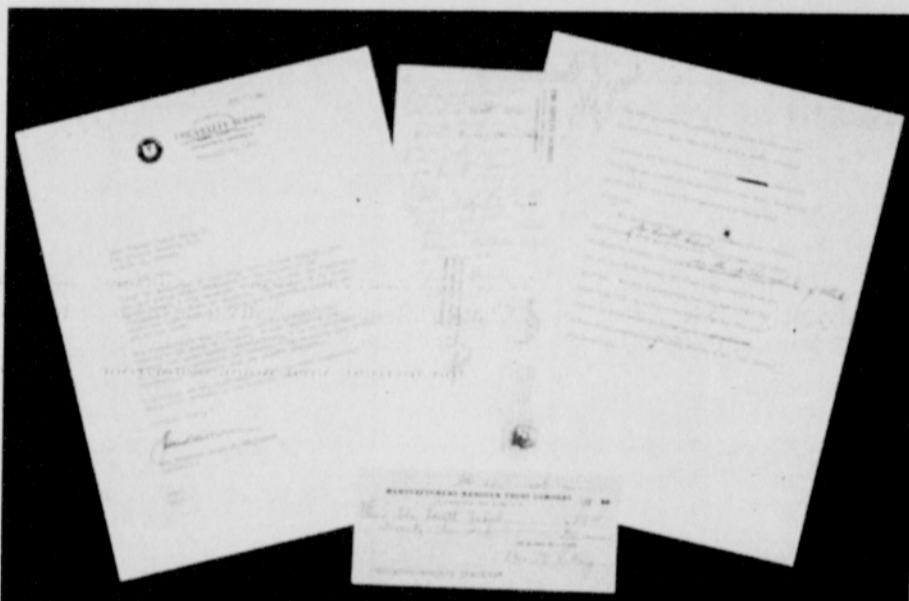
Documents may bring \$15 million

(AP) — For years, Sotheby's auction house has tried to sell the papers, manuscripts and personal library of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

But previous negotiations with various institutions came to naught, including a private sale in 2003 that was called off. Now, on June 30, Sotheby's will auction the King collection, hoping that an institution will step forward and pay from \$15 million to \$30 million for the lot of more than 10,000 items.

"It does set a challenge for American institutions to decide whether or not they want to save and preserve the King legacy for posterity," David Redden, Sotheby's vice chairman, said. "This is a very important story that needs a very appropriate conclusion."

The money will go to the financially strapped King estate. Redden said the death of Coretta Scott King earlier this year helped speed



A photo by Sothebys shows a draft reply from Dr. and Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr. to the Lovett School on Feb. 25, 1963 after it rejected their application to enroll young Martin III.

graduate student. On the cards, he wrote facts, aphorisms and biblical quotes. The entire collection will be on public view June 21-29, in anticipation of the sale on June 30.

Historians believe it is one of the greatest American archives of the 20th century in private hands and reveals a fuller portrait of King, the Nobel Prize winner who led the Civil Rights movement, helped dismantle segregation and was gunned down in 1968.

"King was at the center of one of

Given the historical significance of the papers, Redden believes a major institution, aided by a donor, will buy the lot. He said the estate

doesn't want King's work to fall into private hands.

"The estate very much wants this to go to an institution," he said.

King was at the center of one of the most important periods in American history and these documents illuminate the era.

— Clayborne Carson, Stanford history professor

up the decision to hold an auction. "To be candid," Redden said, "the passing of Mrs. King did require that the estate put their affairs in order."

The papers span from 1946 to 1968, the most important years of King's life. They include 7,000 handwritten items, including his early Alabama sermons and a draft of the speech, "I Have a Dream," which he delivered Aug. 28, 1963, at the massive March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

King's personal library of approximately 1,000 volumes is also part of the compendium as well as 800 index cards from his days as a

the most important periods in American history and these documents illuminate the era," said Stanford history professor Clayborne Carson, who edited the "The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr."

Carson said one of the most memorable writings was a draft of King's Nobel Prize acceptance speech, which he won at age 35. In his address, King said: "Nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral questions of our time — the need for man to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to violence and oppression."

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