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*Exclusive interview sheds new light on the death  
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# Who Killed MALCOLM X?

Two Appearances By  
**Abdur-Rahman Muhammad**  
Historian & Author Featured in the Netflix DocuSeries  
"Who Killed Malcom X?"

One of the most respected authorities on the life and legacy of the late civil rights leader Malcolm X, Mr. Muhammad's research helped uncover the truth about who really pulled the trigger.

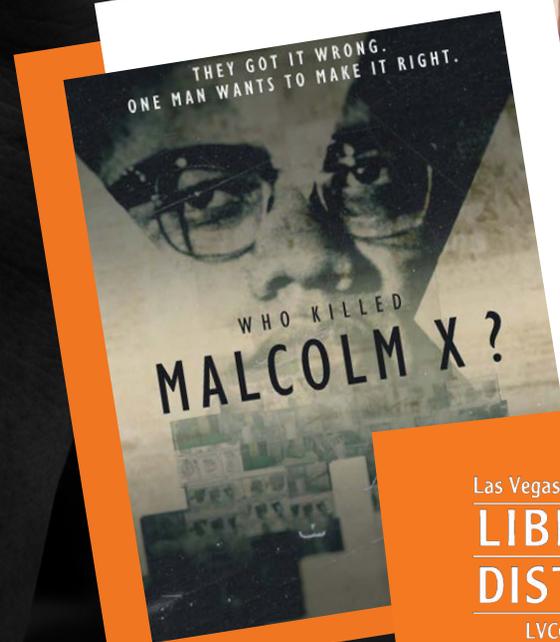
Don't miss this important early kick-off to African American History Month in February! Free and open to the public. Seating is on a first come, first-served basis and may be limited. Both of these one-hour presentations will be followed by audience Q&A sessions.

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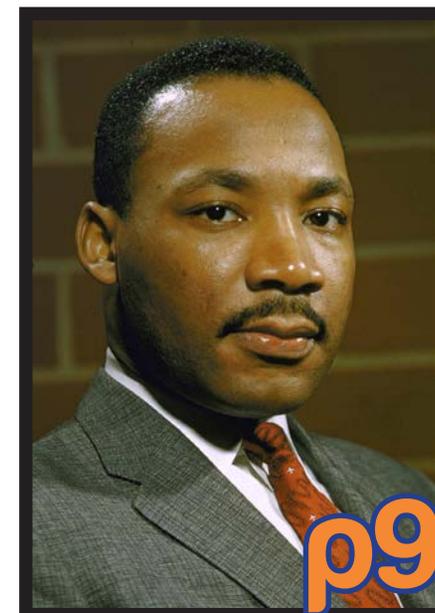
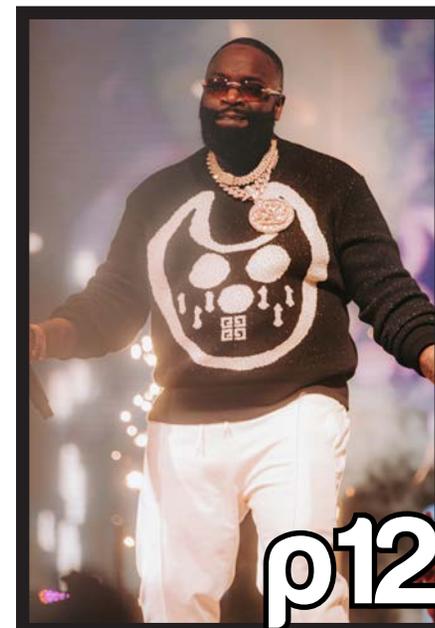
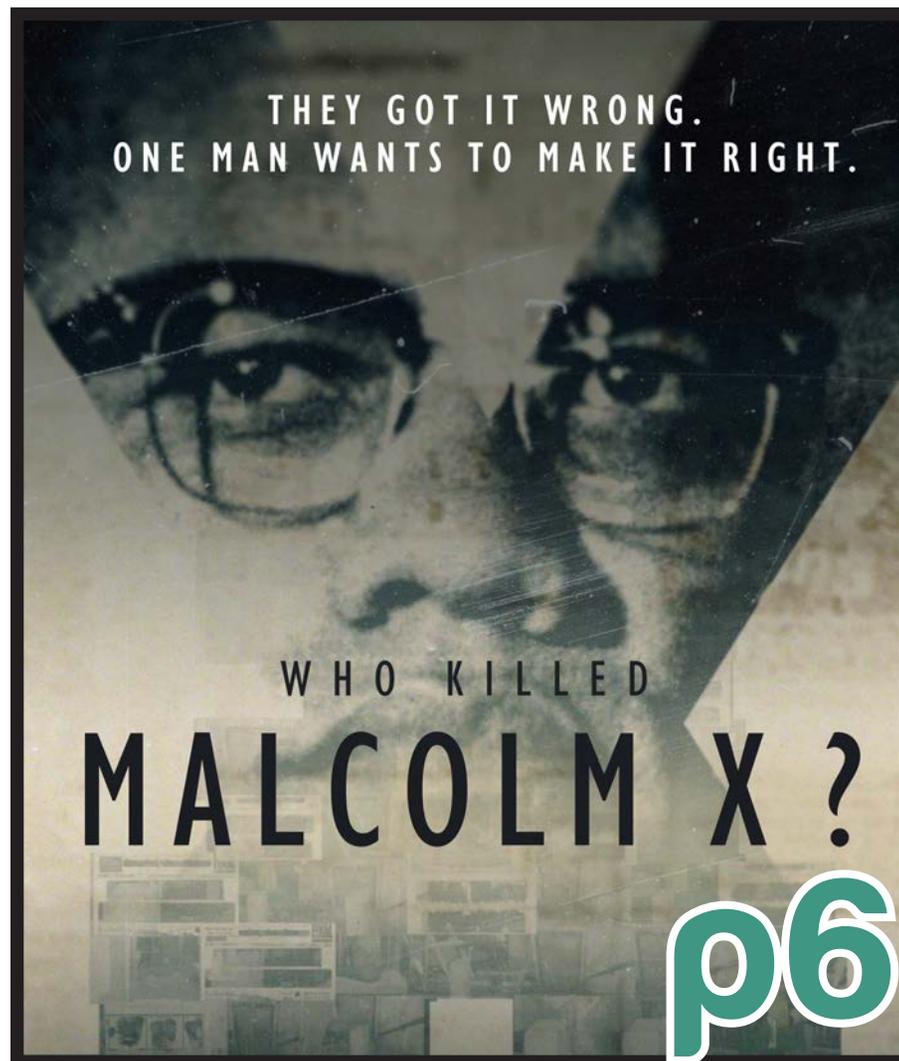
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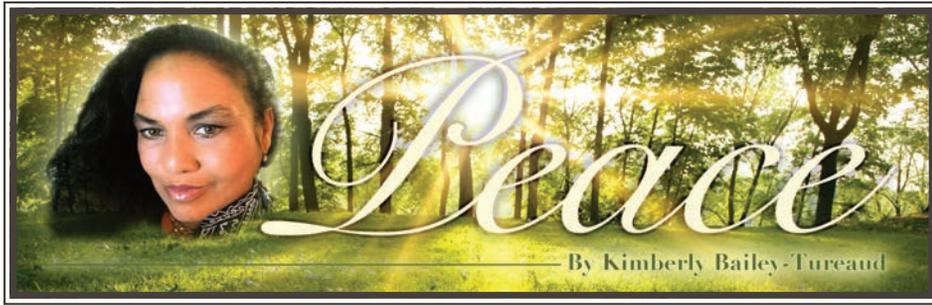
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# what's inside:





## Waiting brings peace

**O**ur lives are so demanding and we're always in a rush to meet expectations so that outcomes are what we've planned. Sometimes the plan is derailed, which brings discomfort and anxiety. But can we build our muscle for unconditional patience? Can we release the control we think we have on the Universe?

Taking time to rethink and re-navigate when a situation presents itself will bring about a trust that is rewarded. Setting aside one's ego and eagerness to protect the control will make space for calm. Also: putting yourself in positions where you must consistently practice patience is a red flag — and should signal that you might want to reevaluate that particular person, place or situation. Just close that door and focus on opening the door that nourishes peace and calm.

Not every situation or person deserves a front row seat in your life. But if

you cherish the person or situation, then shift your emotions in neutral and pause. Pause for the negativity to pass and you will rise.

Not everything is waiting for your response. The impulse to respond is stimulated by ego and how you think others are perceiving the situation. Just stay in that moment of silence when challenged with an uncomfortable interaction. You are the Kings and Queens of your spiritual well-being, and don't get shook. Remember: you are the light that all see from your shine.

Just hurry up and wait. Patience is really one of the greatest gifts we have. Even when you are developing a great idea or business, it can be financially beneficial to wait while you do the research and investigate viability.

Peace is waiting for you to receive it.

*Setting aside one's ego and eagerness to protect the control will make space for calm.*

## What And Who Are Killing America?

By Louie Overstreet

**D**estructive behavior, actions, and events are being visited upon America in such quantities that the following statement is not hyperbole: American democracy is viewed by ignorant and arrogant people as an aging parent that is now a burden and should be subjected to senicide.

The Republican Party is no longer the party of Abe Lincoln, but has become the Party of Lincoln Rockwell.

The What trio of fear, division, and bigotry are running rampant. The Who ain't the legendary rock group, but rather the triplets of the Supreme Court, science-deniers, and gun zealots.

The superrich are taking total advantage of too many working-class white folks' fear of "losing their country to those people." This leads to a divided nation that is no longer capable of presenting a strong front to the rest of the world on issues that are vital to our national interests. Bigotry in the form of racism, sexism, homophobia, and xenophobia serves as the wedge.

The 2013 SCOTUS decision to gut the



Voting Rights of 1965 provided the basis for a spate of voter suppression laws at the state level. Even more diabolical are new measures designed to sabotage the entire voting process. America is only one or two more bad Supreme Court decisions from coming apart at the seams; overturning Roe V. Wade would be one.

Choosing what science to deny is literally killing us due to our collective inability to solve the problems now facing America. When tens of millions of citizens are stupid enough to prefer being dead-wrong to alive-right — based on party affiliation or political ideology — when it comes to lifesaving vaccinations, then the denial of science needs to be added to the list of what is killing America.

Also, do not get me started on what type of value system a gun-nut zealot must have to accept seeing school children slaughtered, rather than support reasonable gun control laws?

Since you now know the what and who, I decided to also share the "how" America is being "kilt to death!"

*The What trio of fear, division, and bigotry are running rampant.*



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# Stepping into 2022 with hope and gratitude

**H**appy New Now! Our hope is that each one of you enjoyed wonderful holiday celebrations and stepped into 2022 determined to be a force for good in the world.

We are beginning the year with a spirit of gratitude, and are thankful to the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District for the opportunity to speak with Abdur-Rahman Muhammad – a fount of knowledge about the assassination of an American hero, who took us inside the making of the Netflix documentary, “Who Killed Malcolm X?”

The great Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is also honored in this edition, with some of his most profound words featured in commemoration of his birthday and the national holiday named for the legend-

ary civil rights leader.

Want to see some inspiring Black images? Look no further than our photo essay capturing a grand celebration of the new Historic West Las Vegas Legacy Park – which honors the many icons from the Las Vegas black community who paved the way for progress.

It is with heartfelt sorrow that we recently said goodbye to United States Senator Harry Reid, who gave love and opportunity to our entire community. He will be missed but never forgotten.

In this month’s edition of Community Speaks, we ask readers to offer their ideas for combating violence in our schools – and returning the focus where it belongs: on education.

Of course, we have to give our deepest

thanks to all of the contributing writers who offer the best information, education, and inspiration to our loyal readers. If you have suggestions for stories and other content, please don’t hesitate to contact us with your ideas.

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## 2022 Goal Setting: Is Homeownership On Your List?

**A**re you ready to aim high this year?! Homeownership could become a reality in 2022 with access to affordable homeownership from Home At Last, a program by Nevada Rural Housing. When it comes to goals, we all know that anything worth having is worth the hard work it takes to get there. While the journey to homeownership looks different for everyone (and it may take some time), it’s definitely worth it. Where should you start? Education, of course! Home At Last homebuyer education is required and available online 24/7 at no cost to you. Here is just a taste of what you’ll learn!

Home At Last by Nevada Rural Housing offers a wide range of Down Payment Assistance options for eligible homebuyers who earn less than \$150,000 annually and have a minimum credit score of 640\*.

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Competitive mortgage rates help ensure years of affordable homeownership.

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Homebuyer education can help you navigate the homebuying process with



accurate information, reliable resources and encouragement to help you take the first step toward homeownership when you’re ready. Enroll now to make homeownership a reality in 2022! Make a move and visit [HomeAtLastEducation.org](http://HomeAtLastEducation.org).

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*da Rural Housing Authority, does not originate mortgage loans. Eligibility for the program is determined by licensed lenders approved to offer the Home At Last program. Not all applicants will qualify. This is not an offer to lend money or solicit a mortgage application.*

# *'I consider Malcolm X to be an American hero'*

**A**bdur-Rahman Muhammad is an independent scholar based in Washington, D.C. He is a historian, journalist, writer, and activist — widely regarded as one of the most respected authorities on the life and legacy of civil rights-era leader Malcolm X (El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz).

Muhammad received his education at Howard University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy. Inspired by the life and example of Malcolm X, Muhammad accepted Islam in 1986 and worked as an activist, teacher, and imam, dedicated to reforming lives and making a positive contribution to the struggle of African-American people in their quest for justice.

Muhammad has devoted over thirty years to his studies, and his articles have appeared in many newspapers, scholarly journals, and his own blog, *A Singular Voice*. He became an outspoken critic of religious extremism and was invited to Capitol Hill to offer his thoughts on how to combat it in our nation.

As an expert, Muhammad assisted Dr. Manning Marable of Columbia University in the biography entitled "Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention," and he went on to publish the explosive revelation of the identity of William Bradley, aka Al-Mustafa Shabazz: the alleged shotgun assassin of Malcolm X. Muhammad's identification of Bradley was reported in many major newspapers in the country — including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Newark Star Ledger*.

Muhammad is featured in the documentary entitled, "Who Killed Malcolm X?" that aired on Fusion in 2019 and began streaming on Netflix the following year.

Historians and commentators universally agree that "Who Killed Malcolm X?" was directly responsible for the re-investigation of the assassination by former Manhattan DA Cyrus Vance and the exoneration of two innocent men after 55 years. Both Muhammad A. Aziz and Khalil Islam served over twenty years for the murder before being cleared of all charges on November 18, 2021.

Las Vegas Black Image Magazine was invited by the Las Vegas Clark County Library District to conduct an exclusive interview with Muhammad before his live appearances in Las Vegas — set for the Sahara West Library (January 20) and the West Las Vegas Library (January 21).



Abdur-Rahman Muhammad

*What inspired you to do heavy research on the assassination of Malcolm X?*

Well, that's a very easy question for me to answer. When I became a part of the Muslim community in 1986, when I converted to the traditional Islam — then that put me into certain settings where I was able to acquire more intimate knowledge about the assassination of Malcolm X. I explored different clues, I should say, that helped me piece things together over the years. I should say, an intimacy with the community, an understanding of its culture and its language and the way information circulates around in terms of what to take as credible and the things that are not credible. I would say more than anything is that I really felt I could get to the bottom of who really assassinated Malcolm X.

*What is the modern day interpretation of Malcolm X and how the world perceives him?*

It has definitely evolved over the years. Sometimes in the 1990s, Malcolm's image was put on a United States stamp. You don't get much more rehabilitated than that to have your image on a postage stamp. It's not just white people who might have a distorted interpretation of Malcolm X — there are also some Black people who also struggle with what they think he represented. A lot of them misunderstand Malcolm, and the reason for that is because he was constantly evolving. And so when you are talking about Malcolm, you have to indicate what period in his life you are referencing. That will tell you his position at that moment as it relates to race, politics and struggles for Black liberation in America. It just depends on what period of his life you are looking at, and that makes it very difficult — especially for some white people— to grasp where he finally landed in terms of his ideology.

*That can be said about many American heroes. Do you consider Malcolm X an American hero?*

Yes, I do consider Malcolm X to be an American hero. I consider him one of the most courageous American leaders that this country ever produced.

*What do you think Malcolm X meant to humanity and the country?*

Malcolm X was a truth teller. He was frank and brutal with the truth. He felt that the only way that a problem could be solved — in this instance I'm referring to what can be called the "race problem" — was that Black men had to put their case on the table. And the white man had to put his case on the table and they had to hammer it out and work it out. They had to look at it and sort it out together — brutally and frankly. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. used flowery language and Malcolm was very straightforward in his articulation of the truth and the grim struggle African American men and women were fighting in the 1950s and 1960s. He didn't let white people off the hook during the civil rights period and he wasn't talking about loving white people, he was more interested in Black people loving themselves. In those days, many Black people didn't speak like Malcolm spoke. He was honest, frank, and blunt in telling the white man exactly how the Negro really thought. Malcolm wanted the white establishment to know the "Negro" was not

happy and dissatisfied with the lack of opportunities, violence and discrimination that was taking place.

*What is the biggest misconception about Malcolm X?*

As he evolved, he was a solution-oriented leader. There are two extremes when dealing with conflict resolution. You can have a loud and boisterous extreme that is emotional and not willing to sit down to a table to formulate solutions. And there is another extreme that sits down to the table with people who disagree with you to formulate policies, reforms and things of that nature. Malcolm would have taken the moderate middle even though he was considered a militant leader – at the end of the day he was intellectual and a very rational man. He was looking for solutions. I can't remember verbatim what he once said – but in short, it was something like, "I'm not Catholic, I'm not socialist. I'm for whatever brings solutions – I'm for freedom, whatever will get us there." Malcolm would take the moderate middle. That is also the Muslim way to be

moderate.

*What is the biggest takeaway from the "Who Killed Malcolm X" documentary?*

The biggest takeaway was the revelation that there were five men all together who killed Malcolm X. Two of the men created a disturbance at the William Fox Audubon theatre on February 21, 1965 for Malcolm to be assassinated. And three men were the shooters who sat in the front row of the theater. William Bradley was the principal shooter who assassinated Malcolm X. But, the documentary solidifies that there are three entities that played a major role in Malcolm's assassination. That includes the federal Government, the New York Police and the Nation of Islam. There was a confluent intersection of like interests. All three had their motives for Malcolm's death and we show that in the Netflix documentary series.

For additional information visit Abdur-Rahman Muhammad's website at: [Abdur-RahmanMuhammad.com](http://Abdur-RahmanMuhammad.com).

# Introducing Kristopher Dahir

**M**y name is Kristopher Dahir (pronounced "dare") and I am running for the office of Nevada Secretary of State. I look forward to getting to know you, and I hope to earn your trust, as well as your vote. At this time, I am honored to serve as a City Councilman for the city of Sparks, a chaplain for our local state veterans' home, and I serve on many boards in the community, state, and country.

I grew up in Las Vegas, graduated from Las Vegas High School, and then attended college where I studied first to become a pastor – followed by a degree in psychology and a graduate degree in strategic leadership. During those years, I also became a husband and a father. My darling bride of 29 years and I served the Las Vegas area in ministry for 15 years – then moved with our children up north to the city of Sparks, where we have continued serving in whatever capacity the Lord makes available.

The job of Secretary of State has

many important responsibilities that affect every one of us on a daily basis. It enforces and implements voting laws, records and notarizes marriages, births, and deaths, and also works diligently to stand against securities fraud. One of the main responsibilities of the office is to facilitate the process of registration for all types of businesses and entities. Each of these tasks requires a person with the experience, education, and heart to serve in an honest and professional way.

With my studies and experience in strategic planning and leadership, I am passionately and actively serving the community, state, and country in many ways and will continue walking in that same integrity, leadership, and trustworthiness that I have exhibited throughout my years of service. If you want to learn more about how and where I serve, please visit [www.Kdahir.com](http://www.Kdahir.com), or search my name on Google. I would be happy to have a conversation with you – so please feel free to reach out!



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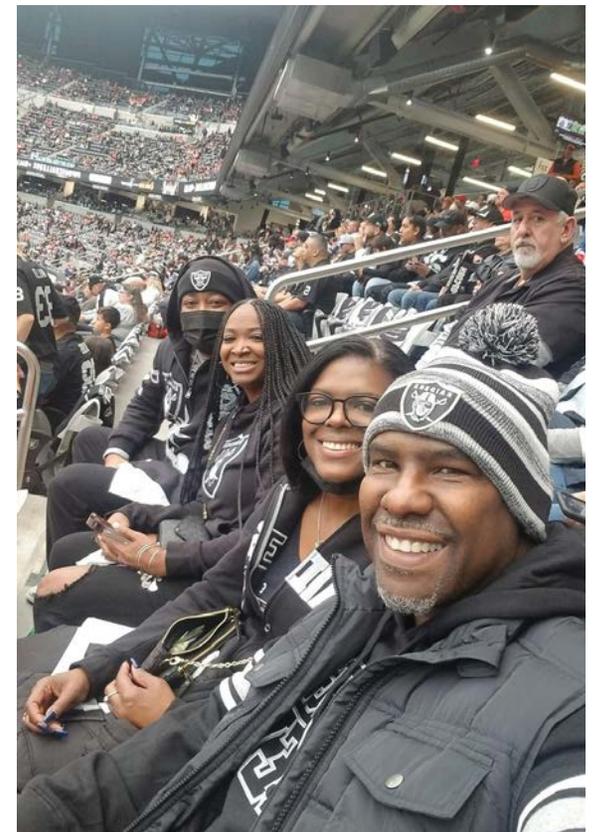
China Hudson and Min. Stretch Sanders at a Kwanzaa event at West Las Vegas Library.



Zanira Al Amin and her favorite guy Ralph Wilkins Sr.

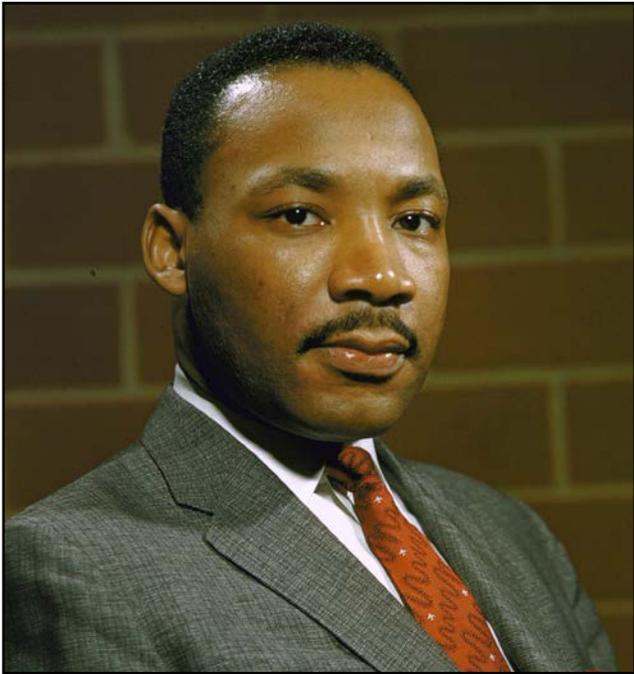


Jazz artist Paul Taylor and his fellow musician and friend Nick Colonne, who recently passed



James Spoaty Allen and Alonda Allen with friends enjoying the Raiders game.

# In His Words



Our nation and world celebrate a giant of American history this month, and we are honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a selection of some of his most powerful words — expressing the grace and love for humanity that made him a hero and legend.

“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

“Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a permanent attitude.”

“I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.”

“Faith is taking the first step when you don’t see the whole staircase.”

“Life’s most persistent and urgent questions is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”

“Never succumb to the temptation of bitterness.”

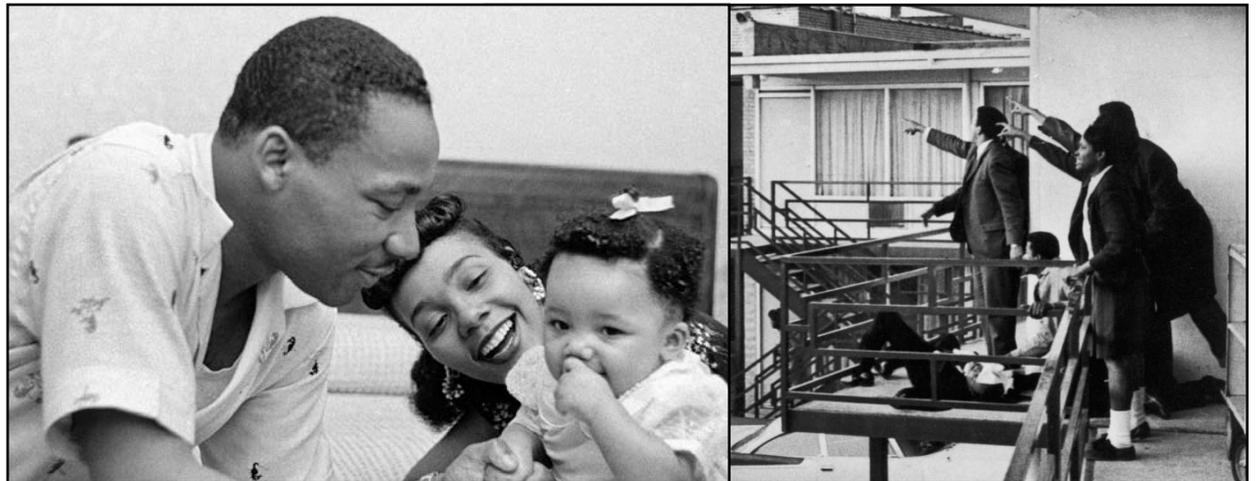
“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

“We may have all come on different ships, but we’re in the same boat now.”

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

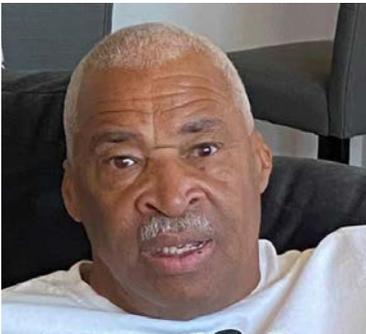


Bob Bailey brings his Morehouse College classmate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to Las Vegas for the first time.





## How can we prevent violence in schools and keep our children focused on education?



**Rickey Mickey Ormond**

Teach unity and preach unity in the schools. Teach consequences and how important education is to the student's future. And pray for Superintendent Jara. He's doing a good job.



**Tasha Robinson-White**

The key to most of this is how we are communicating with our youth. We definitely need specific tools that target community communication.



**Louie Overstreet**

Return corporal punishment to schools and hold parents personally liable for the children's bad behavior.



**Cheria Goodloe**

I would like to see more mental health programs implemented in daily class courses, such as adding a chakra meditation session before physical education classes. Children should know how to properly release for a better outcome. For neighborhoods – where children experience trauma due to violence – they should be exposed to painting, and creative courses in the schools to help their mental health.



**Marsha Kimble-Simms**

Remember years ago we had social workers and psychologists in schools. They caught the mentally challenged before they acted out in the schools. When the mental health budget was slashed, all of that went away. How do you assist kids who are feeling stressed and allow that to morph into feeling angry enough to harm or hurt fellow students?

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- 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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# Commitments in the new year

By Dee Brown

So here we are again, blessed enough to see yet another new year. Each year we ask ourselves how we can transform, reposition, change, reconstruct, or rebuild our lives.



For many years, our society has told us to make a New Year's resolution. Over time, people started to reject the word resolution and began to make up other words. If we're honest, we know it pretty much means the same thing. However, I too have chosen another word when it comes to goal setting: commitments.

What are your new commitments? There is something about the word commitment that just seems to make you feel like you have to see it through. Most of us take this word very seriously, and when it is translated to goal setting, it somehow feels more significant and we tend to follow through. Just try it on. The question being, "How do I stay true to my

commitments?"

Here are a few suggestions that may help you navigate 2022 and beyond:

1. Commit to yourself first and foremost. Before you write anything or add anybody else on your list, begin to think of and list how many ways you can make caring for yourself just as important this year as all of the other things you deem important. Self care is not selfish – it's necessary.

2. Don't look for other people to validate your decisions this year. Get real honest with yourself about what you really want, and let that be the marker – not somebody else's voice.

3. Learn to be kind to yourself. If you should stumble and lose your way, give yourself the grace to know you can return to your own path. Let go of the idea of perfection. It does not exist.

4. Don't forget to remember why you made the commitment you made. Should times get tough and you question yourself, go back to the reason you made the commitment in the first place. Let this be the light that keeps you moving forward.

## Henderson Chamber Startup Hub Helping Entrepreneurs

During the Henderson Chamber of Commerce's (HCC) recent annual "State of the Chamber" address, the organization unveiled plans to reimagine and rename its long-standing Henderson Business Resource Center (HBRC) -- to the upgraded, modern startup hub, Launchpad.

Located on Historic Water Street in downtown Henderson, the HBRC is the longest operating business resource center in the state with a 20-year history of helping small startup businesses. With its new transformation into Launchpad, the center joins the revitalization of the emerging area and will continue to provide new business owners a place to be-

gin their journey -- providing valuable resources such as business counseling, funding resources, networking and education.

Henderson Chamber of Commerce Foundation (HCCF) Chair DeAndre Esteen provided a sneak peek of the renovated space, as well as what small business owners and those looking to start a business can expect from Launchpad.

"Our goal is to assist current small business owners, those who might be working out of a home office or those simply dreaming of business ownership to successfully launch their ventures into the future with the incredible resources

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# Under the Glittering Lights

## Rick Ross' 'Auld Lang Syne'

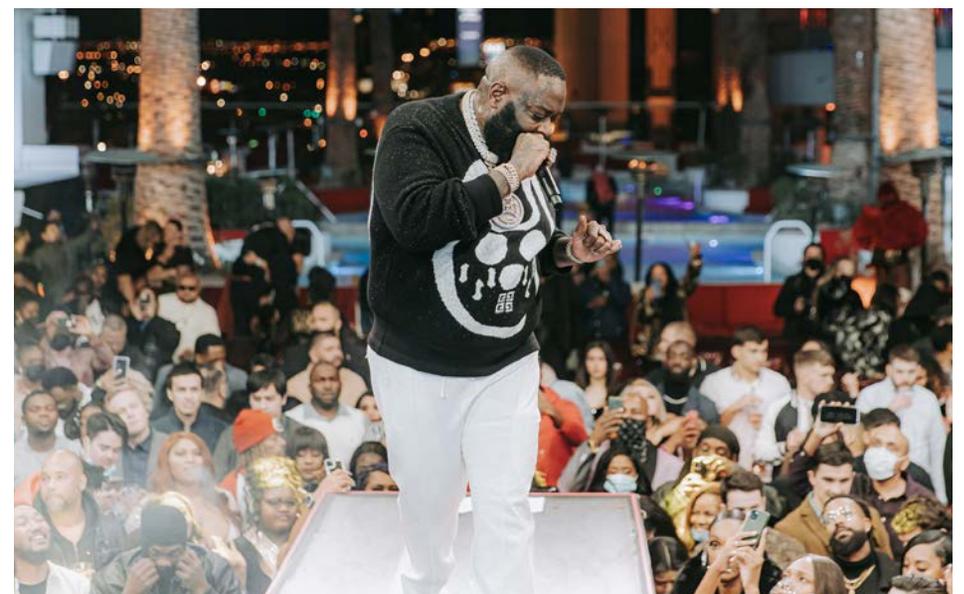
Music legend Rick Ross kicked off the New Year with a countdown to midnight at Drai's Nightclub – the luxurious rooftop located right in the center of the Las Vegas Strip. Ross counted down with the electrified crowd, and as the clock struck midnight, the sky lit up with the magnificent fireworks shows of the surrounding hotels.

The rooftop offered a stunning view of the fireworks, especially the Caesars Palace show which is right across the

street from the club.

As guests partied into the early a.m., Ross took over Drai's stage with a full-length concert where he fired up partygoers with his most well-known tracks like "Aston Martin Music," "I'm a Boss," and "BMF."

Fellow music artists Too Short and Memphis Bleek were seen ringing in the New Year with Ross at Drai's. Ross also brought his family along as his special guests for this New Year celebration.





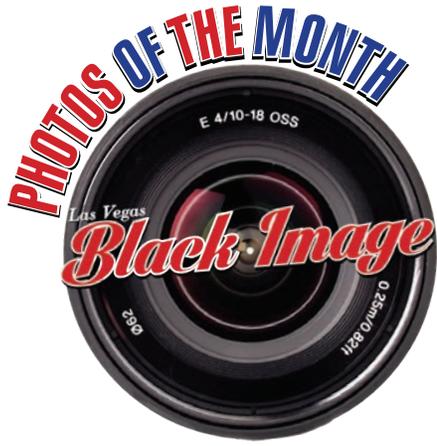
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# Remembering Senator Harry Reid — 1939-2021

Las Vegas Black Image Magazine would like to extend heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Senator Harry Reid, who died on December 28 and will be greatly missed by so many people here in the Silver State and across the world. We will always be grateful for the support and love he gave to all Nevadans throughout his remarkable life and distinguished career.

*At the recent renaming of Las Vegas' international airport in his honor, Senator Reid was overcome with pride.*

“For my whole life, I’ve been coming and going from McCarran Airport, since the first time I ever got on a plane, back in 1958. This airport has been my gateway to the world. During my 35 years in Washington, I was here a lot. Home means Nevada, and for me, the airport long ago became synonymous with home where I was born and grew up, and where Landra and I have happily raised our children. I love this state.”

*Senator Reid's closing statement at the airport renaming ceremony shows his love for the State of Nevada*

“So, it’s the greatest of honors to have my name on this airport. I am grateful to Tick Segerblom, whose idea this was,



and to the Clark County Commissioners, who voted to make this change. I also thank all my many forever friends who worked to secure this honor for me, and who generously contributed to the cost of rebranding the airport. No taxpayer dollars will be spent on these changes; all expenses will be covered by donations.

That was important to me.”  
*Congressman Steven Horsford*

“Senator Harry Reid was a real-life hero; a colossus of Nevada and national politics who defined what it means to live your life in service to others. Over his five decades of public service, he transformed the lives of millions, but never

forgot his small-town roots in Searchlight. His legacy will live on through his work to expand affordable health care, protect immigrant communities, promote conservation, and better the lives of working families—but also through the countless people he inspired and communities that he lifted. He as a fighter until the very end. Senator Reid was a leader, a mentor and a true friend. Sonya and I are saddened to hear of his passing.”

Most importantly, I thank the people of Nevada for letting me serve. It has been the greatest privilege of my life.”

*President Barack Obama*

“You were a great leader in the Senate, and early on you were more generous to me than I had any right to expect. I wouldn’t have been President had it not been for your encouragement and support, and I wouldn’t have got most of what I got done without your skill and determination. As different as we are, I think we both saw something of ourselves in each other — a couple of outsiders who had defied the odds and knew how to take a punch and cared about the little guy. And you know what, we made for a pretty good team. The world is better ‘cause of what you’ve done. Not bad for a skinny poor kid from Searchlight.”

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provided by the HCC—including affordable, modern office spaces -- that will allow them to scale up and expand into long-term, sustainable businesses.” said Esteen.

#### *What's New*

In addition to the name change, the center will receive a complete facelift, opening up the current space to be more inviting and offering opportunities for collaboration. The interior space of Launchpad will feature a modern color palette with new furnishings and floor-

ing; refurbished private office spaces; an updated meeting space and break room; glass walls as well as new efficient lighting to brighten the space. Utilities, telephone lines and enhanced Wi-Fi will also be included.

#### *Programs for Women, Minority Business Owners*

With the rebranding of the HBRC to Launchpad, Esteen says that the HCCF wants to put additional focus on providing resources, outreach and opportunities to African American/minority-owned startups as well as women and

veterans. The center has always been inclusive and throughout the years has helped numerous minority entrepreneurs achieve their goal of business ownership. Esteen says Launchpad will also offer new scholarship programs and opportunities to these groups to help subsidize rent once construction has wrapped.

#### *Launchpad Grant Opportunity*

Applications are being accepted from now until January 31, 2022, for growing start-ups and home-based businesses that are run by minority-owned, woman-owned or veteran-owned entrepre-

neurs. The grants will offer six-month complimentary office space at Launchpad and includes all rent and utilities in the fully refurbished and newly furnished private offices. Esteen says an annual Henderson Chamber of Commerce membership will also be included in the grant award.

Launchpad is slated to be completed by Spring 2022. For more information about Launchpad and to apply for the business entrepreneur grant, visit [hendersonchamber.com](http://hendersonchamber.com).



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# Community enjoys the Grand Opening of the Historic Westside Legacy Park

Mayor Carolyn Goodman, Las Vegas City Councilman Cedric Crear, Clark County Commissioner William McCurdy II and other officials recently dedicated the new \$3.2 million Historic Westside Legacy Park located at 1600 Mount Mariah Drive in the Historic Westside.

The park is a partnership between the City of Las Vegas and Clark County, and is a tribute to the many trailblazers who have led the Historic Westside through the years. The park incorporates unique elements – including the stories of 36

leaders chosen by a community panel.

According to Mayor Goodman, “The Historic Westside Legacy Park is truly beautiful and brings the history of West Las Vegas to the forefront. Legacy Park will serve the community as an inviting gathering place and also a place of education where the residents and founders of the Historic Westside are being recognized.”

She continues, “The city and Clark County worked together to make this park a reality and it is my honor to help recog-

nize and celebrate the great community leaders who are celebrated in the park for 2021. They include: William “Bob” and Anna Bailey; Ruby Duncan; Huddillard “H.P.” Fitzgerald; James “Jimmy” Gay; Theron and Naomi Goynes; Charles Keller; Sarann Knight-Preddy; Dr. Esther Langston; Dr. James McMullan; Daisy Miller; Det. Herman Moody; Sen. Joe Neal; Commissioner William U. and Maggie Pearson; Louis and Vicki Richardson; Jessie Scott; Dr. William W. Sullivan; Helen Toland; Dr. Charles

I. West; Brenda and Monroe Williams; and Woodrow Wilson.

Nominations are open now for additional honorees to be added to the park, and the public is invited to submit their selections online. The 2022 honorees are scheduled to be announced at the annual African American Trailblazer Awards at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at Las Vegas City Hall, located at 495 S. Main Street, in the second-floor Council Chambers.



Jessica West (with her children) accepts honors on behalf of her grandparents Dr. Charles I. West and Dottie West.



Greg McCurdy and Legacy Park honoree Brenda Williams



Sherri Sullivan (representing honoree Dr. Sullivan) and honoree Brenda Williams at Legacy Park.



Judge Karen Bennett (accepting her father Rev. Marion Bennett's Legacy Park honor), Anna Bailey, and Southern Nevada Water Authority's Corey Enus.



Legacy Park honoree Anna Bailey



Legacy Park honoree Ruby Duncan



Legacy Park honoree Jackie Brantley pictured with Barack Obama statue.



Mr. & Mrs. Theron Goynes honored at Legacy Park.

# Honoring a Legacy

By Claytee D. White



Councilman Cedric Crear, Kim Goynes, Councilwoman Pamela Goynes, and Craig Knight.



Greg McCurdy and nephew Commissioner William McCurdy Jr.



Congressman Stephen Horsford and Billy McCurdy

The Historic Westside Legacy Park opened to the public on December 4. It is a glorious, sacred place: holding the history of a group of people who began to migrate here before 1870. As we walk through this space, we recognize that we are never alone. We are surrounded by events and of people whose shoulders we stand on. Thirty-six people were honored with plaques as the beginning installation of the park. But it is more than a park. This is a place of history, memories, stories, legacy, and respect. It is spiritual. It is holy ground.

The 36 people enshrined during the opening ceremony will be joined by others each year; none more deserving than any other. There is no ranking. The people being nominated presently for the Juneteenth 2022 addition, are just as powerful, as honorable, as noteworthy as the first and as those who will be added in 2030 or 2045.

In the beginning, though, was John Howell. We do not know enough about this first person who arrived before 1870, and was discovered in historical documents by Elizabeth Warren while conducting research for her PhD. As she began to learn about John Howell, she shared his story with Southern Nevada. Howell was part owner of the Spring Ranch with Jim



Wilson. Today we know that ranch as the Springs Preserve and it probably was not the sole property that he owned.

John Howell journeyed to the Las Vegas Valley from Tarboro, North Carolina, married a local Southern Paiute woman, Sallie, and reared four or five children.

Not merely a landowner, Howell worked as a rancher, gold prospector, and owner of a freight business.

And he accomplished all of this without being able to read or write. Imagine walking a mile in his shoes. A historian at the Spring Mountain Ranch State Park wrote, "There are no statues of John Howell in any of the communities where he lived or that he helped to establish, but the foundations of our communities and our economy were laid by his industry and grit, and by many unsung people like him. His businesses and ranches were links in the slowly-spun web of commerce that opened this once-remote corner of the Mojave Desert, and allowed the world to rush in to make the oasis we know today. These are the contributions of the first Black landowner in our [valley]."

Indeed, Legacy Park is sacred ground.



Ricki Barlow and Lawrence Weekly

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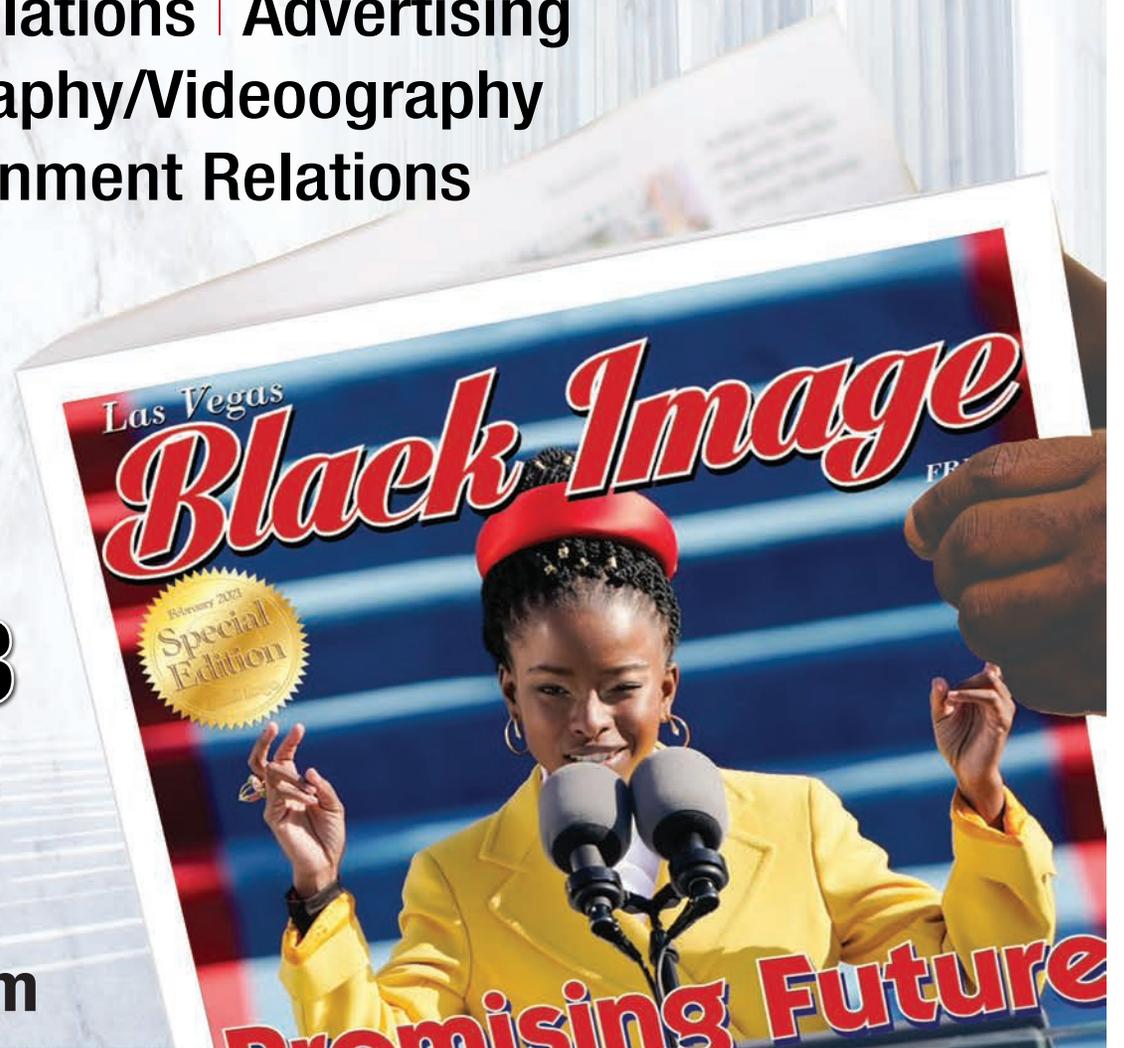
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## Awareness of birth defects

By Dr. Annette Mayes OB/GYN

As we usher in the New Year, many are ready to welcome new babies in 2022. There are many things to consider during pregnancy, and it is natural for couples to worry about the health of their unborn child.

Those common concerns are why it is important to raise awareness about birth defects.

Birth defects are structural changes present at birth that can affect any part of the body. Advancements in medicine and surgery have led to better survival, and thankfully more children with birth defects can grow up to lead full lives.

Awareness of birth defects across the lifespan helps provide individuals, parents, and families affected by birth defects with the information they need to seek proper care. It also gives healthcare professionals the evidence they need to deliver the best



care for patients across all stages of life: before and during pregnancy, and in infancy, childhood, adolescence, and adulthood.

Birth defects can happen for many reasons. Although not all birth defects can be prevented, people can increase their chances of having a healthy baby by managing health conditions and adopting healthy behaviors before becoming pregnant.

Having a baby is a special, life changing experience — but it can also present challenges for new parents. Parents of a child with a birth defect can face these challenges and prepare for their child's needs by learning about their child's condition.

Meeting the complex needs of a person with birth defects involves the whole family and can be challenging at times. But finding resources, knowing what to expect, and planning for the future can help.

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## It's a new dawn ... and I'm feeling good

By Dr. Ellen Brown

Nina Simone recorded this song for her 1965 album, "I Put a Spell on You." The focus of the song, written by Anthony Newley and Leslie Bricusse, was most decidedly political. You know what was going on at the time. The Black community was pursuing steps toward change and that is what Simone was expressing in her rendition of this song. But as we look to the



future, we should never forget the past. We know from history that the past repeats itself so learn and do as much as possible from the present.

Present. 2021. History of the past has repeated itself. Kyle Rittenhouse, who would have been described back in the day as a hot-headed little punk, took advantage of a situation that was destined to be volatile and killed two people. It's a New Day, but the past is repeated in this scenario. This 17 year-old, who undoubtedly killed two and left a third maimed for life, received the benefit of the doubt and was found not guilty by a jury of his peers. Several commentaries have been

published for both sides, but for those upholding his innocence, I cannot see it as a good thing for anyone, including the child, Rittenhouse. If a person loses life by the hand of another, it most often is found to be accidental, self-defense, murder, or manslaughter. Not guilty? It's a new day — or is it?

My purpose here is not to debate the law as it was presented by both sides in this case. I am not qualified to do that; however, since 1964, there has been nearly 60 years of history continuing to be written about the inequities of the justice system. Not only because of the people who seem to consistently receive

questionable treatment — but because for some, a new day just never seems to come very often, and when it does, the new dawn, the new life is an exception versus a rule. Feeling good is a valid goal.

Never give up on what you believe. Stay woke, use your power and stay focused on everyone feeling good. You have the power!

I welcome your comments.  
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