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what's inside:



PEACE

Reconciling Self

By Kimberly Bailey-Tureaud



Our greatest journey is not across oceans or through time. It is within. The daily challenge lies in merging mind, body, spirit, and soul into one harmonious being. The concept of oneness is too often underestimated. Alignment with self is not accidental; it is a sacred practice, a devotion to balance.

The soul may whisper a truth the mind resists. The body may demand rest while the spirit yearns to rise. Yet, in silence, the orchestra of your being finds its tune — a divine composition conducted by the unseen maestro of the universe, composing your legacy with every breath.

Legacy endures only when it is authentic. Imitation fades, but originality — your truest vibration — echoes through eternity.

When the elements of self fall out of rhythm, doubt and resentment may take

root. But even those emotions are teachers, urging reconciliation. Your gifts are not only for you — they reflect light for others seeking the path to their own self-love and purpose.

Speak life into your soul. Whisper affirmations

meant for your own ears. There will be moments when no one else celebrates you — and that is when you must rise to do it yourself. You, created in divine likeness, can pour love into your own heart until it overflows.

In that flow, peace is born. The puzzle pieces of your being are locked into place, revealing the image meant only for your journey. Neither joy nor hardship can interrupt this current — for it is yours alone.

And when you finally arrive, you will find no stranger waiting — only you. Whole. Aligned. Reconciled.

*Imitation fades, but originality
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echoes through eternity.*

Annoying, Worrying, Concerning, and Troubling

By Louie Overstreet



Over the last 10 months, I have experienced annoyance, worry, concern and troubled thoughts about what we are allowing to take place in America — and to a lesser extent, the disrespect exhibited towards our allies.

Things that I would classify as annoying are things that have only a small chance of doing permanent harm to our way of life or system of government. Two examples that come most readily to mind are the POTUS lying about his college grades and his engaging in petty name-calling about political opponents' low IQs.

Things that I would classify as worrying are those things that could cause me to have to adjust my lifestyle if they persist for any period of time, such as the current administration's economic policies causing prices to rise. Another example would be to fire government employees who fail to express a pledge of loyalty, thus causing a break in the chain of continuity of institutional knowledge.

Therefore, causing the potential disruption in the delivery of government services.

Things that I would classify as concerning are those that will definitely cause a financial impact on my lifestyle and disruptions in the delivery of heretofore expected regular government services. The POTUS

issuing executive orders denying climate change, acts of obvious retribution (most notably, retaliatory and selective prosecution of political adversaries) and his attempts to erase Black History are issues that disturb me.

Things that I would classify as troubling are actions by the POTUS, Congress, and/or the SCOTUS that will be harmful to America for literally decades or that may be irreversible to the extent that could bring down our very system of democratic governance. Presently, there are documented cases of wholesale violations of long-established lawful principles and the occupation of American cities by armed federal troops are very reminiscent of Eastern Europe in the mid-1930s.

The excuse most often heard to dismiss the foregoing is that "America is better than that!" The sad fact is if we don't do something, then no we ain't!

Remembering Juanita Walker

Juanita Walker inspired everyone around her to be their freest, best, most expressive selves.

Originally from Delhi, Louisiana, she moved to Las Vegas in 1962 with her then-husband, Willie Lee Walker Sr., and raised three children: Michael, Willie Jr., and Gwendolyn. Following her lifelong dream, Juanita earned her LPN from Sunrise Hospital in 1964, serving as class president and becoming the first Black president of the Mental Health Auxiliary.

A true trailblazer, Juanita and her

daughter Gwen opened one of the first Black-owned retail gift shops at McCarran International Airport in 1985. Their entrepreneurial spirit led to many ventures, culminating in co-founding the Walker African American Museum and Research Center in 1996 — a lasting cornerstone for celebrating Black history in Las Vegas.

Juanita Walker's warmth, creativity, and progressive vision will be deeply missed, but her legacy continues to inspire.



You Autumn Know

November is one of the best times to be in Las Vegas. The fall weather brings an air of anticipation for the holidays — bright sunshine and warm smiles everywhere you go. This issue of Las Vegas Black Image celebrates innovation and inspiration in our community.

We are honored to showcase the 1000 Black Men March on this month's cover and salute Minister Stretch Sanders for his vision and leadership in organizing this historic event. His march, commemorating the 1995 Million Man March in Washington D.C., represents unity, brotherhood, and positive action — values we hold dear.

We also celebrate the entrepreneurial spirit of Felicia Hodges, founder of Or-

ange Boots Wines. Her courage to explore new territory and create something truly her own is a powerful example of innovation and determination.

In our Living section, you'll find stories and features that uplift the heart and home — tips on creating welcoming spaces, a soul-stirring turkey dressing recipe, and guidance on "planting seeds" of love and kindness this winter season.

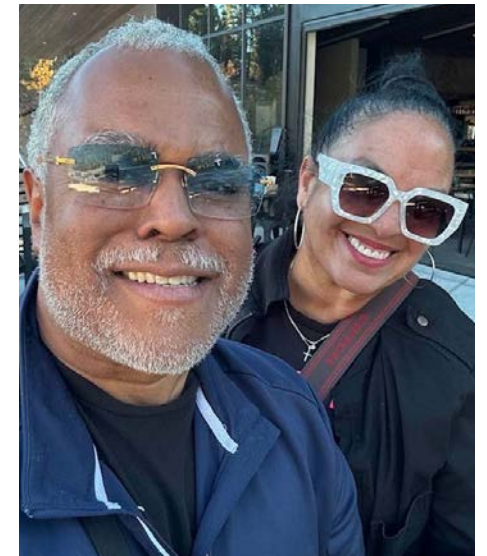
We extend our heartfelt thanks to our exceptional executive publishing team, contributing writers, and advertisers — each of whom helps give our community a powerful voice.

This month, we also celebrate the grand opening of Broadway in the Hood's Legacy Theater of Excellence and the in-

credible Las Vegas Aces for capturing their third WNBA championship! And don't miss our pictorial spotlight on the monumental Las Vegas HBCU Classic between Jackson State University and Grambling State University — an unforgettable event that brought the rhythm of our culture to the Silver State.

All this and more awaits you in this inspiring issue of Las Vegas Black Image Magazine. We hope you enjoy every page

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Las Vegas hosts first-ever 1000 Black Men March to honor a pivotal moment in modern African-American history.

In October 11, the streets of Historic West Las Vegas came alive with a powerful display of unity and pride as hundreds of Black men gathered for the first-ever Las Vegas 1000 Black Men March.

Organized by Minister Stretch Sanders, the march honored the legacy of the 1995 Million Man March in Washington, D.C. — a gathering that forever changed how Black men across America saw themselves, viewed the world, and engaged their families and communities.

Just like the original gathering called by Min. Louis Farrakhan, the Las Vegas march was a call to action — urging brothers to stand together for peace, unity, family, and self-responsibility.

“Minister Farrakhan called for two million Black men to march in 1995, and one million answered that call,” Sanders shared. “I was only six months old at the

time, but I’ve heard so many stories from the men who went. One brother told me he was separated from his wife and kids, but after attending and seeing all those men standing proudly with their families, he went home and reunited with his. That story inspired me to bring that same spirit to Las Vegas.”

Although the march didn’t reach its target of 1,000 men, it still drew over 400 participants — making it Las Vegas’ largest gathering of Black men in recent memory calling for unity, economic focus, family, and progress. Shoulder to shoulder, fathers, sons, pastors, coaches, and community leaders marched in solidarity, answering a higher call for growth, faith, and collective progress.

“Our goal was simple,” Sanders said. “To bring Black men in Las Vegas together. If nothing else comes

from this, we did our job.”

The spirit of the day echoed the timeless message of Minister Farrakhan’s words:

“We must accept the responsibility that God has put upon us — not only to be good husbands, fathers, and builders of our common unity — but to become the cornerstone and the builders of a new world.”

As the march concluded, Sanders was already focused on what comes next.

“We need Black men to go back into their communities,” he said, “and make them decent and safe places to live and grow. That’s how we keep the movement alive.”

The Las Vegas 1000 Black Men March wasn’t just a moment—it was a reminder. A reminder that when Black men unite in purpose, they don’t just honor history—they make it.



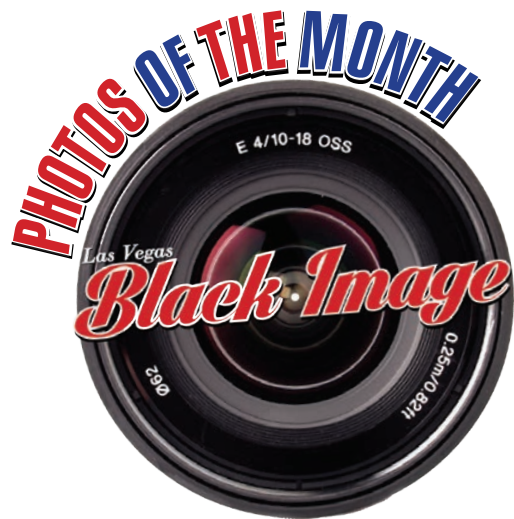
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Alicia Henson and Mia Norwood



Connie Coleman enjoying the Dinner En Blanc event.



Delisa Macklin and friend at the Caravan for Mammogram



"Basketball Wives" creator and executive producer Shaunie Henderson and a friend at Caesars Palace Forum Shops.



Lena Love adds to the love each year at the Caravan for Mammogram event.



Ruben Kihuen and the CSN team attend the Vegas Tech Summit hosted by Las Vegas Raiders president Sandra Douglass Morgan.



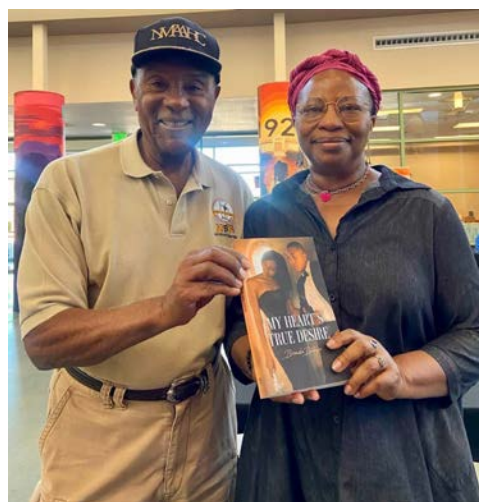
Las Vegas native Gerick Robinson meets NFL legend Colin Kaepernick at the University of Nevada Reno homecoming game.



Ellen Brown and husband attend a birthday celebration for her soror Tya Mathis Coleman.



Iris Moore, Caravan for Mammogram ambassador.



Roosevelt Toston attends author Brenda Billups book signing for her latest, "My Heart's True Desire."



Las Vegas Raiders representative Piper Overstreet and Stephen Lackey donate \$30,000 to Pastor Kelsey West's HBCU College Tour.

Historic HBCU showdown in Vegas!

The first-ever Las Vegas HBCU Football Classic brought electrifying energy to Allegiant Stadium as Jackson State University and Grambling State University faced off in a thrilling matchup.

The weekend celebration united students, alumni, and fans from across the coun-

try with events honoring the proud traditions of these historic Black institutions.

The highlight, of course, was the game — a clash of spirit, pride, and athletic excellence. A late field goal by Josh McCormick lifted Grambling to a 26-24 upset victory, and these pictorial highlights capture an unforgettable weekend.



The Grambling State University band recognizes Breast Cancer Awareness Month by wearing pink hats while they perform.



The Jackson State University band performs



Brandon Tureaud and Southwest Gas HR Director Albert Taylor



Leah Crawford (center) CPA of Crawford Management Group and Fellow AKAs



Raiders president Sandra Douglass Morgan, CFO Raiders Michael Chrome, wife Chaka, and friends enjoy the game



Carolyn Jackson-Bevill and her daughter Christine



First Lady of Mountaintop Faith Ministries Mary House and her grandson



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Grape Beyond



Las Vegas' own Felecia Hodges is taking winemaking to extraordinary new heights.

Las Vegas native Felecia Hodges is proving that passion and persistence make a perfect blend. As the founder of Orange Boots Wines, a boutique California-based label founded in 2021, Hodges has quickly made her mark in the world of winemaking.

A proud graduate of USC, Hodges began her career as an independent fine and public art consultant, specializing in public art installations in airports. But her leap into the wine industry reflects a lifelong commitment to exploring new horizons — a journey recently recognized when three Orange Boots varietals (Arneis, NegroAmaro, and Tannat) earned silver and bronze medals at the prestigious Orange County Wine Society Commercial Wine Competition.

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Felecia Hodges looks over the grapes for her wine in the vineyard.





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What Do You Look Forward to Most on Thanksgiving?



Debra Storey

I look forward to seeing my family.



Aaliyah Smith

I love to cook with my husband and my best friend while listening to music, telling stories, and recalling memories. While the fireplace is going and a Motown Christmas album is playing as the soundtrack for our night. We love to remember our loved ones who have passed on while creating new memories with the family and friends that stop by our home.



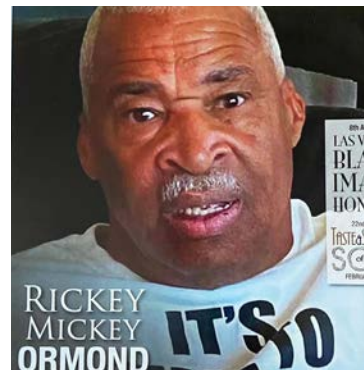
LaVona Lewis

I look forward to the family coming together to honor God for all he has done all year round. Also, we remember those who have passed away.



Gayla Allison

I show up as myself with open dialogue while subconsciously protecting my space.



Rickey Mickey Ormond

I look forward to thanking God for his grace. Plus, I love football, family and food for Thanksgiving holiday season.



Tiffany Mayes Eholer

I love cooking something special and out of the ordinary.



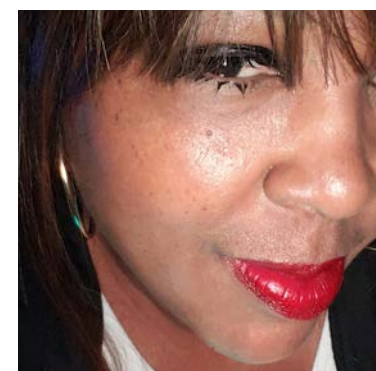
Andrew Thomas

It is always great to see my family and friends on Thanksgiving.



Kathy Lattimore

I look forward to being with my family – it is what I am most thankful for.



Pandora Batiste Beaman

I look forward to seeing my cousins from New Orleans while in California.



Donna Monroe Dickens

I always look forward to spending time with family for Thanksgiving.



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LIVING

Las Vegas Black Image is thrilled to introduce *LIVING*, a new section dedicated to celebrating the most creative ways to enjoy one's life through food, home, and the great outdoors.

"A House is a Home" Home decor that brings light, love, and peace to your household, complements your lifestyle, and sparks a "living out loud" existence.

"Planting Your Seeds" is a space for rejoicing through gardening, relaxation, or grounding oneself in nature.

"Food for The Soul" brings the most flavorful home-cooked recipes, with meals that will fill your loved ones' bellies, put smiles on their faces, and bring joy to their hearts.

A HOUSE IS A HOME

Throwing seasonal vibes: warm, cozy, inviting

The holiday season is here, and while decorations set the festive tone, creating a warm, cozy vibe leaves a lasting impression on your guests.

A soft throw blanket draped over a couch or favorite chair not only adds comfort but also enhances the inviting atmosphere of your home.

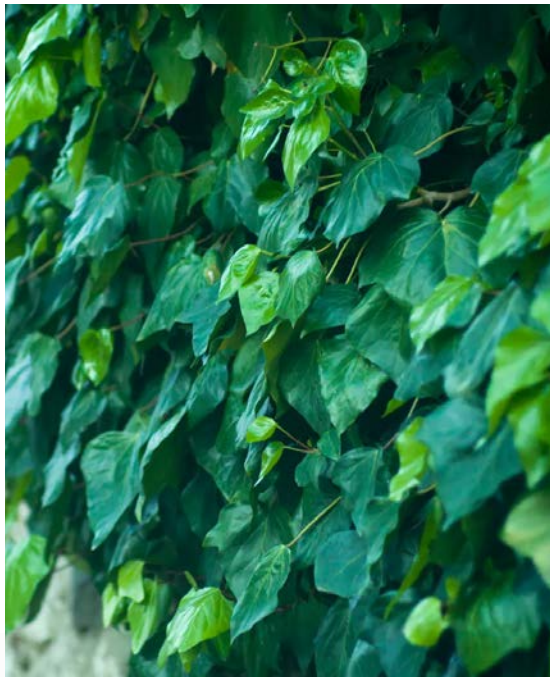


PLANTING YOUR SEEDS

Evergreens can add color to winter months

As winter approaches, many of our favorite blooms go dormant, leaving gardens and landscapes a little bare. But you don't have to let your outdoor spaces lose their charm. Even in the colder months, your outdoor spaces can stay lively and eye-catching.

Consider greenery that thrives in the colder months and adds natural beauty to your home, office, or balcony. Climbing plants like Winter Jasmine, English Ivy, Armand Clematis, and other evergreen climbers can transform walls, trellises, or stakes into winter wonders.



FOOD FOR THE SOUL

The Perfect Holiday Dressing

There's something magical about the aroma of holiday dressing wafting through the kitchen — a comforting blend of herbs, butter, and fresh vegetables that instantly brings everyone to the table. This recipe takes the classic dressing to the next level with vibrant peppers, aromatic herbs, and just the right touch of spice. Whether baked separately or used to stuff your holiday turkey, it's sure to be a crowd-pleaser.

INGREDIENTS

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| - 1 green pepper, diced | crumbled cornbread | - 2 teaspoons garlic powder |
| - 1 yellow pepper, diced | - 1 stick salted butter | - 2 teaspoons pink salt |
| - 4 celery stalks, chopped | - 1 tablespoon olive oil | - 2 teaspoons black pepper |
| - 1 onion, chopped | - 2 teaspoons poultry seasoning | - 2 teaspoons garlic paste |
| - 3 cloves garlic, minced | - 2 teaspoons cayenne pepper (or to taste) | - 2 teaspoons rosemary seasoning |
| - ½ cup mushrooms, chopped | - 2 teaspoons lemon pepper (or to taste) | - 2 teaspoons thyme seasoning |
| - 1 box seasoned stuffing breadcrumb mix or | - 2 teaspoons onion powder | - ½ cup chicken broth |

DIRECTIONS

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| 1. Preheat your oven to 350F. | der. | twist, stuff your turkey with some of the dressing before roasting. Once the turkey is cooked, remove the stuffing and bake separately to finish cooking. |
| 2. In a frying pan, heat olive oil and garlic paste over medium heat until fragrant. | 4. Stir in the breadcrumbs (and cornbread crumbles, if using), butter, and chicken broth until well combined. | Serve warm and watch this savory, herb-filled dressing become the highlight of your holiday table. |
| 3. Add the diced green and yellow peppers, celery, onion, garlic, mushrooms, and all seasonings. Sauté for 3-4 minutes until vegetables are ten- | 5. Transfer the mixture to a baking dish, cover with foil, and bake for 45 minutes, or until golden brown. | |
| | 6. Optional: For a classic holiday | |



Aces Celebrate Third WNBA Title!

The people of Las Vegas erupted in celebration as the Aces brought home their third WNBA Championship.

Thousands lined the Strip to cheer the team during a parade down Las Vegas Boulevard that ended in front of T-Mobile Arena.

bile Arena.

The Aces secured the title with a 97-86 victory over the Phoenix Mercury, making them the first WNBA team to claim three titles in four seasons. *Photos by Delisa Macklin*



Aces basketball players wave to the crowd at their Celebration Championship Parade.



Aces superstar and Delisa Macklin take a selfie.



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Start Spreading the Good Black News

By Dr. Ellen W. Brown

In uncertain times, finding hope —and holding onto it — takes real strength. And even amid challenges, inspiration surrounds us in the stories we share, the communities we build, and the news we lift up together.



How does the title of this month's column resonate with you today? Does it stir something within, or leave you wondering what it truly means? In a world where the headlines often overwhelm us with negativity, it can be hard to find sparks of hope that keep us grounded and inspired.

But rest assured: they're out there.

The question is: Where is the good news about Black life?

One answer lies in the work of Edi-

tor-in-Chief Lori Lakin Hutcherson, the dynamic founder of Good Black News (GBN). With a background in television and film, Hutcherson recognized a deep need to spotlight positive stories within the Black community—stories of excellence, innovation, and resilience.

In 2010, she launched Good Black News as a simple Facebook page, with no advertising budget and no paid staff. What began as one woman's mission to shift the narrative has grown into a trusted media platform with over 100,000 followers. Today, GBN remains a beacon — amplifying achievements, elevating voices, and reminding us all that our stories matter.

I encourage you to visit goodblacknews.org and see for yourself. Then share it. Talk about it. Pass it on.

Because in times like these, finding and sharing Good Black News is more than an act of optimism. It's an act of power.

We are, without question, living through challenging times. Taking a brief retreat to regroup — whether that means spending time in reflection, community, or prayer — can recharge the spirit. But that retreat must be short-lived. We can't stay silent or disengaged.

We must remain woke in the original sense of awareness and vigilance.

As NAACP President Derrick Johnson has warned, policies and executive actions in recent years have reversed progress many fought decades to achieve. The promise of equality is something we must continue to defend.

And yet, there is good news. Every day, somewhere in our communities, Black people are breaking barriers, leading movements, creating art, building businesses, mentoring youth, and reshaping culture.

We just have to look for it, lift it, and live it.

So, let's do our part: Read it. Watch

it. Listen for it. Show up. Teach. Reach. Do.

When we do, we stay informed, inspired, and — most importantly — empowered. Here's a short list of good Black news sources:

- lasvegasblackimage.com
- goodblacknews.org
- thegrio.com
- theroot.com
- blackpublicmedia.org

What stories of personal power would you like to see shared? This column is about raising awareness and action. Help us spread the message by sharing it with your family, friends, congregations, and communities. Together, we can make a difference.

I welcome your thoughts, ideas, and stories. Reach out at ebrown.nci@gmail.com

Local Artist SIR DRU Levels Up

Las Vegas' own Andrew Thomas — popularly known as SIR DRU — is taking his talents to the digital stage. The local actor, artist, rapper, and promoter stars in the upcoming video game "Moshpit Mayhem," set for release in November 2025 on Xbox and PlayStation.

Adding to the excitement, two of his tracks — "Tired of Being Broke" and "Rebel Life" — will be featured in the game's soundtrack.

SIR DRU has already made his mark performing alongside top artists and rocking stages from House of Blues to Fremont Street Experience, Hard Rock Casino, and Treasure Island. He's also opened the Sin City Hip Hop Awards — and now, he's leveling up once again.



Stoner Games' Moshpit Mayhem



SIR DRU

Under the Glittering Lights

Broadway in The Hood opens Legacy Theater of Excellence

The stars shined bright at the grand opening of Broadway in the Hood's new Legacy Theater of Excellence. Las Vegas luminaries turned out for a ribbon-cutting on the new building — a new dance studio dedicated to the art of movement, offering classes in everything from ballet and jazz to hip-hop and modern dance.



Broadway in the Hood opens Legacy Theater



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CEO Torrey Russell of Broadway in the Hood and the legendary Joe Louis' daughter, Joyce Henderson



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Nov 20 | 5pm @ Sahara West Library
Nov 22 | 10am @ Spring Valley Baptist Church
Nov 25 | 5:30pm @ Black Mountain Recreation Center

Cool November Reign



By Craig Knight

It's November! The air is crisp, the coffee's warmer, and gratitude fills the air. This month is always about reflection and momentum. While October gave us a rare milestone — 2025 marking a full quarter of the way through this new century — November invites us to channel that same sense of possibility into action.

Whether you're wrapping up projects before year's-end, prepping for the holidays, or just embracing hoodie-and-sweater weather, this is a powerful time to align your intentions with the future you want to create.

Across the globe, the seasons remind us of balance. In the Northern Hemisphere, autumn is in full bloom — leaves falling, colors fading, and life gently urging us to let go. Down south, spring begins to blossom, whispering renewal. Wherever you are, November embodies release and rebirth.

And in the world of sports, it's peak season!

Our UNLV Rebels continue their bowl-bound run with grit and pride. On Sundays, the Las Vegas Raiders are fighting through every down as the NFL season heats up. Meanwhile, the Vegas Golden Knights glide into another NHL season, defending their championship pedigree with power and precision.

And let's hear it for the Las Vegas Aces, who delivered yet another stunning performance, securing their third championship in four years! A'ja Wilson continues to redefine greatness, collecting her fourth MVP, third Defensive Play-

er of the Year, second Finals MVP, and a scoring title — a résumé for the ages. She's not just the face of the WNBA—she's the movement. As far as I'm concerned, A'ja is our era's Michael Jordan of women's basketball. Bam!

November Holidays & Observances

- Nov. 11 | Veterans Day: Honoring those who served.
- Nov. 27 | Thanksgiving Day: A moment to reflect and give thanks.
- Nov. 29 | Native American Heritage Day: Recognizing the first people of this land.

Monthly Awareness

- Native American Heritage Month: Celebrating the culture, resilience, and contributions of Indigenous peoples.
- Movember (Men's Health Awareness): From mental health to prostate cancer, it's time for men to take charge of their wellness.
- National Family Caregivers Month: Honoring those who care for loved ones with compassion and strength.
- Diabetes Awareness Month: Learn the signs, support the fight, and stay informed.
- National Adoption Month: Raising awareness of the love and legacy that adoption brings to families.

As we gather around the table, root for our teams, and give back to our communities, let's be present and purposeful. November isn't just a pause before the holidays. It's a celebration of what we've achieved and a harbinger of everything we can still become.

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Putting a spotlight on National Prematurity Awareness Month

By Dr. Marguerite Brathwaite OB-GYN

Each November, National Prematurity Awareness Month brings attention to an important public health issue affecting families across the United States. Every year, nearly 400,000 babies are born prematurely — that is, before completing the typical 37 to 40 weeks of pregnancy. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about 1 in 8 babies arrive early, missing critical weeks of growth and development that take place in the final stages of pregnancy.

Preterm birth remains one of the leading causes of infant illness and mortality. Babies born too soon face an



increased risk of long-term health challenges, including breathing difficulties, feeding problems, hearing and vision loss, cerebral palsy, and developmental or learning delays.

Research shows that Black women in the United States have the highest rates of preterm birth — about 50% higher than white women. The CDC reports that the preterm birth rate for Black infants is 14.7%, compared to 9.5% for white infants, and this gap has widened in recent years. Experts link this disparity to the cumulative effects of systemic racism, chronic stress, and unequal access to quality healthcare.

Studies suggest that daily exposure to racial discrimination, along with physical, social, and psychological stressors, can increase stress hormone levels in

the body — potentially triggering early labor. Contributing factors may also include limited social support, judgment from others, poor nutrition, lack of physical activity, and underlying medical conditions.

While not all preterm births can be prevented, there are several ways to promote a healthier pregnancy and reduce risks:

- Maintain a healthy weight before pregnancy and gain an appropriate amount during it.
- Avoid smoking, alcohol, and drug use, including misuse of prescription medications.
- Manage chronic conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, depression, and thyroid disorders.
- Protect yourself from infections by

practicing good hygiene and getting recommended vaccinations.

- Reduce stress and practice regular self-care through relaxation, support networks, and rest.

- Wait at least 18 months between giving birth and becoming pregnant again to allow the body to recover.

At Women's Innovative Care, we are committed to supporting mothers and families through every stage of pregnancy. Our team offers compassionate, comprehensive care to help women maintain healthy pregnancies and reduce the risk of preterm birth.

Women's Innovative Care is here for you, and we encourage you to make an appointment by calling (702) 413-7740 or visiting us at 851 South Rampart Blvd. Suite 165 in Las Vegas.

HISTORIC BLACK VEGAS

Revisiting the Gettysburg Address

By Claytee D. White

The three-day Battle of Gettysburg claimed over 50,000 lives. Won by the Union, this 1863 battle took place across the first three days of July and changed the course of the Civil War — preventing General Lee from advancing into the North. President Lincoln's Address on November 19, 1963 was short but one of the most powerful speeches of all times.

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long



endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate — we cannot consecrate — we cannot hallow — this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we

here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain — that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

In January 1863, African Americans were allowed to fight in the Civil War after the Emancipation Proclamation. By July 1863 at Gettysburg, Union Gen. George Meade forced the confederate army to retreat on July 4. As soon as I read this, my first thought was that Black soldiers could have made the difference in this battle. Artificial Intelligence (AI) refutes this line of thinking, but there are others in line with my thinking. I quote Henry Louis Gates Jr.'s article in *The Root*:

"For every Southern boy fourteen years old," William Faulkner famously wrote in "Intruder in the Dust" (1948), it is early in the afternoon on July 3, 1863, just before

the order is given to attack the center of the Union line across an open field three-quarters of a mile long, which leads up to Cemetery Ridge at what will become the high water mark of the Confederacy — Pickett's Charge. "This time. Maybe this time," the fantasy goes.

To it I might add the less well-known but equally fervent dream of many Black boys 14 years old, I'm sure: that when those grey and tattered butternut coats, their bayonets glistening in the summer sun, reach the apex of wood and stone, they and their African-American comrades are there to repulse the attack with the righteous fury of centuries of their enslaved ancestors, a clear victory of freedom over slavery that will drown out, once and for all, the wild rebel yell.

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9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Clark County Library
Comics, cosplay, lectures & more!



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Saturday, November 1
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
West Charleston Library
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classic Broadway production and movie.



Day of the Dead Celebration / Día de Muertos

Saturday, November 1
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
East Las Vegas Library
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Teen animeFEST

Saturday, November 8
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sahara West Library
Panels, cosplay contests
& gaming for teens!



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1 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Clark County Library
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Sahara West Library
Thursday, November 13
1 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Sunrise Library

Thursday, November 13
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