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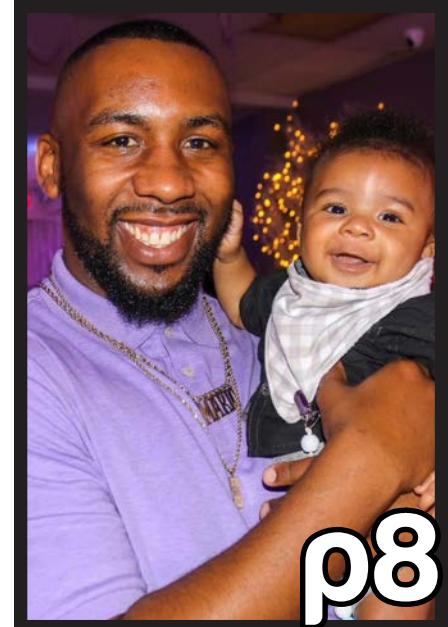
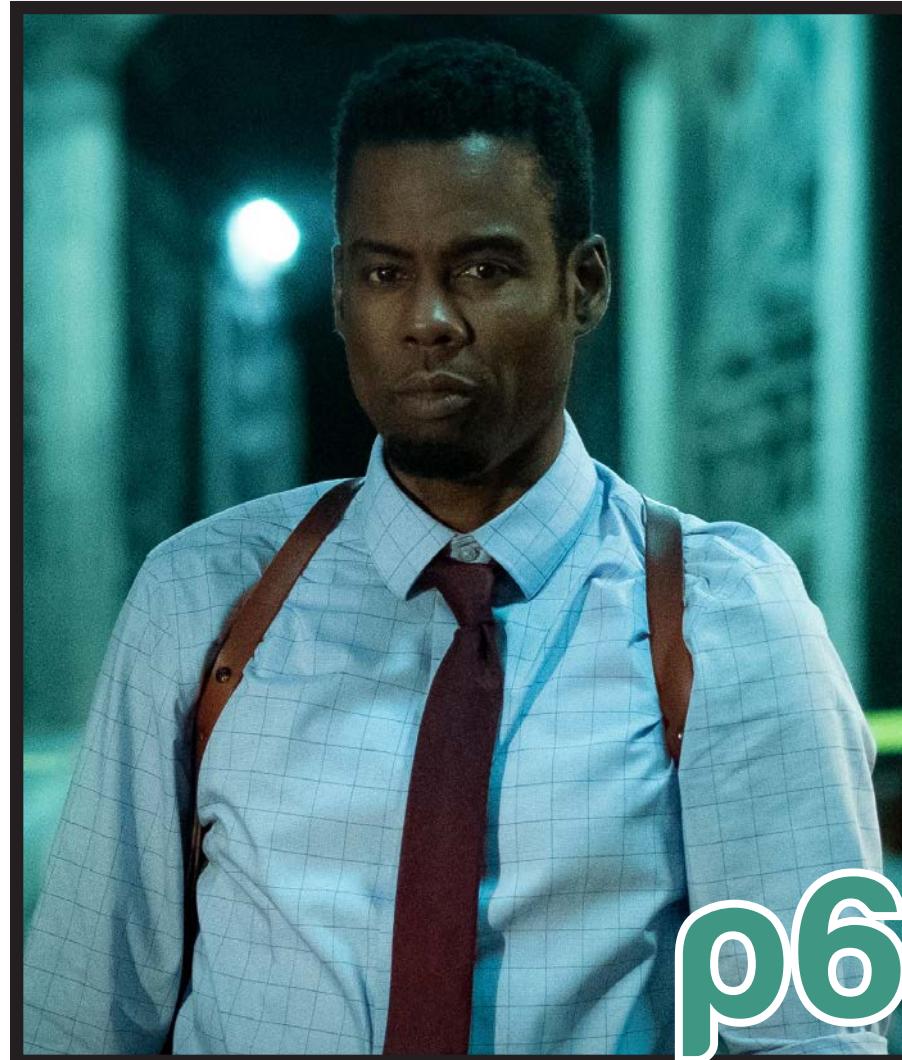


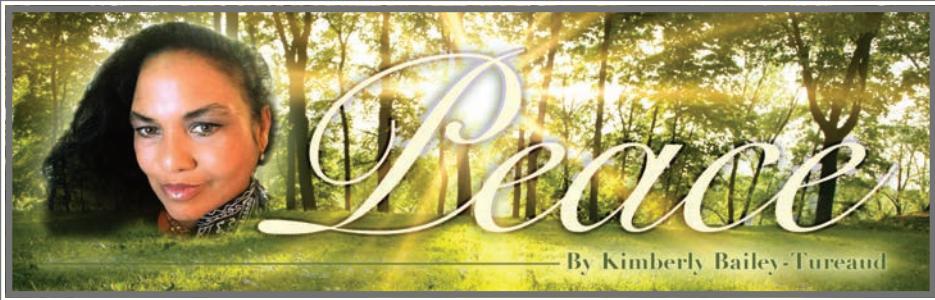
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# what's inside:





## Cleansing your soul to make room for the new

**I**t is important to be truthful about feelings, because they are often alarms. Your subconscious might be trying to tell you to wake up! There might be a disturbance within your surroundings that is preparing you for violations of trust, love, and security.

Don't be afraid to confront people or circumstances that threaten your peace. Remember: our ancestors faced the worst of derogation, enslavement, and murder — and still their legacy strength has survived.

There are times when you must build a barricade to protect your soul. The soul of our people endures the worst while arriving alive on the other side of trouble. The bravest hearts understand that greatness lies within their courage. Stare into the eyes of the disloyal ones,

so that the flame of your goodness bleeds into their existence. Send them back into their holes, so no one will smell their stench.

It is with all of this in mind that we reflect on the impact of Black fatherhood. For generations, Black fathers have been a source of wisdom and direction toward a better life.

Happiness awaits. Live each day in abundance of love. Give love to those who themselves are the essence of love — they possess the light that guides you towards His grace.

The gift of faith refreshes the new. Believe in the moments that fulfill your greatest aspirations. Life is good! Trust yourself to know the path toward your destiny.

*Don't be afraid to confront people or circumstances that threaten your peace.*

## Wrong folks for fighting crises

By Louie Overstreet

**G**iven that America is facing at least six crises, these folks ain't up to snuff!



1. Crisis of anti-intellectualism, where bigoted school boards members are banning books — reminiscent of Germany in the 1930s.

2. Given the national housing crisis, it is a head-scratcher, why former Congresswoman Marcia Fudge, from my old congressional district in Cleveland, was put in charge of HUD. I have not heard her make any news, to calm the waters, since being appointed to the post. As of April 2022, the average cost of a studio apartment in Cleveland is going for \$1,027 a month, which is unaffordable for a person making \$7.25/hour — so it's momma's basement for now

3. With the crisis to individual rights on the rampage, Jamie Harrison is temperamentally ill-fitted for his job as Chairman of the DNC. Biden must have thought it would be a nice consolation prize for running against Lindsey Graham. Also, a jovial Black dude with a smile on his face has a zero-intimidation factor.

4. Fauci is a good doctor, but he is no

"crisis in healthcare" consigliere. He would be better off with one arm. Thus, when asked a question, he couldn't say on the one hand, but again on the other hand.

5. With threats to democracy looming, Merrick Garland is not the one. He is too measured to be the Attorney General of the USA.

While appearing to be a decent person, a decent person is not what you need as AG. His diminutive stature and soft voice add to his problem of the inability to make timely or controversial decisions.

6. There is a crisis in a woman's right to choose. If the leaked SCOTUS draft by Alito, essentially overturning Roe v. Wade, passes before or shortly after the publishing of this column, all hell is likely to break loose. Unfortunately, Alexis Johnson is no Cecile Richards, when it comes to the leadership of Planned parenthood.

Sadly, in my lifetime, when summed, I have witnessed the rise and possible fall of America.

*Given that America is facing at least six crises, these folks ain't up to snuff!*



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### SMART ON CRIME

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- Fight for victims
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- Reform cash bail
- Abolish the death penalty
- Invest in mental health

# Fathers, freedom, fortitude, and foundations

June is a celebratory time of the year. Juneteenth, Father's Day, graduation season, and Black Music Month all bring joy to our community — and this edition of Las Vegas Black Image puts a spotlight on people, places, and things that deliver wisdom, pride, and rhythmic movement to the culture.

Look inside for joyous images of dads with their children, tales of students stepping across stages on the path to greatness, and much more — all with a spirit of optimism and a hard focus on

keeping the Black family strong.

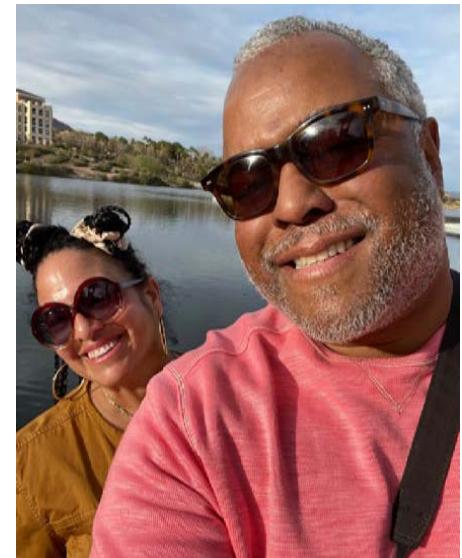
Speaking of strength, we chose Chris Rock for this month's cover because he embodies the fortitude that we should all model for the next generation. He's one of America's most talented and insightful entertainers — and has maintained dignity and grace even in the midst of turmoil caused by the slap heard around the world.

All of it has been pulled together by the Black Image executive team, which always exemplifies excellence — along-

side contributing writers who bring fresh perspectives to our loyal readers and keep us motivated to make positive change.

And it's made possible by the many businesses and corporations who support the vision that we bring to you every month.

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# ROCK SOLID

People everywhere are rallying around Chris Rock for the dignity and grace he has shown in the wake of The Slap.



**A**t a moment when we are rightfully concerned about the normalization of violence, Chris Rock's measured response to being slapped by Will Smith was an act of complete emotional control. He defied stereotypes that have plagued Black men, gave space for a conversation about the ever-shifting boundaries of comedy, and has even used the incident to make people laugh.

According to multiple media reports, Rock arrived on stage at London's Royal Albert Hall last month and said, "I'm okay, if anybody was wondering. I got most of my hearing back and I'm trying to make a decent show." Explaining that he had no intention of dedicating any more of his show to the incident, he added, "People expect me to talk about the bull—. I'm not going to talk about it right now, I'll get to it eventually — on Netflix."

Jada Pinkett Smith also recently posted a video addressing the incident for the first time. She says, "About Oscar night — my deepest hope is that these two intelligent and capable men have the opportunity to heal, talk this out and reconcile. The state of the world today — we need them both and we all actually need one another more than ever. Until then Will and

I will continue to do what we have done for the last 28 years and this is to keep figuring out this thing called life together. Thank you for listening."

The 57-year-old Rock is one of America's most beloved and admired comics. His observational comedy, rooted in the Black experience and African-American culture, has led to extraordinary success in movies, television and stage. His sharp and uncompromising takes on current events, race, and sex have made him one of the most sought-after voices in popular culture.

In response to the pandemic, he also became a strong advocate for protecting mental health. During a 2020 interview with Gayle King of CBS, Rock opened up about increasing his therapy visits to about sev-

en hours a week after COVID-19 hit the country. Perhaps that is where he gained the insight to deal with the current situation.

"You have to tell the truth," he says of those visits. "You have to tell — you have to go into therapy prepared to tell the worst part of yourself every week, you know?"

When asked what the hardest truth was to tell during those sessions, Rock says he doesn't want to embarrass anyone.

"I don't want to out anybody, I don't want to, you know, out myself," Rock tells King. "But, yeah, just, you know, sometimes I wasn't kind, and sometimes I wasn't listening, and sometimes I was selfish, and some, you know, a lot of times. And sometimes, you know, I took advantage of circumstances, and positions, of you know, just everyday things. And you know, it's ultimately, who do you want to be?"

What did he learn about himself, King asks?

"I learned that I could be very hard on myself," Rock says. "Like really, really hard on myself, and I need to relax. And I need to listen, I need to take chances."

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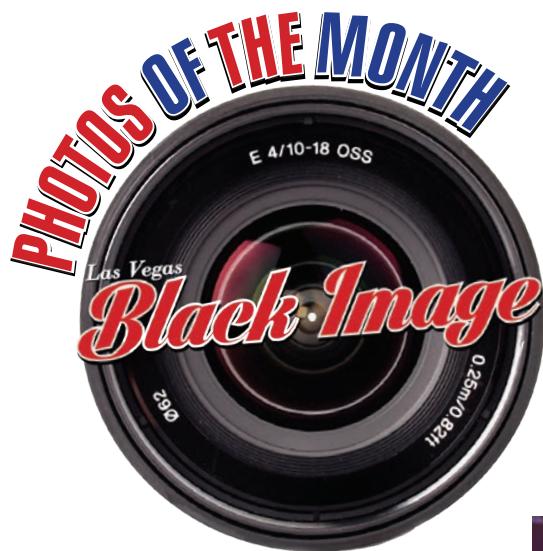
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Dallas Jordan Hughes is congratulated by his parents at his high school graduation.



Bank of America President Al Welch, Charles Tureaud, and bank executives.



Bryant Morrison Sr. and wife congratulate their son Jay Mo on his recent graduation.



Happy baby and happy father



Kathy Lattimore and entertainer Earl Turner



Robin Mason receives her Masters degree and her son Solomon Mason graduates from high school.



Crystal Miller, Alicia Meade and friend



Kathy Lattimore and daughter Aaliyah Smith enjoy the Earl Turner show with longtime friends Jimmy Walker and Bubba Knight.



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# What would you like to see the Clark County School District Do that hasn't yet been done?



**Lisa Marie**

I would like to see "safe key" options for special needs kids within the school district.



**DeMarlo Beals**

There should be a reclassified pay scale for custodians so they can have enough money to pay for the help



**Valorie Lucas**

Bring back hall monitors. We had Black men at our schools.



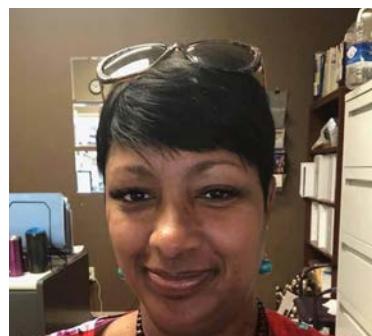
**Peace Webb**

CCSD should create a fair and enforceable discipline plan that is consistently implemented on all campuses.



**Tiffany Ward**

I would like to see CCSD provide teachers and staff with more personal and professional development training — so they can understand their behaviors and others' behaviors around them for effective communication. I have been speaking with a fair amount of teachers recently, and a lot of teachers are quitting because they didn't feel supported in the pandemic and were forced into adaptability without acknowledging that all people aren't capable of adapting naturally.



**Angie Davie-Morris**

They need to do a whole revamp. I'm not sure how to do that, but it's been in trouble for a long time — so they definitely need to change and do things differently and definitely pay teachers more.



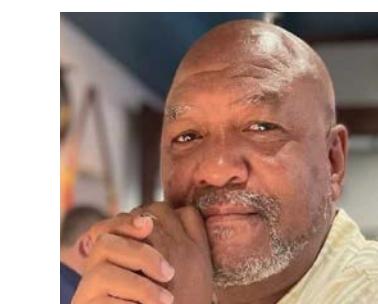
**Al Stein Liggins**

CCSD needs to get rid of the whole board, including Jara, and start fresh with new people. Cut the pay of administrators and put that money into the teachers' and support staff's pockets.



**Trina Banks**

I would love to see true equity among the students. as well as the entire special needs services department revamped.



**Michael Towers Sr.**

CCSD needs to focus on educating our kids to get jobs outside of the gaming industry.



**Fannie Mitchell**

Elect new board members who listen to the community and do something about the complaints. It starts with electing new members. It's like, "Why have all these people talk at the meeting when their minds are already made up?" Good leadership starts from the top. Bring in an outside company to conduct an audit. They never found that \$80 million. They need to fix the broken system.



**Gail Anderson**

Introduce Spanish as part of the normal curriculum in first grade. We must include Spanish into our curriculum. It should be mandatory. It should be available. If we don't we will fail our youth — especially Black youth.

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*Vice President, Human Resources  
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# You Know I'm Dad

Black fathers deserve to be celebrated. Every day, African-American men are raising wonderful children, watching over young people in their communities, and setting examples for excellence, generosity, and achievement. We salute these kings and send wishes for an outstanding Fathers Day.



Corey Henderson and his son Caleb Luke



Father Aaron Stewart and his daughters



Father Kelesio T. Howard Sr. and his son Kelze Howard



DeMarlo Beals and DJ Beals



Father Kelvin Pollard surrounded by his children



Father Melvin Braxton and his daughters Tricia Perry, Tamara Watson, and his grandchildren Jenna, Jillian and Joseph



Father Monte Williams with his children Monet Maliyah Williams



Father Stephen Munford and his children Montana Munford, Jonathan Munford and his wife Kimba Munford



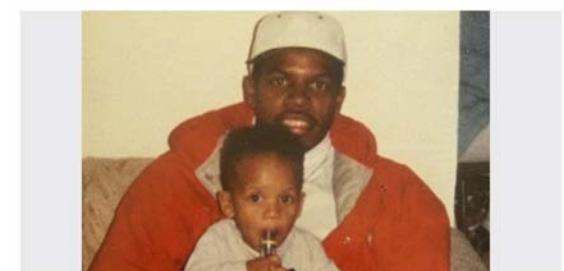
Father Steve Regan and his children Niyah and Jason Regan



Father Steven Fuller and his son Harrison Fuller



Gerald Mayes is surrounded by his children Amaya Mayes, Layla Mayes Gerald Mayes Jr., Dominick Phillips and his wife Julianarie



Greg Freeman and his son Greg Jr.

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& Author



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Saturday, July 16 at 4 p.m.  
West Las Vegas Library  
Pulitzer Prize-winning Poet &  
U.S. Poet Laureate (2017 – 2019)

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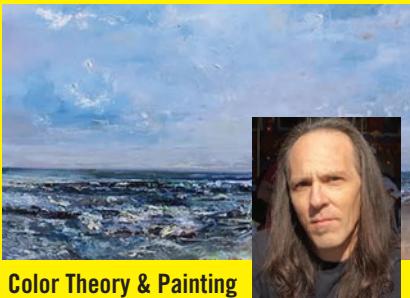
Library District employees and their families are not eligible to win Summer Challenge prizes. Winners will be announced in August.

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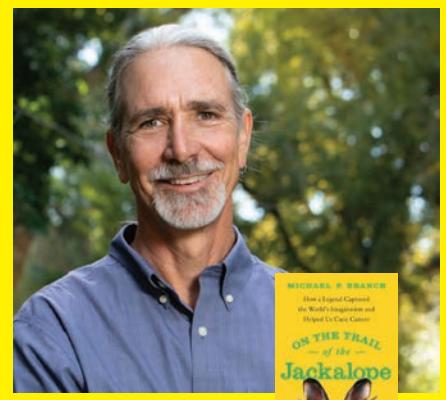
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Reconnecting  
Through Art  
Thursday, June 30 at  
4 p.m.  
Rainbow Library

#### AUTHOR VISITS



Kendra Atleework  
Thursday, June 23  
Writing Workshop at 10 a.m.  
Reading at 12 p.m.  
Windmill Library

Friday, June 24  
Reading at 5 p.m.  
West Las Vegas Library



Michael P. Branch  
Saturday, June 25  
at 4 p.m.  
West Charleston Library  
Sunday, June 26 at 2 p.m.  
Whitney Library  
Monday, June 27 at 6 p.m.  
Windmill Library

# Join the Library District's Kelvin Watson & 100 Black Men Las Vegas for Summer Reading Series

By Kelvin Watson | Executive Director, Las Vegas-Clark County Library District

Featuring the award-winning novel "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas, the series will include discussions and free screenings of the film adaptation.

The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District has teamed up with 100 Black Men Las Vegas (100 BMLV) for a summer reading series featuring the award-winning, New York Times Best-Selling novel The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas. Library District Executive Director Kelvin Watson will kick off the series with an introductory discussion on June 15 from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. at the Sahara West Library, which will include light refreshments. The reading series is part of a new partnership between the Library District and 100 BMLV.

Published in 2017, The Hate U Give is author Angie Thomas' debut novel, inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement. The story revolves around the experience of 16-year-old Starr Carter, who moves between the two worlds of the poor neighborhood where she lives, and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. The book has won numerous awards including: William C. Morris Award, Coretta Scott King Honor, the Michael L. Printz Honor Book, National Book Award Longlist, Boston Globe Horn Book Award, and the Edgar Allan Poe Award Best Young Adult Nominee.

After the June 15 kickoff, the first book discussion of The Hate U Give will take place on June 29 at three Library District branches - West Las Vegas Library, Sahara West Library, and Centennial Hills Library (details below). The discussions will be led by members of 100 Black Men Las Vegas.

To complement the reading series, the public is also invited to FREE screenings of the 2018 major motion picture starring Amandla Stenberg, Russell Hornsby, Regina Hall, Anthony Mackie, Issa Rae, and Common, which will take place in July. The series will conclude on Aug. 3 with a reading and discussion with Watson, and you can ask your favorite library branch how to get your book club involved.

"Libraries educate, entertain, and uplift their communities, serving as gathering places, where people feel comfortable sharing issues of concern," Watson said.



The Library District is pleased to kick off this new partnership with 100 Black Men Las Vegas with a special summer reading series featuring Angie Thomas' powerful and gripping story. You will have the opportunity to discuss the challenges faced by Ms. Thomas' fascinating characters and share your own experiences."

"For teen and adults who are participating in our annual Summer Challenge program, this is also a great way to achieve your reading and activity time," Watson said. "Just go to [LVCCLD.org/SummerChallenge](http://LVCCLD.org/SummerChallenge) to learn how you can qualify to win great prizes."

The Hate U Give is available from the Library District in multiple formats, including books, eBooks, and Audiobooks to check out or download. Need a library card? Visit your local library branch or sign up online and #GetCarded today.

## The Hate U Give Summer Reading Series Discussion Schedule:

June 15 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Series Kickoff & Community Conversation with Kelvin Watson

The Library District Executive Director introduces the Summer Reading Series at Sahara West Library (9600 W. Sahara Ave)

June 29 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Reading & Conversation with members of the 100 Black Men Las Vegas Centennial Hills Library (6711 N. Buffalo Dr.) Sahara West Library (9600 W. Sahara Ave) West Las Vegas Library (951 W. Lake Mead Blvd.)

July 13 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Reading & Conversation with members of the 100 Black Men Las Vegas Centennial Hills Library (6711 N. Buffalo Dr.) Sahara West Library (9600 W. Sahara Ave) 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. West Las Vegas Library (951 W. Lake Mead Blvd.)

July 27 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Reading & Conversation with members of the 100 Black Men Las Vegas Centennial Hills Library (6711 N. Buffalo Dr.) Sahara West Library (9600 W. Sahara Ave) West Las Vegas Library (951 W.

Lake Mead Blvd.)

Aug. 3 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Series Finale with Kelvin Watson West Las Vegas Library (951 W. Lake Mead Blvd.)

FREE Movie Screenings of the Major Motion Picture. This movie is rated PG-13.

July 6 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Centennial Hills Library (6711 N. Buffalo Dr.) Windmill Library (7060 W. Windmill Ln.)

July 20 Noon - 2:30 p.m. Sahara West Library (9600 W. Sahara Ave)

July 27 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. West Las Vegas Library (951 W. Lake Mead Blvd.)

## About Las Vegas-Clark County Library District:

The award-winning Las Vegas-Clark County Library District is an independent taxing entity that serves a diverse community across 8,000 square miles. Through its 25 branches and website, the Library District offers a collection of 3.2 million items consisting of books, movies, music (including streaming and downloadable), online resources, as well as free programs for all ages. The Library District is a vibrant and vital member of the community offering limitless learning; business and career advancement; government and social services support; and best of all, a place where customers find a sense of culture and community. For more information, and to support Library District programs, please visit [LVCCLD.org](http://LVCCLD.org).

About 100 Black Men Las Vegas The 100 Black Men of Las Vegas will provide the community with mentoring efforts designed to provide added opportunities to elementary, junior high, high school and college students in need. We will achieve this by developing programs focused on improving the education, health and character of our student participants with the collaboration and support of parents, teachers, affiliates, and corporate partners. Our vision is to develop a best in class, measurable mentoring program and strategy that will result in significant increase in academic success, graduation rate, and self-esteem of our student participants along with improved community involvement and corporate fellowship.

# A Historical Mystery

By Claytee D. White

I just returned from the ceremony at the Historic Westside Legacy Park. Twenty additional nominees were inducted into the park to honor their contributions to the progress of the Black community. Since my pieces are always on the serious side, I decided to relate a relatively humorous story and have you guess the person that



this happened to. The answer lies among the twenty new honorees.

In the early 1970s Black dealers were hired in some of the Strip hotels. Jim Crow policies had prevented Blacks from securing those lucrative jobs, in great numbers, prior to this time period.

After a few years of employment, one of those dealers mentioned that he was looking for a home to purchase. This inquiry got back to one of the MOB bosses who had a house for sale. The mob boss approached the dealer and told him about his home just across Highland Street from the Westside and told this deal-

er that he would carry the papers so a bank loan would not be necessary. Soon, they struck a deal and the dealer and his family moved into a beautiful home in a wonderful neighborhood of mid-century modern homes.

Monthly payments were made in person in an office located in a nondescript building not that far from the Las Vegas Strip. These more than reasonable payments were made on time for about five years and suddenly the office appeared vacant. After many visits to the building to make the payment, no one was ever found in the office. The door was locked

no matter the time of day or the day of the week the dealer tried to make the mortgage payment. Finally, the dealer went to an attorney, followed all legal procedures in cases like this, and owned the home outright after five years of payments rather than the thirty years that most of us sign up for. The lien holder was never located. This was definitely a deal that the dealer wisely did not refuse.

I thought about this story a few weeks ago when two bodies were found in Lake Mead and then again today when I saw this honoree at Legacy Park. Do you know this dealer?

*Since my pieces are always on the serious side, I decided to relate a relatively humorous story and have you guess the person that this happened to.*

## Financial advice that I would give to my younger self

By Craig Kirkland, EVP/Director of Retail Banking, Nevada State Bank

### 1. Surround yourself with quality people.

The character of the company you keep is everything! Seek out people with integrity, then build a strong reputation built on truth and honesty.



### 2. Ask for advice and mentorship.

Seek out and talk to people who have done what you aspire to do. Ask them what inspired them, what obstacles they had and how they overcame them. See what advice they have for you.

### 3. Pay yourself early and often.

Develop financial stability by paying yourself first and building up a nest egg.

Set aside a little money for yourself whenever and wherever you can.

### 4. Beware of high-cost revolving debt.

Do everything in your power to avoid carrying revolving credit card debt. If you cannot avoid it, make it a priority to pay it down or pay it off.

### 5. Listen.

As tempting as it is to finish someone else's sentence, let them do it. Build the discipline to listen intently to others and speak less. You'll never learn anything new by listening to yourself.

### 6. Don't try to "keep up with the Joneses."

The notion of "keeping up" is a fallacy. While making a purchase may give you some short spike in happiness, it's not sustained. Once your basic needs are met, having more doesn't make you happier.

### 7. Weather the storm.

You will have struggles and challenges, but stay in the moment and know that the storm will eventually pass. Remain focused on what you're doing — parenting, going to school, running your business, working, and all of the things that give your life meaning and purpose.

### 8. Be patient.

Don't let the fear of missing out (FOMO) drive your decisions. Beware of get-rich-quick schemes. Be well informed so you can make good decisions.

### 9. Act like a farmer.

Plant seeds (an idea, an investment, an opportunity) where there is fertile soil in hopes the roots will take hold. Nurture your seeds and give them the time and attention they need to grow.

### 10. Invest in yourself.

You have been investing in big companies for a long time by wearing their logos and helping to promote their brand. It's smarter to ditch the expensive labels, buy practical things that will last, and put your money where it will provide long-term benefits. Invest in yourself for education, coursework, or other learning opportunities that will build your skill and knowledge level.

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# Ramp up your political game

By Dr. Ellen Brown

The country is captivated by midterm politics. Seems as though every month brings to the forefront an increasing number of issues, challenges, questions, decisions, thoughts, crises, tragedies, unbelievable occurrences. The list is endless. They say it is due to the increasing amount of information made available to us through endless resources. We become overwhelmed, but is that the consequence of access to information needed? Does it seem that the political process never takes a break? Again, overload. It is the consequence



of increasing availability of information. The question to ask ourselves is how much information do we need?

How much information do we want? When we feel or believe we are not given access it is often concluded to be intentional for several reasons. Here is how I make sense of the situation: Identify the issues that affect me and my interests most and focus on those in the news, television, radio, conversations. For those who say they don't have anything to do with politics, accept the reality that choices will be made without your input or thought of how you will function in areas that affect your interests. This is not my first time on this topic because I continue to have conversations with friends and family who choose to turn away. That is our right to do so. If you want to see change in any way, you are going to

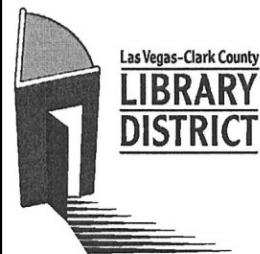
have to make some noise. How?

Send \$20 to a campaign or cause you care about. Not enough? If 100 of us do so for one candidates' campaign, there's \$2,000 more the campaign has to make a difference.

Sign up for campaign duty and ask 10 friends, neighbors, family to join you. The result? If each one of you made 10 contacts, 100 more people become informed and may result in them registering and voting.

It may not seem like a significant contribution, but I have never heard anyone running for office refuse help for their campaign. Think about it: ramp it up!

*Dr. Ellen Brown is a retired university dean, and current Affiliate Faculty member at Regis University, Denver. Contact her at ebrown.nci@gmail.com*



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# Dear Mommy and Poppy

By Sarah A. Williams

I'm sorry you have to see me this way  
But a bad man killed a lot of us today  
He just walked into our school  
With nothing to say  
And started shooting everybody  
In a casual way  
I looked up and saw my teacher fall  
She knocked over the desk  
against the wall  
And then he shot Susie in the chest  
I watched the blood flow down her dress  
The bullets were going by so fast  
I hardly saw Larry stumble past  
Donny held his books in front of his face  
But that didn't stop the bullet's pace  
As I stood frozen looking around  
I saw a light coming down  
It filled the room from left to right  
Oh Mommy, it was a beautiful sight  
Then I heard voices begin to sing

And through the lights, I saw wings  
They were bright white, big and wide  
And they wrapped around  
us from every side  
Poppy they were real Angels  
Not the pretty ladies we see  
But they were big, strong and fearless  
The way I imagined them to be  
They made me feel so happy  
I didn't have a care  
Until the bullet hit me  
I had forgotten the man was there  
I didn't feel the bullet  
Or my body hit the floor  
I didn't see the gunman  
Still standing by the door  
I no longer heard the desks fall  
Or the other children scream  
All I felt was warmth and love  
Inside my Angel's wings

I looked up into the face of my Angel  
And he gave me a little smile  
He told me I would see the face of GOD  
But I would have to sleep for a while  
And then I felt great sadness  
Because I knew you would weep  
That's when the Angel  
kissed my forehead  
And said My Beloved, go to sleep  
Mommy and Poppy I know  
you'll miss me  
And I know how much you care  
So after the Angel told me to sleep  
I began to say my prayers  
I prayed for you and my  
family, just like I did before  
I even prayed for the gun-  
man, standing by the door  
I prayed for JESUS to help him  
with all his griefs and strifes

I prayed that GOD would forgive him  
For taking all our lives  
I know that he is sleeping as well  
And I'm afraid when he wakes  
He's going to hell  
I know the only thing I can do  
Is forgive him, like you taught me to  
Mommy and Poppy please don't weep  
I have to be obedient now and go to sleep  
Just know when you put my  
body beneath the sod  
That one day your baby  
is going to wake up  
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The public is invited to submit comments regarding Nevada State College's qualifications for accreditation. Comments must be in writing, signed and received by September 24, 2022 at the address below.

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Signed comments are forwarded, as received, to the institution, evaluation committee, and the Commission. To obtain a copy of NWCCU Policy A-5, Public Notification and Third Party Comments Regarding Full-Scale Evaluations, visit Operational Policies under the Standards and Policies section of the NWCCU website  
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# What is Cytomegalovirus?

By Dr. Annette Mayes OB/GYN

**C**ytomegalovirus (CMV) is a common virus for people of all ages; however, a healthy person's immune system usually keeps the virus from causing illness. In the United States, nearly one in three children are already infected with CMV by age five. Over half of adults have been infected with CMV by age 40. Once CMV is in a person's body, it stays there for life and can reactivate. A person can be re-infected with a different strain of



the virus. Most people with CMV infection have no symptoms and aren't aware that they have been infected.

In some cases, infection in healthy people can cause mild illness that may include: fever, sore throat, fatigue, and swollen glands. Occasionally, CMV can cause mononucleosis or hepatitis (liver problem).

People with weakened immune systems who get CMV can have more serious symptoms affecting the eyes, lungs, liver, esophagus, stomach, and intestines.

Babies born with CMV can have brain, liver, spleen, lung, and growth problems.

The most common long-term health problem in babies born with congenital

CMV is hearing loss, which may be detected soon after birth or may develop in childhood.

People with CMV may pass the virus in body fluids, such as saliva, urine, blood, tears, semen, and breast milk. CMV is spread from an infected person in the following ways:

- From direct contact with saliva or urine, especially from babies and young children.
- Through sexual contact
- From breast milk to nursing infants
- Through transplanted organs and blood transfusions.

Blood tests can be used to diagnose

CMV infection in adults who have symptoms. However, blood is not the best fluid to test newborns with suspected CMV infection. Tests of saliva or urine are preferred for newborns.

Healthy people who are infected with CMV usually do not require medical treatment. Medications are available to treat CMV infection in people who have weakened immune systems and babies with signs of congenital CMV.

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## Scary Inflation, Meet Your Match

By Katie Coleman, Nevada Rural Housing Authority

**F**reaked out by creeping costs? Haunted by rising rents? We hear you! Which is why Home At Last, a program by Nevada Rural Housing, has the ultimate inflation buster for you: the Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) offers homebuyers tax credits that help them afford more home and balance debt-to-income ratios. How would you like to get a percentage of your mortgage interest paid back to you every year for the life of the loan? Read on!

Home At Last serves all 15 of Nevada's rural counties plus the rural areas of Clark County, including Enterprise, Summerlin South, Whitney and Winchester. Home At Last offers affordable homeownership tools that have helped more than 10,000 Nevada families into homes of their very own. How? Enter:

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\*A Home At Last approved lender will determine eligibility for the MCC program.

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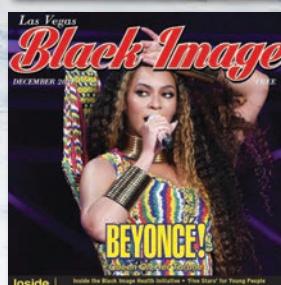
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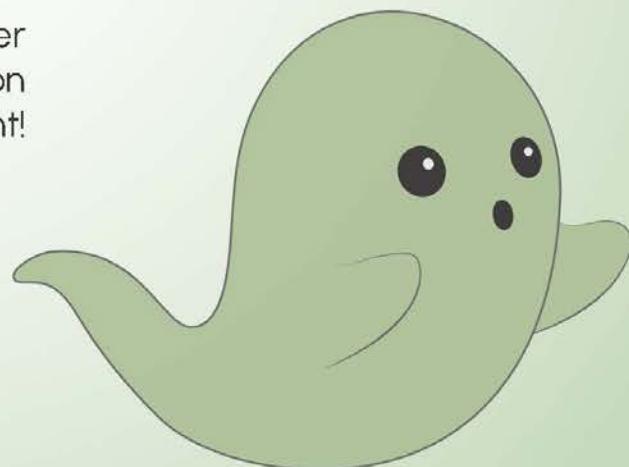
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# **Southwest Gas drives initiatives for diversity, equity, and inclusion**

**W**ith June comes the recognition and celebration of Juneteenth – and to commemorate the historic day, Southwest Gas is pulling back the curtain on its Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) initiatives. DEI has been infused into every aspect of the company as it commits to data transparency around workforce diversity metrics, evolving the talent pipeline, providing cultural training and continuing education, and investing in the communities it serves through partnerships with nonprofit organizations which serve diverse communities.

Southwest Gas created employee resource groups to support African Amer-

ican, women and multigenerational employees. As part of its commitment, the company has conducted over 13,000 DEI training hours and installed new DEI Council members in 2021.

"As we acknowledge Juneteenth, we are also honoring the amazing stories and work of our ancestors while still remembering that there is still so much work to be done as we progress forward," says Sharon Braddy-McKoy, chief human resources officer. "At Southwest Gas, we seek to be a catalyst for change. Our goal is to deepen our relationships with diverse partners in the communities where we operate and for our workforce

to reflect the communities we serve. We commit to provide equitable and inclusive opportunities for all Southwesterners."

The DEI team focuses on fueling opportunities for all employees, encouraging them to be their true and unique selves. This creates an atmosphere conducive to developing and retaining the best and brightest talent while also attracting new employees of all identities and backgrounds.

"Our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion journey began in 2019 and in that time, we've continued to invest in DEI," says Courtney Moore, director of DEI at Southwest Gas. "What I am most proud

to share are our DEI Commitments. These focus areas demonstrate our internal and external commitment; leading the creation of a diverse and equitable and inclusive workplace, investing in the communities we serve, building relationships with diverse suppliers and becoming more engaged in important conversations."

Southwest Gas embraces and cultivates its internal community to fuel opportunities, creating better engagement amongst Southwesterners and the local communities it serves. Visit [swgas.com](http://swgas.com) for more.



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Kenneth Williams Jr. with his kids KeNiya, Malia and Seven Williams



William Horne and his daughter Chloe Horne and son Henry Horne



Willie Johnson and daughter Pamelia Girouard

# *Freedom Ties*



The organizer of Las Vegas' signature Juneteenth celebration reflects on the meaning of the holiday, connecting with our community, and the future of activism.

After generations on the periphery of American attention, Juneteenth is now a federal holiday to commemorate the end of slavery in the U.S. and honor the richness of African-American culture.

The celebration in Las Vegas is on the verge of becoming legendary, and for the second consecutive year will be organized by community advocate Stretch Sanders and his Stretch for Change Foundation. Set for Saturday, June 25, this year's Juneteenth event will feature over 40 vendors, captivating entertainment, and keynote speakers. It will be held at 2428 North MLK Boulevard from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For Sanders, being the force behind the signature local celebration does not mean he wants to be the only game in town. "I think there should be many Juneteenth events across the Las Vegas Valley because it is our true [Independence Day]," he said. "We are having our Juneteenth celebration at the end of June so that I and my family can also enjoy the many Juneteenth celebrations around the valley. It's a celebration for everyone."

Sanders was first featured in Black Image several years ago, in a profile entitled "Birth of an Activist." He has since organized events,

protests, and public forums to deliver positive change for the disadvantaged in Southern Nevada.

But serious challenges have resulted from Sanders' activism, and he is now in the process of recalibrating his approach. "Activism in Southern Nevada has been impactful, but there is also a heavy price to pay," he said. "I have lost relationships, I have lost experiences,

I have lost jobs and opportunities. I just want to give myself time to heal from that. When you are steadily taking hits and blows from some community people questioning your integrity, character, and not supporting you due to your activism — it doesn't give you a safe place. You get hit and you still have to keep going."

For those reasons, Sanders is planning a two-year sabbatical away from his activist activities — to focus on family ("now I am a father of a one-year-old"), pursue more educational opportunities, and create a new plan for economic empowerment.

"One of the greatest things I have done with my activism work in the community is to inspire others to make activism a lifestyle — and I think that was a good thing," he said. "One thing that I have learned is to make activism a part of your routine and to not neglect your life. I think we have dynamic leaders out here who are doing the best they can. I enjoyed taking groceries to those in need, but I would much rather show people how to get their own groceries. I enjoyed taking clothes to people, but I would much rather show people a way to buy their own clothes. This will be a part of my new approach to help our community."



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# Health Equity: A Call to Action

By Dr. Lisa Thompson

Health equity is a term that has become a popular buzz phrase these days. It has been thrown around all over the news and social media, but its definition is not clear, and many people do not really understand what they are talking about when they mention it.



Health equity simply means optimal health for all — no matter where you live, your economic status, your race, your ethnicity, your gender identity, your sexual orientation, your religious beliefs, the language you speak, your disabilities or your age. It means that everyone should have fair access to the resources they need to live the healthiest lives possible.

However, living the healthiest life possible takes more than just access to healthcare services and medications. It requires other life essentials, which are known as social determinants of health. These include safe housing, food security, fair income, education, and transportation to get to work, school and healthcare appointments.

We know that different people experience different challenges when trying to keep up with their health. Some people simply cannot access healthcare services — and obstacles, or disparities, are amplified when people don't have basic necessities. Disparities have deep roots in our healthcare system and are based on many types of discrimination — including racism, place-ism, income and level of education, among many others. We can't be complacent about healthcare disparities, and we can't believe that they don't affect all of us.

U.S. statistics show that racial health disparities result in more than \$90 billion

in excess medical care costs. This is one of the reasons why our healthcare is so expensive. Race is not the only contributing factor though. The CDC has identified that cost of care is highest in areas of poverty. Also, an article published by the Journal of the American Medical Association a few years ago demonstrated that the richest people in this country live an average of 14 years longer than the poorest people. Obviously, we are all paying the costs of disparities in healthcare!

While it may seem that our healthcare system is broken and that healthy equity is an impossible goal, there are things we can do to make things better. First, we need to educate ourselves about the facts around health equity and the health disparities that affect our community. Next, we have to empower ourselves to take control of our own healthcare. We should stop being afraid to ask questions of our healthcare providers when we do not understand something. We should voice our grievances when we feel that we are not getting the resources we need to live a healthy life. This means being active participants in our healthcare and prioritizing our health.

Taking responsibility for our health is vital because a healthy life is our right no matter who we are, or where we live.

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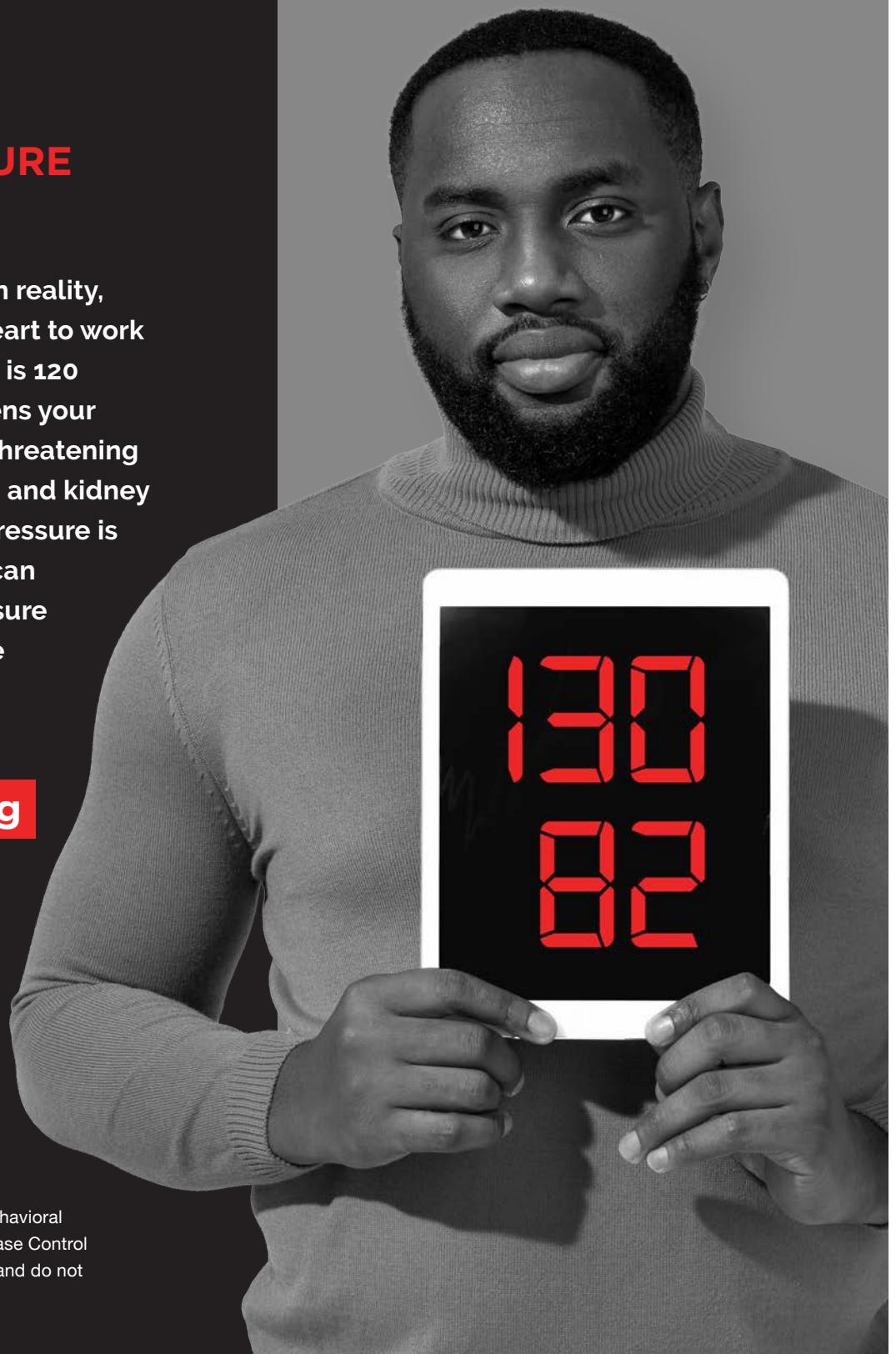
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# Las Vegas-Clark County Library District kicks off 2022 Summer Challenge

Kids, teens and adults can beat summer boredom, win cool prizes with free reading and activities program + coloring contest. Featuring Pulitzer Prize winners Tracy K. Smith and Hilton Als, Grammy-nominated performance artist Fyütch + hundreds of activities for all ages

**M**ake this summer memorable with the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District's 2022 Summer Challenge (<https://lvccld.org/summerchallenge>) and get rewarded for having fun! Kids and teens can keep their school skills sharp and earn cool prizes, and now adults can join in to win! Simply track your reading and activities to earn book and pizza prizes, and a chance to win one of our Grand Prize Packages.

The Library District makes it easy to participate in Summer Challenge with a lineup of fun, fascinating, and free events and activities for all ages. Plus, explore a vast collection of books, movies and music, and discover art galleries, theater performances, craft and language classes, and much more. And it's all free!

This year's spotlights include: author visits and book signings for adults with Pulitzer Prize-winning authors Tracy K. Smith and Hilton Als; concerts with Grammy-nominated hip-hop performer and visual storyteller Fyütch; comedy and magic for all ages with Las Vegas headliner Adam London; Podcasting 101; anime drawing with The Simpson's artist Carlos Nieto; live music and dance with YouTube sensations Koo Koo Kangaroo; plus a toddler glow stick dance party; story times; an augmented reality escape room; 3D art labs; forensics and fingerprinting with the Mob Museum; and so much more!

You can also participate by downloading eBooks and eAudiobooks and streaming music and movies, using your free li-

brary card. Search the Library District's entire online catalog at [LVCCLD.org/SummerChallenge](https://LVCCLD.org/SummerChallenge), where you can also view a full list of recommended events and activities.

## Need a library card?

Visit your local library branch or sign up online at <https://lvccld.org/GetCarded>. Library cardholders enjoy free, 24/7 access to hundreds of online materials, eBooks, eAudiobooks, resources such as CreativeBug, Rosetta Stone, and LinkedIn Learning, and online learning tools, anytime, anywhere. Or visit your nearest library branch in person to borrow books, CDs, DVDs, graphic novels, video games, toys, iPads, internet hotspots, and laptops.

## Preventing 'summer slide' for kids

"Every summer, we use the power of our 25 branches, across urban and rural Clark County, to bring the Summer Challenge program to life for area children, ages Birth through Grade 12," said Kelvin Watson, executive director of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District. "We make it easy for parents to keep their kids active and engaged with fun summer learning activities, while practicing the reading, science, art, math, and critical thinking skills they are learning in school. Even babies and toddlers benefit from this program, having fun with their parents and caregivers."

## NEW! Adult Summer Challenge

"Adults have been asking us for their own Summer Challenge program and we are introducing this for the first time," Watson said. "Adults can discover the Library District's art galleries, enjoy theater performances, engage in writing, drawing, language, and craft classes, or explore a new interest or hobby. With 3.3 million items in our collection, and hundreds of free, entertaining, live performances, adults of any age will surely find something new and fascinating to enjoy this summer."

## NEW! Coloring & Art Contest for All Ages

"Also new this year is the Library District's first Coloring & Art Contest," Watson said. "We invite you to draw and color or paint your own original image from a book that you read, and enter it to win a \$25 art supplies gift card from your local branch." Watson explained that participants can pick up an entry form at any Library District branch or download and print the form at [LVCCLD.org/SummerChallenge](https://LVCCLD.org/SummerChallenge). (Coloring Contest not required for Summer Challenge participation.)

## Here's How Summer Challenge Works

1) Participants should pick up a Summer Challenge reading & activities log at any branch to track their reading and

activities progress. OR they can track their progress online at <https://lvccld.beanstack.org/>.

2) Then start exploring and experiencing! Participants can visit their local branch, or go to [LVCCLD.org/SummerChallenge](https://LVCCLD.org/SummerChallenge), to find age-group curated lists of events and activities, reading recommendations, downloadable books, and audiobooks to fill up their log.

3) Complete all three levels on your Summer Challenge log. Kids and teens who complete the challenge will get a coupon for a Pizza Hut Personal Pan Pizza, earn a book, while supplies last and be entered into a branch prize drawing for \$50. Adults who complete the challenge will get a coupon for 30% off from Pizza Hut and a solar-powered device charger, while supplies last.

More chances to win: kids and teens who complete all three levels and the Super Reader Challenge will be entered for a chance to win a grand prize consisting of: an Apple iPad Mini; a Vegas Golden Knights or Las Vegas Lights FC Official Jersey; a Vegas Golden Knights "Chance" Plush Toy; a Las Vegas Lights FC Anytime Ticket Book; a Las Vegas Lights FC Scarf; and tickets to Cowabunga Bay.

*For complete details and prize information, visit the [LVCCLD.org/SummerChallenge](https://LVCCLD.org/SummerChallenge).*

*Kids and teens can keep their school skills sharp and earn cool prizes, and now adults can join in to win!*

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Library District employees and their families are not eligible to win Summer Challenge prizes.  
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Sandy Valley Library

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Moapa Valley OLSHACS

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12** at 2 P.M.  
Spring Valley Library

**THURSDAY, JUNE 16** at 6 P.M.  
Enterprise Library

**FRIDAY, JUNE 17** at 11 A.M.  
Windmill Library



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# Two New Inclusive Initiatives at Touro

During a special ceremony held inside the Michael Tang Regional Center for Clinical Simulation, Touro University Nevada took two more critical steps toward becoming a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive institution.

The evening's event included the announcement of Touro's new "Underrepresented White Coats in Medicine and Healthcare" Scholarship.

Each year, one incoming student from the Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine and one incoming student from the Touro University Nevada College of Health and Human Services will receive a \$5,000 scholarship. To be eligible, students must be from an underrepresented population and must have attended at least one Touro Nevada recruitment event focused on diversity in healthcare.

Aaron Ford, Nevada's Attorney General, spoke about the importance of these scholarship opportunities for minority students.

"This scholarship is a wonderful step toward keeping higher education available and accessible. It will open up opportunities for underrepresented students to study here in Nevada," he said. "Nevada is a state with a large community of immigrants and people of color, and we must continue the work to keep opportunities open for all people, those who reflect the people living here."

Ford said he received a similar scholarship that helped him attend Texas A&M University as an undergraduate student.

Flanked by medical equipment and hospital beds filled with simulated pa-

tients, Touro University Nevada CEO & Senior Provost Shelley Berkley also announced the dedication of the university's newest simulation manikin in honor of the late U.S. Congressman and Civil Rights icon, John Lewis.

With local elected officials, members of the Touro community, and others in attendance, Berkley discussed her relationship with Lewis during her 13-year tenure in the U.S. Congress. She talked about his lifelong fight for civil rights and equality for all, in addition to his special relationship with Touro.

In 2018, Lewis served as the keynote speaker during the annual Touro Gala. During his remarks, he shared his experiences on Bloody Sunday and how he was grateful for the physicians and healthcare providers who cared for him and others after being beaten by white Alabama state troopers in Selma, Ala. in 1965.

"Congressman Lewis was an extraordinary man who made it his lifelong commitment to fight for equality for all Americans," Berkley said. "We hope that dedicating our new state-of-the-art simulated manikin in his honor will help our students be better prepared to care for all of their patients after they graduate."

Ford praised the university for its commitment to providing quality educational opportunities for students from all backgrounds.

"I'm so happy that Touro is working toward including everybody, and I want to congratulate the university on the implementation of these important programs," he said.



Touro University's new manikin in honor of the late congressman John Lewis



Nevada's Attorney General Aaron Ford and Touro University's CEO Shelley Berkley



Ribbon is cut to celebrate Touro University's new manikin in honor of Congressman John Lewis.



Touro University medical students



Shondra Summers-Armstrong, Angela Scurry and Hannah Brown

Clark Gabriel McCarrell Jr. photographer

# Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Foundation Unveils Black Giving Circle

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) Foundation unveiled a new initiative in February 2022 to forge and strengthen relationships between the Southern Nevada Black community and local law enforcement.

The Black Giving Circle is designed to bring funding support into our communities that are traditionally under resourced. The initiative empowers the Southern Nevada Black community and law enforcement to work more closely through a variety of programs especially designed for children and teens.

"Our goal is to work with law enforcement to uplift communities of color, especially the Black community. The Black

Giving Circle is a bold way to change outcomes in neighborhoods that are considered low-opportunity zones, to empower Black ownership of public safety and build trust between the Black community and local law enforcement," said Tom Kovach, executive director of the LVMPD Foundation.

The Foundation works with organizations like the Urban Chamber of Commerce to generate membership in the Black Giving Circle. Memberships ensure the continued growth of several youth programs, including:

- Bolden Little League and Hockey United, building athletic skills and team-building while providing mentorship to

local youth and teens.

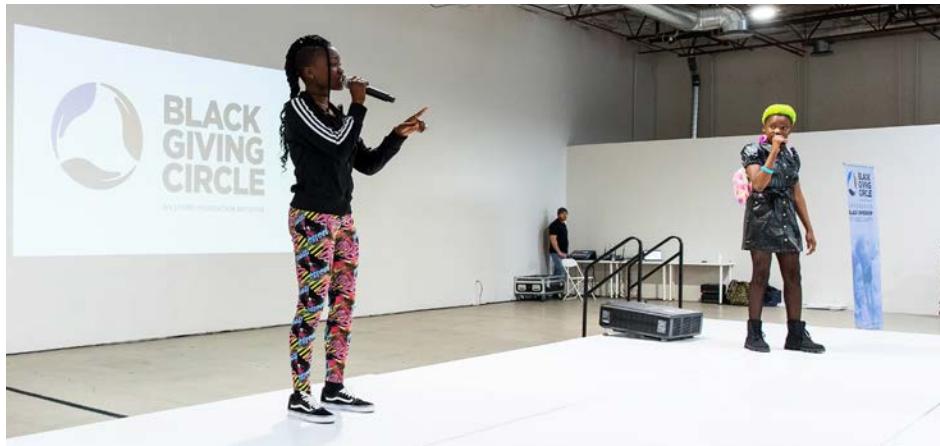
- Empowering Our Girls Workshop, demonstrating the power and worth of young females.

- Hip Hop & Entrepreneurship Program, focusing on lifting youth of color through the creative process of hip hop and rap, and education about the music industry.

The Black Giving Circle covers costs for youth to participate in programs produced in collaboration with the NAACP Las Vegas Branch. Cooking with a Cop, Reading with a Cop, and Conversations with a Cop are programs designed to create communication between young people and law enforcement.

"By offering membership in the Black Giving Circle, the LVMPD Foundation can continue to expand upon these popular programs," said Kovach. "With increased financial support, law enforcement can better serve under-resourced neighbors with resources and programming that directly impacts and uplifts local communities. The outcome is a better relationship between law enforcement and the community it serves, making Las Vegas a safer place for all."

For membership information Black Giving Circle | Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Foundation ([lvmpd-foundation.org](http://lvmpd-foundation.org))





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