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A photograph of Beyoncé performing on stage. She is wearing a vibrant, multi-colored beaded dress and multiple gold necklaces and arm cuffs. She is holding a microphone to her mouth and has her hand raised near her head. The background is dark with purple stage lighting.

BEYONCÉ!

Queen On Her Throne

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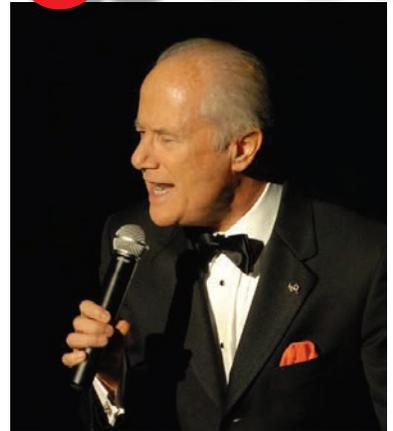
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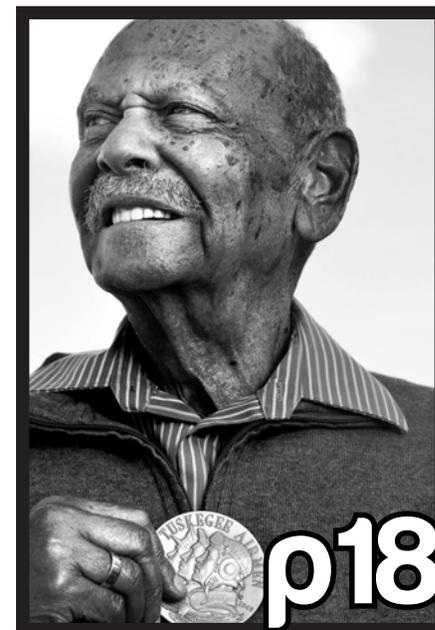
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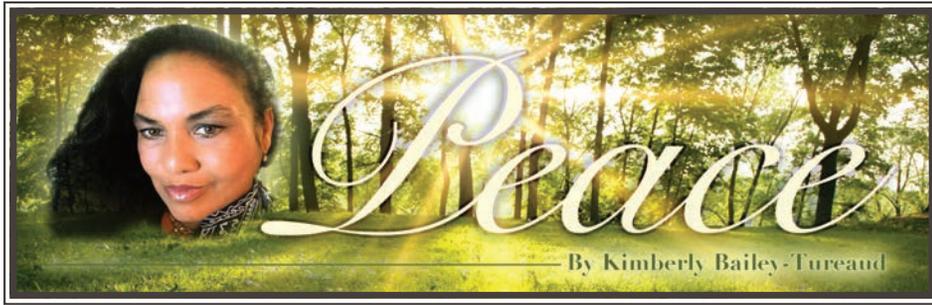
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what's inside:





You Good?

We are in the season of giving, but we can't forget about ourselves. Every now and then we should stop and say, "Hey YOU!" Be the voice that reminds yourself how wonderful you are and to wake up your intention to take care of yourself.

It could be a silent walk, going to get your nails done, or that massage that you keep desiring but find no time to get. Take the time to look within and ask yourself, "Are you good?"

There is a lot of noise that distracts us from ourselves. The remedy could be as simple as taking the long, soothing bath that you've been avoiding because time is always short. But you can wake up a little early for quiet time, prayer or med-

itation to follow the warm, regenerating soak.

Take the time to give back to you. Do something that you never thought you would do before. Pop that bubble of fear and step out of your comfort zone into a world that you have only dreamed of entering.

"Hey YOU!" will reprogram your attention on the peace you desire. Make sure you expose yourself to the eye candy of nature with maybe a long drive while listening to the Isley Brothers. Trust me, it is good for mind, body, and soul.

Enjoy your family and friends this holiday season, but remember to look into the mirror and say, "Hey you! You good?"



Thank You For Your Service
MGM Resorts team members participate with a float at the 2021 Veterans Day Parade.

Yes, Virginia, It Used To Be True

By Louie Overstreet

Please allow me to guess what Francis Church's advice would be today, compared to that he gave to 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon back in 1897.

For much of the third millennium, Santa has been the victim of physical abuse. The police arrested him, because they thought he was a pimp dressed in a red suit, with shiny leather boots, and wearing a long do-rag; Blacks and Hispanics robbed and mugged him because we believed he had something of value in his sack; White supremacists kicked his butt because they thought he was a gay liberal. This is why Santa may not be able to make his appointed rounds this year.

Suffering this type of abuse, can there be any wonder why he is bed-ridden? He likely will not be strong enough to carry all the coal that Senator Joe Manchin sold him, to put in the stockings of naughty people, who hung them with care by the fireplace. No need for Santa to check his list twice as to who



has been naughty or nice. Francis stated, "He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give your life its highest beauty and joy ... The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor man can see."

Francis' naiveté aside, his message of generosity, hope, and faith in America has today given way to greed, skepticism, and fatalism.

To not understand what exists in our society today would clearly suggest you have spent most of your life on a pickle boat or the back of a turnip truck.

I am at a point in my life that I could care less whether you believe me or not. But be advised: America is only a couple of low turnout elections and a few bad Supreme Court decisions away from becoming a fascist state.

Sadly, too many of us have forgotten a simple truth about the endurance of our freedoms: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

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Holiday Cheer(s)

When the holidays roll around each year, we can't help but to hear the echoes of "This Christmas," the yuletide classic popularized by the legendary Donny Hathaway: "Hang all the mistletoe / I'm gonna get to know you better ..."

As we enter our 14th year of publishing, we are so grateful for the many opportunities to know you – the loyal readers of Las Vegas Black Image – better. And because the growth of this magazine has tracked closely with the rise of global superstar Beyoncé, she is on this month's cover to celebrate a standard of Black excellence and achievement that she will always represent.

That brand of excellence is found everywhere in this issue, brought to you by our matchless executive publishing team and contributing writers:

- Catching up with the Five Star Line-

men organization, helping young men and women fulfil their educational and career goals with an emphasis on building character.

- Celebrating the veterans who have served our country and continue to keep us safe. Thank you for your service.

- Capturing community members' thoughts on the behavior of our Clark County School District's Board of Trustees.

- Sharing highlights from Doolittle Active Adult Senior Center's "Celebrating our Seniors and Veterans" event sponsored by Intermountain Healthcare, John Mull's Meats and Road Kill Grill, and Comprehensive Cancer Center.

- Commemorating the Las Vegas Urban Chamber of Commerce Green Tie Awards, honoring entrepreneurs and other progressive Nevadans.

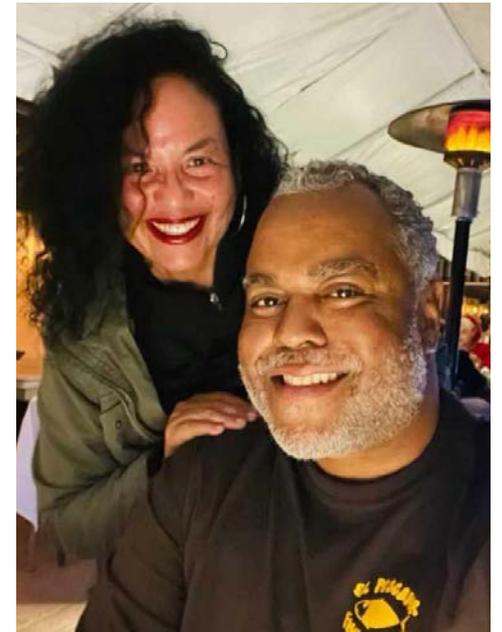
- Coming home with "Home at Last,"

representatives, who conducted a wonderful presentation at the West Prep Academy's parent council meeting and shared their homeowner down payment assistance opportunities.

As the year comes to a close, we have to give a special shout out to honor Intermountain Healthcare's extraordinary support for the Las Vegas Black Image Health Initiative – which has intensified over the last quarter and continues to grow thanks to their diverse groups of doctors and professional staff.

We are the gift that keeps giving to each other, so let's stay healthy as we enter 2022. Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa and have a wonderful new year!

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Kimberly Bailey Tureaud
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Las Vegas Black Image publishers Charles Tureaud and Kimberly Bailey Tureaud

Celebrating Seniors and Veterans

Las Vegas Black Image Magazine launched a "Diversity and Inclusion Health Initiative" in the months of September, October and November – and was proud to host a Celebration of Seniors and Veterans Health Symposium at the Doolittle Active Adult Senior Center. The theme throughout the health initiative was, "Go to the Doctor!"

Lead sponsors included Intermountain Healthcare and John Mull's Meats & Road Kill Grill that fed over 200 community seniors at the event. Comprehensive Cancer Center also made a special contribution, which allowed red roses to be given to all seniors. Wellcare also donated all the beverages for the seniors.

The seniors enjoyed a wonderful lunch provided by John Mull's Meats & Road Kill along with a healthcare presentation from Intermountain Healthcare doctors who also answered all questions from the audience. Entertainment was provided by Cornelius MD, who performed a Barry White tribute for the seniors.

According to Doolittle Active Adult Senior Center Director Cassandra Lewis, "It was wonderful to have this 'Celebrating Seniors & Veterans' at our center. We hope to have this as an annual event and we thank all the doctors who participated from Intermountain Health-



Intermountain Healthcare's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Ama Brobbey speaks to Doolittle Seniors

care."

Intermountain Healthcare prides itself on providing

the best and most diverse healthcare services in Southern Nevada. Here is information on just some of the doctors at Intermountain Healthcare (formerly Healthcare Partners) who work in Southern Nevada.

Dr. Nana Kittah

Dr. Nana Kittah became a doctor to help people, just like her father had before her. At Intermountain Healthcare, Dr. Kittah sees it as her duty to treat her patients like she would want her family members treated. Dr. Kittah obtained her medical degree from the University of Ghana. She then completed a residency in internal medicine at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport, Connecticut and stayed on as an academic hospitalist before completing a fellowship in the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, Metabolism and Nutrition at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.



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Can't stop her reign

Beyoncé has been a global superstar for a generation, and she continues to climb higher into the stratosphere.



As the years go by, we are still captivated by Beyoncé's every move. To put it plainly, she has become the standard of excellence in entertainment.

According to Forbes, her estimated fortune is \$440 million — and together with her husband Jay Z, their wealth exceeds \$1 billion. She has received countless awards for her music, performances, and more. Recently, Tiffany & Co. featured the superstar couple in a worldwide ad campaign entitled “About Love,” featuring a painting by Jean-Michel Basquiat. The campaign was inspired by the classic film, “Breakfast at Tiffany’s.”

Beyoncé is an example of balancing it all. The mother of three children— Blue Ivy, and twins Rumi and Sir, who turned four this year — Beyoncé has stepped into her 40s as an example of a woman who balances it all.

She was born Beyoncé Giselle Knowles on September 4, 1981, in Houston, Texas. Her back story illuminates the firm foundation of her success. She first captivated the public eye as lead vocalist of Destiny's Child, and later established a solo career with her debut album “Dangerously in Love” — becoming one of music's top-selling artists with sold-out tours and a slew of awards. Beyoncé has also starred in several

films, including “Dreamgirls,” and holds the record for most Grammy wins ever by a female artist with 28 awards.

An entrepreneur extraordinaire, Beyoncé has achieved success with her clothing lines, House of Dereon and Ivy Park, as well as her own perfume and her own Parkwood Entertainment Company. In 2020 she partnered with Adidas on the launch of Bey's Ivy Park Collection, which sold out within a day of release.

Recently, Beyoncé contributed the theme song, “Be Alive,” for the movie “King Richard,” starring Will Smith in the story of how Richard Williams trained his daughters, Venus and Serena, to become tennis superstars.

According to Will Smith in a recent Entertainment Weekly interview, “The marriage of movie and a song is a kind of magic that's unmatched in entertainment. I was so happy when Beyoncé called.”

Beyoncé confirms that she has new music on the way. “With all the isolation and injustice over the past year,” she says, “I think we are all ready to escape, travel, love and laugh again. I feel a renaissance emerging, and I want to be part of nurturing that escape in any way possible.”



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How do you think the CCSD Board of Trustees' recent behavior is affecting our children's education?



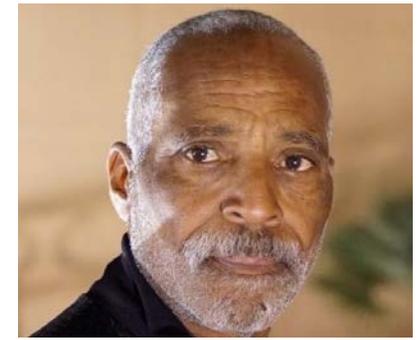
Jean Morris

The CCSD Board of Trustees need to be replaced, period! Our children have no one to represent them and there are no educators on the board. So our teachers and staff have no representation either. I've been saying this for a long time that every one of them needs to be replaced and we had an opportunity to do that – but some of us chose not to vote!



Cassandra L. Gaitor

It shows that my children aren't valued. I never heard of some of them until the election – even then they showed their tails in the board meetings and feel justified talking over the board president and getting up and walking out! I don't blame Superintendent Jara for not wanting to come back! I also back his lawsuit for \$2.7 million for voting him out! The hostile work environment is something I can't speak on, but if they act like this at a basic meeting, and the public is invited – imagine how "them thangs" act behind closed doors!



James Allen

The CCSD Board of Trustees haven't cared about our kids' education for the 25 years I've lived here. Why would they care now? It's all about the board and their political positioning. They have been short on funding for years, but found money to purchase a \$14 million building sometime ago. They hired a superintendent for \$300,000 a year; then voted to dismiss him – only to turn around days later and reinstate him. Who are these idiots that are supposed to be responsible for the education of our kids?



Louie Overstreet

Is there any wonder that CCSD ranks at the bottom with the state of Mississippi and the District of Columbia—in spite of being one of the highest per capita expenditures in student education in America? Didn't want to be lying, so I checked Nevada's ranking. It is 45th and Mississippi is 46th. Oh my!

Southwest Gas Offers Winter Conservation Tips for Customers

As outside temperatures begin to drop and heating systems kick in for the winter months, Southwest Gas wants to remind customers of easy ways to minimize the impact of expected higher natural gas costs during cooler weather. To help manage energy use and save money on natural gas bills, customers are recommended to follow these useful tips:

- Set the daytime thermostat between 65F and 68F, health permitting, and the nighttime temperature at a lower setting. Every degree that a heating system is adjusted affects its daily energy use – and, in turn, a customer's energy bill.

- Regularly change or clean air filters as required. Heating units use less energy and work more efficiently when filters ar-

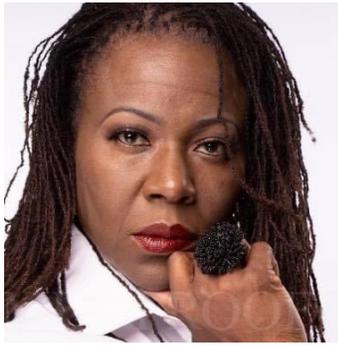
en't clogged or dirty.

- To help keep warm air inside the home and the cold air out, seal leaks and cracks around doors, windows and other openings with caulk or weather stripping. Proper insulation and sealants can help save up to 20 percent on heating costs annually.

- Curbing the use of non-essential natural gas features, including pool and spa

heaters, Tiki torches or other decorative fire features, can help conserve natural gas.

Southwest Gas does not profit on the cost of gas and pays the same rate as customers, with no markup. Additional tips to help customers save energy and money while heating homes, warming water, and more are available at swgas.com/tips.



Tammie Carter-Jenson

The CCSD Trustees' behavior will not have as much of an impact as the decision the trustees have made to reinstate Superintendent Jara. Their decisions show it's okay to stand up for something, change your mind, and include or respect all people no matter the economic status, mental health, well-being, safety, race, age or sex.



Rickey Mickey Ormond

I think reinstating Superintendent Jara puts us back on the right track. The CCSD Board of Trustees in some ways asks for forgiveness, and now Mr. Jara can finish what he started. I think he cares about our kids. The trustee board humbled themselves. I think Mr. Jara is going to fix it. I pray that he does. Hallelujah!



Teresa Love

Overhaul of the entire CCSD Board of Trustees is long overdue.

'Five Star' Training for Young People

Five Star Academy is helping student athletes achieve their goals both personally and as future professional athletes. It is owned and operated by Coach Arpedge Rolle, who is recognized nationally as an elite defensive line coach. He brings more than 15 years of experience to the task of preparing young people for excellence on and off the field.

Rolle and his wife have lived in Las Vegas for almost two-and-a-half years, after relocating from San Jose, Calif. — where Rolle was a social science teacher for one of the largest Christian schools in America. Along the way, he has weathered some of the heaviest life challenges.

“My wife and I decided to take a step of faith and pursue what we are passionate about: the youth,” said Rolle. “It’s been filled with a lot of enjoyment and has been educational as well. I followed in the footsteps of my father. He was a teacher, a coach, a former NFL player with the Kansas City Chiefs, and an inspirational person for the youth. He helped them get into college and I knew that was something I wanted to do.”

Five Star Academy trains males and female students, as well as some NFL players. “We assist in training some NFL players and we work with some of the Raiders,” said Rolle. “We have a partnership with the Raiders also

with our non-profit, Big Dawg Football, which is geared to assist underprivileged youth within the community.”

There is also a program under the Five Star Academy umbrella called ACE. “Our ACE program for the youth stands for ‘Athletes, Character and Education.’ Those are our three lifelines to support the youth and help them go to college and help with educational tools such as laptop computers, tutoring, and mentorship. I am happy with what I do every day, because I made the choice to invest in our community youth,” says Rolle.

For additional information visit: five-starlinemen.com



Five Star Linemen training camp



Five Star Academy youth



Students training with the Five Star Linemen organization



Five Star Linemen Academy Coach Arpedge Rolle

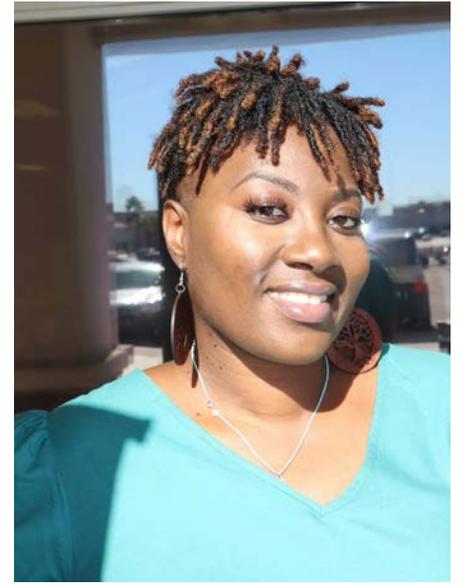
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Antone Dotson-Parson with friends



Renee Singleton and Lee's Discount Liquor owners Kenny Lee and his dad Hae Un Lee, both of whom have passed away



LaTonya Gaston



Mayoral candidate Kara Jenkins wishes all merry Christmas.



Che Malik at T-Mobile Arena with Channel 3's Bryan Salmond



Publisher Charles Tureaud as Santa with children at Acelero Learning Center



Michelle Roberson enjoys a church community gathering.



Tree lighting and snow at Town Square



Lankston Carter, Jazz is what he does.



Rochalee Lee



I.C. Jonze with his son Rodney III



Do it for *ME.*



I get the flu vaccine every year to protect my family, especially my daughters and their grandparents who are at a higher risk of flu-related complications. The CDC recommends that everyone 6 months and older receive a flu vaccine each year. Will you do it for me so we can protect our families?



- The best protection against the flu is to get your flu vaccine each year. It takes 2 weeks for the vaccine to fully protect you. A few tips to remember: practice good handwashing, stay away from others if you're sick, clean and disinfect surfaces, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, cover your cough and sneeze, and wear a mask as recommended.
- Don't confuse the common cold for the flu. The flu is a serious disease. While similar in symptoms, the flu is a highly contagious viral infection of the nose, throat, and lungs. The influenza virus can cause severe illness, more than 200,000 Americans are hospitalized and tens of thousands die every year.
- The flu vaccine doesn't cause the flu. The flu vaccine contains a dead (inactivated) virus or no flu virus at all. Some people experience side effects, such as soreness or redness where they get the vaccine. The reaction goes away in a day or two.
- People 65 and older are at higher risk of flu-related complications, but those who are young and healthy are vulnerable to getting very sick with the flu too. The CDC recommends that everyone 6 months and older get a flu vaccine every year.

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De-stressing the holiday season

By Dee Brown

We are in the midst of the holiday season. It shows up every year and yet brings different feelings every time.

For some, the holidays are filled with laughter, joy and good times. There are those who see it as just another day. And unfortunately, for far too many, the holidays seem to be about loneliness, chaos, being emotional and spending beyond their means. So, the question that I have been asked: How do I survive the holidays and end up in a good mental space at the end of it all?

Here are a few suggestions on how to deal with feeling overwhelmed that you can even carry with you beyond the holiday season.

1. Whenever a situation feels overwhelming, stop and think about whether



you even have a part to play in it. Do you have to be involved? How involved do you have to be? Identify what is in your control and try to develop a strategy.

2. You may have heard it many times and discounted it. However, learning to breathe through the anxiousness of the moment helps tremendously. Taking some purposeful deep breaths will help you steady yourself, calm your nerves and allow you to find some balance.

3. Ask for help. Multitasking is something you may be proud of, but during the holidays it is easy to take on too much. Asking for help before the load gets too heavy is a sign of strength not weakness. Please remember that.

4. Become mindful of how often you project an emotion onto yourself. Guard yourself against saying these and many other unintentional self-defeating expressions: I'm so overwhelmed. I'm so stressed. I'm so tired. I give up. Words have life.

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Dr. Chirisse Taylor

Dr. Chirisse Taylor has made her way across the country, from bustling New York City to sunny Las Vegas, practicing medicine.

At Intermountain Healthcare, Dr. Taylor works to provide her patients with ample education and to be clear and honest about treatments. She tries to share about herself to humanize seemingly sterile situations. Dr. Taylor obtained her undergraduate and master's degree from Cornell University and Yale School of Public Health, respectively. She received her medical degree from Harvard Medical School and completed her residency in obstet-



rics and gynecology in Chicago.

Dr. Chard Bubb

As Lead Physician for Endocrinology, Dr. Bubb strives to answer all of his patient's questions regarding diabetes care. He knows that when patients understand their health status, they are better equipped to improve their lifestyle and manage their conditions.

Dr. Bubb obtained his medical degree at St. George's University, completed residency and fellowship at SUNY, Health Science Center at Brooklyn. He carries dual board certifications in internal



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Under the Glittering Lights

Urban Chamber of Commerce Celebrates Local Entrepreneurs

The Urban Chamber of Commerce recently hosted the 2021 Green Tie Awards — celebrating impactful individuals and corporations within the Las Vegas Valley. More than 400 guests attended the spectacular event held at the Park MGM.



Award winner Dinisha Mingo (L) is congratulated at the gala by Tiara Flynn



Divya Narala and Ken Evans

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What's your Christmas wish?



Alex Thomas

I wish for love, peace, good health, and blessings.



Katina Watson

My wish for this Christmas is that the city of Oakland, California finds a solution to its mounting homeless population. Although the city has rent control, the rents are too high due to a shortfall in supply to demand. Families are being forced out of their homes onto the streets. The homeless are now resorting to squatting on abandoned property in hopes of survival and ownership by default.



April D. Washington

I wish everyone peace and unity.



Dana M. Whitaker

I would like for people to be kind to one another again — no matter if they think the same as you or not. Blessings!



Jackee Cahee

I would like to see justice for Black people and a stop to harsh sentences. Also, a stop to white people getting away with their crimes and a stop to the murdering of Black men.



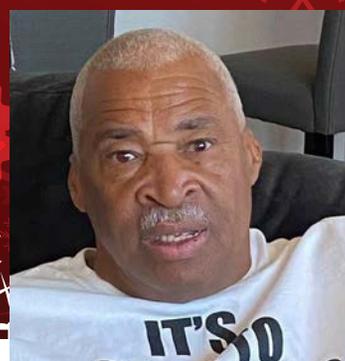
Andrea Cameron

I would like everyone to show kindness and love to each other. Also, wishing my husband to not suffer from any more health issues and praying every day for strength.



Patricia Snowden

Let there be peace on Earth! For the pandemic to be gone and to see people doing the right things so that we can get back to normal. In Jesus' name, amen.



Rickey Mickey Ormond

My wish is that every family in America can realize that we must love our neighbors as we love ourselves. What a gift to ourselves and a great weight off our shoulders.



Paul Cameron

My wish is to do something special for my wife, Drea.



Zanira Al Almin

I wish that people can live their lives and give thanks all 365 days a year instead of waiting for a day or occasion.

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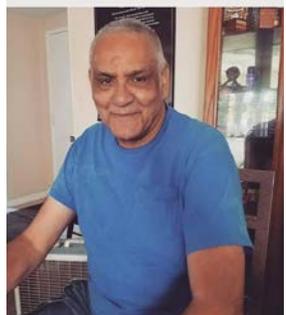
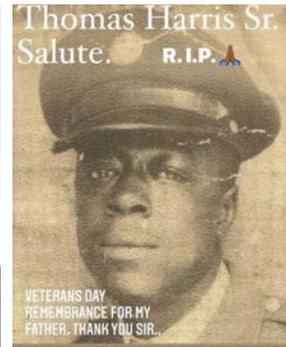
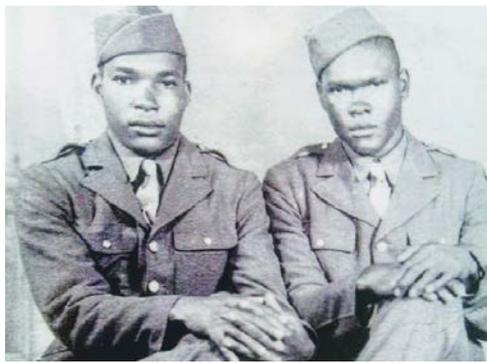
Dr. Tyler was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. He began his residency in the department of Family Practice, and after his first year, switched to



Obstetrics & Gynecology after discovering his passion for women's health. He believes that patients should be active participants and engage in their health-care. His philosophy is that the doctor-patient relationship is one of a shared partnership.

He seeks to provide patients with up-to-date, evidence-based healthcare options, enabling them to make the most informed choices regarding their healthcare needs. He believes every patient is unique and their care should be individualized. He optimizes the most current and minimally invasive technologies to optimize female health. He embraces health and wellness and encourages positive lifestyle changes. In his free time, he enjoys living an active lifestyle and lists cycling, skiing, and yoga as a big part of his fitness regimen.

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Help me find the Las Vegas friends of Paul R. Williams

By Claytee D. White

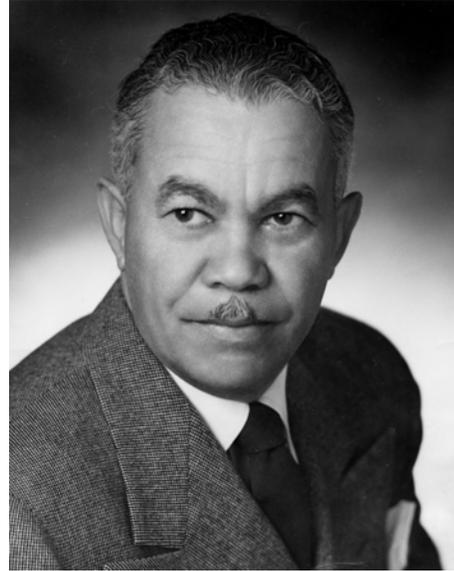
The architect Paul R. Williams was a man who lived in courage, was alive in his creativity, and rose beyond the systemic racism of his era and beyond. He encountered racism and was hurt by it, but decided he would stand firmly in his talent and just create beauty. His goal: to allow his work and divine creativity to speak for him as he — the architect, the artist, the engineer, and the genius — lived in integrity.

Orphaned before four years of age, having lost both parents to tuberculosis, Williams and his brother were separated by the Los Angeles system that protected them. Their parents had migrated from Tennessee for a better life in the West



and had no family in their new home. Paul went to a wonderful home, was well educated, and started a small architectural firm while in his twenties. He became

known as the architect of the stars because he designed homes for many Hollywood notables. But his work also stretched into Nevada as well. In Southern Nevada he designed Carver Park, the Basic Magnesium Incorporated housing development for



Paul R. Williams

Blacks; Berkley Square in the historic Westside; The Royal Nevada Hotel Casino; the La Concha Hotel (lobby of the Neon Museum); the Guardian Angel Cathedral; a building at the Las Vegas Race track; and planned an early monorail that was not constructed.

Just one example of how his glorious career was impacted by racism is the story of a skill that Paul developed.

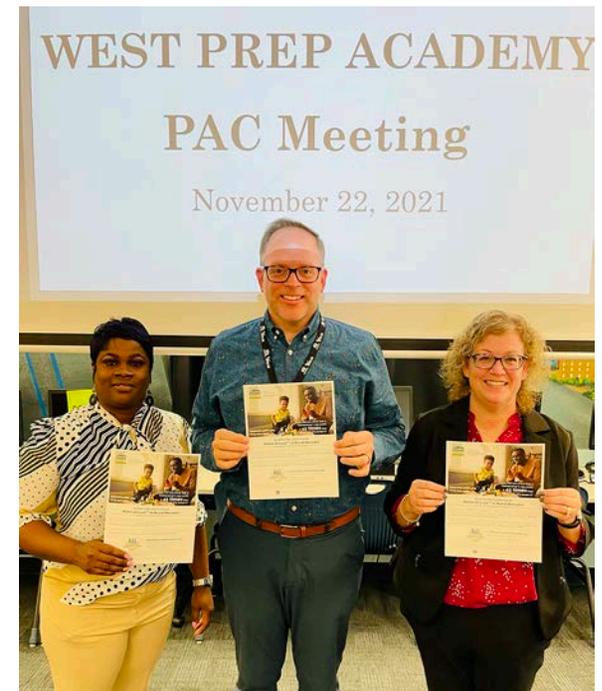
Because most of his wealthy clientele was white, Williams taught himself to draft designs upside down allowing him to sit across their desks from them since the era did not allow him to sit beside those businessmen, actors, and entrepreneurs. While working on many of the Las Vegas projects, Williams could not reside in hotels on the Strip and downtown but stayed in the homes of friends here in Las Vegas. Can anyone help me locate those friends? In 2022, Paul Revere Williams will be celebrated by the Nevada Museum of Art with exhibits in Reno and in Las Vegas. The Museum of Art will partner with the Nevada State Museum in Springs Preserve for the Las Vegas portion of the show. So stay tuned for more information about the exhibit. If you know any Paul R. Williams stories, please call Claytee White at (702) 895-2222.

How families can come ‘Home at Last’

Kevin Hickey of the State of Nevada’s “Home at Last,” down payment assistance program recently spoke at West Prep Academy’s Parent Council meeting alongside the publishers of Las Vegas Black Image.

Parents from the surrounding Historic Westside Community attended the presentation to learn about the program that provides up to \$27,000 to home buyers for their closing down payment. West Prep Academy Principal Yolanda Brown addressed the concerns of the parents before the presentation, which was informative and engaging for those who desire to purchase a home in rural Nevada.

For additional information on “Home at Last,” call: (775) 600-5951 or visit HomeAtLastNV.org.



Home At Last program’s Kevin Hickey, West Prep Academy’s principal Yolanda Brown (left), and West Prep Assistant Principal Kristal Cummings

What Are Your Most Pressing Political Issues Of Concern?

By Dr. Ellen Brown

Recently, I posted a question for my Facebook friends: “What is the most critical political issue on your mind today? Why?”

Most responses focused on voting rights and the impact on justice for all.

Protecting voting rights is the foundation of justice for all people of this country. When questioned, most believe these rights must be preserved; however, the disconnect occurs in the way the system protects and allows the process to proceed. One responder focused on the reality that the John Lewis Voting Rights Act has yet to be passed under the Biden administration and a Democratic congressional majority. Another sees gerrymandering as a main concern, because it is a not-so-covert

strategy to reconstruct population segments that carry voting power and control votes. As one responder put it, “Voting rights should not be something that has to be voted on, it simply should be a right as a citizen.”

A second area of concern is racial injustice, and it remains a dividing line in American politics. In the Pew Research study, 25% of Republican respondents agree that a lot more needs to be done to ensure equal rights for all, compared to 75% of Democrats. Clearly, a divide that can continue to create logjams in Congress and impair the equal rights of all.



“I pledge allegiance to the flag⁶. with liberty and justice for all.” Respondents do not agree on the meaning of liberty and justice for all. In fact, the polls continue to show a major divide. The research company Statista reports that of all the U.S. poll reports, 21% of respondents reported dissatisfaction with the way diseases – specifically

COVID – were handled. Their results also showed division among the major parties on the management and impact of COVID. It appears that the “justice for all” is politically dependent upon who is in charge.

The last area on my short list for consideration comes from another study done by Statista which shows that second place is government dissatisfaction and poor leadership.

In conclusion, I return to the opening question. If your most pressing concern is not at the top of this single source list, it does not mean yours is not important. It means there is a need to make your voice heard in the places and spaces that count. Keep legislators accountable, learn about how the system works and who is working it. YOU have the Power!

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Library District Launches Golden Knights Collectible Bookmarks, Video Invitations

Bookmarks spotlight our beloved hometown hockey heroes’ favorite books, movies, and music to promote literacy and players’ invitation to #GetCarded

The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District continues its partnership in literacy with the Vegas Golden Knights with the launch of the 2021-2022 hockey season’s VGK player bookmarks.

The season kicks off with defenseman Shea Theodore as the November bookmark and right wing/captain Mark Stone as the December edition, PLUS a special video from Stone and defenseman Alex Pietrangolo, asking fans to take the #GetCarded Challenge.

“Our #GetCarded Challenge has become a year-round promotion to encourage the public to sign up for a free library card and learn about the unlimited possibilities that we offer,” said Kelvin Watson, executive director of the Library District. “This includes unexpected things like toy lending, DJ class-

es, a podcasting studio, music and video production facilities, computer labs for all ages, free WiFi, live performances, art exhibits, and so much more. And it’s all free.”

All that is needed to sign up for a library card at your nearest branch is a photo I.D. and proof of address (a valid driver’s license will work). Current cardholders who wish to swap their existing library card for a Vegas Golden Knights card may also do so at their nearest Library District branch.

“We are extremely excited to continue our partnership with the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District by announcing the launch of the team’s all-new bookmarks,” said Vegas Golden Knights Chief Marketing Officer, Eric Tosi. “The collaboration shows that con-

sistent growth and improvement in literacy off the ice is valued just as much as any characteristics found on the ice. In addition to books, the library District offers an arsenal of opportunities to help benefit our community.”

“On behalf of the Library District Board of Trustees and administration, we extend a sincere thank you to the Vegas Golden Knights organization for their long-term partnership and support of our literacy programs throughout the valley,” said Watson.

Besides collecting all of the VGK Library District bookmarks, another way that fans can show their hockey pride is to sign up for the official Vegas Golden Knights “Vegas Born” Library Card.

For more information, call (702) 734-READ or visit <http://lvccld.org/getcard>



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Answering a common question about Pap tests

By Dr. Annette Mayes OB/GYN

Are Pap tests still needed after removal of the uterus (hysterectomy)?

I am often asked this question by women who have had hysterectomies if they should have their annual Pap smear test even if they no longer have a uterus. I often tell them: "It depends." A Pap test is also referred to as a Pap smear, which is a routine screening test for early diagnosis of cervical cancer.

If you had a hysterectomy that removed the uterus but retained the cervix, your doctor will likely recommend continued Pap tests.

Similarly, if you had a hysterectomy for a cancerous or precancerous condition, regular Pap tests may still be recommended as an early detection tool to monitor for a new cancer or precancerous change. In



addition, if your mother took the drug diethylstilbestrol (DES) while she was pregnant with you, regular Pap tests are recommended, since DES exposure increases the risk of developing cervical cancer. However, despite not needing a Pap, you should continue routine visits with your gynecologist to obtain a breast exam and possibly a pelvic exam to ensure all is well.

You can stop having Pap tests, however, if you had a total hysterectomy for a non-cancerous condition.

Your age matters, too. Doctors generally agree that women can stop routine Pap test screening after age 65 – whether you've had a hysterectomy or not – if you have a history of regular screenings with normal results and if you're not at high risk of cervical cancer.

If you're unsure whether you still need Pap tests, discuss with your doctor or contact our Las Vegas All Women's Care Office.



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