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## MLK's Unheralded Victories Recorded in the Black Press

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will always be remembered as a social activist and Baptist minister whose role was integral in the Civil Rights Movement.

Publicly and privately, King fought for equality, justice and human rights for African Americans and others who suffered from racism, segregation and other injustices.

His sermons, including the "Drum Major Instinct," and his speeches like, "I Have a Dream," are as important as they are legendary.

But, those closest to King recalled some of his more unheralded feats. They also recalled the importance of the Black Press during the movement.

"I would say King's abiding commitment to focus on poverty and to deal with the wealth and equity gaps, and particularly the conditions of the poor, has been less heralded than his other accomplishments," said Dr. Clarence Jones, a visiting professor at the University of San Francisco and a scholar and writer-in-residence at Stanford University's Martin Luther King Jr. Institute.

Jones met King in 1960 when he was 29 and King was 31.

Jones served on King's legal team and help draft many of his most important speeches, including the 1963 "I

Have a Dream" masterpiece.

But, it was a speech that King delivered just five days before his April 4, 1968 assassination that Jones remembers most.

"I've said so often that the sermon he gave at the National Cathedral in Washington was most important," Jones said. "He captioned the speech, 'Sleeping Through a Revolution,' and that's exactly what he'd say today, if he were here."

Many of King's accomplishments were aided by his relationship with newspapers like the Atlanta Daily World, the Pittsburgh Courier and other Black-owned newspapers, Jones said.

"The two essential pillars of support of the Civil Rights Movement were the Black Church and the Black Press," he said. "The Black Press was critically important, and King had a healthy appreciation for the Black Press."

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., another close confidant of King, agreed.

"The kinship King had with [former EBONY and Jet owner] John Johnson, [National Newspaper Publishers Association founder] John Sengstacke and others was apparent, and he realized their value and they recognized his value," Jackson said.

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., the president and CEO of the NNPA, said he will always cherish the days that he worked with King and the Southern Christian Leader-

ship Conference.

"I witnessed, first-hand, the fearless courage of Dr. King as he spoke out against global racial injustice and war when it was not popular to do so," Chavis said.

Chavis continued: "The mainstream press routinely mischaracterized Dr. King as a principle-less agitator. But, it was only the Black-owned newspapers during the 1960s that would, without apology, tell the truth that Dr. King was both a theological and intellectual genius whose worldwide vision, activism and principles demanded a public stance against the unjust Vietnam War, and against the dual racist Apartheid in America and South Africa."

Chavis recalled one of King's most famous quotes: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Dr. Wornie Reed, the director of the Race and Social Policy Center at Virginia Tech, who marched alongside King in the 1960s, said too few people knew about King's major project when he was assassinated, "The Poor People's Campaign."

"The Memphis garbage workers strike was a side issue, the kind he was frequently involved in. He was putting in long days and nights across the country, calling on all of us who cared to come to Washington to help him to put maximum pressure on the federal government to come forth with concrete plans to reduce poverty in

this rich country," Reed said. "King was promoting a level of pressure that the federal government had never faced before. And many of us were organizing groups to do just that."

Reed continued: "When King vowed to stop commerce in Washington, to stop planes, buses, and trains, in other words, to close Washington down, he gained the support of all the radical Black groups who had abandoned King and the SCLC. These groups had tired of the 'soft' approach of the Civil Rights Movement. Many readily agreed to go to D.C. and help him do just that."

Sadly, the childhood poverty rate is higher now than it was in 1968 when King was assassinated—then, it was between 15 and 16 percent, Reed said. Now, the national child poverty rate was 18 percent in 2016, according to the Children's Defense Fund. The poverty rate for Black children under 18 years old is 30.9 percent.

Also, Reed said, the Black Press was more important to King and the Civil Rights Movement early on during the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the early days of the sit-in movement.

The Black Press provided vital coverage of the activities and the leading personalities in the movement, he said.

"Often the major press was concerned with the disruptions of the movement while the Black Press tended

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The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., African American integration leader, in bed at New York's Harlem Hospital on Sept. 21, 1958 following operation to remove steel letter opener from his chest. Rev. King was in critical condition immediately after his assailant, an African American woman undergoing mental observation at Bellevue Hospital, plunged the letter opener into King.



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This is one of several signboards which appeared on Rt. 80 in Montgomery, March 24, 1965 which civil rights marchers are walking to Montgomery, Ala., the state capitol. They are scheduled to reach Montgomery on Thursday. The sign purports to show Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., leader of the march, at a training school.



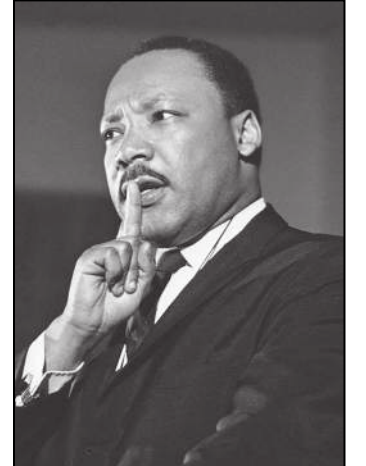
Martin Luther King in February 1965.

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., waves to crowd on his arrival at Logan International Airport in Boston April 22, 1965. He is in Boston to lead a civil rights protest march on Friday and to take a look at some of the schools in a predominantly African American district. King will also address a joint session of the Massachusetts Legislature at the State House. At left of Dr. King is the Rev. Virgin Wood, head of the Boston branch of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.



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Civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., speaks in Alabama, Feb. 1968.

to provide more information about what the activities meant on the ground in Black communities," Reed said.

National Urban League President Marc Morial said King's profoundly important, but less heralded work on economic justice, particularly toward the end of his life, left a legacy that the Urban League champions today.

"In his final speeches and his plans to launch a 'Poor People's Campaign,' Dr. King laid out his extraordinary vision for a country that provides equal access to economic opportunity and prosperity to all, no matter their color or creed—a dream that organizations like the National Urban League are still fighting for," Morial said.

Since its inception, the Black Press has played an integral role in communicating the raw and uncompromising struggle of King and African Americans across the country, Morial added.

"The Black Press remained on the front lines of the Civil Rights movement, offering a glimpse into the everyday lives of African Americans far before mainstream media paid attention," said Morial. "In many ways, the Black journalists were a critical pillar of the movement and of communication Dr. King's vision for a more equal America to the world."



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Ebenezer Baptist Church where people came in great numbers to pay respects to a fallen leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., April 8, 1968 in Atlanta, Ga..



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## Burke to 'Battle Trump's New Tax Plan' as New Chair of the Revenue and Taxation Committee



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California State Assemblymember Autumn Burke

BY JENNIFER BIHM  
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California State Assemblymember Autumn Burke said she is "honored" to have been named chair of the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee January 4, as she announced that in the new position she would "battle President Trump's new tax plan"

"My colleagues and I will get to work on offsetting the damage done by the President and Congressional Republicans," said Burke. "We will be looking at various options to ensure that all Californians would be able to obtain some tax relief and in doing so, provide a real, sustainable solution. I am honored to serve as Chair of the Revenue and Taxation committee. I ap-

preciate Speaker Rendon's trust and support to lead this committee at such a critical time for our state."

Under the new plan, Californians will no longer be able to deduct property taxes paid to their local governments and income taxes paid to the state, there is also a \$500,000 limit on mortgage deductions. On a positive note, Trump's plan lowers the tax rate for individuals and families and reduces the number of tax brackets from seven to only three (12, 25 and 35 percent). It increases the standard deduction and it increases the Child Tax Credit. It also limits the maximum tax rate for small businesses here.

But, said Burke, those positives won't amount to much for California's middle class.

"The new federal tax code cuts corporate taxes from 35% to 21%," Burke said in a statement released to the Sentinel.

"This results in billions of dollars flooding into Corporate coffers. And if you are lucky enough to have multi-millionaire par-

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## L.A. Council President Wesson Challenges Feds on Marijuana Laws



COURTESY PHOTO

Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson

BY JENNIFER BIHM  
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Los Angeles Council President Herb Wesson recently responded on the city's behalf, to U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions' announcement that he has rescinded the Cole Memo, a document aimed at ensuring that the Federal Government takes a hands-off approach to

states that have made marijuana sales and use legal. Wesson's response was to solidify L.A.'s transition to legal marijuana. He defended the new law against the Federal Government's attempt to thwart it, pointing out the fact that the council has "adopted reasonable regulations governing the cannabis industry while protecting neighborhoods and schools."

"We will not be bullied by an out-of-town and out-of-touch politician," Wesson said of Sessions' decision.

"The voters of California and Los Angeles have spoken and we will contin-



As of January 1, recreational marijuana is legal in California.

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## Rev. Dr. James H. Hargett, Civil Rights Warrior Passes On



COURTESY PHOTO

Rev. Dr. James H. Hargett

SPECIAL TO THE SENTINEL

Reverend Dr. James Hester Hargett, community advocate and civil rights activist, spent over forty years

as a United Church of Christ pastor in churches located in the states of California, Hawaii, Illinois, New Jersey, and New York. His ministry focused on the recruitment

of African Americans in Christian service and activities in the areas of community advocacy, education, human relations, mental health, and social justice.

Hargett was born on July 24, 1930, in Greensboro, North Carolina, the son of Afro-Christian pastor Reverend Frederick A. Hargett and Florence Hester. He received a bachelor's degree from Johnson C. Smith University (1952), a master's degree from Yale Divinity School (1955), and a Doctor of Ministry (1975) from Colgate-Rochester Seminary. His studies at

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## Congresswoman Karen Bass Continues the Fight to End Slave Auctions in Libya

BY KIMBERLEE BUCK  
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Since CNN's International report exposed slave trading in Libya, Congresswoman Karen Bass and other members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) have been among the many groups joining forces to bring about freedom and justice for slave trade victims. Recently, Bass provided the Los Angeles Sentinel with an update regarding her work on the front lines to end slave



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Congressional Black Caucus meets with Libyan Ambassador Wafa Bughaighis on Friday, December 8, 2017 regarding Libyan slave trade.

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## Radio Industry Share Thoughts on the Life of L.A. Radio Personality Cliff Winston

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Radio personality Cliff Winston's life is celebrated during funeral services at West Angeles Church, on Thursday, Jan. 4, on Crenshaw Blvd.

## Democrats Booker, Harris Join Senate Judiciary Committee



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Senator Kamala Harris



FILE PHOTO

Senator Cory Booker

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

Democratic Sens. Cory Booker of New Jersey and Kamala Harris of California have been ap-

pointed to serve on the Senate Judiciary Committee, becoming just the second and third African-Americans to serve on the committee in its 200-plus-year history.

Democrats had to replace Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., who resigned after being accused of

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# Tony Cornelius Among Four New Members Appointed to Suicide Prevention Board

BY JENNIFER BIHM

Tony Cornelius, son of legendary television personality and creator of the hit dance show Soul Train, Don Cornelius, was recently appointed to the National Board of Directors of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, beginning a three-year-term in the position this month. Cornelius said he is excited about his new appointment. And, that excitement he said, is tempered by a focus filled with passion for the subject.

"My focus is really from the heart," Cornelius told the Sentinel in a recent interview.

"Unfortunately, when my dad committed suicide, I never thought I would be in a position to talk to people or even that I would want to talk to people. I always thought suicide was for people who couldn't handle life and who were weak. And, I'm now a believer that it has nothing to do with that ..."

Cornelius said one of his priorities would be the African American community;

his mission, to lead people in the direction of adequate help.

"The Black community leans on church and family for mental health needs," Cornelius explained.

"But there are places you can go to receive help. The mission is to lead people in that direction."

Cornelius began his work in mental health and suicide prevention with the Don Cornelius Foundation shortly after his father's tragedy on February 1, 2012.

"I had made a promise to speak up after this happened to my family," Cornelius explained.

"Most of my work has been going around talking about suicide prevention and mental health. And, along the way, the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention ... I had participated in a walk in Santa Monica. I happened to meet the CEO Robert Gebbia. They thought it would be a good idea to partner with me in some way as a person who had experience in that area.

"We got together and



Tony Cornelius

talked about it and they thought it would be a good idea to add me to the board."

[This year], the AFSP is starting Project 2025.

"It's a high impact collaborative initiative to reduce the annual suicide rate by 20 percent by 2025," he said.

"With that, the Board

gets together to talk about things they can do to help reduce those numbers. Each board member comes up with ideas and solutions."

Established in 1987, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is a voluntary health organization that gives those affected by

suicide a nationwide community empowered by research, education and advocacy to take action against this leading cause of death.

"AFSP is dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide," said officials via their website.

"AFSP creates a culture that's smart about mental health by engaging in the following core strategies:

Funding scientific research

Educating the public about mental health and suicide prevention

Advocating for public policies in mental health and suicide prevention

Supporting survivors of suicide loss and those affected by suicide in our mission."

Cornelius is among four new members added to the Board. The others are, celebrity chef Melissa d'Arabian, New Jersey resident, Jonathon Kellerman, executive vice president and global chief compliance officer for Allergan and New Jersey based pharma executive, Ed Stelmakh. The new members are also joining 12 others:

Steve Siple – Chair of the Board, Jerry Rosenbaum, M.D. – Board President, Gretchen Haas, Ph.D. – Board Vice President and Treasurer, James Compton – Secretary, Maria A. Oquendo, M.D., Ph.D. – Chair, Scientific Council, Dennis Tackett – Chair, Loss and Healing Council, Nancy Farrell, MPA – Chair, Policy Council, Ray Paul, Jr. – Chair, Development, Marco Taglietti, M.D. – Chair Governance / Nominating Committee, Christopher Epperson – Chair, Chapter Leadership Council, Robert Gebbia – Chief Executive Officer and Christine Moutier, M.D. – Chief Medical Officer.

"Suicide is one of our nation's leading, yet preventable causes of death," said Gebbia.

"We would like to congratulate our new National Board members for volunteering their time and passion to helping us fight suicide. As we strive to reduce the national suicide rate 20 percent by the year 2025, the board leaders' work is imperative to helping us reach this bold goal."

## Superintendent King to Retire in June, Being Treated for Cancer

CITY NEWS SERVICE

Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent Michelle King, who has been on medical leave since September, revealed last week she is being treated for cancer, and said she will retire by June 30 without returning to her job.

King has been superintendent since January 2016.

"I have been undergoing treatment for cancer," King said. "Now, with the progression of my illness, I have made the incredibly difficult decision to retire by June 30. Until then, I will remain on medical leave."

King did not specify the type of cancer for which she is being treated.

"I am very thankful for the outpouring of support I have received from the entire L.A. Unified family, our community partners and my colleagues across the nation. As I aggressively fight this illness, I ask that you continue to



Michelle King said she won't return to her post as LAUSD superintendent after her medical leave.

keep me in your thoughts and prayers."

Vivian Eckchian, who has been acting superintendent during King's medical leave, will remain in that position pending a search for a new top executive, according to the district.

King, the first black woman hired as superintendent for the nation's second-largest school district, went on medical leave in September, but the nature of her illness had never been disclosed.

Members of the dis-

trict's Board of Education issued a joint statement thanking King "for 33 years as an exemplary educator, inspirational role model and steadfast leader."

"Having dedicated her career to the district, it is now time for Dr. King to focus her incredible strength and energy on her health," according to the board. "We wholeheartedly support her decision to retire, and will continue to keep her in our thoughts and prayers as she faces the challenges ahead."

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# Unforgettable Speeches from Activist Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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From pulpits in the sanctuary to the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C., the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has delivered a multitude of historical speeches that have impacted humanity and brought about change, not only for Blacks but people of all races, ethnicities, and genders.

As a great orator, Dr. King was able to move, encourage, and touch the hearts of many political leaders, figures, and people around the world with just one word. This week, we honor his legacy as a prominent spokesperson and leader of the Civil Rights Movement, by looking back at a few excerpts from some of Dr. King's most unforgettable speeches.

**The famous "I Have A Dream" speech was delivered during the March on Washington in Washington, D.C., on August 28, 1963.**

*I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.*

*I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."*

*I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood.*

*I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.*

*I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.*

*I have a dream today.*

*I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.*

*I have a dream today.*

*I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.*

*This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood.*

*With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.*

*This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."*

*And if America is to be a great nation this must become true.*

*So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire.*

*Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York.*

*Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!*

*Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado!*

*Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California!*

*But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia!*

*Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee!*

*Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi.*

*From every mountainside, let freedom ring.*

*When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"*

**The "Eulogy for the Young Victims of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church Bombing" was delivered on September 18, 1963, at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama.**

*"This afternoon, we gather in the quiet of this sanctuary to pay our last tribute of respect to these beautiful children of God. They entered the stage of history just a few years ago, and in the brief years that they were privileged to act on this mortal stage, they played their parts exceedingly well.*

*Now the curtain falls; they move through the exit; the drama of their earthly life comes to a close. They are now committed back to that eternity from which they came.*

*These children-unoffending, innocent, and beautiful-were the victims of one of the most vicious and tragic crimes ever perpetrated against humanity.*

*And yet they died nobly. They are the martyred heroines of a holy crusade for freedom and human dignity.*

*And so this afternoon in a real sense they have something to say to each of us in their death. They have something to say to every minister of the gospel who has remained silent behind the safe security of stained-glass windows.*

*They have something to say to every politician [Audience:] (Yeah) who has fed his constituents with the stale bread of hatred and the spoiled meat of racism.*

*They have something to say to a federal government that has compromised with the undemocratic practices of southern Dixie-crats (Yeah) and the blatant hypocrisy of right-wing northern Republicans.*

*(Speak) They have something to say to every Negro (Yeah) who has passively accepted the evil system of segregation and who has stood on the sidelines in a mighty struggle for justice. They say to each of us, black and white alike, that we must substitute courage for caution.*

*They say to us that we must be concerned not merely about who murdered them, but about the system, the way of life, the philosophy which produced the murderers.*

*Their death says to us that we must work passionately and unrelentingly for the realization of the American dream.*

*Now I say to you in conclusion, life is hard, at times as hard as crucible steel. It has its bleak and difficult moments. Like the ever-flowing waters of the river, life has its moments of drought and its moments of flood.*

*(Yeah, Yes) Like the ever-changing cycle of the seasons, life has the soothing warmth of its summers and the piercing chill of its winters.*

*(Yeah) And if one will hold on, he will discover that God walks with him (Yeah, Well), and that God is able (Yeah, Yes) to lift you from the fatigue of despair to the buoyancy of hope, and transform dark and desolate valleys into sunlit paths of inner peace.*

*And so today, you do not walk alone. You gave to this world wonderful children. [moans] They didn't live long lives, but they lived meaningful lives. (Well) Their lives were distressingly small in quantity, but glowingly large in quality.*

*(Yeah) And no greater tribute can be paid to you as parents, and no greater epitaph can come to them as children, than where they died and what they were doing when they died.*

*(Yeah) They did not die in the dives and dens of Birmingham (Yeah, Well), nor did they die discussing and listening to filthy jokes.*

*(Yeah) They died between the sacred walls of the church of God (Yeah, Yes), and they were discussing the eternal meaning (Yes) of love. This stands out as a beautiful, beautiful thing for all generations.*

*(Yes) Shakespeare had Horatio to say some beautiful words as he stood over the dead body of Hamlet. And today, as I stand over the remains of these beautiful, darling girls, I paraphrase the words of Shakespeare: (Yeah, Well) Good night, sweet princesses. Good night, those who symbolize a new day. (Yeah, Yes) And may the flight of angels (That's right) take thee to thy eternal rest. God bless you.*

**Dr. King delivered his final speech, "I've Been To the Mountain Top," on the eve of his assassination at the Mason Temple in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 3, 1968. The temple is the headquarters of the Church of God in Christ, the largest African American Pentecostal denomination in the United States.**

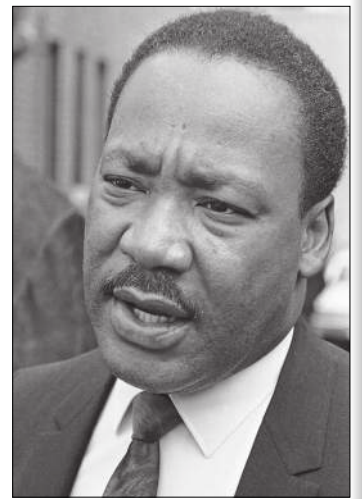
*I'm delighted to see each of you here tonight in spite of a storm warning. You reveal that you are determined to go on anyhow. Something is happening in Memphis,*

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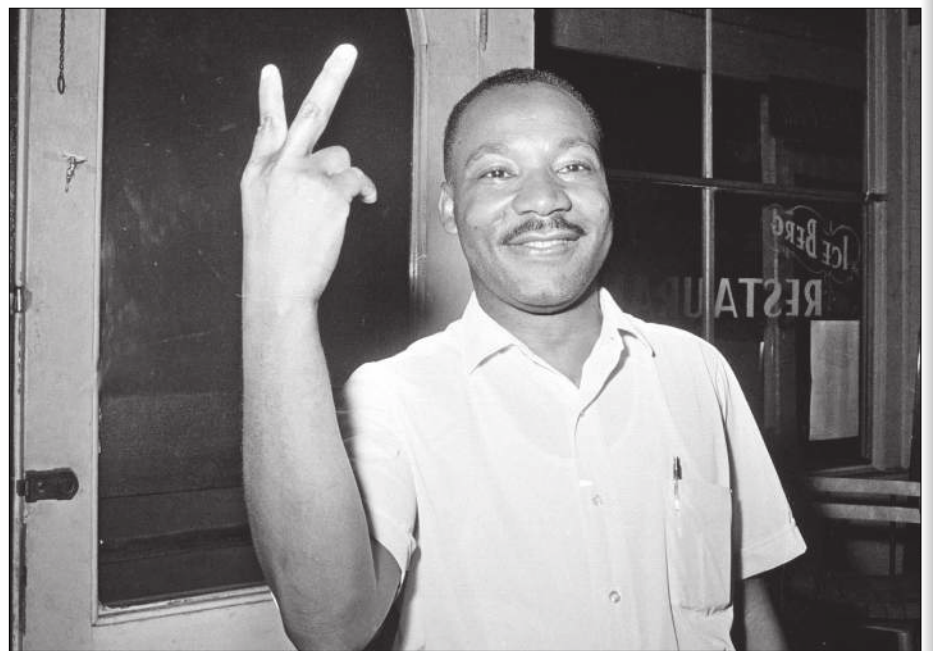


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**Above, in this undated photo, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., addresses an audience. At right, he speaks in an undated photo. Dr. King used public platforms as well as the written word to fight for equality for African Americans. In his book, "Letter From A Birmingham Jail," he wrote, "I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that the Negro's great stumbling block in his stride toward freedom is not the White Citizen's Council or the Ku Klux Klanner, but the white moderate, who is more devoted to 'order' than to justice; ...who constantly says: 'I agree with you in the goal you seek, but I cannot agree with your methods of direct action;' ..and who constantly advises the Negro to wait for a 'more convenient season.'"**

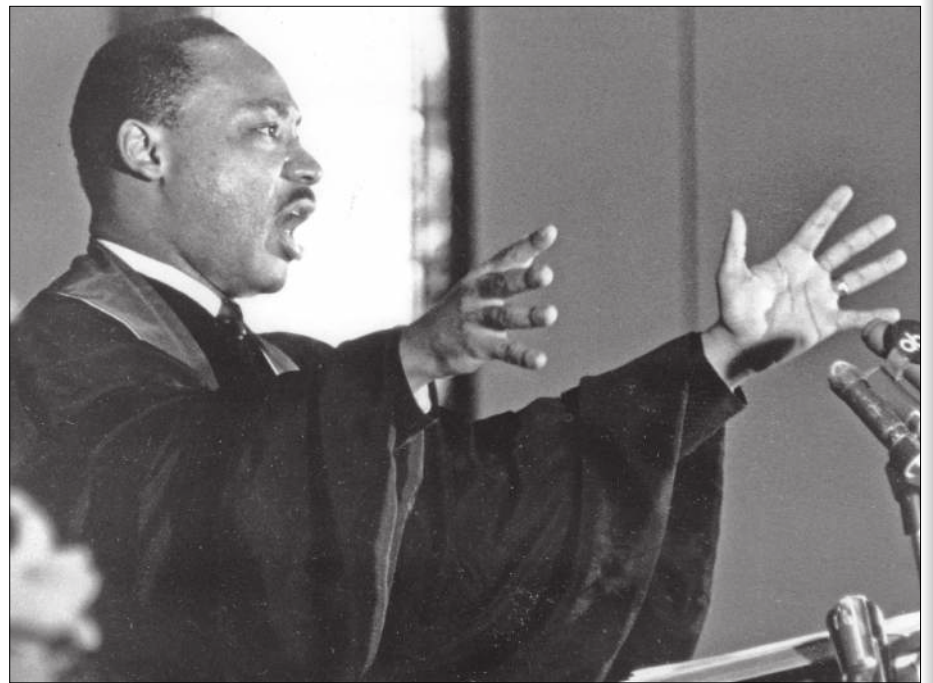


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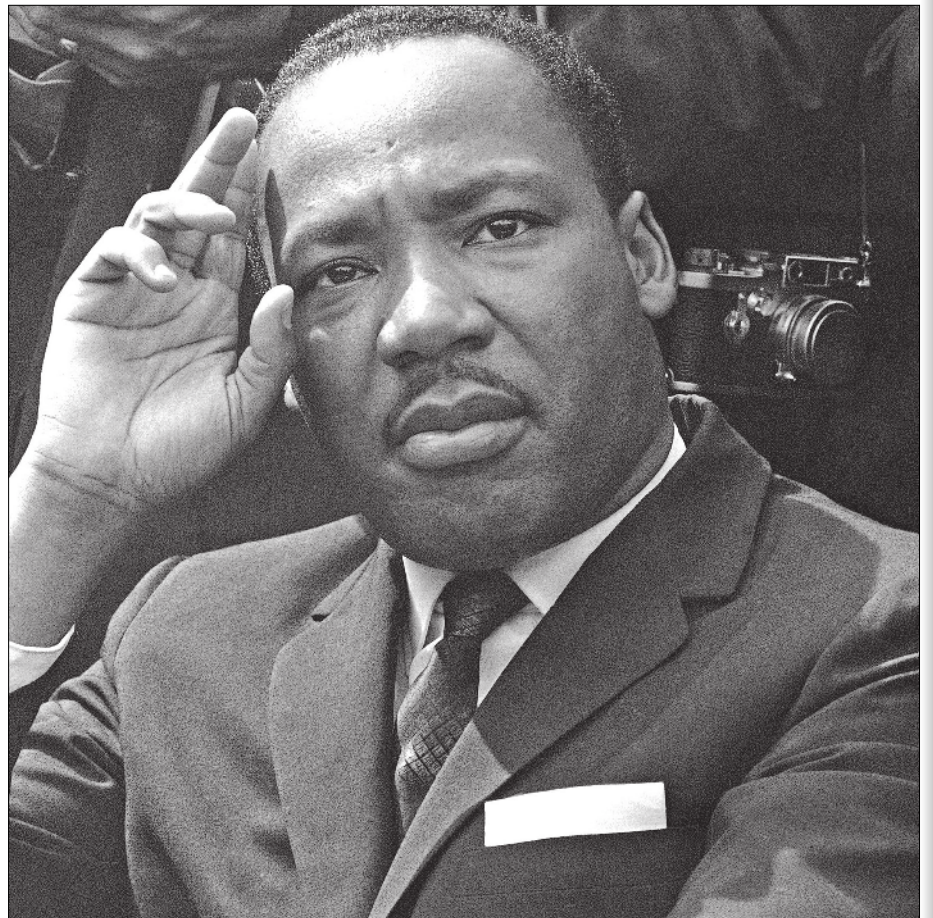
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**The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., reacts in St. Augustine, Fla., after learning that the senate passed the civil rights bill, June 19, 1964. King commented, "This is the dawn of a new hope."**



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**The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., gestures and shouts to his congregation in Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga. on April 30, 1967 as he urges America to repent and abandon what he called its "tragic, reckless adventure in Vietnam."**



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**In this Sept. 16, 1963 file photo, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., gives a news conference in Birmingham, Ala., announcing he and other African-American leaders have called for federal Army occupation of Birmingham in the wake of the previous day's church bombing and shootings, which left six black people dead.**

• DR. MAULANA KARENGA •

# Living the Legacy of Our History Resolutions for Righteous and Relentless Struggle

Even though we might have made new year's resolutions in all honesty, the established order cultivates a climate that makes them soon lose their relevance and reality. And it systematically urges us to move on to the TV spectacles, tech toys and shopping sprees that divert us and make too many of us avoid the serious, dismiss, deny or downplay the suffering of others, and seek the comfortable places in oppression posed as the sensible, safe and "normal" thing to do.

But our history as a people asks and demands more of us, especially in this time of admitted madness, publicly advocated and practiced meanness and shameless presidential boasts of larger capacity to kill and lay waste the world. And then, of course, there is the enduring savage and subtle racism, vampire and vulture capitalism and predatory sexism here and around the world. As an African people, we know our oppressor must not be our teacher and that at the heart of all we do must be the ancient African moral imperative and practice to do good everywhere, and to bear witness to truth and set the scales of justice in their proper place among those who have no voice, i.e., the vulnerable, devalued and oppressed.

So, in the tradition of our ancestors, we are obligated to keep the faith, hold the line and continue the righteous and relentless struggle for good in the world. Thus, in this new year of our people 6258/2018, we begin, as always, in the tradition of our ancestors offering sa-

cred wishes and prayers for the good of African people everywhere as well as the other peoples of the world, and for the well-being of the world, itself, and all in it. But even as we pray and wish for the good for all, we know that prayers must turn into practice, wishes into work and struggle, if the good we seek is to become a concrete reality in the lives of the people and the conditions of the world.

There is in my book on Kwanzaa, *Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture*, an important text for focusing on and discussing some of our best values and deepest concerns, and the kinds of work and righteous and relentless struggle we must engage in to honor and advance those values in the interests of ever-expanding human good and the sustained well-being of the world. The text says: "The edges of the year have met. I pray for the life of the people. May the nation prosper. May the children be many. May food come forth in abundance. May no illness come. May the people grow to become old men and women. And may no misfortune fall on the land". Thus, it contains concerns that are enduring issues and sites of work and struggle to which we must commit ourselves.

The first and continuing concern is the life of the people in real time and real places. Indeed, the first concern of any just and good society is the life of the people, not life as an abstract, but a real presence and a lived reality, persons and people breathing, eating, working, loving, building, enjoying



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freedom, celebrating life, and striving and struggling for the Good. This means we cannot value or allow without resistance others to value some lives over others, practicing a selective morality rooted in preferences of various social, religious and biological kinds. Indeed, it is our African ancestors of ancient Egypt that introduced the concept of humans as images of the Divine and bearers of dignity (shepesu), and thus worthy of the highest respect and a good life, without reference to various identities, age, ability, era, place of birth or residence or any other distinctions.

The ancestors ask next that the nation, the people prosper. It stresses that life strives and needs to flourish, that people rightly must thrive and come into the fullness of themselves. For it is not enough to eke out a living at the lowest level, we all must live lives of dignity and decency that respect our status as human beings worthy of the highest respect, concretized in the ways we live and are empowered to live.

And this, at a minimum, means living a good life, with material well-being, health, happiness, security, knowledge, rewarding relationships and pursuits of various forms of good that elevate the spirit and enrich and expand the heart and mind. And this too requires struggle.

The ancestors also ask that we be rightfully attentive to the children, not only so they are numerous in reproduction, but also so they will live full and good lives and not die early, unnecessary and undeserved deaths. We must continue and increase our efforts in the interests of our children beginning in our own homes, families and communities, and widening the circles of concern and care to the whole of society – and even the world through righteous and relentless struggle. And yes, we must teach them the dignity-affirming, life-enhancing and world-preserving ways of our people and cherish, nurture and challenge them to always bring forth the best of what it means to be both African and human in the world.

The prayer and sacred wish that food be abundant speaks to both the human right and need for food security and food justice, and our responsibility to struggle to end hunger, famine, food insecurity and food injustice which pervade the world. Food security and food justice are clearly a moral imperative of our time, and they can only be

achieved if food for everyone is available, accessible, affordable, nutritious, adequate and culturally appropriate. There is a growing ujamaa (cooperative economics) movement at local levels to serve the people involving gardening, farming, sharing and always political education, mobilization, organization and confrontation to achieve in struggle food security and justice and substantive transformation of the system that denies this good. This too must be supported.

The sacred wishes that we have good health and the people live long and grow old speaks to the struggle for health care as a human right, the right of everyone to the highest standard of physical and psychological health, including all health care and services needed, healthy living and working conditions, healthy and adequate food and housing, and a healthy environment. It must be understood, advocated and fought for as a communal, public and human good. Clearly, this is another of our unfinished fights for human rights with definite goals of universal access, equity, respect for the dignity and differences of persons and peoples, transparency, accountability, and the right of people to take active part in decisions and practices that affect their health and lives.

The sacred wishes end with a hope that we not encounter misfortunes with the implicit understanding that if and when we do,

we are able to weather the storms, survive the cold and bitter winters, and demonstrate the resilience and resourcefulness in life and struggle our people are known and respected for around the world. We cannot doubt that misfortune will come and bad things will happen, but the sacred wish and hope then and now is that we, as families, communities and a people, can together in love, work and struggle survive attempts to bury us; stand up in the coffins our oppressors prepare for us; defiantly break our chains and continue to build the good world we deserve and demand. After all, we who have survived the Holocaust of enslavement and the hellish savagery of Jim Crow, must boldly move forward regardless of odds or the hardships and horrors of history. This is called righteously living the legacy, and we can do no less.

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• A BLACK PERSPECTIVE • LARRY AUBRY

## VIOLENCE AMONG BLACKS THE EXCEPTION NOT THE NORM

Violence among Black people, as in virtually all other groups, is the exception, not the norm. Unfortunately, the term "Black-on-Black Violence" is widely used by whites, others and sometimes, even by Black people themselves. Violence exists in all groups, everywhere, but the term "Black-on-Black violence" implies Blacks are genetically prone to violent behavior which is not only misleading, but nonsense. The term Black-on-Black violence also feeds a widespread stereotype that Blacks, unlike any other group, are inherently violent.

All violence diminishes human life but for well-known but largely minimized underlying reasons when it comes to Black people, especially in the inner-city, research and media reports regularly use the term Black-on-Black violence exclusively for Black s, no other group is referred to that way. And this happens without an outcry from the powers that be, including Black leadership. Why the deafening silence? Answers are rooted in racism and resulting disproportionate poverty, anger, unemployment, failing education systems etc. Moreover, passive acceptance of the term by many Blacks tends to reinforce the stereotype.

White leadership coined the term "Black-on-Black violence," with the tacit support of rank and file cohorts, intending to demean, scandalize and isolate Blacks. Remember, violence is indelibly embedded in this country's DNA. Conservatives' construct of Black-on-Black violence serves to devalue Black life with racist proclamations such as "Blacks do not try hard enough to extricate themselves from circumstances of their own



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making, etc."

Conservative leadership also prognosticated Blacks would die early in record numbers and claimed, "Their propensity for violence is a symptom of the potential for ravaging mainstream life." The Tea Party predicted Blacks would become the menace conservatives were telling the public to fear and also claimed Black violence resulted from "a pathological culture, predatory youth and socially disorganized inner cities." Two major themes ran through the conservatives' credo: Black youth especially, are naturally and culturally afflicted with a propensity for violent behavior and the Black family nurtures that affliction.

Reasons for violence among Blacks include disproportionate poverty, dysfunctional families, absence of positive role models, lack of political will, ineffective leadership, schools' failure to educate Black children and a breakdown in moral and ethical standards. Violence destabilizes any community and the inter-relatedness of these things contributes to both its perpetuation and solutions for its reduction.

Bob Herbert, a Black columnist for the New York Times said, "If white people were doing to Black people what Black people are doing to Black people, there would be rioting from coast to coast." Perhaps,

but that's cynical and misleading; the reality is white people continue to control and oppress Blacks, who in recent years have responded with only episodic, not sustained anger or dissatisfaction.

Nationally, Blacks are many times more likely to be murdered, according to the U.S. Justice Department and 94% of Black murder victims are killed by Blacks. Maybe, but overwhelmingly, residents of high-crime communities are law-abiding and frequently the ones victimized. Economists point out the obviously destabilizing effect violence has in all communities and those who can, leave, do so, businesses go elsewhere and neighborhoods deteriorate.

Psychological factors are very important. For example, Blacks' level of negativity towards each other is often as great as it is against whites. Among the most insidious of slavery's legacies is self-hate and internalization of subservience, frequently covered by a thin bravado that masks underlying insecurity. This should not be minimized because ultimately, personal change comes from within.

Other misconceptions don't help: Many, including Blacks themselves, refer to Blacks and other people of color in the U.S. as "racists." This is incorrect. Racism involves the power of one group to control others based on color or ethnicity. Therefore, it is virtually impossible for Blacks, or other people of color, to be racists in America, because they lack such power. Prejudice and bigotry exist among all races and ethnicities but should not be confused with racism.

Violence among Blacks also reflects a pervasive dearth of effective leadership and the absence of

moral and ethical standards. The ever widening chasm between middle-class and poorer Blacks also hinders efforts to reduce violence because the middle class, even though currently on the sidelines, is vitally needed in the continuing struggle for freedom, equity and justice.

Violence among Blacks is a subset of societal violence. America has a history of violence which it has perpetrated since its beginning. Yet it blinks at violence at home while supporting brutal regimes throughout the world. Less apparent, but no less relevant, is the violence caused by schools that fail to educate Black children and police brutality (also sanctioned by silence) that continues despite recent Black groups' reform efforts.

Efforts to reduce violence among Blacks have not succeeded because they have been neither a political priority nor adequately funded. Of course, violence among Blacks continues to be researched ad nauseam with little effect on alleviating the problem. Even sound, corrective strategies cannot succeed without constant community pressure and political will.

Blacks must relentlessly pressure decision-makers, including Black leadership, to demonstrate real concern by addressing not just the symptoms but the systemic causes for violence among Blacks. The current norm, silence, reinforces violence in Black communities and must be reversed. This means both high level decision makers, including Black leaders and ultimately, the Black community itself- must be held accountable for reducing violence. Anything less is unacceptable.

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# Weeping May Endure For a Night, But Joy Cometh in the Morning

## Why one of my most painful years was also among my best

If I had to choose one word to sum up my 2017, that word would be painful. I'm talking, all consuming, heart wrenching, you can't sleep, have difficulty concentrating, your emotions are RAGING and you feel completely out of control kind of pain.

Most of us have had to endure emotional pain at some point in life and it's never pleasant.

As a young child, I certainly experienced my fair share and by the grace of "LOVE," I was able to overcome it and not allow it to weigh me down as I continued to journey on.

Because of how the world began to open up to me, for most of my adolescent and young adult life, I was under the impression that I had escaped that trauma and completely healed, even though I understood that there would always be a sensitivity that remained.

Well, last year, I discovered that that wasn't exactly true. Yes, my rational mind no longer suffered or harbored any conscious hate or ill will toward the people that inflicted the abuse/pain.

I was not bitter and after some years, even grew to have a forgiving heart. I knew that I had nothing to be ashamed of and that I was no worse than anyone else for my experiences. In fact, I believed (and still do) that I grew stronger because of them.

I was not afraid to go create what I wanted to create in life. However, there was something that I would not be able to see about myself for decades. There was still more work to be done in this area and I have pain to thank for bringing it to my attention.

Throughout the years, some of my closest friends, out of concern, would remark that they viewed me

as guarded and I never had any idea what they meant, considering how open I felt I was with people.

They'd say, "There is a part of you that doesn't let anyone come near," but it was easy to dismiss given the fact my life appeared to be and for the most part, really was, good.

I did know that I have always been very selective about the people that I allow to come into my life.

I selected only those I deemed "safe" and whose intentions I trusted to be around me and am always quick to cut anyone off who steps out of line.

Now, I love my "tribe." I support and encourage them and they know that I have their back. I was very comfortable giving love and showering people with affection; however, what I'd come to learn about myself is that I never held any expectation of that love being reciprocated, though, more often than not, it was.

Still, I avoided expectation as it would have put me in a vulnerable position. With expectation comes the possibility of being let down. I came to realize that I preferred, unconsciously, to maintain an emotional distance.

What I was forced to realize is that I didn't want to trust people with the responsibility of loving me and I believe that it was my subconscious way of avoiding being hurt.

How Did This All Come About? Well, last year I was blessed with a new relationship which quickly penetrated my boundaries, and I soon found myself in completely unfamiliar territory.

There we were standing, naked, right in front of each other, coexisting and operating, each with our role to play, with different ways of moving through



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life and it was impossible for us not be impacted by the actions of the other.

I found myself in a place that I had managed to avoid for so many years, vulnerable and desiring to be loved by someone.

In every relationship there are disagreements. We are all different, do not see things the same way, and for those reasons and others, can often misrepresent intentions.

For example, it's easy to mistake absentmindedness for neglect, a lack of discipline as someone not caring, and passive aggressiveness as being mean-spirited rather than a person making an attempt to get a handle on their emotions. We all assign value differently and have different needs.

Now, the control freak in me rejected the idea of things not going "my way" and thought that I needed to micromanage my environment in order to feel safe.

Well, contrary to most of my previous, serious intimate relationships, (yeah, it's horrible, but that's what happened) things did not

always go my way and when they didn't, emotions that I didn't understand and had no idea were there would well up inside of me, largely fear and that would manifest as anger and rage which was very painful. It took me a while but what I eventually realized is that this was not a response to disagreement.

It was the "emotional residue" from my previous childhood experiences and that more than anything I was afraid of not being loved and abandoned.

It was my ego's immature attempt to protect me by pushing the potential "danger" away. You see, though I had overcome quite a bit intellectually and emotionally, to a degree, my emotions, had not been given the opportunity to fully evolve with me in such an up close and personal setting.

The emotional distance that I unknowingly preferred prevented those old "triggers" from being identified and dealt with earlier on.

This is where the real difficult work began. Even

though I finally realized all this and that it wasn't normal or healthy, it did not make my fear, pain and anger any easier to endure.

When I felt slighted or let down (from my perspective), for months I still became extremely volatile, but slowly I was able to at least come out of my emotions and "watch myself" in real time.

Have you ever had the experience of behaving in a certain way and watching yourself with disapproval, as if from outside of your body, while simultaneously unable to intervene in that moment?

That's where I remained for months but each time having more dialogue with myself, while behaving irrationally.

I'd say to myself things like, "What are you doing? These emotions that you are feeling have nothing to do with this disagreement. Why do you continue to unleash on this man?"

I'd say, "You are so much stronger than this. Don't allow your emotions to dictate your behavior." You're not a coward. Have the courage to let this man love you in his way. This isn't you".

After more agonizing months of this, something began to change and I was able to "catch" myself in the middle. I'd still get angry and even begin to argue, but then I'd stop myself, be silent and allow the tears to well up and feel whatever it was that I was feeling.

I'd go do something, work out, listen to music and allow myself to feel the anger and pain, but also attempt to sooth it with a productive outlet.

That REALLY hurt! For me, anger and lashing out helped mask pain, but just bearing it without an attempt to project it was

excruciating.

It was by no means a perfect transition and "slick" comments came out here and there, but I was regaining control, not of others, not of my environment but of myself and my own emotions.

They began to fall under my command and as my self control increased, despite the way my emotions were inclined to have me behave, I found my way back to my "center".

I still become emotional from time to time but what I noticed is that the more I resist acting out how I feel the less strong the feelings when they return. I, in a very real way am healing myself and would not have even known there was anything left to heal had it not been for pain.

The experiences of this last year have enabled me to achieve a higher degree of freedom in my life than I have ever known.

2017 was amazing. I wrote my first book, "The Art Of Choosing Joy," which was well received, began a new chapter with a new partner in a new state, was recognized by a couple of wonderful organizations for my contributions as a global "thought leader" and grew my capacity to "educate my emotions," thanks to the persistent presence of pain.

We all go through painful times and there is no shame in it. Pain is a necessary part of life and points us to areas that need our attention.

We can work through it, heal, and become even better equipped to face life's next inevitable challenge by the grace and power of "LOVE."

"Weeping may endure for the night but joy cometh in the morning"

May 2018 be your best year yet! Choose Joy.

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# Is the Israeli-Palestinian, Two-State Solution Doomed?

## Will Israel's Likud Party Ever Respect the Rights of Palestinians?



Bill Fletcher, Jr.

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In kicking off the new year, the central committee of the right-wing, governing Israeli party—the Likud—unanimously adopted a resolution calling for the annexation of Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank.

Though this was technically an advisory opinion, most observers recognize that this represents the views of Prime Minister Netanyahu's administration.

For years, the Israeli government has been doing a dance where they have, on the one hand, increased the illegal settlement of Palestinian territories

while, on the other hand, claiming that they uphold the ultimate goal of a two-state solution to the Israeli/Palestinian dispute.

The announcement of the Likud resolution puts to bed any further pretense; Likud seeks to eliminate Palestinians from the occupied territories by seizing the best land and forcing the Palestinians into a situation that is further reminiscent of the Bantustan settlements established by apartheid South Africa, pre-1994.

The Israeli political establishment has made it impossible for a realistic two-state solution to come

into existence. If Israel goes forward with this annexation, there will conclusively be no cohesive territory that the Palestinians can exist upon.

Their land will be formally—rather than de facto—divided according to the wishes of the Israeli government; the Palestinians will have no access to the sea; and little assurance of access via the air.

While the Palestinians

may have a flag, they will have little else.

Coming shortly after Trump's unilateral decision to move the American embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem — a decision that was publically condemned by dozens of world leaders — the Israeli political establishment has thumbed its nose at the international community, once again.

To add insult to injury, the Israeli political estab-

lishment and their allies in the United States continue to relentlessly pursue efforts to suppress non-violent opposition to Israeli government policy, i.e., opposition to boycott/divestment/sanctions, as a tactic to pressure groups fighting for Palestinian rights.

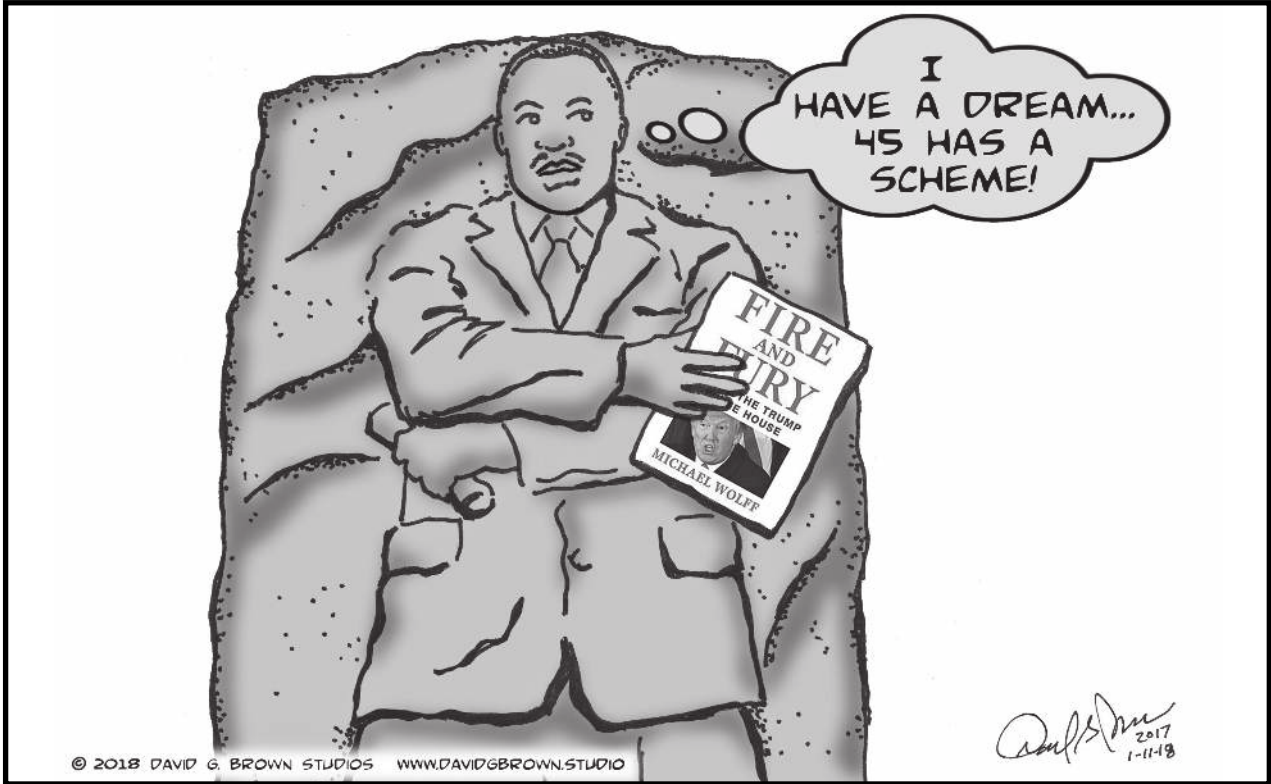
For those of us who consistently oppose racism, annexations and apartheid, 2018 must represent a continuation of the struggle for

Palestinian rights and freedom.

There is no room to back down. The Israeli government has made its stand more than clear: there are no Palestinian rights that they feel bound to respect.

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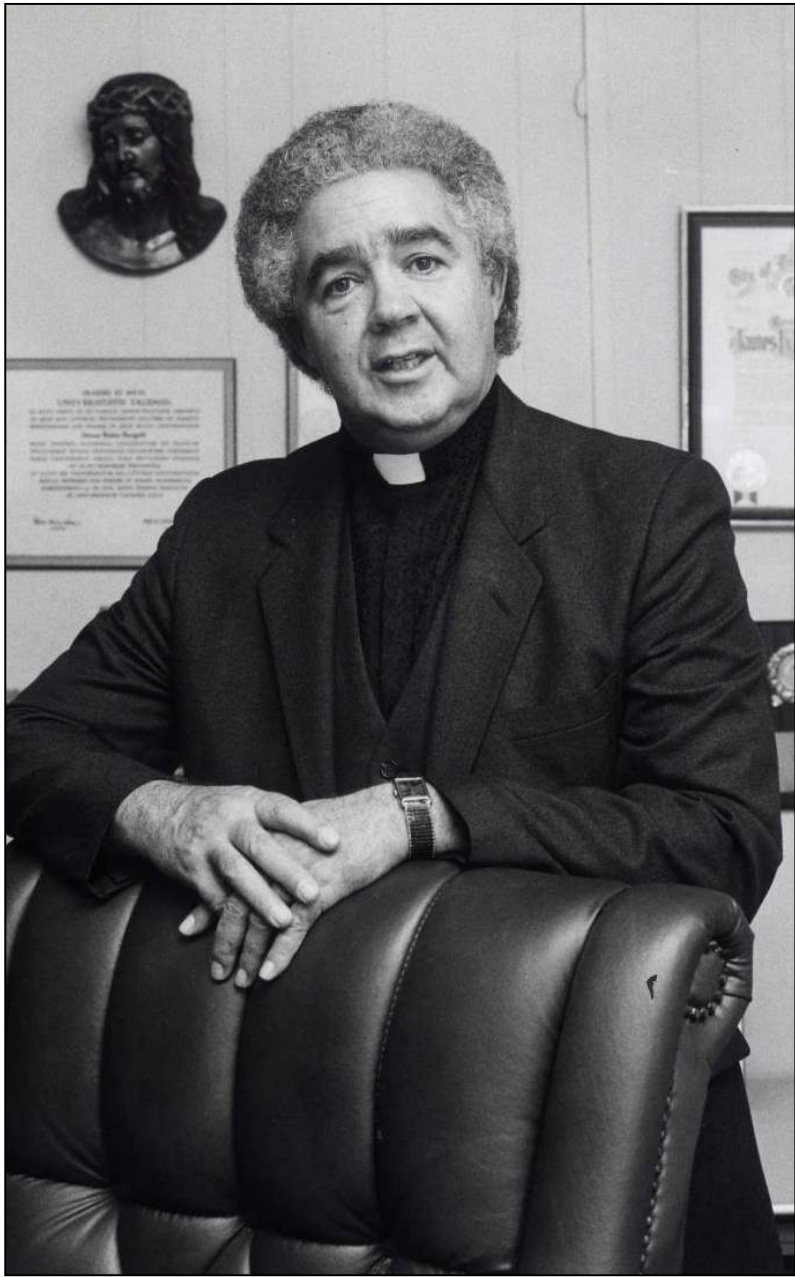
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# Hargett

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Rev. Dr. James H. Hargett

Colgate-Rochester Seminary involved work with the peoples of Ghana, Nigeria, Jamaica, Haiti, and the sea islands of South Carolina. He was ordained to ministry of the Congregational Church in 1955, and served as an associate minister of the predominantly Japanese American Church of the Crossroads United Church of Christ (UCC) in Honolulu from 1955 to 1958. He was the first African American minister called to serve a Protestant-established church in Hawaii.

In 1958, he accepted the call to serve as minister of the Congregational Church of Christian Fellowship in Los Angeles, California, where he built the church membership and actively participated in the civil rights movement. He marched from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and served as his west coast representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). After King's assassination, Hargett organized a star-studded fund raising event in Hollywood, which raised \$450,000 for the SCLC. During his eleven years of ministry in Los Angeles, Hargett also developed the Central City Community Mental Health Clinic for the poor; the Transport-A-Child

program, which provided transportation for students in overcrowded schools; and the Project Open Future program focused on academic enrichment for minority students.

In 1969, Hargett moved to New York to become the Secretary for Black Ministries of the United Church of Christ. For five years, he recruited, educated, and placed African American ministers in national and international positions with United Church of Christ churches. He worked closely with Vanderbilt and Duke Divinity Schools in the development of curriculum addressing the concerns and needs of African American seminarians. He also conducted a study on the financial needs of Black churches in the United Church of Christ. In 1975, he accepted the call as co-pastor at the Livingston Avenue United Church of Christ in New Brunswick, New Jersey, a predominantly German American church, for eighteen months.

In 1977, he was called to serve as senior minister at the Congregational Church of Park Manor in Chicago, Illinois. In this position, Hargett was responsible for guiding a large and affluent African American church towards administering to the needs of the minority



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L-R: Rev. Dr. James H. Hargett, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, Martin Luther King, Jr., Rev. Larry Odom



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community. He was on the board of directors for the "One Church, One Child" program, which promoted African American adoptions with the help of local churches, as well as president of the Friends of Chicago Public Library (1982-1983).

After nine years in Chicago, Hargett moved to San

Diego, California, in 1986 to serve as minister of the Christian Fellowship Congregational Church, UCC where he remained until retiring in 1997. In San Diego, his ministry focused on "empowering the African American constituency of the United Church of Christ to engage in their own missionary efforts."

He started the Children's Care Center and brought the "One Child, One Church" program to San Diego. He also taught at California State College-Northridge, Douglas College, and Rutgers University. He served as a trustee of Johnson C. Smith University, a member of the Yale Divinity School Alumni Council, on

the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Urban League, and the Advisory Board of the Sickle-Cell Anemia Foundation.

Rev. Dr. Hargett married Dr. Louilyn Funderburk in 1954. The couple has three children, Meloni, Darryl, and Hester.

## City Announces Special Task Force for Homeless Encampment Safety

CITY NEWS SERVICE

Los Angeles officials last Friday announced the formation of a special task force that has begun an effort to survey high fire hazard zones in order to identify and clear out homeless encampments.

The move comes after the December Skirball Fire in Bel-Air that destroyed six homes was believed to have been started at a homeless encampment in the Sepulveda Pass in a wooded area that city officials said they were unaware existed.

Mayor Eric Garcetti and Los Angeles Fire Department Chief Ralph Terrazas described the task force, which consists of personnel from the LAFD,

the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and the Bureau of Sanitation, as a more proactive and systematic approach than what has been done in the past to identify homeless encampments in high fire hazard zones.

During a news conference at a downtown fire station, Terrazas said the city "never had an organized, systematic approach like we do now," and that "we're taking this to the next level, I want a more formalized process."

Terrazas said that in the past if LAFD personnel came across an encampment in a high fire hazard zone they would notify the proper departments, but that the LAFD did not do any proactive surveying as



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is now being done.

Terrazas said the survey would take about a week, and any encampments that are identified will be visited by LAHSA and Bureau of Sanitation workers to en-

courage the people there to move out while also offering them services.

"Somebody said to me, isn't this a little bit like trying to find the cow that kicked over Mrs. O'Leary's

lantern in (the Chicago Fire). I don't believe that is the case," Garcetti said. "I think that we can make a good faith effort to at least have more people in the high risk

areas."

Garcetti also said that the task force is a "multi-jurisdictional approach that a few years ago we didn't have" and that the LAHSA personnel would work to move the homeless people "to beds, to shelters, to new housing that we're building. Homelessness is a difficult issue but we do have beds that are available."

Terrazas also said the survey would be part of a regular undertaking.

"We want to institutionalize this process, this is not simply a one and you're done. This is something that we will continually have to do until we get a handle on this problem," he said.



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ue doing our job of reasonably regulating the cannabis industry in spite of Washington running amok..."

Sessions' announcement came just days after the Angelino vote on Measure M, the law allowing the city to regulate and tax marijuana went into effect. L.A. leaders predict it could raise \$100 million in new tax revenue annually for the city. However, the new law has opened up the possibility that growers and dispensaries could be prosecuted for violations of federal law, as marijuana is still a controlled substance at the federal level.

"It is the mission of the Department of Justice to enforce the laws of the United States, and the previous issuance of guidance undermines the rule of law and the ability of our local, state, tribal and federal law enforcement partners to carry out this mission,"

Sessions said in a recently released statement.

"Therefore, the memo on federal marijuana enforcement simply directs all U.S. Attorneys to use previously established prosecutorial principles that provide them all the necessary tools to disrupt criminal organizations, tackle the growing drug crisis, and thwart violent crime across our country."

The Cole Memo was issued in 2013 by former U.S. Attorney General James Cole. It indicated that prosecutors and law enforcement should focus only on the following priorities related to state-legal cannabis operations:

- Preventing the distribution of marijuana to minors;
- Preventing revenue from the sale of marijuana from going to criminal enterprises, gangs and cartels;



"The people my colleagues and I work for—the voters of California and Los Angeles—have basically ordered us to regulate, police, and tax this industry, and that's what we're doing," said L.A. City Council President Herb Wesson

- Preventing the diversion of marijuana from states where it is legal under state law in some form to other states;
- Preventing state-authorized marijuana activity from being used as a cover or pretext for the trafficking of other illegal drugs or other illegal activity;
- Preventing violence and the use of firearms in the cultivation and distribution of marijuana;
- Preventing drugged driving and the exacerbation of other adverse public health consequences associated with marijuana use;
- Preventing the growing of marijuana on public lands and the attendant public safety and envi-

ronmental dangers posed by marijuana production on public lands; and

• Preventing marijuana possession or use on federal property.

Wesson has seemed eager to move forward with the legalization, even proposing a banking system that will accommodate the new industry.

"For some time, many folks have felt that there should be an alternative to the conventional banking system," Wesson said during an interview with The Planning Report in December 2017.

"When my team began thinking about creating a municipal bank, our conversation was about providing the residents of this city that alternative. Later, as the idea grew, we began looking for a way to incorporate cannabis-related businesses. I con-

vened a committee to review this proposal—the Ad Hoc Committee on the Comprehensive Job Creation Plan—led by Paul Krekorian, chair of Council's Budget and Finance Committee.

"We are expecting reports back soon, and I anticipate that Los Angeles is going to lead the way in this conversation..."

The council also laid out an initial set of rules and regulations surrounding the legislation last December, including procedures for business applicants and growers. (full ordinances can be read at herbwesson.com)

"Just as in our history with prohibition, Los Angeles is taking the pragmatic approach and lining up early," Wesson said.

"The people my colleagues and I work for—the voters of California and Los Angeles—have basically ordered us to regulate, police, and tax this industry, and that's what we're doing."

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ents, then you get a \$10 million dollar tax break on your inheritance. So basically if you own a corporation or have insanely rich parents, you are going to be doing very well.

"For everyone else, you get a few hundred dollars a year in tax relief, if you are lucky. That's the help the President is giving the middle class. And the price we pay, and our children will pay for this is a \$1.46 trillion deficit for our federal government according to the congressional Joint Committee on Taxation. Like with climate change, the Congressional Republicans tell us not to listen to the experts, trust them that everything will work out just fine. But they are

putting our economy, our families, our jobs, and the financial security of the nation in jeopardy."

"There's no question this tax legislation would change homeownership as we've known it, eliminating long-enjoyed financial benefits," wrote George Skelton of the Capitol Journal.

"We all remember the argument that motivated our first leap from renter to homeowner: At least we can deduct the mortgage interest and property tax. The problem with the \$500,000 limit on mortgage deductions is that in many areas of California, housing prices far exceed that amount..."

# Bass {continued from Pg. A-1}

auctions in Libya.

Late last year, Bass and her colleagues wrote an open letter to the Libya Ambassador, Wafa Bughaighis, indicating their outrage and urging the Libyan government to "hold smugglers, traffickers, detention center guards, and anyone else involved accountable." This resulted in the members meeting with Ambassador Bughaighis on Friday, December 8, 2017. The meeting led to an agreement between Bughaighis and the CBC that the country must immediately end slave auctions and forced labor.

"We met with the Ambassador out of the profound concern that in this day and age, people are

being sold as property," said Rep. Bass, second vice chair of the CBC in a statement. "The international community must operate on the assumption that we don't need further proof; what we need is to stop it. The Ambassador has agreed to provide us a detailed update on the specifics of the Libyan investigation and will continue to work with us transparently to respond to the migrant and refugee situation. I look forward to the much-needed progress on this issue."

To ensure a positive outcome from this agreement, the Congressional Black Caucus will continue to monitor slave trading in the country regularly.

Aside from meeting with the Libyan Ambassador to combat slave trading, Bass also introduced House Resolution 644. This bipartisan resolution condemns the migrant slave auctions in Libya and pressures the Trump Administration to develop strategies to rapidly respond to the refugee dilemma in the country.

Furthermore, it demands the Libyan government conduct an immediate investigation on the slave auctions that are currently taking place. Lastly, the resolution asks that the African Union conduct its own investigation into the heinous crime.

"Congress cannot sit idly by as news of the Libya slave trade spreads," said Bass, top Democrat on

the House Subcommittee on Africa in a statement. "Slavery is a crime against humanity. This resolution calls for a comprehensive response, both domestically and internationally, to this report, which is what we'll need going forward to take an effective stand against this tragedy. Thank you to my colleagues for standing together against the heinous act."

As we embark on a new year, Bass has taken a pledge to continue expanding her work in Africa and standing strong in her fight against ending the slave trading in Libya. For more information on the slave trade and the Libyan investigation please visit [www.lasentinel.net](http://www.lasentinel.net) and [www.bass.house.gov](http://www.bass.house.gov)

# Democrats {continued from Pg. A-1}



Senator Cory Booker



Senator Kamala Harris

after being accused of sexual misconduct. They also picked up a spot with Doug Jones' victory in last month's Alabama Senate race.

The Congressional Black Caucus had been urging Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., to appoint one of its members to the committee. "The experience and

expertise they bring to the committee will be beneficial for all Americans, especially those disproportionately targeted by the criminal justice system," said Rep. Cedric Richmond, the group's chairman.

Harris is a first-term senator who served as California's attorney general before winning election

last year. Booker, a former Newark mayor, has been in the Senate since winning a special election in 2013. He tweeted Tuesday: "It'll be my mission to check awful actions by Trump & Sessions; keep working to advance the cause of reforming our broken justice system; and to bend the arc of history closer toward equal justice for all."

The Senate Judiciary Committee is responsible for conducting hearings and for considering the president's nominations to serve at the Justice Department and on the federal judiciary. The Republican edge on the committee will narrow from 11-9 to 11-10 as a result of the appointments.

# Kay Coles James Becomes First Black Woman to Lead the Conservative Heritage Foundation

BY STACY M. BROWN  
NNPA Newswire

Kay Coles James, the newest president of the conservative Heritage Foundation and the first African American woman to lead the organization, said that she plans to set an example for engaging with people of different political stripes to have a positive impact in the Black community and America.

"I've seen the rhetoric heighten [since President Donald Trump took office] on all sides," said James, 68. "And, when you're a conservative, Black Republican, you know what the rhetoric is like on the 'Left' and, trust me, it's not good."

James added that we all have to bear responsibility to get beyond partisan differences and political debate that devolve into name-calling and character assassination.

"If I can turn that just a little bit, I would declare a success," James said.

James who describes herself as a "happy warrior" said big challenges come with the job, but as the first African American woman to lead the more than 40 year-old organiza-

tion, James is proud to celebrate Black achievement.

"It's a fine line of acknowledging and taking a minute to stop and celebrate, not only what this means for me, but also for our community," said James. "When African Americans are being recognized as leaders, no matter where they are on the political spectrum, I'm glad to see it from the both the 'Left' and the 'Right.'"

James recalled Obama's first election when James said she and others set aside politics and policy to celebrate what that meant for America.

James said that she celebrated the accomplishments of Barack Obama and admired his Senior Advisor, Valerie Jarrett, and that she's been encouraged to see that people are also celebrating what it means for her to be an African American woman leading the premiere, conservative public policy think tank.

James added, "It's something we can celebrate, but at the same time we also have to say all of these individuals [Obama, Jarrett and James, herself], were there, because of our skills, abilities, knowledge and competence."



HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Kay Coles James was recently named the sixth president of the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank in Washington, D.C. Heritage Foundation

James said that she believes that Americans are tired of the "toxic environment that exists in Washington right now, where we hate people who disagree with us."

James continued: "I'm not saying that we will sit down at the table and all agree—we will not—but if we as Americans can't demonstrate to the rest of the world what it looks like in a pluralistic society, to reach a consensus and move forward, then what can we say to the Sunnis and Shias?"

The Heritage Founda-

tion president said that Americans have to demonstrate what it looks like for thoughtful people to solve problems.

According to her official biography on the Heritage Foundation's website, James began her career in public service as a member of the National Commission on Children under President Ronald Reagan and later served as associate director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and as assistant secretary for public affairs at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under President George H.W. Bush. In 2001, James returned to the federal government to serve as President George W. Bush's director of the Office of Personnel Management.

"In 2017, James and former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese III led President Donald Trump's transition team for the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Personnel Management, and General Services Administration," her biography said.

James is a graduate of Hampton University, the recipient of numerous honorary degrees, the author of three books, and the

founder and president of The Gloucester Institute, an organization that trains and nurtures leaders in the African American community.

"My motivation comes from my five grandchildren," James said. "Someone once told me about QTR—Quality Time Remaining—and I think about the QTR I have and I want to do something meaningful."

James continued: "For me, being the President of the Heritage Foundation is the best way to use my QTR and when I look into the eyes of my grandchildren and think about the world today, my pledge to them is that I will do whatever I can to turn things around."

James said that the reports that the Heritage Foundation must remain on the same page with the White House are untrue; the organization holds everyone's feet to the fire, no exceptions, she said.

James added that she wants to see more people in politics that are willing to engage with others that they might not agree with on every issue.

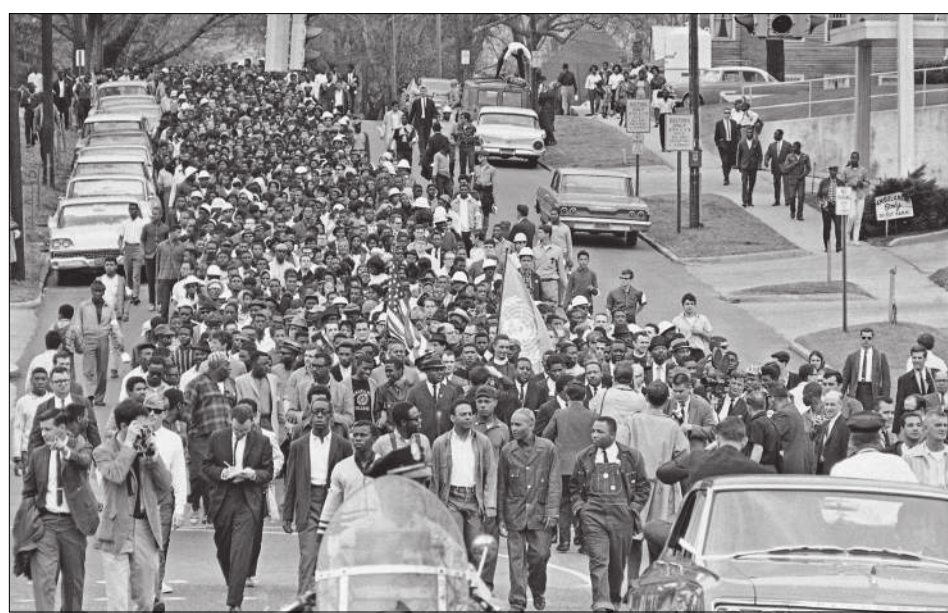
"We can fight it out,

we can debate, but the end goal is the same," said James. "You may think your route to get there is best and I may think of another route, but let's not question each other's character or ethnicity."

James continued: "Let's just get in there and solve some problems, because the problems are so bad, we have to put that other stuff aside and solve them."

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), congratulated James for her historic achievement and said that he looks forward to nurturing a mutually, beneficial relationship with the Heritage Foundation under her leadership.

"The NNPA is hopeful that Black Republican leaders like [James] will now open the door to ensure that the Black Press in America will be supported by the substantial advertising dollars that conservative entities will spend in 2018," said Chavis. "The awakened, national Black vote should not be taken for granted by liberals or conservatives."



In this March 17, 1965 file photo, thousands of demonstrators march to the Montgomery, Ala. courthouse behind Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to protest treatment of demonstrators by police during an attempted march. At foreground center in white shirt is Andrew Young.



Dr. Martin Luther King rejoins his civil rights marchers near Montgomery, the Alabama State Capitol, March 24, 1965. An Army observation plane flies over the flag-carrying demonstrators. With King are his wife, Coretta Scott King, right, and singer Harry Belafonte, at center beside Dr. King.

# Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Legacy Lives On in the New Year

BY SHONASSEE SHAVER  
Staff Writer

It's 2018 and a new year allows for a new time to remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy and birthday.

His legacy continues to live on, in spite of modern-day hate crimes and killings. As Americans, we continue to suffer from civil unrest. Black women and men unfortunately continue to fall prey to racism.

Trayvon Martin, Eric Garner, Ezell Ford, Tamir Rice, Freddie Gray, Michael Brown, Sandra Bland, Philando Castile are

victims of police brutality. In spite of systematic racism, Dr. King's legacy of "let freedom ring" continues to resonate.

Born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, GA, King is recognized as the godfather of the civil rights movement. An orchestrator of (nonviolent) Social Change for Black people, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is a force in the African American History.

From Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson to President Barack Obama (the nation's first Black leader) to President Donald Trump,



Dr. Martin Luther King is given a welcome home kiss by his wife Coretta, upon his return to Atlanta following his release from Reidsville State Prison on bond, on October 27, 1960. King's children, Yolanda, 5, and Martin Luther III, 3, join the welcome celebration.

King's legacy still fights for civil justice. Dr. King changed America and still inspires

us to look beyond race, social and class status.

ing his recollections of the Montgomery Bus Boycott. While King is promoting his book in a Harlem bookstore, an African American woman stabs him.

1961 - Freedom rides begin from Washington, D.C. Groups of Black and White people ride buses through the South to challenge segregation.

1963 - An estimating 25,000 civil rights supporters attend the March on Washington, for jobs and freedom at the Lincoln Memorial as Dr. King presents his legendary "I Have A Dream" speech.

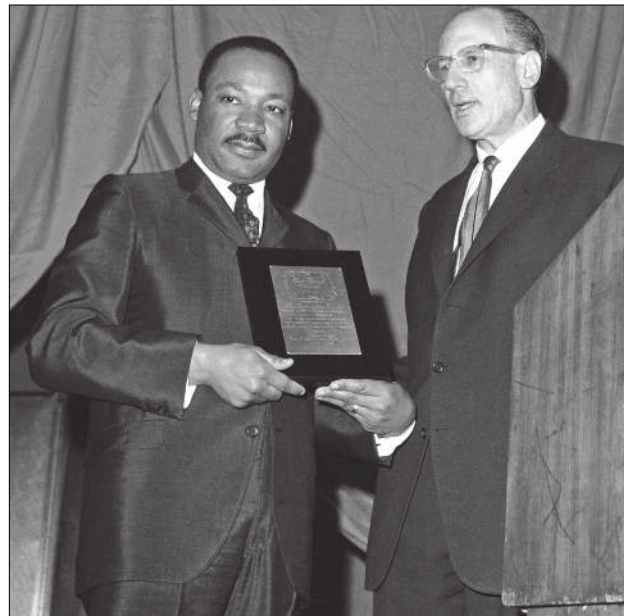
The same year, the King family: Coretta Scott King, with Martin Luther King III (5-years-old), Dexter Scott (2-years-old), Yolanda Denise (7-years-old), sits with three of their four children

in their Atlanta, Ga, home, on March 17, 1963.

1964 - King wins the Nobel Peace Prize.

1965 - Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). King followed with the historical Selma to Montgomery March this year. In January, he registered voters at the Hotel Albert in Selma, Alabama. Although, he was assaulted by National States Rights Party activist, James George Robinson in Birmingham, King carried on, fighting for the right for Blacks to vote.

1968 - Martin Luther King, Jr., a spiritual son of Ebenezer Baptist Church, delivers his last Sunday sermon at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.



Dr. Martin Luther King travels to New York to receive an award from (l-r) Sergeant William Bracey, New York governor Averell Harriman, and New York City Police Commissioner Stephen Kennedy during the Guardian Association Dinner in January of 1958.

us to look beyond race, social and class status.

1947 - Martin Luther King delivered his first sermon at the pulpit of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. Ebenezer's congregation voted to license King as a minister soon afterward, and he was ordained in February 1948.

1956 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and fellow activist and wife, Coretta Scott King, are together, leaving court, the same year, after he was found guilty in 1956.

1958 - Dr. Martin Luther King wrote his first book, "Stride Toward Freedom" is published, recount-

## MLK Speeches

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something is happening in our world.

We need all of you. And you know what's beautiful to me, is to see all of these ministers of the Gospel. It's a marvelous picture. Who is it that is supposed to articulate the longings and aspirations of the people more than the preacher? Somehow the preacher must be an Amos, and say, "Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream." Somehow, the preacher must say with Jesus, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to deal with the problems of the poor."

Let us develop a kind of dangerous unselfishness. One day a man came to Jesus; and he wanted to raise some questions about some vital matters in life. At points, he wanted to trick Jesus, and show him that he knew a little more than Jesus knew, and through this, throw him off base. Now that question could have easily ended up in a philosophical and theological debate. But Jesus immediately pulled that question from mid-air; and placed it on a dangerous curve between Jerusalem and Jericho. And he talked about a certain man, who fell among thieves. You remember that a Levite and a priest passed by on the other side. They didn't stop to help him. And finally a man of another race came by. He got down from his beast, decided not to be compassionate by proxy. But with him, administered first aid, and helped the man in need. Jesus ended up saying, this was the good man, because he had the capacity to project the "I" into the "thou," and to be concerned about his brother. Now you know, we use our imagination a great deal to try to determine why the priest and the Levite didn't stop. At times we say they were busy going to church meetings--an ecclesiastical gathering--and they had to get on down to Jerusalem so they wouldn't be late for their meeting. At other times we would speculate that there was a religious law that "One who was engaged in religious ceremonials was not to touch a human body twenty-four hours before the ceremony." And every now and then we begin to wonder whether maybe they were not going down to Jerusalem, or down to Jericho, rather to organize a "Jericho Road Improvement Association." That's a possibility. Maybe they felt that it was better to deal with the problem from the casual root, rather than to get bogged down with an individual effort.

Let us rise up tonight with a greater readiness. Let us stand with a greater determination. And let us move on in these powerful days, these days of challenge to make America what it ought to be. We have an opportunity to make America a better nation. And I want to thank God, once more, for allowing me to be here with you.

Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people will get to the Promised Land. And I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.

Dr. King dedicated his life to fighting for injustices and racial equality. Today is legacy is carried out through current day organizations and individuals who are fighting for freedom and justice.

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# Bianca Vobecky Honored at the Rose Parade for her Multi-Million-Dollar Construction Company

*Vobecky, who has been recognized by the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency, was honored by Wells Fargo in the 2018 Rose Parade*

BY SHANNEN HILL  
Contributing Writer

Bianca Vobecky has become one of the most sought-after entrepreneurs in Los Angeles after turning a trucking business that she operated out of her house into a multi-million-dollar construction company.

Vobecky was born in Haiti and grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y. After graduating from high school, she attended a community college where she became a contestant in a beauty contest and won the opportunity to come to California.

What was supposed to be a trip turned into a job working as an office manager for a construction and engineering firm where she developed a passion for developing contracts.

After years of working with the firm, Vobecky decided that she wanted a business of her own and started working for Xerox who offered to pay for her to get a business degree through evening and night classes while working for them.

“As I was working and getting promoted throughout the years, one thing that I noticed was that management did not look like me.

“I thought that the chances of me getting up to the corporate office were very slim and if I wanted to be in management, I would have to start my own,” said



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**Bianca Vobecky founded a multi-million-dollar construction company, Vobecky Enterprises. In 2016, the SBA recognized her as a Minority Small Business Champion.**

Vobecky.

With her passion and commitment, Vobecky started researching and studying how to get a General Contractor’s license. Owing a construction company was always the goal, but after learning that the process to get the license would take years, Vobecky decided to start a

trucking company in 2006.

She didn’t want to get any loans and the trucking company would allow her to bring in money while working from home.

“When I started, I just wanted to have a small business where I could spend more time with my kids instead of having them in daycare, so we started

at home for the first three years,” said Vobecky.

Three years later, Vobecky had the money and licenses to start Vobecky Enterprises. The construction company builds commercial buildings along with federal government buildings, including court houses and homeland security. The company also

builds for utility companies. Vobecky started her construction company during the recession, so she knew that she had to aim high to make money. She nailed her first opportunity and only good reviews have come after.

“It was a challenge being a woman in the industry who nobody knew, so I went to a lot of events, joined organizations and did a lot of marketing,” said Vobecky. “When I got my first opportunity, I over-performed and got good references. I make sure to do everything right. I pay my taxes, dot my I’s and cross my T’s because people always look you up to see what you’re about.”

One company that looked up Vobecky’s work and took notice was Wells Fargo.

In 2016, the Small Business Administration recognized her as the Minority Small Business Champion, where Wells Fargo was the sponsor. Vobecky has personal and business accounts with Wells Fargo,

but she never thought that she would be riding their stagecoach at the 2018 Rose Parade.

“I had been in the Glendora parade when my son played little league, but this was much bigger.

“The moment the horses started walking, the crowd was very excited, people were waving their bank cards and my friends, colleagues and neighbors were calling out my name,” said Vobecky.

“My husband and daughter rode on the stage coach too, so it was really nice to share that experience with them.”

Last year, the *Los Angeles Business Journal* saluted Vobecky as the Black Business Association’s Outstanding Entrepreneur of the Year and as one of the Top 100 Minority Owned Businesses in Los Angeles.

Vobecky also mentors and speaks at events for small businesses.

For more information about Vobecky Enterprises, visit [www.vobecky.com](http://www.vobecky.com).



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**Vobecky (right) with her husband, daughter and the Wells Fargo stagecoach at the 2018 Rose Parade.**

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*Celebration of Life*

# Sharrolan W. Bradfield-Taylor

November 2, 1961 – December 30, 2017

*Bradfield-Taylor, Sharrolan, 56, peacefully passed away Saturday, December 30, 2017 at Cedars Sinai in Los Angeles, CA. She is survived by her twins Aziah & Paul Taylor and her granddaughter Samarri Taylor. Her Memorial service will be held at West Angeles COGIC on Thursday, January 18, 2017 at 1:30 pm.*

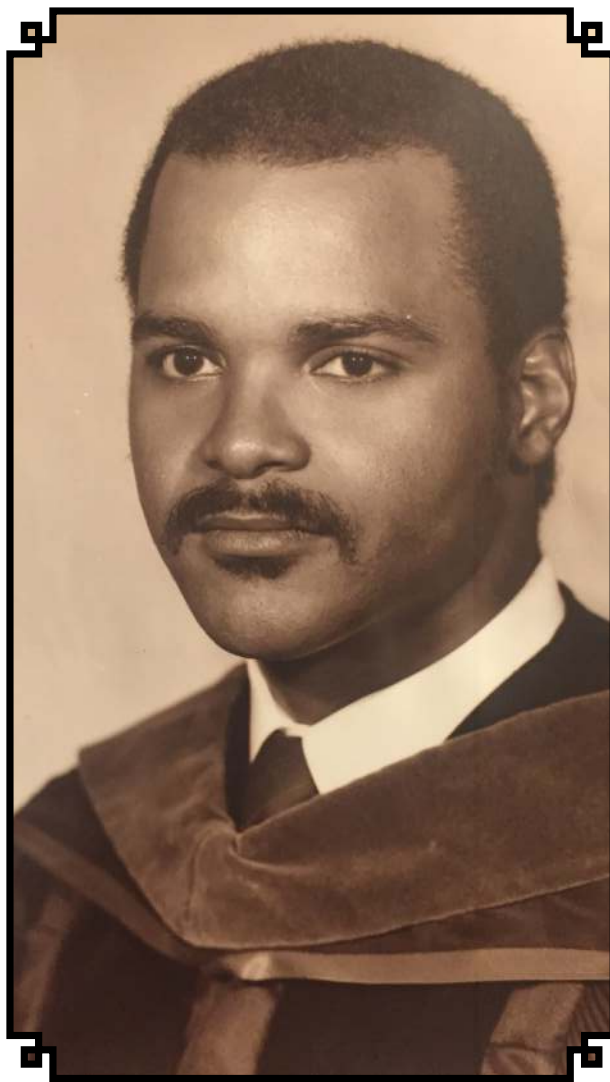


Sharrolan Bradfield-Taylor

## Armond T. Tollette, MD

August 12, 1951 - December 15, 2017

Armond Tennyson Tollette was born on August 12, 1951 in Kansas City, Kansas. He moved to Los Angeles, CA with his family in 1958 and was educated in LAUSD public schools. Upon graduating from Dorsey High in 1969, he attended USIU(formally Cal Western University) in San Diego, and obtained a Bachelors of Public Administration from USC in 1974. After graduating from Meharry Medical College in 1982, he specialized in emergency medicine and practiced for 25 years. In addition to being an avid cyclist and African art collector, he was a gourmet cook and food enthusiast who created many memorable dishes. On December 15, 2017 he passed away in Culver City after an extended illness. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, 1/13/18 at 10 AM at Angeles Funeral Home, 3875 S. Chrenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles, CA. 90008.



Armond Tennyson Tollette

## Artelia Braxton

September 01, 1936 - January 02, 2018

Artelia Braxton was born on September 01, 1936 in Tallulah, LA. As a young girl she changed her first name from Artelia to Sarah. She received some education in both Thomas Town LA. and New Orleans LA. Sarah became independent at an early age. She left LA to start a new life in Los Angeles with the love of her life Ozabe Banks Sr. to whom she married in 1954. Soon after their marriage they began a family. They dedicated their lives to raising the children in a loving home. She enjoyed traveling, cooking and hosting gathering's for families and friends. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.



Artelia Braxton

On January 02,2018 She passed away peacefully in her home. The viewing will Friday January 12, 2018 4:00pm - 8:00pm The funeral services will be held Saturday January 13,

2018 at 1:00pm at Angelus Blvd. Los Angeles, CA Funeral, 3875 S. Crenshaw 90008

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# Cincinnati Reds' Hunter Greene Hosts Inaugural Baseball Festival for Inglewood Youth

BY LAUREN A. JONES  
Contributing Writer

The sun was shining brightly upon the faces of 100 smiling kids all dressed in baseball uniforms Sunday morning (Jan. 7) for MLB dual-pitcher Hunter Greene's first annual Baseball Leadership Camp at Darby Park in Inglewood. Campers ages 9-14 gathered around eighteen-year-old Greene as he and New York Mets pitcher Noah Syndergaard warmed up for the day's activities on the newly renovated baseball field.

"To have someone of his stature come here to our community, interact with our kids and capture their imaginations through the game baseball is one of the single best accomplishments this city has seen," said Inglewood Mayor James T. Butts who attended Greene's inaugural camp.

Less than a year ago, Greene was still pitching on the mound at his alma mater Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, CA. After being drafted second overall



Over 400 campers, volunteers, parents and coaches gathered for Hunter Greene's inaugural baseball camp, a day of baseball instruction and leadership seminars at Darby Park in Inglewood, CA.

the years of school work and everything was just given to me at that time. Now, just being out here and being with these kids is what it's all about."

Greene is less than seven months into his professional career, has not even gone through his first spring training and has already made it a priority to give back in the park that he used to play in tournaments. Syndergaard, who is entering his third season as a Major Leaguer, commended Greene for his

Greene was also joined by Cincinnati Reds Hall of Famer, Eric Davis, who won the 1990 World Series, former Major Leaguer Royce Clayton, Angels prospect Dalton Blumensfeld and Diamondbacks prospect Tyler Mark, who were all in attendance to show their support.

It came as no surprise to Greene's former youth baseball coach Erik Aldridge, founder of the Inglewood Baseball Fund, that Greene reached out and expressed interest in putting the event together. The event featured baseball instruction, a reptile petting zoo, a gaming truck and face paint.

According to Aldridge, "Hunter's commitment to the community," is what stands out the most about the pitching phenom, not that he pitches in the triple digits. "He was our championship game pitcher," back in the day Aldridge said laughingly.

Greene's talent was partially natural talent and ability; there were core values his parents instilled in him to cultivate his raw talent. During the leadership seminar portion of the camp, Greene's mom, Senta Greene, who is an educational consultant, addressed campers and their families in the Darby Park auditorium. She detailed how her son's integrity, humility,

compassion, courage and discipline have led to his success. Senta also made sure she shared the not so glamorous parts of Greene's journey like when his sister was diagnosed with cancer.

"There were times when Hunter used to get dressed in the hospital room for his games," said Senta. She quoted Greene's dad, Russell, stating the importance of "keeping the main thing, the main thing." Greene's dad is a renowned private investigator who worked with Johnnie Cochran's for two decades, dating back to the O.J. Simpson murder trial. Both of his parents were on hand for the half-

day worth of events and looked every bit proud.

Though Greene's path to Major League Baseball has had its share of bumps and bruises, he has left his-

tory on his trail. Greene was the first California high school athlete to be on the cover of Sports Illustrated and the first-ever African-American high school pitcher to be on the cover of the magazine.

Following the day's ceremonies, Greene took four campers on a personal shopping spree at the Adidas store located at Westfield Mall in Culver City. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Inglewood Baseball Fund.

"Baseball is America's pastime and it keeps the children in sports. In college, in school, keeps them active and out of trouble," said Arrick Turner, Darby Park Senior Recreation Supervisor.



Inglewood Mayor James T. Butts (R) poses with Cincinnati Reds' dual-pitcher Hunter Greene at his first annual baseball leadership camp at Darby Park in Inglewood, CA.



Cincinnati Reds' dual-pitcher Hunter Greene interacts with campers during his first annual baseball leadership camp at Darby Park in Inglewood, CA.

in the 2017 MLB draft last June, Greene made history by inking the highest signing bonus contract in MLB history for \$7.23 million with the Cincinnati Reds.

"When I got drafted, it was crazy; I felt like I was in a dream," Greene said. "All the years of working out, all

charitable endeavors.

"I can't remember what I was doing at 18-years-old," Syndergaard remarked. "Growing up when I was a kid playing baseball, I never got the opportunity to watch two professional baseball players play catch and watch them work."

## Congresswoman Maxine Waters Hails Opening of New Inglewood Senior Center

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Congresswoman Maxine Waters (CA-43), Ranking Member of the House Financial Services Committee, released the following statement hailing the grand opening of the Inglewood Senior Center on Friday, January 12, in Inglewood, California:

"I am pleased and overjoyed to join with the mayor, members of the city council, and citizens of the City of Inglewood for the Grand Open House of the Inglewood Senior Center."

Congresswoman Maxine Waters is proud to have secured federal grants totaling \$4.5 million for the development of the new Inglewood Senior Center. Congresswoman Waters worked very hard over a seven-year period -- from 1999 through Fiscal Year 2005 -- to support the City of Inglewood and the senior center. She is extremely proud that the center has finally come to fruition.



Congresswoman Maxine Waters

The City of Inglewood is experiencing great economic development and considerable growth, and our seniors will not be left out. Our seniors will have an opportunity to access a safe, secure, and beautiful facility because of the vision of Congresswoman Maxine Waters and city council members past and present, including former Mayor Roosevelt Dorn and Mayor James Butts.

"I consider the attention that we all afford our senior citizens in Inglewood to be

a top priority as we continue to work hard toward providing them with the services they need and deserve. In addition to my support for senior services, I will continue to work on behalf of all the citizens of Inglewood. My office works closely with block clubs and other organizations throughout the City of Inglewood to respond to the concerns of the community. As a result, I have been successful in obtaining tens of millions of dollars in federal funds for the City of Inglewood to address noise mitigation, transportation and infrastructure, and other projects, in addition to the senior center, that improve the quality of life for the residents of Inglewood. I consider the realization of the Inglewood Senior Center one of the many high marks of my career, and I am dedicated to continuing my best efforts on behalf of all the citizens of the 43rd Congressional District."

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## Agree to Disagree: The King and the Greatest Form a Bond Amid Criticism

By AMANDA SCURLOCK  
Sport Writer

Muhammad Ali, also known as "The Greatest", had several interactions with Martin Luther King. Initially, they did not share the same views, but they grew to support each other.

King did not initially agree with the then Cassius Clay converting to Islam and then renaming himself Cassius X, according to the biography "King of the World" by David Remnick.

"When Cassius Clay joined the Black Muslims and started calling himself Cassius X he became a

champion of racial segregation and that is what we are fighting against," King said.

Ali, along with the Nation of Islam, did not support King's methods of non-violent protests and integration, according to Paste Magazine.

"Integration is wrong. White people don't want it; the Muslims don't want it. So, what's wrong with the Muslims? I've never been in jail. I've never been in court. I don't join integration marches and I never hold a sign" Ali said in 1964.

Yet, King and Ali would have similar views on the Vietnam War. In 1967, King

publicly told of his disagreement with the war. When asked about his focus on the issue, King quoted Ali in response, the Independent reports.

"Like Muhammad Ali puts it, we are all - Black and Brown and poor - victims of the same system of oppression," King said.

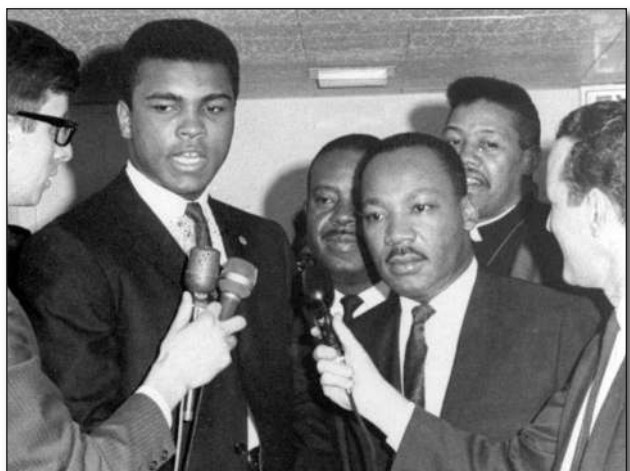
King also supported Ali's ardent refusal of the draft for the Vietnam War.

"No matter what you think of Mr. Muhammad Ali's religion, you certainly have to admire his courage," King said, according to Paste Magazine.

Although they did not

agree in some issues, King and Ali would become allies. The FBI overheard a phone call between the two historic icons. King was congratulating Ali on his boxing and Ali warned King to "watch out for them Whites," the biography states.

Ali sent a telegraph of support to King in 1967 when he was put in jail. King was arrested in Birmingham, AL for not getting a parade permit for the March on Washington in 1963. The message was sent from Chicago, saying "Hope that you are comfortable not suffering," according to The Post Game.



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In this March 29, 1967, file photo, heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali, center left, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. speak to reporters. Ali, the magnificent heavyweight champion whose fast fists and irrepressible personality transcended sports and captivated the world.

King and Ali had always be remembered for diverse, yet successful their hard work, impactful approaches to gaining civil statements, and society-changing sacrifice. The two icons will

## National Sports Beat

Notes, quotes, and things picked up on the run from coast-to-coast and all the stops in between and beyond.

By BRAD PYE, JR.  
Sports Editor Emeritus

UCLA's football team was a complete flop. However, Coach Steve Alford's



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basketball team is bringing some respectability to the Westwood campus. The Bruins' are 11-3 and 2-0 in Pack 12 play to make their overall record look good and that upset of Kentucky looks big on their winning plate.

Now check this!



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How bad can you be in a month in the NBA? Coach Doc Rivers should know.

Penn State running back Saquon Barkley will not be



FILE PHOTO

back in 2018 to help Nittany Lions win another Bowl game. Barkley made the announcement a day after helping Penn State beat Washington.

Barkley ran for 1,271 yards and 18 TDs and finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy race and won the Paul Hornung Award as the college football's most valuable player.

And the beat continues!  
Now Hear This!

You are not a champion just because you won the 2017 Heisman Trophy and

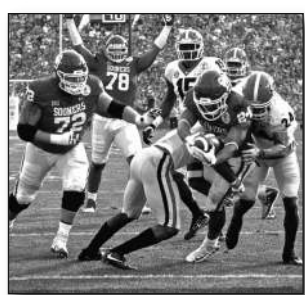


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your name is Baker Mayfield and you are the Oklahoma Sooners superstar and became the biggest college football hero of the day. Oklahoma gave Georgia a 54-48 victory in the highest scoring game in Rose Bowl history.

And that's all folks!  
Now Hear This!

Grambling State's women's basketball star Shakyla Hill, the junior



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totaled the fourth quadruple-double in NCAA history. Hill had 10 assists, 15 points, 10 rebounds and 10 steals.

If the L.A. Rams' running back Todd Gurley would have made it to the Super Bowl, he could be a

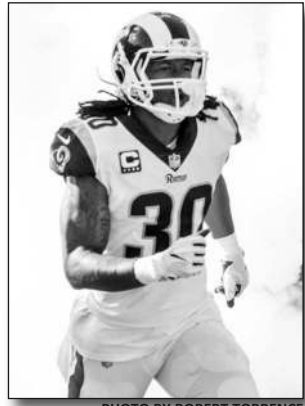


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lock for MVP honors. Gurley is the leading rusher in the NFL at the moment and a top receiver too.

Pro football playoff returned to the L.A. Coliseum for the first time in 39-years over the weekend. After a win over Atlanta, the Rams would have only had two more steps to make it to the Super Bowl. However, the Atlanta Falcons knocked the division leading Rams out of the NFC West play-

offs with a 26-13 verdict.

Yes, Tiger Woods is back on the golf trail. His first stop is the Farmer Insurance Open on Jan 25 Torrey Pines in San Diego. Woods is happy to be back at the Genesis L.A. Open, which his Tiger Woods Foundation runs the Riviera Country Club Tournament.

Tennis great Serena Williams is a pal of Princess Meghan. Look for Serena and her Sister, Venus, to attend the soon the Royal Family wedding this Spring.

And the beat continues!

The Rams' Sammy Watkins scored eight touch-



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downs this season. The Rams are seeded No. 3 in the NFC behind No. 1 Philadelphia Eagles and the No. 2. Minnesota Vikings. Will Jon Gruden continue his winning thing with the Oakland Raiders his first time with the team for Mark Davis' dad, Hall of Famer Al Davis?

P.K. Subban is one of the captains picked for



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NHL All-Star Game 6, Jan. 28 in Tampa. P.K. Subban is a man of color.

The Milwaukee Bucks; Giannis Antetokounmpo with the longest name in sports, earned his first All-Star selection of his career with Kyrie Irving is No. 3 (802, 834).

The 20-year old Lamar Jackson is 6 feet 3 and stands 212 pounds. Jackson raked up 5,261 offensive yards and 45 TDs. This was the second consecutive year Lamar Jackson surpassed 1,500 yards rushing

## Student Athlete of the Week: Logan Bush

By AMANDA SCURLOCK  
Sports Writer

High School Junior Logan Bush has been a member of the defensive line for Dorsey's football team this season. While competing for the varsity squad, he studies Advance Placement (AP) U.S. History while maintaining a 3.5 GPA.

His history class gave him more insight on the slavery era in American history.

"[I learned] more about slavery and what we didn't know," Bush said. "What's hidden from us rather than what's given."

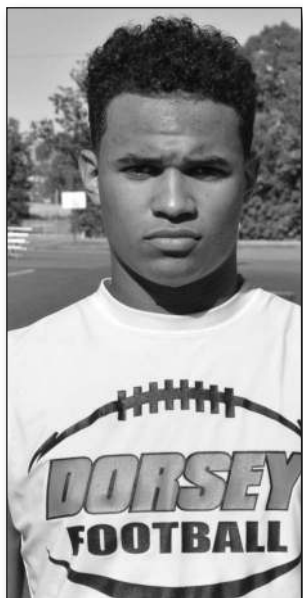
In order to maintain a balanced life as a student athlete, Logan utilizes his free time at school in a productive fashion.

"If you start on your homework early, like during lunch or nutrition, you get the rest of your night free," he said. "You'll be way happier."

The Dorsey Dons showed heart facing what Bush called "the toughest schedule in Southern California," competing against the likes of Serra of Gardena and St. John Bosco early in their season. Through the tribulations, Bush found his younger brother, Luke, to be his motivating force.

"He follows my footsteps, everything that I do," Bush said. "I have to set a good example for him."

He noted how the Dons were able to persevere and thrive through their tough season. A pivotal moment for Dorsey was their matchup against Culver City.



AMANDA SCURLOCK/L.A. SENTINEL

Dorsey football player Logan Bush said the lessons he learned in an English class helps him with football.

"Through that adversity, we overcame it and found out what happened and what we can do," Bush said. "When we played the Culver City game, how we fought through it, through the adversity and the difficult times."

The Dorsey defensive line was quicker compared to their opponents, according to Bush.

"We're a lot smaller than [other teams], but we're a lot faster also," Bush said. "With them being bigger, they're slower, so we just have to use our lower body strength to go up against them."

Bush also plays baseball. Playing football helps Bush with his agility, while baseball helps him with focusing. The dual-sport athlete noted how his English class, taught by Ms. North, has assisted him with football.

"She teaches us life lessons and what we could use [on] the football field and actual real life too," Bush said.

Growing up, Bush watched his uncles play football. Seeing his uncles compete in football inspired Bush to play.

"I used to go to their practices when I was younger and used to help coach my older cousin," Bush said.

Coaches have taught him the importance of persevering and finishing his personal assignments.

When asked about the best advice he received from a coach, Bush said, "continue after the whistle is blown. Just keep going, don't stop."

Bush does hope to continue to play football, but he also aspires to be a chiropractor and medical doctor.

The Dons finished the season with a 7-7 overall record and a 4-1 record in the Coliseum league. Dorsey made their second consecutive City Section Championship game appearance, but fell to San Fernando 21-28.

"We started off kind of slow, but we grew as a team and crafted a great bond between each other," Bush said. "I knew what the legacy was at Dorsey high school because I always been around it since I was a younger kid."

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and 3,500 passing. Yes, Lamar Jackson is ready for the NFL and the pros are ready for him.

And the beat continues!

Oklahoma's QB Janelle Holieway who led the Sooners to the 1986 national championship was from L.A.'s Banning High.

Both of the local NFL clubs will be watching the rest of the Playoffs from their homes. Sorry about that men. Better luck in 2018.

The L.A. Clippers' Blake Griffin doesn't seem to remain healthy. He was hurt Jan. 7 when the Golden State Warriors'

Stephen Curry scored 45 points to help the men out for their 12th win in a row.

Glad to see Julius Erving is out of the hospital and apparently on the way to a complete recovery. The 67-year old Dr. J. was honored on the 35th anniversary of his famous "cradle dunk" he threw down vs. the Lakers.

And the beat continues!

The Boston Celtics have not forgotten the 15 glorious years Paul Pierce and fellow analyst Stephon Jackson spent in Beantown. They both will be honored at the close of the season.

NFL Playoffs are wind-

ing down. But the Tennessee Titans and New England Patriots play on Saturday and the Jacksonville Jaguars will meet the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Atlanta Falcons battle against the Philadelphia Eagles Sunday.

The big one, Super Bowl LII is set for Feb. 4.

Two of my favorite QBs, Seattle Seahawks' Russell Wilson and the Carolina Panthers' Cam Newton will miss the Playoffs for the first time!

That's the end!

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# NFC Wildcard Game: Atlanta Falcons Spoil Playoffs for L.A. Rams with 26-13 Win

BY LAUREN A. JONES  
Contributing Writer

The fireworks as the Rams ran out of the tunnel at the start of the NFL NFC Wildcard playoff game had sizzled out as the clock struck 00:00 and the scoreboard read 26-13 in favor of the Atlanta Falcons inside the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on Saturday, Nov. 6.

"Certainly we're not content with how this season ended," said Rams first-year head coach Sean McVay. "It doesn't take away from the fact that our players and our group of coaches accomplished a lot of things where we feel like we're building a foundation, where that trajectory is pointing upward for the Rams." McVay became the youngest coach in NFL history to reach the playoffs at 31-years-old.

The Rams, in their first playoff game since 2005, appeared uncomfortable from the opening drive until late in the first half. Rams' quarterback Jared Goff, who sat out against the San Francisco 49ers, took time getting back on point.

The special teams unit that has been efficient all season had two early turnovers. The first came when the Falcons' second punt was muffed by kick

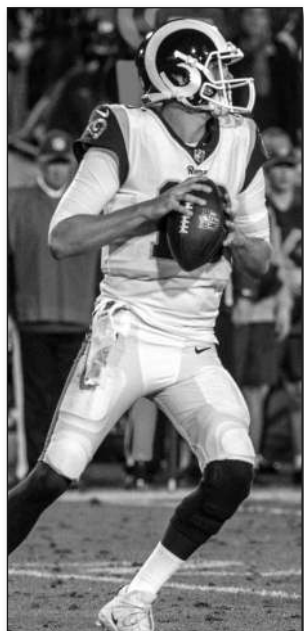


PHOTO BY ROBERT TORRENCE/L.A. SENTINEL  
Rams quarterback Jared Goff completed 24-of-45 passes for 259 yards and one touchdown in the NFC wildcard playoff game against the Falcons at the L.A. Coliseum.

returner Pharoh Cooper after it hit the foot of his teammate, Blake Countess then bounced off his arm. The Falcons recovered, which set them up with great field position and led to the first score of the game, a field goal by Matt Bryant. A second turnover by Cooper came late in the first quarter when he fumbled at the 32-yard line.

"I had a bad game today," said Cooper, the Rams Pro Bowl kick return-

er. "I didn't do a good job of protecting the ball tonight."

With the help of the Rams' defense, the Falcons were held to two field goals to end the first quarter, 6-0. Right before halftime, the Rams offense started to get in sync. Goff hauled a 14-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Cooper Kupp. It would be the only touchdown pass Goff threw on the day. The Los Angeles football team had another opportunity to score a touchdown from the five-yard line as the second quarter wound down. The inability to convert to a touchdown, left the Rams with a field goal and cut the lead 13-10 at the half.

"We felt really good, had a little momentum there going into halftime," said Goff who completed 24-of-

45 passes for 259 yards and one touchdown in front of a season-high of 74,300 fans.

MVP candidate Todd Gurley was limited to just 43 yards rushing through the first three quarters and four receptions for 10 yards. The Falcons dominated the star running back; Gurley ended the day with 101 yards rushing.

Wide receiver Robert Woods had an excellent showing. Woods led the team in receptions (nine) and receiving yards (142), which was the fourth-highest output in a single post-season game in Rams history.

"I thought Robert Woods was outstanding tonight, being able to come through with some third downs crucial," said coach McVay.



PHOTO BY ROBERT TORRENCE/L.A. SENTINEL  
Rams running back Todd Gurley III caught four of 10 passes for 111 scrimmage yards in the NFC wildcard playoff game against the Falcons on at the L.A. Coliseum.

Ultimately, the Rams were overwhelmed by the defending NFC champions led by Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan, anchored by wide receiver Julio Jones and the balanced one-two combo of Devonta Freeman and Tevin Coleman. Ryan ended the game with 218 yards on 21/30 completions with one touchdown.

Falcons' kicker Matt Bryant had four crucial field goals, two of which came from beyond 50 yards.

"Any time you're playing in big games, in close games like that you can't make mistakes because they can come back and hurt you," All-Pro lineman Aaron Donald said.

The Rams ended the

regular season touting the NFL's highest-scoring offense, scoring an average of 29.9 points per game. As Coach McVay remarked, there is a lot that this team can build on with the team heading in the right direction. The Rams are a team that went from 4-12 in the 2016 season to finish their 2017 campaign 11-5 atop the NFC West. It was an electric environment at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum as the Rams hosted the Falcons in its first playoff game at the historic stadium since 1978.

The Falcons, who lost in the Super Bowl last year to the Patriots, will advance to face the Philadelphia Eagles on Saturday in Philadelphia.

## C.J. Williams drains 3 in final seconds, Clippers win 108-107 over Hawks

BY JARRED DAVIS  
Contributing Writer

In the final seconds of a back and forth game Monday night at Staples Center, Clippers coach Doc Rivers yelled from the sidelines to his team that they don't need a three, down only two-points, but that didn't stop C.J. Williams from taking and making it with nine seconds left, giving Los Angeles a 108-107 victory over the gritty-performing Atlanta Hawks.

"I've made that shot before. It was just a rhythm dribble to my left," Williams said. "Once we got the offensive rebound, I felt the momentum and I felt the excitement of the moment, so I wanted to take the three. I took that dribble and I shot it with confidence. As soon as I let it go I knew it was in."



AP PHOTO/MARK J. TERRILL  
Los Angeles Clippers guard C.J. Williams, hits a three-point shot as Atlanta Hawks forward Taurean Prince defends in the final seconds of the second half of a basketball game, Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, in Los Angeles. The Clippers won 108-107.

said, laughing before he opened up for questions. "We need some donations."

Williams finished with 15 points, 3 rebounds, 4 steals, on an efficient 5 for 7 shots, going 3 for 4 on three-pointers.

"C.J. took that shot with confidence. I was actually yelling, 'We don't need the three.' But you could just see he was comfortable and he wanted it."

The Clippers seemed to be clicking on all cylinders in the first half, leading 58-47, where in large part was thanks to Lou Williams who finished with a game-high 34 points.

With not much help from LA's second unit, Williams was forced to play heavy minutes, reaching forty-one total minutes over the game.

"This was definitely the definition of a team win and it was a good one for us," added Williams after the Clippers had five players finish in double-digits.

Clippers rookie point guard Juwan Evans came up big when they needed him, scoring 13 points, as well as grabbing eight rebounds, along with four steals.

"We're really just been stressing, just on the defensive end getting steals, getting stops and getting out and running, so it was a big thing for us for sure."

L.A. converted on 27 points off turnovers, compared to Atlanta who only had 10, as the Clippers took advantage of running the lanes.

The Hawks did get back into the game in the third quarter, outscoring L.A. 30-22, which made it 80-77, while Atlanta found themselves down only three to start the fourth quarter.

Hawks forward Taurean Prince finished the game with a career-high 20 points, as he gave Atlanta a 6-point lead with seven minutes to play.

Atlanta tried to get an edge by intentionally fouling DeAndre Jordan late, but it backfired as Jordan made five of six free throws to pull the Clippers to within 105-104, with 1:08 to play.

"I thought D.J. was a silent hero," added Rivers as Jordan finished with 25 points and 18 rebounds. "They intentionally fouled him, and he made them."

Evans showed up again late in the game, defending Malcolm Delaney full court, forcing the Hawks into committing an offensive foul.

Evans was then put at the line, where he converted on one-of-two free throws to tie the score 105-105.

However, Atlanta's Kent Bazemore was fouled by Clippers Wesley John-

## No. 9 Oregon Women's Basketball Snaps No. 14 UCLA's Home-Game Winning Streak

BY LAUREN A. JONES  
Contributing Writer

A record 20 game winning streak for the UCLA Bruins against Pac-12 opponents at home was broken by the Oregon Ducks with a 70-61 victory over the home team inside Pauley Pavilion on Sunday, Jan. 7.

"There was a lot of frustrating parts about that [game]," said UCLA coach Cori Close. "We missed 10 free throws. We missed open shots in what we call the war zone. We struggled against their zone; they slowed us down and controlled our pace of play."

The Ducks opened up with a 9-0 run against the Bruins to start the first quarter. UCLA earned its first basket more than three minutes into the game. By the end of the first quarter the Bruins cut the lead to three points, trailing 11-8.

"It just shows the heart of this team and the fight that we have; that no matter what, we're going to keep fighting when we're up, we're down, it doesn't matter," said senior guard Jordin Canada.

As the second quarter wound down, UCLA's offense found some rhythm but not enough to erase the deficit. At halftime, the Ducks led UCLA 27-23. The Bruins were 0/5 from the three-point line in the first half.

UCLA outscored the Ducks 11-4 to start the third quarter. Monique Billings led the way for the Bruins with 22 points and 10 rebounds. It was the 37th career double double for Billings, and the fourth in



PHOTO BY LAUREN A. JONES/L.A. SENTINEL  
UCLA senior guard Jordin Canada sinks two free throws before fouling out in UCLA's loss to Oregon women's basketball at Pauley Pavilion on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018 in Westwood, CA.

the past five games.

"We've been in this situation many times before; we've hit adversity," said Canada who added 19 points and six assists. "It's just all about staying together."

A three-pointer by Japreece Dean gave the Bruins their first lead of the game with 6:38 left in the third quarter. The Bruins held that lead until the fourth quarter when Lexi Bando hit a game changing three-pointer.

"A wide open three-pointer for Bando is like a layup for most people; she does not miss many," Oregon coach Kelly Graves said of Bando, who has the best active career three-point shooting percentage in the NCAA at .457.

That shot gave the Ducks a 63-59 lead. It sparked a 14-2 run for Oregon to close out the game.

"That sealed the game ... made us really pumped up," said Ruthy Hebard, Ducks forward. "We knew that she wanted [the ball]; it was a really good way to

close out the game." Hebard totaled 19 points and seven rebounds.

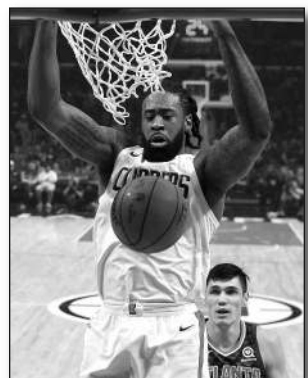
With this win against UCLA, Oregon is off to its best start in Pac-12 play (4-0) since 2001. In spite of the offensive lapses, the game was closer than what those runs suggest. There were six lead changes and the Bruins led with less than three minutes left in the fourth quarter.

"We just need to keep growing from every single game," said Billings. This was UCLA's third consecutive ranked opponent since conference play started.

"There's this intensity, it's like March," said coach Close. "I think the intensity of these four games to start out will pay dividends down the road." The Bruins were able to pull out wins against California and Oregon State.

"Two out of three is cool, but three out of three would've been better," Billings added.

UCLA falls to 2-2 in Pac-12 play and will travel to play Utah on Friday.



AP PHOTO/MARK J. TERRILL  
Los Angeles Clippers center DeAndre Jordan, left, dunks as Atlanta Hawks forward Ersan Ilyasova, of Turkey, watches during the first half of a basketball game, Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, in Los Angeles.

Williams picked no better time to convert his first game-winner of his NBA career, as the 27-year-old rookie, played on the 40th day of his 45-day two-way contract, giving the Clippers a lot to think about in the upcoming week, regarding guaranteeing his contract or simply losing him.

Los Angeles also has the option to sign him to a 10-day contract to extend his time with the team, which seems likely to happen at the moment.

"We're going to start a 'GoFundMe Fund' for C.J.," Clippers coach Doc Rivers

rebound and handed it to C.J. Williams, who gave the Clippers a much-needed win, draining an ice-water game-winning three.

The Clippers ultimately will have to continue to play through Lou Williams and DeAndre Jordan to stay in games and Doc Rivers fully understands that with his

injury-plagued roster, wins will not come easily.

"We're not gonna win any games proly right now by twenty or thirty-points; that's not gonna happen. We're gonna win them by one and two. Execution for all these young guys is invaluable and it's important for their careers as well."



# ENTERTAINMENT

## Richelieu Dennis Purchases Essence Communications

*Essence Magazine, Once Again, Black-Owned after Purchase by Sundial Brands Founder Richelieu Dennis*

BY STACY M. BROWN  
NNPA Newswire

In a deal that reestablishes *Essence* magazine as a totally, Black and independently-owned entity, Sundial Brands founder Richelieu Dennis recently announced the purchase of Essence Communications from Time Inc.

The Essence Communications deal also comes a week after Dennis was knighted in his native Liberia by President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, who admitted him into the Most Venerable Order of the Knighthood of the Pioneer with the Grade of Knight Commander.

Sirleaf reportedly described Dennis as an "Awesome Hero."

"Talk about surreal," Dennis said in an interview with NNPA Newswire. "I can't even bring myself to say [knighthood]. It's been a phenomenal week."

Dennis said that the purchase of Essence Communications comes with a deep-seated passion and commitment to making sure that, "we are doing everything we can to leverage the power of the business to impact our community in a positive way and to demonstrate that we can run high-



**ESSENCE**  
Richelieu Dennis purchased Essence Communications from Time Inc., returning the iconic Essence magazine to 100 percent Black ownership.

ly-profitable organizations."

Dennis continued: "We can also leverage the impact and the resources that those businesses generate to drive economic empowerment and social justice in our communities for ourselves and by ourselves."

Dorothy Leavell, the chairman of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and

the publisher of the Crusader Newspaper Group, said that it was good news to hear that ownership of Essence magazine has returned to the Black community.

"I hope it's a trend," said Leavell. "We do need strong Black ownership in our industry, even as I'm expecting that our Black newspapers will prosper in 2018."

Leavell also said that she hopes that Black entrepreneurs will see the work and products of the Black Press and "seek to restore some light."

Leavell added: "We need more and more publications that depict us in a positive way and that's certainly what 'Essence' has done in the past and I hope they will continue."

While financial terms of the Essence Communications purchase weren't disclosed, Dennis said he's not only retaining Essence President Michelle Ebanks, who will continue to run the company, but Ebanks will also join the organization's board of directors and lead an all-Black executive team at Essence, who will have equity stakes in the business.

"I'm overwhelmed with gratitude," Ebanks told the NNPA Newswire. "The 'Essence' brand... has

always had a special place in the hearts and minds of Black women and entrepreneurs and leaders like [Dennis] recognized *Essence* and its importance and wants to restore it. This has allowed a dream to come true and we couldn't be happier."

Ebanks said that it was an extraordinary and special privilege to be part of an organization that would be responsible for elevating Black women in the industry.

Dennis said the deal to purchase *Essence* came together rather quickly after reading an article in the *Wall Street Journal* about Time Inc.'s intention to sell the company.

"The stars aligned. We started to think about the implications of what this would mean if *Essence* were truly bought back into the community and the impact it could have on the

audience and on the industry to be able to create our content and to monetize our own content," said Dennis. "There was never a waiver in the commitment on what *Essence* means to our community."

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., the president and CEO of the NNPA, congratulated Richelieu Dennis for purchasing *Essence* magazine and for returning this iconic publication to 100 percent Black ownership.

"This is a very timely and an important milestone for the Black Press in America and throughout the world," said Chavis. "*Essence* magazine, under the able leadership of Michelle Ebanks, is a valued treasure of Black America and the NNPA acknowledges, with supportive gratitude, Richelieu Dennis for this significant Black-owned business transaction."

## The Michael Baisden Show Adds Award-Winning Broadcast Journalist Dominique DiPrima As Co-Host

*Heard in over 50 markets, show also announces return to Atlanta and Las Vegas*

BY JASMYNE CANNICK  
Contributing Writer

After an extensive search for a co-host for "The Michael Baisden Show," the search concluded with award-winning broadcast journalist and radio personality Dominique DiPrima being tapped for the position. The Emmy-winning DiPrima is best known as the host of the popular daily news and public affairs show "Front Page" on KJLH-FM in Los Angeles. In addition to being a co-host she will also take on the role of senior producer.

"Dominique is an amazing talent," shared host Michael Baisden. "I've known her for more than 20 years and I knew one day we'd be in the studio starting trouble together!"

"2018 is going to be a great year in radio," added DiPrima. "Michael is a radio icon, an innovator and a true mover and shaker.



Emmy-winning radio personality Dominique DiPrima

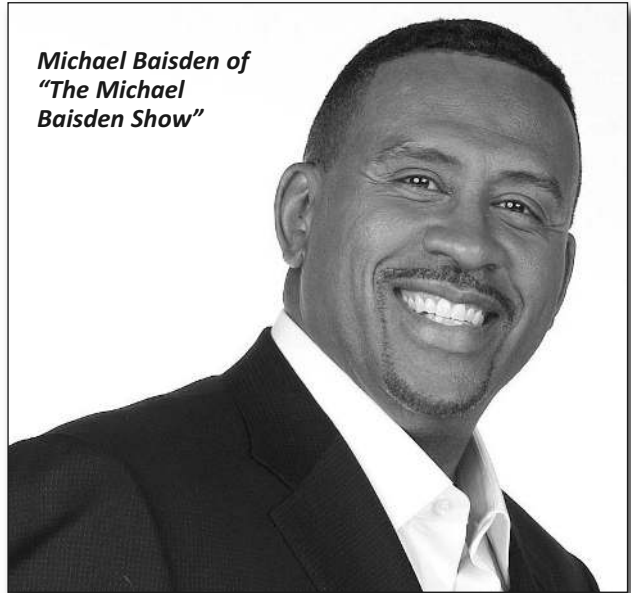
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in Las Vegas, "The Michael Baisden Show" is syndicated through Baisden Media Group in partnership with SupeRadio and AURN (American Urban Radio

as a co-host and news director/anchor of "The Steve Harvey Morning Show" on KKBT-FM (The Beat) in Los Angeles and in limited syndication.

A talk radio veteran, with a stint as host and producer of her own talk show "Street Science with Dominique DiPrima" for almost nine years on 100.3 FM The Beat, she also served as the station's Community Action Director, building the department into an unprecedented, large arm of the radio station while working closely with grassroots community organizations. During her time at The Beat, she earned the station a NAB Crystal Award. "Street Science with Dominique DiPrima" garnered her a L.A. Weekly "Best of L.A." award and a Gracie Award from the American Women in Radio and Television.

The "Michael Baisden Show" can be heard weekdays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. EST in over 50 media markets as well as online. For more information including station listings, please visit michaelbaisden.com.



Michael Baisden of "The Michael Baisden Show"

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I'm thrilled to be a part of his team!"

Heard nationwide in over 50 media markets including WHUR 96.3 FM in Washington D.C., HOT 105 WHQT in Miami and recently announced Atlanta's WTBS-FM Mix 87.7 and beginning in February KCEP Power 88 FM

Networks).

An obvious choice for Baisden, DiPrima was news anchor of choice for living legend Stevie Wonder when he hosted his "Stevie Wonder Morning Thunder Thousand Dollar Thursdays" on KJLH-FM's morning drive. Previously, DiPrima spent three years

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## Faith Leaders Suggest Actions to Make MLK's Dream a Reality

BY CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT  
Religion Editor

As the nation prepares to observe the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther Day on Jan. 15, people across the land will salute his tremendous achievements and dramatic effect on civil rights.

King's endurance as a history-maker is demonstrated by the ongoing efforts of faith leaders, legislators and laity to make his dream of a color-blind, equitable society a reality.

Seeking insight about King's legacy and its relevance in the 21st century, the L.A. Sentinel asked three L.A. pastors for their thoughts.

"Dr. King's life allows us to glean obvious lessons on leadership and courage; yet, his true legacy is that he was willing to be faithful to the call in Matthew 25:40 to sacrificially serve marginalized, underrepresented and poor people," shared the Rev. James K. McKnight, pastor of the Congregational Church of Christian Fellowship.

Alluding to the uncomfortable feelings King's messages often provoked, McKnight said, "Dr.

King also forced our nation to confront difficult issues. In 2018, those issues and others hinder the progress of the human family. God's call on us all is timeless. Our failure to respond would be tragic."

The Rev. Sonja R. Dawson, pastor of New Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, noted that King predicted the expansion of the campaign to encompass all humanity. "In 1967 during a staff retreat for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Dr. King stated, 'I think it is necessary for us to realize that we have moved from the era of civil rights to the era of human rights.'"

"In 2018, we are at the height of

man rights issues in relation to social and economic disparities, urban sprawl, immigration, homelessness, and under-resourced communities," insisted Dawson. "The cry for better communities, better schools, better homes, and better education systems should echo even louder forty years later as we move further and further away from 'The Dream.' As the current generation of religious and social leaders, we must spring forth to bridge the gaps in the communities for which we live, work, and worship.

Reflecting on the relevancy of King's message, the Rev. Larry Dozier, pastor of St. John United Methodist Church, shared, "There are still individuals in the world who are not free because of their color or their political beliefs. There is still inequality in America such as that of equal pay for equal work between the sexes, and among the races. We yet live in an unjust world in which sentences for crimes are more severe on one race or class of individuals as opposed to another, i.e.,



Pastor James K. McKnight



Pastor Sonja R. Dawson



Pastor Larry Dozier

Black vs. White."

Dozier continued, "There is still a lack of love as is taught in the Bible and quoted in St. Mark 12:30-31, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

To help King's dream move forward, the pastors offered actions that believers can employ to further his work in their lives.

Outlining a list of activities, Dozier started with "Trust in God and that He is still in control." Also, he suggested that believers devote time on the holiday to discussing King's impact, both in this country and around the world. Dozier further suggested that people become involved in the election process.

"Use non-violent actions to make changes such as voting, getting people registered to vote in the upcoming 2018 mid-

term elections. Be proactive about helping President Donald Trump find another, more suitable job," he said.

"Let Democrats and Republicans alike know that Mr. Trump is not acceptable as our president of these United States of America and that we are holding them accountable for doing their jobs: honoring their oath of office to protect America over any enemy, within or without and above political affiliations, America first. Work tirelessly to correct this mistake (DT), even as we did to get President Obama elected in 2008 and 2012," declared Dozier.

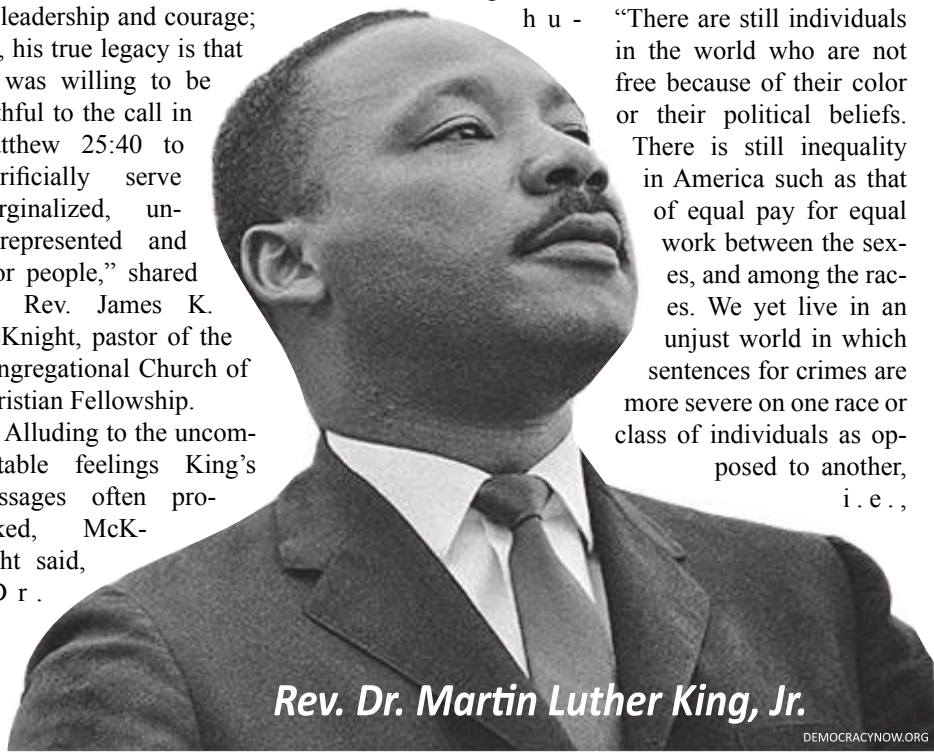
To churches and ministries, Dawson recommended adopting "King's organizational strategies" to focus on collaboration instead on competition because "there is strength in numbers."

Dawson added, "Religious and social justice leaders must also engage in

more action-based strategic planning. Every dialogue and town hall meeting should end with tangible action plans that can be implemented to address discussed areas of need.

"In addition, we must be willing to overcome our personal biases, obstacles, and challenges to engage in multiethnic, multicultural, and multilingual partnerships. Moreover, we must address the issues of human rights with love and compassion like Jesus — our ultimate example," she said.

McKnight advised, "Let's keep Dr. King's dream alive with four S's. Survey the history. The rich history will inspire and instruct. Support organizations and/or individuals who are fighting against racial and economic injustice and the senseless killing of members of the human family. Seek the Lord in prayer. Start now doing something that you know God is calling you to do."



Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Steib Headlines African American Catholic Center's King Breakfast

STAFF REPORT

Bishop J. Terry Steib, the retired bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Memphis, Tennessee, will be the featured speaker at the Dr. Martin Luther

King Jr., Prayer Breakfast.

The event, sponsored by the African American Catholic Center for Evangelization (AACCE), will be held on Saturday, January 13, at 8 a.m., at the Proud Bird Restaurant, 11022 Aviation

Boulevard in Los Angeles.

Steib, who served as bishop from 1993 to 2016, is noted for establishing Jubilee Schools, which serves 1,600 students. In recognition of his contributions, the Memphis City Council

named a street in his honor.

Ordained a priest in the Society of the Divine Word (SDW) in 1967, Steib previously served as provincial superior to SDW's Southern Province, vice president of the Conference

of Major Superiors of Men and auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

The ticket donation is \$50 and available by calling (323) 777-2106.

(Andrew Knox contributed to this report.)



Bishop J. Terry Steib

## Warren Chapel CME Marks 72nd Anniversary

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

Warren Chapel CME Church will celebrate its 72nd anniversary on Sunday, January 21, at 3:30 p.m., at in the edifice located at 1039 Elberon Ave., in San Pedro.

According to Pastor Adam D. Stevenson, the theme is "Saved to Serve" based on Ephesians 4:11-13. The guest preacher is the Rev. Travis Morris, pastor of Lewis Metropolitan CME Church and presiding elder of the Los Angeles-San Diego District.



Rev. Travis Morris

"We invite the public to attend and be prepared for a good time in the Lord," said Stevenson, who added that a luncheon will precede the service.

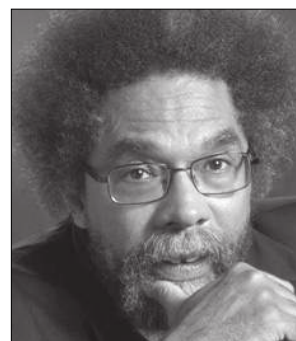
Dr. Vanilla Brooks is the program chair. To learn more, call (310) 308-4754.

## Ephesians New Testament Co-Hosts MLK Event

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

Ephesians New Testament Church and the City of Fontana will host the 30th celebration of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

The event is set for January 13, at 4 p.m., at Mountain View Church, 8833 Palmetto Avenue, in Fontana, said Bishop Emory B. James, pastor of Ephesians New Testament.



Dr. Cornel West

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Cornel West,



Vanessa Bell

a prolific philosopher, author, scholar and activist.

Also, Vanessa Bell Armstrong, a 7-time Grammy nominee and Grammy Award winner, will perform.

The free celebration will be open to the public. Also, a meet-and-greet reception is scheduled for 3 p.m., at the Fontana Lewis Library and Technology Center.

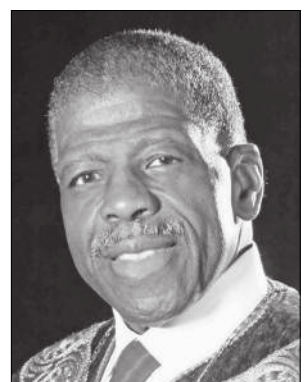
For more information, visit [ephesianschurch.com](http://ephesianschurch.com) or call (909) 823-2310.

## Young, Kirkland to Preach at City of David

STAFF REPORT

Church of God Pentecostal Bishop Johnny Young and Retired AME Bishop Theodore Larry Kirkland will preach at the City of David Community Church 1st year anniversary services on Jan. 14, said Pastor Demiko Fitzgerald.

Young will speak at the 8 a.m. at St. James AME Church, 655 W. 70th St., in L.A. At 3 p.m., Kirkland preaches at Miracle Temple Church of God Pente-



Bishop T. Larry Kirkland, Sr.

costal, 733 S. Grevillea in Inglewood. GMWA Adult Choir and Psalmist Felicia Nicole will also perform.

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# As King Encouraged, America Must Face Her Flaws

The church also must address activities that cripple our communities

BY REV. DR. NAJUMA SMITH-POLLARD  
Contributing Writer

In Dr. Martin Luther King's posthumously published essay, "A Testament of Hope," he wrote

*"It is forcing America to face all its interrelated flaws-racism, poverty, militarism and materialism."*

In the past seven years, like it or not, our nation has had to face all its interrelated flaws - racism, poverty, militarism and materialism; and sexism, as represented by the wave of #s from #TrayvonMartin to #Metoo.

Those who have used their privilege to silence, repress and even oppress black and brown men and women, immigrants, LG-BTQ, and other vulnerable people groups, are feeling the pinch and pressure



Dr. Najuma Smith-Pollard

from activists and everyday people determined to force America to take a deep look within her soul and change. To be sure, change will be slow and difficult; but it will come.

I don't often indulge in the "what if" question, but "if" Dr. King were alive, I do believe the present climate would be welcomed, because he understood the value and consequence of "Speaking Truth to Power."

The unpleasant realities that are being exposed today, in ways in which we have not seen in decades, is making America face her interrelated flaws. Moreover, in facing those flaws, we the people are equally challenged to speak up, speak out, stand up, stand for, or stand against; but what we cannot allow our response to be, is deafening silence. The same kind of deafening silence that allows those 'interrelated flaws' to flourish.

It is reported that for

2017, one of the words researched most online was "complicit." Silence is complicit behavior that will not be tolerated. Corporations, celebrities, major athletes, and politicians are all fair game for exposure if they are complicit in times like these.

This too includes the church! As we reflect on the legacy of Dr. King, it is my hope the present climate spurs a revival of the church's voice; where it has gone silent and become complicit.

We cannot raise the horn for Jesus, then sing loud, "We shall Overcome," but only whisper about racism, poverty, sexism, militarism of the police and materialism that is crippling our communities. There is a balance the church must find or develop in order to maintain its relevance and righteousness.

This was King's charge when he launched the Poor People's Campaign in 1968. Today, I am encouraged by the number of faith-led movements on the rise to force America to face her flaws; one in particular is the new Poor Peoples Campaign, presently, reignited by faith leaders across the country.

It will not be King's campaign, it will be ours; our responsibility, our voice, our time to make

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# Radio Industry Shares Thoughts on the Life of Cliff Winston

BY NIELE ANDERSON  
Contributing Writer

On January 4, hundreds of community members, radio industry, politicians and stakeholders, gathered together to celebrate and bid farewell to Los Angeles radio and community icon Clifton Wayne Winston. The service was held at West Angeles C.O.G.I.C. North Campus Sanctuary. The service was officiated by Elder Henry Fredrick.



PHOTO E. MESIAH MCGINNIS  
Los Angeles Radio Legend Cliff Winston

a radio station on Crenshaw Blvd. and read aloud from old discarded newspapers to practice his voice. He'd fondly talked about those memories on the KJLH radio station, when he was the morning anchor of the very successful morning show.

Greg Johnson KJLH Marketing Director shared, "Cliff Winston was one of the consummate broadcasters in radio. Black radio in

rats', Cliff was a radio rat. He had an unbridled passion for the medium; even more, he loved the nuances of the radio game. In the mornings, we often planned and plotted different strategies to keep the audience listening longer. He further stated, "even after we both left KJLH, we stayed in touch and discussed different radio scenarios. Like a good ball player, Cliff was adept at setting on air match-ups and record rotation. He was definitely at the top of radio programmers that I have worked with over the years. I miss those conversations already."

Cliff Winston also joined other popular radio stations. He left KJLH in 1990 to join 92.3 the Beat. He returned KJLH in 1993 to serve as Program Director and anchor the morning show where the station garnered the highest ratings the station ever had. His latter female co-host who still sits



PHOTO E. MESIAH MCGINNIS  
Congresswoman Maxine Waters (left) and son Edward Waters honor the life of radio icon Cliff Winston with a proclamation "In loving memory Clifton 'Cliff' Winston."

The room was mixed with laughter and tears as memories were shared of a husband, a father, grandfather, friend, leader, music lover and beloved radio jock. Winston, a Los Angeles native was a product of



PHOTO E. MESIAH MCGINNIS  
The Winston Family grieves the loss of Cliff Winston.

particular. I was always amazed at his ability to keep up with current events. When I would travel, he would always say, "Greg, bring me a paper." He also loved that radio microphone. He would always say to me, "I never met a microphone I didn't like." He continued, "He was an icon in the Los Angeles community. He taught me how important KJLH was to this community, explaining that we were more than a radio station. I was sad. When he left KJLH but just devastated that he left us so soon ... a good broadcaster... a good father... a good man. Rest in peace Cliff."

Cliff Winston was more than a disc jockey, he was connected to the Los Angeles community, providing knowledge on sports, politics and city news. Carl Nelson, former host of KJLH

in the morning spot, Adai Lamar shared, "My heart is forever broken at the loss of my friend ... my brother, Cliff Winston! Cliff was L.A.'s son! He knew everything about L.A., just as he did about radio. He made the studio into a classroom. He was amazing to watch and grand to hear! It was an honor to be his co-host and a blessing to learn from him. I will miss our life conversations and crazy inside jokes! People have asked me a lot about Cliff since his passing. I can best describe him as human! One of the best, I've ever known!"

In 2006, Cliff left KJLH again to challenge himself and joined Radio One's KRBV V-100. Radio One founder Cathy Hughes shared her thoughts of Winston, "CLASS ACT is the most accurate description of who Cliff Winston will be remembered as. Whether it be his voice or his style of dressing or his attitude towards all people and circumstances, he was the consummate gentleman at all times. Cliff made Black Radio look and sound real good! I am grateful that he raised the bar of excellence in the profession that he and I both loved."

During the funeral service, KJLH owner Stevie Wonder tearfully brought thoughts of Cliff and sang "AS" and a medley of songs, as the audience sang along. "I want to cry ... I want to yell out loud. But,



PHOTO E. MESIAH MCGINNIS  
KJLH Owner and music icon, Stevie Wonder dedicated his song, "As" to the life of colleague and friend Cliff Winston, during his funeral at West Angeles Church, on Thursday, Jan. 4, on Crenshaw Blvd.

Dorsey High, Los Angeles City College, which led to a transfer to the University of Washington, where his radio



PHOTO E. MESIAH MCGINNIS  
Councilman Curren Price Jr. presents the family of radio icon Cliff Winston with a proclamation honoring his life.

ambitions blossomed into a successful career. His love for radio started at an early age in the heart of Los Angeles, where he watched disc jockeys through a window of

"Front Page", who came on right before Winston stated, "Cliff was friend and colleague for many years. Like many great basketball players who were also ' gym



PHOTO E. MESIAH MCGINNIS  
Radio personality Cliff Winston's life is celebrated during his funeral at West Angeles Church, on Thursday, Jan. 4, on Crenshaw Blvd.

Cliff is saying to me ... 'Keep it .. calm'. And so, I'll do my best to do that," said Wonder. "But I think the greatest thing I remember is seeing him at the celebration of 50 years of KJLH, and me telling him 'I

love you' and him saying 'I love you' to me." Winston was buried at Inglewood Cemetery.

Kevin Fleming former KJFJ, KACE and V100 program director stated, "During his career, Cliff

touched tens of thousands of listeners and fans. He will be remembered as an L.A. radio legend but he was also a really good brother... gone too soon. May God Bless brother Cliff Winston."

## Success On "The Way" Ask Dr. Jeanette Live "The Good Life" Victoriously Part 2

Who doesn't want "The Good Life?" It's desirable for 2018. I thought this standard would be what folks want.

Please Enjoy! **A cry from God's heart:** William Wilberforce, a member of England's parliament at the turn of the nineteenth century, was a Christian with a passion for righteous justice. After his conversion he became convinced that slavery was an offense to God and committed his life to ending it. At first, it seemed that everything was stacked against him. All England seemed to benefit from this horrid practice. Shipyards provided employment through slave ship construction. Ironworkers made the chains to bind the slaves. The sugar and cotton trades were central to the slavery-based economy. Wilberforce set out to change the mind of the nation. In parliament and elsewhere, he spoke tirelessly against the slave trade for nearly fifty years. As a result of his efforts, slavery was abolished in England in 1807 and throughout British colonies by 1833. God is just and upright in all he does. Therefore he longs for his people to have a passion for justice that will lead them to follow the example of people like Wilberforce and the prophet Amos. He longs to change the mind and heart of a nation and to show its people how to live lives that reflect his character. **Living as God intended:** Tom had just bought a beautiful new car. As he drove away, the salesman's final word was: "Remember, sir, to read the manual. It will tell you how to get the best performance out of your car." Uninterested, Tom just wanted to drive it as fast and as far as he could...thinking... "What authority do the manufacturers have to tell me how to use my car?" In one sense, Tom was right. The manufacturers had no legal authority to make him read the manual. Their authority was based on knowledge: They had designed the car, and they knew how it worked and how to care for it. Tom understood their perspective only too well when he burned out the engine a few months later. Now change the characters. The book you are holding is the "Manufacturer's Instructions" on life. Our Creator has given us the Bible to help us understand. We're not forced to read the Bible, but invited to be wise, read it and heed its instruction. Of course, this analogy is limited. God does have authority over us and will one day hold us accountable for our actions. Through the centuries, he's given us good laws to guide us. Now choose the good life, for you and your children. "Following God's way ensures choosing life! Teach the children." Quoted from "Path Articles: Christian Growth Study Bible Youth With A Mission" Zondervan Publishers; Acknowledgement to: Project Management and editorial; Interior Design; Cover Design, Interior Proofreading; Interior typesetting; Printing and binding. *Jeanette Grattan Parker is Superintendent of Today's Fresh Start Charter School: author, speaker. Askdrjeanette.successontheway@gmail.com*



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Community, fans, and industry came out to celebrate the life of radio personality Cliff Winston, during his funeral at West Angeles Church, on Thursday, Jan. 4, on Crenshaw Blvd.

# Health Science Research in Our Community

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Cigarette smoking has been found to be the leading preventable cause of death and disability, not only in the United States, but worldwide. While rates of smoking in the United States have declined, it remains a major risk factor for cardiovascular disease, cancers, hypertension, as well as other illnesses. Moreover, smoking in the African American community has not decreased and many have switched from tobacco cigarettes to electronic cigarettes, hoping that they are not as harmful.

It is well known that African American and very often Latino populations suffer more from hypertension, diabetes, heart disease, stroke, and various types of cancer. Comparing the numbers of white individuals to numbers of African Americans and Latinos with these conditions, whites have lower rates. This is what is called a disparity in the field of health science research. Today, smoking is most often a habit of poorer populations, so smoking can also be considered a health risk disparity.

Do you know someone who smokes electronic cigarettes? Do you know if they are less damaging to your health than tobacco cigarettes?

Researchers are working to find answers to these and many more questions relevant to helping to decrease the amount of illness, disability, and premature death caused by tobacco use and other culprits, and they are doing it right in our backyard! Yes, researchers at the Charles Drew University of Medi-



(left-to-right) Briana Lopez, Biomedical Science graduate student; Shehla Pervin, Ph.D.; Norma Stoker-Mtume, MHS, MA MFT

cine and Science (CDU), the University of Southern California and the University of California at Los Angeles, are hard at work looking for causes, developing treatments, and hopefully finding cures for many illnesses and diseases that plague our poor and under-resourced communities, like those in South and East Los Angeles.

How is research today different from much of the research conducted in the past that ended up hurting our people?

Until recently, research was conducted on, not with, communities, and there was inadequate oversight to ensure researchers' ethical conduct. Today, Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) oversee all aspects of a research project to insure that it is conducted ethically. Today, IRBs include community members. Their role is to be an equal partner on the board in helping to protect the all research participants and ensure that research projects are culturally appropriate and relevant to the health needs of our communities.

Another key difference is that persons with diverse backgrounds participate as

part of the non-traditional research teams in what is called "community engaged research". The teams include professionally trained academic researchers who are joined by graduate and undergraduate students, community residents, patients and representatives from community based organizations, businesses, churches and other faith organizations and they help design what the research project will look like. Community representatives are valued on advisory committees that oversee the overall project. Projects are designed to collect data (information) in various forms. Research team members may conduct interviews, focus groups, plan and conduct conferences in the community, provide input in the analyses of the research data results, and report the results (outcomes) back to the community, at professional conferences, and publish co-authored articles about the research. All of this is done with the community as a key partner during all stages.

More recently, basic science researchers are welcoming community repre-

sentation on their teams. These are the scientists who may conduct early research to ensure later research with humans will be safe. They, too, are recognizing the value of partnering with community representatives.

Why is health science research important?

Health science research

studies are important because they help us to better understand illness and disease and what treatments might work best for various populations.

Health research is sponsored by grants from various federal, state, and local government entities, such as the National Institutes of Health and the California Tobacco Research Disease Research Program, with smaller amounts from foundations and private organizations. That's right. Most community engaged research is paid for by your tax dollars, so why not learn more and get involved?

With January being synonymous with New Year's resolutions, which for some of us may include quitting smoking, I would like to highlight, Dr. Shehla Pervin, a researcher at CDU. She conducts stud-

ies to learn what causes triple negative breast cancer, which disproportionately affects African American women, seeks to develop better treatments and a potential cure for this dreaded disease. Dr. Pervin is part of a research team headed by Drs. Theodore Friedman and Amiya Sinha-Hikim, specifically looking at the effects of e-cigarettes on cancer and other illnesses and diseases.

We should no longer consider research as something mysterious, but as something that warrants our attention and involvement. Scientific research is being conducted in, and with communities, for the purpose of getting a better understanding of how we can improve our health outcomes by learning from science.

## Kappa Alpha Psi – Pasadena Celebrates 106 Years of Achievement



SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. founded on January 5, 1911 celebrated 106 years last Friday. To commemorate the fraternity's founding, Brothers from across the country joined together to discuss plans for its future, to commemorate the 10 founders of the fraternity in Bloomington, Indiana during some of the nation's most segregated and racist times and to reflect on the accomplishments of the fraternity and as Black men over the years.

The members of Kappa Alpha Psi Pasadena Alumni Chapter got together to celebrate the achievements of their individual members. Brothers paid special recognition to Brother Gerald Freeny of Pasadena Alumni Chapter (seated 2nd from left) who will be inducted on January 18, as president of the 130th Tournament of Roses. Freeny's ascension to the position will be historical as he will be the first African American to serve in this capacity in the Tournament's 130 year history.

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# King's Lasting Impact on Equity in Education

*Martin Luther King, Jr. was a Champion for Equity in Education*



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was a champion for equity in education. Civil Rights Movement co-founder Dr. Ralph David Abernathy and his wife Mrs. Juanita Abernathy (not pictured) follow with Dr. and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., as the Abernathy children march on the front line, leading the Selma to Montgomery March in 1965. The children are (left-right): Donzaleigh Abernathy in striped sweater, Ralph David Abernathy III, and Juandalynn R. Abernathy in glasses. Name of the White Minister in the photo is unknown. (Abernathy Family Photos/Wikipedia Commons)

“Dr. King worked tirelessly to ensure that African Americans would gain the rights they had long been denied, including the right to a quality education,” said Cummings. “His fight for equality in educational opportunities helped to tear down walls of segregation in our nation’s schools.”

Cummings continued: “He instilled hope in us that we can achieve our dreams no matter the color of our skin. He instilled in us the notion that everyone can be great, because everyone can serve and there are so many great advocates, who embody this lesson.”

In support of education equality, civil rights leaders across the country are still working to ensure all students, regardless of color, receive access to experienced teachers, equitable classroom resources and quality education, Cummings noted further.

For example, the NAACP has done a tremendous amount, across the country, to increase retention rates, ensure students have the resources they need, and prepare students for success after graduation—whether it be for college or a specific career path, Cummings said.

During his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech in Oslo, Norway, King said: “I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits.”

The need for high quality education in the Black community is universal and the route to get there may be different, but education does matter, Jackson said.

“Dr. King told me he read a fiction and a non-fiction book once a week. He was an avid reader and, in the spirit of Dr. King, today we fight for equal, high-quality education,” said Jackson. “We fight for skilled trade training, affordable college education and beyond.”

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s influence on the Civil Rights Movement is indisputable, but his fight for equity in education remains a mystery to some.

That fight began with his own education.

“He clearly had an advanced, refined educational foundation from Booker T. Washington High School, Morehouse College, Crozer Theological Seminary, and Boston University,” said Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr., the founder of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition. “His education in his speeches and sermons and writings were apparent and he wanted us all to have that type of education.”

King completed high school at 15, college at 19, seminary school at 22 and

earned a doctorate at 26.

“Dr. King laid down the case for affordable education for all Americans, including Polish children—from the ghetto and the barrios, to the Appalachian mountains and the reservations—he was a proponent for education for all and he believed that strong minds break strong chains and once you learn your lesson well, the oppressor could not unlearn you.”

Rev. Al Sharpton, the founder and president of the National Action Network (NAN), said that NAN works with Education for a Better America to partner with school districts, universities, community colleges, churches, and community organizations around the country to conduct educational programming for students and parents.

“The mission of the organization has been to build

bridges between policymakers and the classrooms by supporting innovations in education and creating a dialogue between policymakers, community leaders, educators, parents, and students,” Sharpton said. “We’re promoting student health, financial literacy, and college readiness in our communities, just like Dr. King did.”

King was a figure to look up to in both civil rights and academia, Sharpton told the NNPA Newswire.

“Then, when you look at his values, he always saw education, especially in the Black community, as a tool to uplift and inspire to action,” Sharpton said. “It’s definitely no coincidence that a number of prominent civil rights groups that emerged dur-

ing Dr. King’s time, were based on college campuses.”

Sharpton added that King routinely pushed for equality to access to education.

“Just as importantly, he always made a point to refer education back to character—that we shouldn’t sacrifice efficiency and speed for morals,” Sharpton said. “A great student not only has the reason and education, but a moral compass to do what’s right with his or her gifts. It’s not just important to be smart, you have to know what’s right and what’s wrong.”

Dr. Wormie Reed, the director of Race and Social Policy Research Center at Virginia Tech who marched with King, said when he thinks of King and education, he imme-

diately considers the late civil rights leader’s advocating that “we should be the best that we could be.”

“King certainly prepared himself educationally...early on he saw that education played a crucial role in society, but perceived it as often being misused,” Reed said. “In a famous essay that he wrote for the student newspaper at Morehouse in 1947, he argued against a strictly utilitarian approach to education, one that advanced the individual and not society.”

Maryland Democratic Congressman Elijah Cummings, who remembers running home from church on Sundays to listen to King’s speeches on radio, said King had a tremendous impact on education in the Black community.



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