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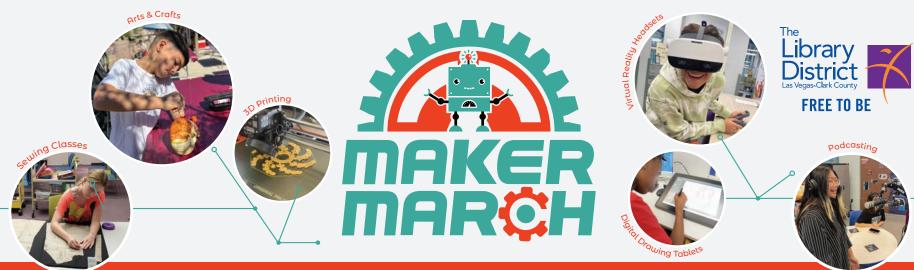
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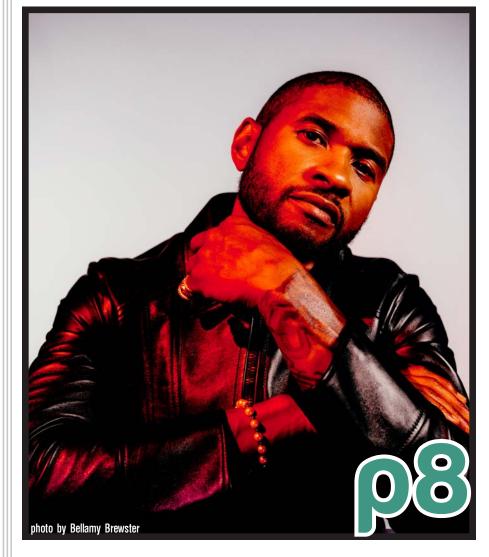


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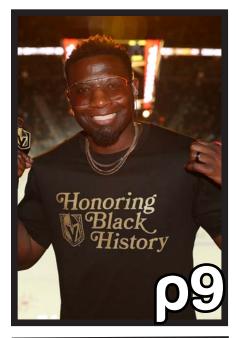


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# Black Image what's inside:











# **PEACE** The Pull Up

By Kimberly Bailey-Tureaud

res, that day, I was feeling really bad, Ms. Celie. But you helped

me." This line in "The Color Purple" speaks volumes about sisterhood and the woman-to-woman connection that heals.

People often mask their emotions, hiding the pain in their spirit. We have

grown so accustomed to disguising hurt - it happens unconsciously, in line with the admonition, "Don't tell nobody your business," which rings loud in our cultural conditioning.

But, in your solitude, there might be an unexpected knock at your door from a few sister-loves you have hidden from, who can find the space to help heal the wounds of the heart. Discovery is bliss.

Just like the sun demands your attention, your sister-loves (who really see



you) will pull up! The rhythmic vibration of your silence roars like a drumbeat in their souls - drawing them to come check on you. Love is so powerful. And the love of a true sister-friend is one that can never disappear. It's there when you least expect it.

The Pull Up is necessary, and our ancestors demand it. Planted in our DNA is the voice of strength, wisdom, empathy and love. Listen to that. It will maintain sister drivers in all lanes, so that none of us are left behind.

Practice the Pull Up of your own, by not allowing the needed voice to go silent. Send that card, call that number, or text that loving message. If there is no response, pull up with love and a hug. Prayer in action will save us all!

"The Pull Up is necessary, and our ancestors demand it. Planted in our DNA is the voice of strength, wisdom, empathy and love."

# Who In The Heck Raised These People?

By Louie Overstreet

Before you ask it, let me answer the question you have in mind: Who are "those people," right? Well, I am going to reveal their identity later.

In a simpler time, I remember being raised with a sense of family, respect for your elders, kindness to others, help when you are

able to do so, and (with what had to be the universal admonition of the time), making sure to wear clean underwear in case you get in and accident and have to go to the hospital.

Further, I used to be good at playing "The Dozens" on the playgrounds of Cleveland schools, back in the late 1940s and the early 1950s. Given what is taking place in America nowadays, it may be time for me to again talk about somebody's momma - and for that matter, their poppa, too.

Time to reveal who "those people" are. They are ungodly evangelicals, greedy and spineless politicians, as well as our bigoted relatives and friends who come in all colors (and parenthetically, I need to identify them as the culprits who are letting our nation go to hell in a handbasket).

While purporting to be a Christian nation governed by laws providing for the separation of church and state, it would be difficult to find the proof in today's puddings. Evangelicals and "repug" politicians have formed

an unholy alliance that makes you want to barf. Those people need to be doctors, that way these non-licensed physicians could heal themselves.

We all know the best place to observe bigotry in action is in the attitudes expressed and actions taken by bigoted people who keep our nation in social turmoil. Among those people, as noted, are our relatives and friends. No matter how hard you try to duck them, they are always in your face using vile invectives, not to mention voting against their own interests, due to their hate-filled hearts.

Sadly, the foregoing are those people who are turning the dream of America into our nation's nightmare!



# Prostate cancer and why it can't be ignored

By Clifford L. Williams

.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin III (70), England's King Charles III (75), radio host and civil-rights advocate Joe Madison (74), and the first Black U.S. Secretary of State, General Colin Powell (84) - just to name a few. All had. or have, something in common: issues with prostate cancer.



Specifically, cancer in the prostate - a small walnut-sized gland that produces seminal fluid that nourishes and transports sperm.

Unfortunately, Madison passed away on January 31 after a long battle with prostate cancer; and Powell, who died in 2021, suffered from complications of the disease. Austin recently had a frightening scare from his battle with the disease — developing a urinary tract infection related to his treatment for prostate cancer, and King Charles III has been treated for an enlarged prostate and has now been diagnosed with cancer.

Prostate cancer is a deadly disease that is very slow in progressing — but its end-of-life results can be painful and devastating, if not treated in its early stages.

The disease is a common cancer, like breast cancer affecting about one in eight men in their lifetime. Receiving proper health screenings can be lifesaving. You are at increased risk for getting or dying from prostate cancer if you are African-American or have a family history of prostate cancer. (I'm not entirely certain, but I would guess my bout with prostate cancer probably came from my father; I have two brothers who inevitably contracted the disease).

I know because I am a prostate cancer survivor. I took the necessary procedures to ward off the long-ex-

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# Ushering in a new era of Vegas entertainment

his issue of Las Vegas Black Image is bursting with stories and photos showcasing the best of Black History Month 2024. And the celebration was magnified this year - as Las Vegas played host to the Super Bowl and its spectacle of star-studded events with a crush of media from around the world.

That excitement is encapsulated in the man who appears on our cover: Usher has put his forever stamp on the history of Las Vegas entertainment — with his 100-show residency here in Sin City, and for bringing down the house at the halftime of the big game at Allegiant

Stadium.

Also inside:

- Exclusive coverage of the 24th Annual Las Vegas Taste & Sounds of Soul/ Black Image Honors event, in collaboration with the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District. Nine outstanding individuals, known as "The Real Ones," were honored for their contributions to community and diversity.
- Highlights from Super Bowl Week, including honors for actress Holly Robinson-Peete and other phenomenal women.
  - In Community Speaks, Las Vegas

residents weigh in on the most impactful events during Black History Month.

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# All of the lights

By Dianne Danquah

ights. All of the lights. Everywhere. This is what was imprinted in 6-yearold me when I first came to Las Vegas in 2008 to visit my Aunty and Uncle. A trip that gave me bragging rights in the primary school playground.

I remember a few things from that trip. I remember looking up to see a lion above me (through the glass of course) at a show. I remember eating French toast, cut up into pieces with syrup on top. I remember going fishing and my dark purple skirt getting wet but drying in minutes because it was so hot. Yet. most of all. I remember the lights.

Fifteen years passed. I finished secondary school, sixth form and university. I visited Ghana for the first time in eight years, got my first real job after graduating and began to settle back into my new reality in London. But coming back to Vegas was always part of the plan, and when I say I'm going to do something, I do it.

So I did it. I booked my flight, quit my job and began to prepare for my 3 months in Las Vegas. I did not know what

to expect. I did not know what and who I was going to encounter but I was ready for the adventure. That is what I live for. I love exploring places with no expectations. I love letting the experience (the highs and lows) teach me new lessons. I love stepping into the unknown to discover things beyond my imagination. Travelling teaches you this.

You learn not to judge a place by what is depicted, to let a place speak for itself and transform you through discovery.

Las Vegas aka "Sin City" is depicted as the place to live a fast life. The casinos, full of gamblers who aren't going to win anything but hold onto the possibili-



Dianne Danguah

ty. The chapels with Elvis impersonators officiating the shotgun weddings. Entertainment central and a strip that could blind you if you stare too long. It is these things, of course, or wouldn't be THE Las Vegas but it is also so much more.

Whenever I told people in London that I was coming to America for 3 months, the follow-up question was always "Where?". I

would respond "Las Vegas" and wait for the expected reaction before giving the disclaimer. People don't seem to realise that people actually live here. Vegas is not confined to the 4.2 mile-long strip; there are neighborhoods, full of communities; scenic views, full of mountains and there are hearts, full of love.

I went to speakeasies and dance battles in the arts district which showed me the homegrown talent, I explored Red Rock and was left in awe of the beauty and ate so much food that I was shocked at the number on the scale. Yet, most of all I met so many people that embraced me like I had lived there my whole life. From my Aunty's dog park friends, who had the best conversations to my new American friends for life who showed me how the young live.

If I could describe my trip in one word, it would be a whirlwind. During my time in the U.S., apart from Vegas, I had the opportunity to visit 4 other cities: LA, Houston, Washington D.C. and New York. Out of the 4. New York was my favourite. Out of them all, it was Vegas.

Now that I am older, every detail of this trip will stay with me forever. I will remember that in the city with lights that blind our eyes, it is the lights in the community that guide our paths.

Lights. All of the Lights. Everywhere.



# What impressed you the most during Black History Month 2024 in Las Vegas?





Carrie Brown

I was extremely impressed to see and hear our Black history being embraced by many and celebrated.



ShaRhonda Ramos

"Subject; Re-Birth VOL. 1: A Collection of Thoughts" was an incredible show that showcased the talents of our young people, and artistic director Avree Walker was great. It was beautiful, thought-provoking, and wonderfully entertaining."



China Hudson

As a person who attends at least 10 Black History Month programs and events every year, I am always impressed with events that are youth-led or centered — especially when they are presenting programs and sharing history. I like programs and events that have thought-provoking engagement and make audiences reflect.



**Marsha Kimble-Simms**The fact that we have a family united as one flesh, dedicated to preserving

**Rickey Mickey Ormond** 

I was most impressed with the Taste & Sounds of Soul/Black Image Honors and the Springs Preserve event.



Cassandra Gaitor

I work at Democracy Prep at the Agassi Campus. I'm so proud of how we go all out for the kids and the kids respond. We did a door-decorating contest, and I chose Stella Parson, the black female to graduate from UNR in the 1950s. And I'm so proud of our boys' varsity basketball team, who won State!

**Joey Hillstock** Everything!



Kamara Magnolia Bowen

What impressed me the most out of all the Black History Month events was the genuine kindness and love our community displays with each other at these events. So many were hugging, laughing, and supporting one another. The education, reminders who we are, and the incredible things we are capable of. That was the ultimate prize at these events.



Kellarice Rayford

I was impressed with the spirit of excellence at various events. It's encouraging to see all the unity and love we share with each other in the Black community throughout Black History Month. Kimberly Bailey and Charles Tureaud, thank you so much for hosting the Taste & Sounds of Soul/Black Image Honors event. It was awesome!



Kathy Lattimore

I really enjoyed the Gospel Fest. It was a great turnout with talented local artists, and headlining the show was Charles Jenkins.

# NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell Surprises Kids at 'Barbershop Books' Kickoff Event

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell made a surprise appearance at an event where members of the NFL Legends Community, local barbers and 150 children from the Boys & Girls Clubs joined the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District in launching the Barbershop Books literacy program.

Activities included story time with NFL Legends, Microsoft's Minecraft Activation with Surface Tablets and crafts, Play60 Skills and Drills activities on the outdoor plaza, and free haircuts for children from participating partner barbershops.

Barbershop Books encourages area youth to discover the joy of reading through the safe, welcoming space of their neighborhood barbershops. The

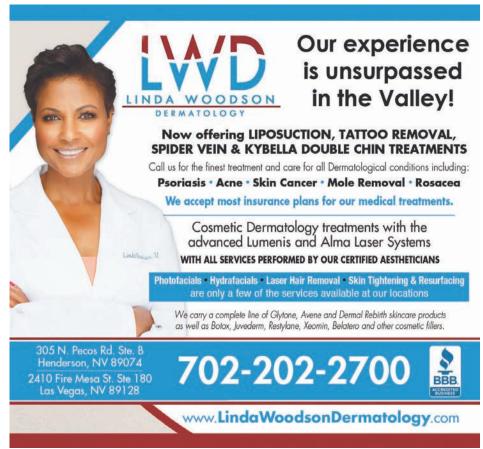


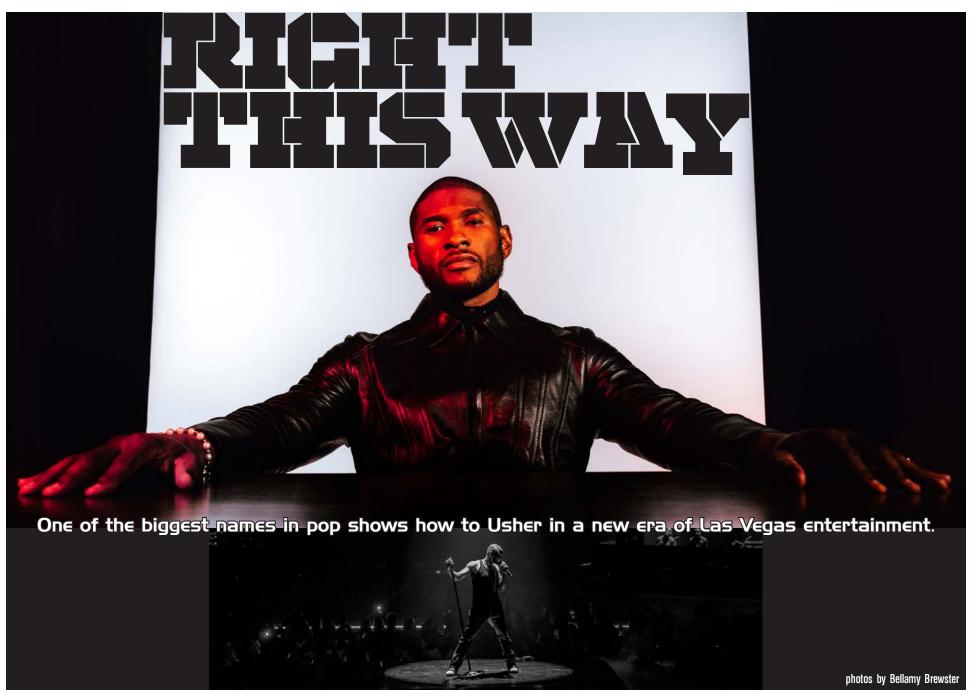
nationwide program was founded by former elementary school teacher Alvin Irby, who has been named one of CNN's Top 25 Heroes of 2023 for his work in literacy. The program is part of the NFL's Inspire Change social justice initiative, which is collaborating with Barbershop Books and the Library District with support from Microsoft. Barbershop Books works with community partners across the country to provide access to fun books and positive reading experiences through neighborhood barbershops. In underserved communities nationwide.

NFL funding will help Barbershop Books and the Library District recruit 10 barbershop partners to launch the program in the Las Vegas region, toward the goal of inspiring children to read

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as Vegas was lit up bright on Super Bowl weekend - as luminaries from all over the world took over the city for the year's biggest spectacle of sports, entertainment, and celebrity.

Yes, there was a game — which ended up being an all-time classic — to be played at Allegiant Stadium, and the celebration of Black History Month added to the excitement. But few things rivaled the buzz created by the halftime entertainment, as superstar entertainer Usher took the stage with special guests as Lil' Jon, Ludacris, and Alicia Keys.

The show was filled with familiar hits from throughout Usher's career, songs from his latest album, "Coming Home," and roller-skating moments from his Vegas residency show. The eight-time Grammy winner, whose wildly successful 100-show Las Vegas residency has drawn international headlines, said his goal was to bring a taste of his hometown to Nevada. "I turned the Vegas V upside down," he said, "bringing the ATL to the Silver State."

Usher's love for Atlanta, however, translated well into a pride for Black Las Ve-

gas that he has developed during his stay: he took cameras on a tour of the Historic Westside, including stops at historic Harrison House, Walker African American Museum, and much more. And away from the cameras, Usher and the mother of two of his children, Jennifer Goicoechea, married at a Las Vegas drive-thru, accompanied by close friends and family.

With his unforgettable performance, Usher joined a list of celebrated entertainers who have played the Super Bowl halftime show — including Prince, Beyonce, Madonna, Michael Jackson, and Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg. To mark that history, the City of Las Vegas presented Usher with a proclamation for his contributions to the Las Vegas community where he has visited and spoke to local Clark County School District students to encourage their educational journey.

Commenting right before his performance began, Usher summed it all up: "I was very mindful of my past, celebrating my present, which is here in Las Vegas, and thinking about where we're heading in the future."

# Golden Knights Celebrate Black History Month







Golden Knights' Joel Ward

Golden Knights celebrate Black History

Golden Knights visit Doolittle Community Center

The Vegas Golden Knights held a series of events in February to celebrate Black History Month, highlighted by their Black History Knight game on Tuesday, February 20. Although the VGK dropped that contest to Nashville, 5-3, the theme of "Honoring Black History" was celebrated throughout the night.

Prominent Black members of the VGK organization took their usual spots in the spotlight - from forward Keegan Kolesar on the ice to assistant coach Joel Ward behind the bench. Carnell "Golden Pipes" Johnson belted out the national anthem to start the game and in-game host Bojo Ackah and DJ Joe Green entertained the sellout crowd.

In addition, special guests at the game included leadership from the Las Vegas Urban Chamber of Commerce and Wendell P. Williams, the founder of the city's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and a former state assemblyman. The Knights Salute program — which allows season-ticket members to donate tickets to deserving members of the community - donated more than 40 tickets to the game to staff and Board members from the brand new Donna Street Community Center, and DJ Kelly J performed during the second intermission Knight Club.

The day after the game, Donna Street

Community Center celebrated its grand opening, with the Golden Knights organization in attendance and hosting ball hockey for kids. The VGK Foundation is a proud sponsor of the center's podcast room.

Other ball hockey events in the community included Kolesar and Ward visiting the Doolittle Community Center for a clinic with dozens of kids on February 16.

"Anytime you can help the community it s a big honor," said Kolesar. "Especially with the heritage that Joel and I come from. We get the opportunity to come and help out and grow the game in communities like this. It means the world to us. I think it s an honor to be able to do this."

The Golden Knights also hosted several hours of ball hockey at the Springs Preserve Black History Month Festival.

"I think it's our job at this level is to introduce the game and to get out in the communities because a lot of people would love the opportunity to be part of it," said Ward. "We can continue as a group to introduce the game. Whether it's playing a little ball hockey here or handing hockey cards, it's about getting a little bit of interest. Those sparks can pay a lot of dividends to different neighborhoods and different people."

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while they're waiting for a haircut or while they're sitting in the barber chair.

Microsoft has contributed \$100,000 in hardware and software to the Library District, as well as providing Minecraft Education Edition software and professional staff development, to enable the Library District to incorporate Minecraft into its digital literacy programing.



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NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell at the Barbershop Books event

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# **Black Wall Street**

By Claytee D. White

on a Saturday evening in February, I attended a presentation by archaeologist Alicia Odewale, PhD. She is investigating the 1921 race riot in the Black town of Greenwood, just



across the tracks from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The scream of a white female elevator operator, when her Black male passenger lost his balance, led to his arrest. Because the elevator didn't stop evenly at a landing, he stumbled and grabbed her arm as he exited — and tragically, her story (that nothing happened, and that he should be released) did not quell the harsh atmospheric tensions. Both the Black and

white communities armed themselves. The firepower of the White community, which included dropping incendiary devices from aircraft, overwhelmed the Black community's defensive measures. Thus, the white barrage of the Greenwood community destroyed businesses, homes, and carted off Blacks to internment camps. There is a film, a "60 Minutes" episode, and a wealth of writings about the attack on Black Wall Street.

The Smith Center presentation, produced by National Geographic, was stellar. It allowed audience interaction, but Dr. Odewale was spirited away too soon. We could have conversed with her for the rest of the night.

Beginning in 1919, this period is sometimes called the Red Summer because there were these kinds of attacks by Whites on Black communities in over two dozen cities across the United States. The National WWI Museum and Memorial traces the cause to Black soldiers returning from the war in Europe with a bit of a swagger and may have been unwilling to submit to the typical Jim Crow treatment of that era. The second reason was related to the Black migration from the South that created competition for jobs in northern cities and exhausted the supply of workers in the South. Riots occurred in Washington, DC; Chicago, Illinois; Omaha, Nebraska; Norfolk, Virginia; Wilmington, Delaware; Houston, Texas; and the deadliest of all, in Elaine, Arkansas.

This violence did not spread to Las Vegas. However, the revived Ku Klux Klan marched down Fremont Street in full regalia — but not until 1925.

Some cities encountered this severe racial tension when Blacks were hired as

scabs by large companies thus causing friction between Black and white workers.

Clarence Ray tells the story of being hired for a job on the railroad in 1922 in Las Vegas but sneaked out of town to return to California when he discovered that he had been hired as a scab to break a strike. In this period, Las Vegas' Black community was spurred to organize.

In the 1920s, Black leaders formed a Colored Democratic Club, a Colored Republican Club, the Colored Citizens Labor Protective Association, and a branch of the NAACP. I believe these organizational efforts were for reasons beyond jobs and politics. Maybe these groups proved to be protection from chaos and allowed for Black survival.

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# Reparations Work Has Made Me Love White People More

By Darryl L. Fortson, M.D.

I love White people. I really do.

I never hated them in the first place, which I'm thankful for. Having grown up in the "apartheid state" of Chicago, in the "Bantu-



stan" of the neighborhood of Chatham, white America was external to my life. I briefly attended elementary school with White children before their parents took White flight from the heretofore mixed South Shore community where my school was located. I was reintroduced in high school, but the Black students largely went their way and the white ones theirs

—to their respective racial enclaves — after the school bell rang. My college (Morehouse) was almost all Black; my medical school (Meharry) predominantly so.

Racial troubles were few since racial interactions were few. Of course, racism was present, but like lightning, it just didn't strike me.

But I saw the lightning, I heard the thunder, and I knew the history. I didn't like what I saw, and I still don't. Reparations for me was, at first, simply about getting what had been taken from us. But then, along the way, the good Lord revealed to me the "physics" of reparations in particular, and injustice in general. I was brought back to Newton's 3rd Law, that "for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction." For exam-

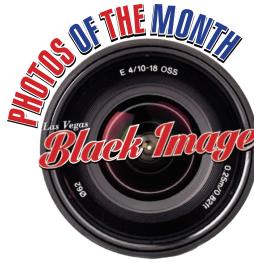
ple, when you punch a man in the jaw, his jaw punches you back in the hand. What nobody seems to realize is that "punching" Black people physically, economically, socially, and spiritually has not only broken a lot of Black jaws, but generation upon generation of White hands.

I am as saddened now, understanding this, by the spiritual and moral injury White folks have inflicted upon generation after generation of their very own children as I am the injuries that Black people have endured, and I have consciously declined to value one above the other. I understand now that, like the town drunk "Otis" of Mayberry fame, White America has imprisoned itself over 400 years with the infliction of injustice upon their neighbor. It has

punched itself in the hand with the Black man's jaw, weakening its grip on truth, reality, and the gospel. Hate, rage and ignorance heal nothing — but love and justice do; not a mamby-pamby, performative "hugs and kisses" love, but a resilient acknowledgement of the humanity and desperate need of men to find their way home to our common Creator. In all things, the mercy we show each other will largely be the mercy God will grant us.

As the physics of the Thermodynamic 1st Law dictates — that energy is neither created nor destroyed but converted — the conscious decision to not compensate Black people for their losses and suffering in the Civil War's wake meant that, while slavery was ended, it wasn't "con-

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Bands perform at the Taste & Sounds of Soul/Black Image Honors event.



Belinda Denice Strong (middle) is congratulated for her Black Image Magazine honor.



LV Black Image Honoree Courtney Hemphilland family



Berna Ford poses with Las Vegas Black Image Magazine at Springs Preserve Black History event



Debi Deb and Wayne Wedlow at Taste & Sounds of Soul/Black Image Honors event



Dede Green, Honoree Vanette Wilson and friend at Taste & Sounds of Soul/Black Image Honors event



Entertainer EC Adams and Mz. Michele at Spring Preserve Black History event



DB's Cajun Kitchen on Channel 13 promoting the Taste & Sounds of Soul/Black Image Honors event



Michelle Hatter and friends enjoy the event.



Michael Elliott's The VEG Ringtone Black History

Month Chess Tournament



Dr. Linda Dougan

Jewelry vendor at the Taste & Sounds of Soul event



Kimberly Flowers and her Storm the Stage talent perform at the Taste & Sounds of Soul event.



The United States Attorney for the District of Nevada Jason Frierson



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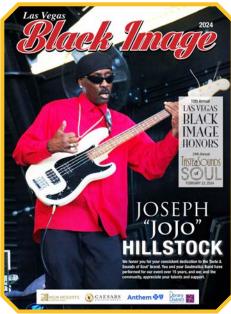
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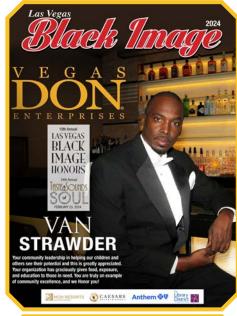
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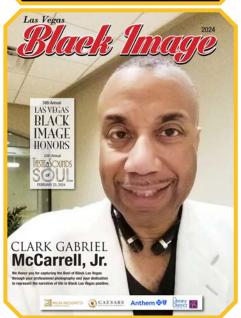
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Jackie Brantley, Brenda Williams, Anna Bailey and Norma Delacerna at a screening of the documentary "Across the Tracks: A Las Vegas Westside Story"



Anthony Boone, Kasina Boone, Rose Gaston, and Mickey Ormond attend the Taste & Sounds of Soul event.



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Shelley Berkley and Dr. Beverly Mathis



Sidney and Emily Jackson attend the Taste & Sounds of Soul/Black Image Honor event at Flamingo Library

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tended disease. Treatment may compromise your manhood, but it will also save your life.

Beyond my own diagnosis, I became increasingly aware of prostate cancer when my former employer, thirteen-term member of the U.S. House of Representatives and former mayor of Oakland, CA, the honorable Ronald Dellums (82), passed away because of the disease.

#### **What Causes Prostate Cancer?**

It is not clear, nor widely known, what causes prostate cancer. Doctors know that prostate cancer begins when cells in the prostate develop changes in their DNA. It is not known exactly what causes prostate cancer, although several things can increase your risk of developing the condition. It could be environmental or even hereditary.

The most common risk factor is age. The risk rises as you get older, and most cases are diagnosed in men over 50 years of age. The older a man is, the greater the chance of getting prostate cancer.

Additional factors can include smoking, obesity, and consuming very high amounts of calcium - all may contribute to more aggressive cases of prostate can-

#### **Being Aware of Prostate Issues**

Although the presence of prostate cancer may not display any symptoms at all, there are five warning signs of prostate problems, and why you should see your doctor right away which includes: difficulty starting urination; weak or interrupted flow of urine; urinating often, especially at night; trouble emptying the bladder completely; pain or burning during urination, and blood in the urine or semen.

Some types of prostate cancer grow slowly. In some cases, monitoring is recommended. Other types are aggressive and require radiation, surgery, hormone therapy, chemotherapy, or other treatments.

Prostate cancer can be cured when detected and treated early. Most prostate cancer cases (more than 90 percent) are discovered in the preliminary stages - making the tumors more likely to respond to treatment. Treatment does not always have to mean surgery or chemotherapy, either.

One way to get an early diagnosis is to be aware of your PSA levels. The normal range is between 1.0 and 1.5 ng/ml. An abnormal rise: A PSA score may also be considered abnormal if it rises a certain amount in a single year. For example, if your score rises more than 0.35 ng/ml in a single year, your doctor may recommend further testing.

You can check if your prostate is OK when you take a blood sample to test your level of prostate-specific antigen (PSA) or PSA testing. A doctor can examine your prostate by inserting a gloved finger into your bottom - called a digital rectal examination.

#### **How Do You Avoid Prostate Cancer?**

To avoid aiding the chances of getting prostate cancer, consider changing your diet and lifestyle, which includes improving your diet; maintaining a healthy weight; getting regular exercise; stop smoking and drink less; increase your intake of Vitamin D and remain sexually active.

Most men may avoid going to the doctor because they may feel that treatment could interfere with their sexual activities, including erectile dysfunction. However, there is treatment and new, enhanced medications that can treat this disorder. So, please: see your physician if you feel you may be experiencing any prostate issues.

Austin has recovered from his bout with prostate cancer after surgery on December 22, 2023. And as for King Charles III: long live the king!

For more information on prostate cancer or other aspects of men's health, please reach out to Las Vegas Black Image.

# Fostering Hope: Court Appointed Special Advocates Volunteers Making A Difference

By Dr. Lisa Morris-Hibbler

a world where hardships are commonplace, one of the most tragic facts is the existence of kids who wind up in the foster care system. These young people are already dealing with difficulties that most adults would find incomprehensible, and now they have to endure the turbulent trip through the unknowns of foster care. The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) volunteers are a beacon of love and hope in these turbulent waters, giving children the precious gift of quality time and, most importantly, an opportunity for a better future. CASA volunteers have professional careers such as teachers, nurses, lawvers, realtors, business and government leaders, and retirees.

In Clark County, there are more than 3,000 children placed in foster care due to circumstances beyond their control. These children struggle with the uncertainties of their future while carrying the emotional scars of their past - be it abuse, neglect, or other unfavorable circumstances. For them, the presence of a CASA volunteer, like me, is frequently the first sign of stability in an unstable environment. The Eighth Judicial Court-CASA Program has 400 volunteers that represent nearly 1,000 children annually. The goal, of course, is to have enough CASA volunteers to ensure that every child can be assigned an advocate.

CASA volunteers have a real impact on the lives of the children they serve. Studies have shown that children with CASA volunteers are more likely to be reunified with their families and placed in permanent homes sooner.

#### A Glimpse into the Lives of Foster Children

Before I share my story, it is important to understand the difficulties and complexities that foster children face. These kids are frequently exposed to terrible events and are suddenly thrown into an unknown and frightening world. They could feel abandoned and lost since they are cut off from their homes, family, and everything they once knew. Their emo-

tional and psychological well-being may be seriously impacted by the emotional turmoil and instability they experience.

Many foster children are shuffled from one placement to another, which disrupts any sense of consistency in their lives. It is not uncommon for these children to change schools frequently, making it difficult for them to form

meaningful relationships with peers or teachers. This lack of stability can have a lasting impact on their educational and emotional development.

Moreover, the foster care system itself can be a daunting labyrinth of bureaucracy and legal proceedings. For a child, navigating this system can be overwhelming and confusing. This is where the CASA volunteers come in, offering a steady hand, consistent presence, and a caring heart to guide these children through the challenges they face.

#### Case Assignments: My Experience as a CASA Volunteer

Upon finishing my CASA volunteer training, I was immediately assigned a case. My nerves started setting in as I thought about the first meeting. Would the children accept me, would they want to meet yet another stranger? Our training prepared us for this day - but now, I would be put to the test. When I accepted my first case as a CASA volunteer, I was assigned an African-American sibling group of three. They had been placed with a family member. I was so glad the children were able to stay together and keep their bond intact. So often, siblings are separated when a suitable placement cannot be readily identified. As their CASA advocate, I was determined to provide the consistency and support they so

desperately needed.

Our first
meeting began with

meeting began with snacks and a conversation. I learned about their favorite hobbies, their dreams, and fears. We spent time doing homework, going to fun activities, playing sports, video games, and eating at various restaurants. Through these seemingly ordinary moments, I began to see beautiful

personalities flourish and bright smiles emerge

Over time, I saw the positive impact that my consistent presence had on this family s life. They began to open up, sharing their thoughts and feelings more freely. Their confidence grew, and they started to believe in their own potential. I attended school meetings and academic conferences to ensure the children were on track and accessing the resources they needed. By the time the case was closed and their relative became their legal guardian, the children were in a stable and loving home, involved in extracurricular activities, and academically doing well.

Two years later, I was assigned to my second case advocating for an African American sibling group of four. The children are not Nevada residents and I am working with Family Services to get them reunited with family in another state. Weekly, I make visits to Child Haven to check on the children. Child Haven is a specialized campus that provides congregate care to children who are placed in protective custody or awaiting placement and keep siblings together.

Serving as a CASA volunteer is undoubtedly rewarding, it is not without its challenges. There were moments when I felt frustrated by the complexities of the foster care system, the education system

hurdles, and the heart-wrenching stories of the children I encountered. However, these challenges only fueled my determination to advocate for the best interests of my CASA kids.

My personal experience as a CASA volunteer has been a profound and life-changing one. I have learned that with dedication, empathy, and unwavering support, we can be the catalyst for positive change in the lives of these vulnerable children. The smiles, the moments of laughter, and the remarkable resilience I ve witnessed in the children I have served have been my greatest rewards. Every day, I am reminded of the importance of having a consistent, caring adult in the life of a foster child. I have seen firsthand how being that one significant person can make all the difference, offering hope, support, and the promise of a better future.



Dr. Lisa Morris-Hibbler



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# 'There is always work to be done'

as Vegas was the place to be during **▲**Super Bowl weekend, and one of the hottest tickets was the annual Million Dollar Dinner – hosted and produced by former NFL player Andre Farr at the Bellagio Hotel. Honorees included Raiders Head Coach Antonio Pierce, with the Leader of the Year Award; and Vada Manager, with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Guests enjoyed a VIP view of the Fountains of Bellagio, as well as a fivecourse culinary masterpiece with wine pairing curated by Picasso owner and two-time James Beard award-winning Chef Julian Serrano at his AAA Five Diamond and Forbes Travel Guide five-star rated restaurant.

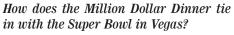
Vada O. Manager found his purpose in his East St. Louis childhood. Amid the trappings of inner-city life, where crime and poverty dominated, he was inspired to achieve. Manager is the president and CEO of Manager Global Consulting Group – having already traveled the world as an executive for Nike and Levi's - and sees that journey as more than about his own success.

Now 58, Manager has a unique portfolio of experience (and relationships) as a strategist/entrepreneur spanning finance, brand marketing, sports business and board governance. He has developed a reputation as a go-to corporate director for various director education seminars hosted by the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) and 50/50 Women on Boards, and/or when major financial and/or shareholder matters have arisen. In 2023, Manager's career reached two new milestones in sports and film: earning his first executive producer credit as part of the team developing the festival award winning documentary "Stewart Udall: The Politics of Beauty." Manager had previously advised HBO/ HBO Max and Cartoon Network showrunners. In 2023, Manager was approved for NBA franchise ownership (limited partnership group) via the "Blue Owl Dyal-Homecourt private equity model.

His professional accomplishments have included serving press secretary for former Washington, D.C. Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly, and advising the late Nelson Mandela and President Barack Obama. Las Vegas Black Image sat down with Manager for a revealing conversation about his passions and the gift to encourage others.

Congratulations on being honored with the Andre Farr Lifetime Achievement Award.

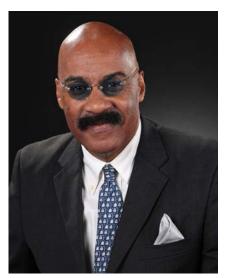
It is very nice to be recognized in this stage of life, and it makes me realize the impact one can have on other people. My passion has been motivated by things like reducing the racial wealth gap and helping others fulfill their potential. It's nice to be recognized for a lifetime of work. It's just been a blessing.



I was a former Nike executive, and Nike's role in sports is well-chronicled. This annual event is hosted by Andre Farr [CEO of the Black Sports Agents Association]. They honor people every year during Super Bowl week.

Currently, what is your role in the world of business?

At this stage of life, I have a holdings company - management holdings within several companies that have minority investments in different sectors and industries. We are also involved in bringing the iconic "Soul Train" to Broadway in late 2024 or 2025. The



Vada Manager

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What is your opinion about diversity in the NFL?

I think it is a good season for the NFL. The recent coaching positions that went to six African Americans - including here in Las Vegas, with the Raiders' Antonio Pierce - [along with the ascent of] Raiders president Sandra Douglas Morgan, it seems to be a movement. But there is always work to be done. There is also an important aspect not in just the NFL and the Super Bowl, but also about ownership. I was recently talking to an NFL player, and we are both in-

group I'm invested vested in professional sports franchises and looking to do more. The NBA is probably ahead much more in terms of diversifying the ownership structures. So, amongst investments that our family ... has is through a private equity company called Blue Owl Dyal-Homecourt company. We own a part of the Atlanta Hawks, Charlotte Hornets and Sacramento Kings.

> Do you have any knowledge of Jay Z getting involved with NFL ownership?

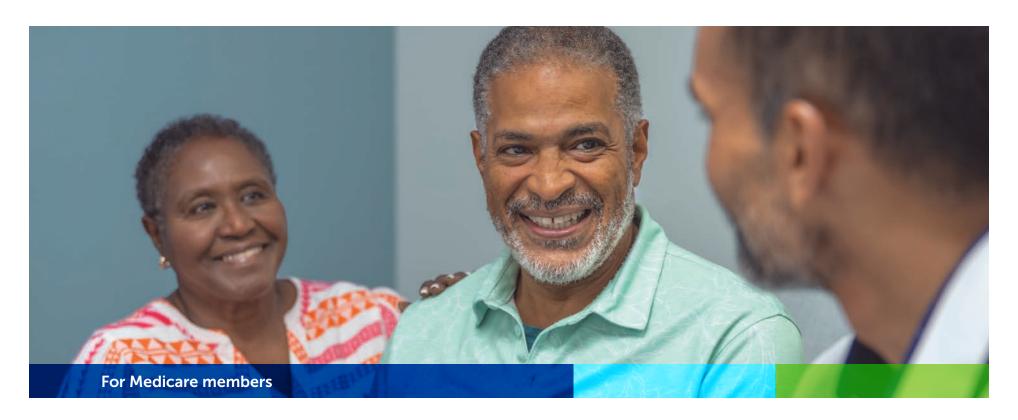
> Not any direct knowledge. I was aware of Magic Johnson becoming part-owner of the Washington Commanders. What's interesting about that was that the Washington Commanders was the last franchise in the NFL in the 1960s to bring in Black players Black players. That franchise came full circle. I think no one can imagine the NFL without Black players. They were indeed the last franchise to do it. Many Southern NFL franchises in the past thought they would lose their white support if they had black players. Also, Secretary Condoleeza Rice is a part owner of the Denver Broncos.

> What is your response to procurement opportunities that are not poured back into qualified Black-owned businesses from big events like the Super Bowl?

> This is a great question and a very important narrative. I think every time an event as big as the Super Bowl or the NBA All-Star Game takes place, pathways should be created to give Blackowned companies opportunities to economically participate. I am not aware of what the 6 Super Bowl in Las Vegas did [in terms of the] amount of dollars that were spent that economically benefited Black-owned companies. But I am aware that this gentleman named Jonathan Bean, at the NFL is head of their equity division. He was hired for that purpose: to organize, not just philanthropic give backs, but also minority business opportunities creation at the time of the Super Bowl event. Also, things that can be done on a lasting basis with the Black business community.



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# Women make the world go around!

By Craig Knight

arch is here! Welcome to Women's Historv Month!

And as we enter "March Madness," we know this month is also recognized for its craziness!

Women's History Month is a

time to honor, recognize, and celebrate the amazing women in our lives - as



well as those who have made extraordinary contributions to the world both historically and currently!

Let's start with something simple, vet powerful: The woman is the mother of civilization. The moment you are born, you have life - and without her you don't exist. That's a fact!

Women's History Month begins at home. My spouse is an incredible woman, a modest person with a lovely heart. She is my dearest friend as well as a wonderful mother, daughter, aunt, sister, and friend. She also cherishes her cul-

ture, community, and family. She accomplishes all that she sets her mind to, and is incredibly helpful to so many people! She is someone I value and will honor this month and always!

I then acknowledge and honor my beautiful daughters, of whom I am incredibly proud. One of my daughters recently made history by becoming her high school's youngest and first Black female varsity head coach for girls basketball. Her squad qualified for the playoffs in her debut season! They became the Academic Nevada State Champions

in their division —which was a huge victory despite their unfortunate first-round loss! She made study hall mandatory for her players during the season, and it paid off tremendously as they averaged a 3.5 GPA with several 4.0's! Say it loud with me: student athletes! Her success makes me the most proud of her since it shows that she is preparing young minds for the future.

Finally, I would like to thank and honor my mothers, aunts, sisters, and female cousins for always being outstand-

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Women's History Month is a time to honor, recognize, and celebrate the amazing women in our lives.

**BLACK EXCELLENCE: ANTHONY WILLIAMS** 

# Championing Innovation and Strategic Operations

nthony Williams is Senior Vice President of Facility Operations A Strategy at MGM Resorts, international (NYSE: MGM). MGM is an S&P global gaming and entertainment company and industry leader with 19 unique global destination resorts/entertainment venues.

As for Williams' professional responsibilities, he is charged with directing enterprise-wide property functions — which consists of leading multiple teams across several divisions within the company's 20 + integrated resorts, arenas, and racetracks. Leveraging over two decades of executive industry experience he has a proven track record of driving operational excellence, effective strategic planning and capital improvement initiatives that enhance the customer experience, employee engagement, and bottom-line results. He continues to champion innovation and strategic operational improvements with upholding MGM's commitment to social impact and sustainability.

Williams' leadership range and experience has created opportunities to contribute across many civic engagements/community driven initiatives as he has served on several boards including: the Boys and Girls Club of Southern Nevada, The First Tee of Southern Nevada, University of Nevada Reno's Cooperative Extension. The American Heart Association, The Nevada Professional Facility Managers' Association and Trustee for the Southern Nevada Operating Engineers Management Trust.



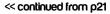
# Library District Breaks Ground on New 40,000 square-foot West Las Vegas Library

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The West Las Vegas Library has served as a community anchor to the Historic Westside for 50 years. The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District announced that the West Las Vegas Library's role in the community is expanding — with a new 41,178 square-foot, state-of-the-art branch.

A groundbreaking celebration was held February 27 at 1861 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, the location of the new library. It is slated to open in Fall 2025.



ing role models for the family and the community!

In honor of Women's History Month, KCEP Power 88.1 FM provides facts every day! (A shout-out to Mr. Melvin Stringer for compiling and presenting the facts for Women's History Month!) These details will enlighten and stimulate your intellect.

March 17 is St. Patrick's Day! I get

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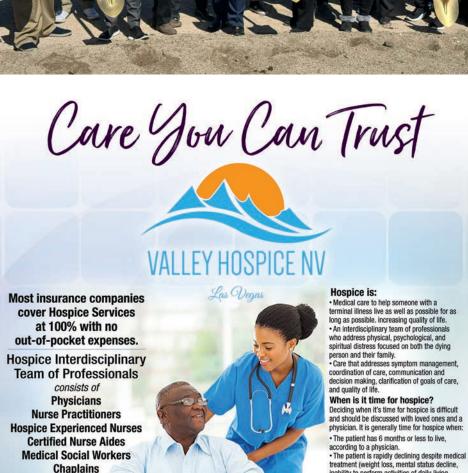
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your thought process: why is this black man acknowledging that? My mother informed me that she had two Irish great-grand uncles on her mother's side. I thought, "Whaaaatttt!" Yes, I have some Irish blood, as well as Cherokee and Blackfoot from my father's side, and African from both sides. I have a diverse blend of ancestry. That being said, cheers to green beers!

And lastly: March Madness in the NCAA! An occasion to gather with loved ones, friends, and coworkers to complete brackets, talk about Cinderella teams, and then take in the chaos! Sincerely speaking, I find the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament to be just as entertaining to watch as the Men's!

How appropriate that Women's History Month coincides with the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament! Happy Women's History Month! Please take the time to educate yourself and spread the word to others. Why? Because women deserve it!





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# Under the Glittering Lights

# 'Women Raise the Game' Takes Center Stage During Super Bowl Weekend

Event honors dynamic women behind the scenes in sports.

Women Raise the Game (WRTG), presented by Boldyn Networks, hosted a memorable honoree experience during Super Bowl weekend in a celebration of empowerment and recognition of extraordinary women who play pivotal roles behind the scenes in sports.

The exclusive affair, which took place at the prestigious Four Seasons Las Vegas, brought together trailblazers from the forefront and behind the scenes of

sports, honoring their contributions and achievements throughout the years.

WRTG honorees included Holly Robinson-Peete (actress-philanthropist and wife of retired NFL Player Rodney Peete) as Philanthropist of the Year; Sammy Schuster (mother of NFL wide receiver and Super Bowl champion JuJu Smith-Schuster) as Visionary of the Year; Zaileen Janmohamed (President & CEO of the Bay Area Host Committee) as Woman of the Year;

Laura Warner (mother of 49ers star Fred Warner and Buccaneers star Trov Warner) as Cultural Trailblazer of the Year; Taylor Rooks (dynamic and versatile sports reporter) as Journalist of the Year; Anna Martinez (mother of Chargers player Michael Davis) as Cultural Impact Honoree. Other notable guests included Grammy-winning producer Hit-Boy, tech entrepreneur and diversity advocate Marilyn Booker, and Actively Black CEO Lanny Smith.



Rodney Peete and Holly Robinson Peete at the Women Raise the Game event





Honoree Marilyn Booker, Publishers Kimberly Bailey Tureaud and Charles Tureaud, and Cam Newton



Women Raise the Game organizers and honorees



Jermaine Dupri quest deejays at the Four Seasons' Woman Raise the Game event

# The love story of Medgar and Myrlie Evers

By Dr. Ellen Brown

ETHAT is what love has to do with it.

MSNBC personality Joy-Ann Reid came to Las Vegas on Feb. 17 for a discussion of her bestseller "Medgar and



Myrlie" — a powerful, true love story set against the backdrop of s tumultuous, dangerous time for Black America.

Reid was the keynote speaker for the 111th Year Founder's Day of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., hosted at the Sahara Hotel by the Las Vegas Alumnae Chapter (Dr. Rebecca Rogers, President). An honorary Delta, Reid shared gifts of knowledge and power about the work and commitment of Medgar and Myrlie, who helped create a stronger foundation of love at a time when hate threatened to consume America. "The ReidOut" host spoke about focusing a lens of truth on

the civil rights legends, whose stories did not begin and end when Medgar was assassinated in 1963 at the age of 37. Even though truths behind this hateful act have emerged over the past 61 years, it can never be enough or forgotten.

In her book, Reid documents how common it was for whites to kill Blacks and face a system of justice that looked the other way. Unequal economics, assassinations, "separate-but-equal" education, lack of voting rights, unequal economics and more led to Mississippi being labeled as the most terrorized state in the country. An eye-opener in Reid's book is her commentary on how Blacks always had to "move out" to find justice and safety.

At the center of it all, though, is a love story. Myrlie wanted to be a housewife and a mother. Her love for her husband, his civil rights work, and safety for their children compelled her to do what women do: get involved to protect her home and family. When Medgar was assassinated, Myrlie realized even more the significance of supporting the movement. A

widow with three children at the age of 30 Myrlie could not ignore the wrongs and would not move to another place.

Not totally sure their agenda lined up with hers — and angry with a system that led to her husband being assassinated and leaving behind a wife and three children — she joined the movement of the NAACP. Myrlie committed herself to the civil rights movement providing for her the common platform needed to affect change to this day. Myrlie continued her love story with Medgar as she learned how to become a civil rights widow.

Reid masterfully shares how her own love story of justice, freedom and hope works for her. It is centered on a belief that every human being is entitled to first-class citizenship, freedom, and hope. Rev Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in his 1963 "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," wrote, "Freedom is never given voluntarily by the oppressor. You must demand it, for it will not be given freely."

Dr. Ellen Brown enjoys sharing YOUR



Dr. Ellen Brown and Joy Reid

stories and writing on topics that encourage, enlighten, and invite discussion that leads to Action. Ellen welcomes your ideas and stories on how you use your Power! Ebrown.nci@amail.com

— HEALTHIER YOU -

# Living with endometriosis

By Dr. Marguerite Brathwaite OB-GYN

March is Endometriosis Awareness Month.

Endometriosis is when tissue like the lining of the uterus grows outside of the uterus. It may affect more than 11% of



American women between 15 and 44. It is especially common among women in their 30s and 40s, and may make it harder to get pregnant.

Several different treatment options can help manage the symptoms and improve your chances of getting pregnant. Symptoms of endometriosis can include:

• Pain, which is the most common

symptom. Women with endometriosis may have various kinds of pain, including:

- Very painful menstrual cramps
- Chronic (long-term) pain in the lower back and pelvis.
  - Pain during or after sex
  - Intestinal pain
- Painful bowel movements or pain when urinating during menstrual periods.

- Bleeding or spotting.
- Infertility
- Stomach (digestive) problems

There is no cure for endometriosis, but treatments are available for the symptoms and problems it causes. Talk to your doctor about your treatment options or call Innovative Women's Care at (702) 413-7740.

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verted." Instead, it simply glommed its energy on White America, enslaving it in shackles of shame of a racist past and in the fetters of fear of a minority-majority future.

Love reveals. In this matter, it reveals that the highest, best aim of reparations for Black America is not merely to receive financial compensation for ourselves but spiritual liberation for our neighbors of White America. We must pursue both

with equal zeal, understanding that neither one can be permanently achieved without the other.

So Black folks and White folks — don't get mad. Get busy so both Black jaws and White hands can heal. Because truth to

tell, White folks need reparations to happen just as much as Black folks do.

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Wednesday, March 6: 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Centennial Hills Library

AGE GROUP: KIDS

#### Take & Makes: Women's History Month

Friday, March 8: All Day West Charleston Library AGE GROUP: ADULTS

#### A Woman's Thoughts in Song with Vegas City Opera

Friday, March 8: 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Summerlin Library
Saturday, March 16: 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
West Charleston Library
Friday, March 29: 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Windmill Library
AGE GROUP: SENIORS, ADULTS

#### STEM Meets Art: Women's History Month

Tuesday, March 12: 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Summerlin Library

AGE GROUP: KIDS

#### Women's History Month Matinee "Hidden Figures"

Thursday, March 14: 2 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
West Las Vegas Library
Saturday, March 16: 12 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Windmill Library
Wednesday, March 20: 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
West Charleston Library
AGE GROUP: ADULTS

# CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AT THE LIBRARY DISTRICT

FREE AND OPEN TO PUBLIC.

#### **Needlecrafts Women's History Month Cross-Stitch**

Wednesday, March 20: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Summerlin Library
AGE GROUP: ADULTS

#### The Women Who Saved History: Live Podcast Recording

Saturday, March 23: 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
West Charleston Library
AGE GROUP: ADULTS

#### Movie Screening — "Barbie"

Saturday, March 23: 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Laughlin Library

AGE GROUP: TEENS, ADULTS

#### Women's History Month Documentary "Bombshell: The Hedy Lemarr Story (2017)"

Saturday, March 23: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Clark County Library

AGE GROUP: ADULTS

#### **Art Meet Up - Women's History Month Watercolor Portraits**

Wednesday, March 27: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Summerlin Library

AGE GROUP: ADULTS

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#### Celebrating Women's History Through Music with Nevada Chamber Orchestra

Friday, March 29: 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. West Charleston Library

AGE GROUP: ALL

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