

Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. Named NNPA Interim President

PORTLAND, OREGON – (NNPA) – Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. a global business leader, educator, and longtime civil rights activist, was elected interim president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association at the group’s annual meeting here Wednesday, NNPA Chairman Cloves Campbell has announced.

Chavis is president of Education Online Services Corporation (EOServe Corp.), the premier provider of online higher education for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). He is also president, CEO and Co-Founder with Russell Simmons of the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network (HSAN), the world’s largest coalition of hip-hop artists and recording industry executives. He serves on numerous boards, including the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO).

He was the leader of the Wilmington Ten, a group of wrongly convicted activists who were recently pardoned by North Carolina Gov. Bev Perdue; a former president of the NAACP (1993-1994) and in 1995 served as director and chief organizer of the Million Man March. Chavis writes a weekly syndicated column for the NNPA News Service.



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and energy to make an immediate impact on our organization, which represents approximately 200 African American newspapers in the U.S.”

Upon his election, Chavis said, “I am honored to have the opportunity to serve, promote and secure the interests of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA). As the uncensored, objective, unflinching media voice of Black America, NNPA newspapers, the NNPA News Service and the companion site, BlackPressUSA.com, represent one of the most important newsgathering and news analysis operations in the world.”

Chavis continued, “I am eager to deliver trusted, sustainable and innovative relationships for the NNPA with advertisers, partners, sponsors, and supporters. More than ever before, the leadership and reader-

ship of NNPA newspapers and BlackPressUSA are important to the future of America and the global community.”

A native of Oxford, N.C., Chavis received his Bachelor of Arts in chemistry from the University of North Carolina; his Master of Divinity from Duke University (magna cum laude) and a Doctor of Ministry from Howard University.

An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, Dr. Chavis began his career in 1963 as a North Carolina statewide youth coordinator for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Lead-

ership Conference (SCLC). In 1970, Chavis was appointed Southern Regional Program Director of the 1.7 million-member United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice (UCC-CRJ) and in 1985 was named Executive Director and CEO of the UCC-CRJ. In 1988, Dr. Chavis was elected Vice President of the National Council of Churches of the USA.

He has traveled and worked extensively in Africa and the Caribbean. He is a senior adviser and former president of the Diamond Empowerment Fund, which supports higher education scholarships in Africa

Movies

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Postman Pat (Unrated) Ronan Keating handles the title role in this animated adventure as an Average Joe whose faith is shaken after entering a TV talent show competition. Voice cast includes Jim Broadbent, Jane Carr and Greg Ellis.



Snowpiercer

Snowpiercer (R for violence, profanity and drug use) Climate change sci-fi, set in a futuristic dystopia where global warming has choked-off all life except for the few lucky enough to be aboard a train circumnavigating the globe. Ensemble cast includes Chris Evers, Tilda Swinton, Jamie Bell, Octavia Spencer, Ed Harris, Alison Pill, John Hurt and Ah-sung Ko. (In English, Japanese, Korean and French with subtitles)

They Came Together (R for profanity and sexuality) Romantic comedy about a candy company exec (Paul Rudd) who falls in love at first sight with the eccentric owner (Amy Poehler) of the franchise he came to

shut down. With Bill Hader, Ed Helms and Kenan Thompson.

Under the Electric Sky (PG-13 for suggestive material, drug references, partial nudity and brief profanity) Be-In gathering documentary about the Electric Daisy Carnival, an annual three-day festival which has evolved since its inception in 1997 into North America’s largest dance music event.

Whitey: United States vs. James J. Bulger (R for profanity and crime scene images) Courtroom documentary highlighting the government’s case against the FBI’s #2 Most Wanted

(after Osama bin Laden), the sadistic mobster who brutally murdered over a dozen people during his decades-long reign of terror in South Boston.

Yves Saint Laurent (R for sexuality and drug use) Haute couture biopic chronicling the career of the late fashion icon (Pierre Niney) and his long-term relationship with his life mate/business partner, Pierre Berge (Guillaume Gallienne). Featuring Nikolai Kinski as Karl Lagerfeld and Patrice Thibaud as Christian Dior. (In French, English, Japanese, Russian and Arabic with subtitles)

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“We are pleased that Ben Chavis, a long-time supporter of NNPA, will be able to use his skills and his numerous domestic and international contacts to strengthen NNPA – the Black Press of America,” Campbell said. “Dr. Chavis has the talent, contacts

There will be no service on
Friday, July 4th
due to the
4th of July Holiday.
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