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## Leisha Enterprises turns 15

### Magic Johnson's "I Stand With Magic" provides HIV/AIDS education

New York, NY (BlackNews.com) - Since its 2006 launch, the "I Stand With Magic" program, a part of the "Campaign to End AIDS," has provided free HIV/AIDS testing to more than 21,000 Americans in 16 major cities with large African-American populations as part of the "I Stand With Magic" tour.

Additionally, the program has educated nearly 200,000 people about HIV, risk factors associated with the disease, the importance of HIV testing and how to care for yourself or someone you know living with the disease. More than 70,000 individuals have enrolled in the program in order to receive regular newsletters and communication from Magic Johnson about how to stay informed about the disease.

Anyone who is personally impacted by HIV, is a caretaker of someone who is HIV positive or just wants to support the cause can enroll on the program's Web site at [www.BlackNews.com/istandwithmagic](http://www.BlackNews.com/istandwithmagic)

### HUD Housing Chief resigns leaving questions unanswered

HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson, announcing that his last day at HUD will be April 18. Jackson said only, "There comes a time when one must attend more diligently to personal and family matters." Allegations of political favoritism and a criminal investigation, announced his resignation Monday amid the wreckage of the national housing crisis.

He leaves behind a trail of unanswered questions about whether he tilted the Department of Housing and Urban Development toward Republican contractors and cronies. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said HUD will be called on to work with Congress on assisting refinancing for borrowers faced with imminent foreclosure.

The ethical allegations against Jackson "meant that the Bush administration's ineffective housing policies were being burdened by an even more ineffective HUD Secretary," Sen. Patty



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