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Celebrate African American Heritage with Gado Images
Online Treasure of Images of African American Culture and History

Baltimore, MD: May 23, 2012 – In partnership with the Baltimore Afro American Newspaper, Project Gado launched Gado Images in March, 2012. 1.5 million photographs from the newspaper's rich archives are being made available online with a growing digital collection. Scholars have called the Afro American's materials one of the best black history collections in the world.

Historians, writers, filmmakers, journalists, and community members alike will appreciate the accessibility of this growing historical resource with images dating back to 1920.

Featuring images from World War II, the Great Depression, and the civil rights era, visitors may view and license photos of national celebrities, military units, landmarks, and Baltimore weddings, graduations, and community history.

"We are excited about launching the image licensing website that will enable a broader audience access to the Afro American's images," says Tom Smith, project manager of Project Gado.

"The Afro-American Newspapers have perhaps the largest single source of African-American history on the planet," stated President and Publisher John Oliver, Jr. "We've long recognized the value of our archives and have made some progress not only in chronicling our items, but also in using our archives to provide assistance to researchers, students and history enthusiasts."

Scholars and community members who are interested in African American history and heritage may visit www.gadoimages.com to view the Afro's images and purchase licenses or prints for their own use.

About Project Gado
Project Gado has created an autonomous open source archival scanning robot which small archives can use to digitize their photographic collections. This project grew out of the Johns Hopkins University Center for Africana Studies, and now includes the JHU Sheridan Libraries and the Baltimore Afro American Newspaper. For more information about Project Gado, please contact Amy Smith at amy@esdallc.com or visit www.projectgado.org.

About Gado Images
Gado Images provides historical photo licenses and prints. Currently, the collection contains selections from the archives of the Afro American Newspapers. Many images are newly digitized, and many have never been published previously. All images are digitized using revolutionary scanning technology developed by Project Gado. Images are property of the Afro American Newspapers unless otherwise noted. For more information, please visit www.gadoimages.com.

About The Afro-American
The Afro-American is one of the oldest, family-owned, continuously publishing newspapers in the country. It was founded in 1892 by John H. Murphy Sr., a former slave, and continues to provide world-class news coverage to this day. For more information, visit www.afro.com.

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