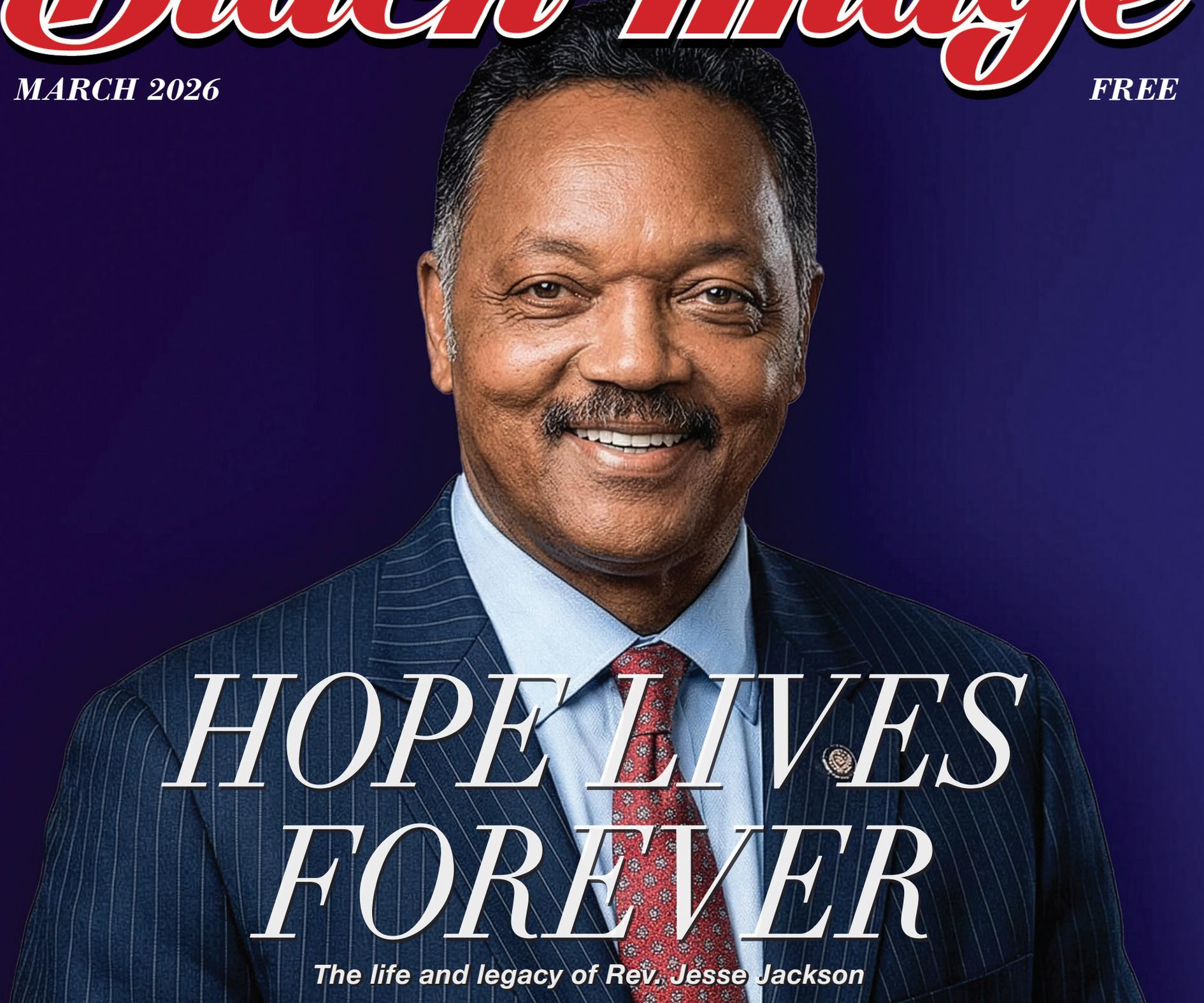


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A portrait of Rev. Jesse Jackson, a Black man with a mustache, smiling. He is wearing a dark blue pinstriped suit jacket, a light blue dress shirt, and a red patterned tie. The background is a solid dark blue.

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The life and legacy of Rev. Jesse Jackson



CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AT THE LIBRARY DISTRICT

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Vegas City Opera will highlight female characters who made an impact on society, culture, and femininity.

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Friday, March 6 | 7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
WHITNEY LIBRARY

Sunday, March 8 | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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Saturday, March 14 | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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Funny Girl Comedy Night

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Join Don Bellamy and the dancers of NBT II, the official second company of Nevada Ballet Theatre, for an innovative afternoon of ballet beyond traditions.

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A Celebration of Women's History: presented by EmpowerHer

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Saturday, March 21 | 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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Women's DJ Afternoon

Learn the basics of DJing in a supportive environment with other women!

Saturday, March 14 | 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
EAST LAS VEGAS LIBRARY

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Magic, Mystery & Illusion

Little ones will learn about the Queen of Magic, Adelaide Hermann, and discover a few magic tricks.

Wednesday, March 18 | 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
CENTENNIAL HILLS LIBRARY

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Celebrating Women's History Through Music

Join the Nevada Chamber Orchestra for this extraordinary tribute to women composers.

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Scan for even more events & programs this month:



Marina Pendleton Concert

Performing songs written by Dolly Parton, Elizabeth Cotten, Loretta Lynn, Ola Belle Reed, and Cindy Walker.

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Sunday, March 22 | 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
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Yayoi Kusama Art: Women's History

Explore the colorful, dot-filled world of the Japanese artist!

Tuesday, March 31 | 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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Shop ... Slay ... and Soul

Shop our Women's Marketplace, network at our Mixer, enjoy a fashion show by Veronica Rene, and live soulful music.

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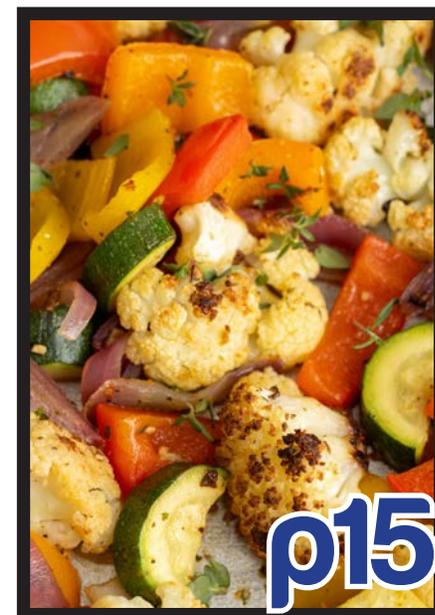
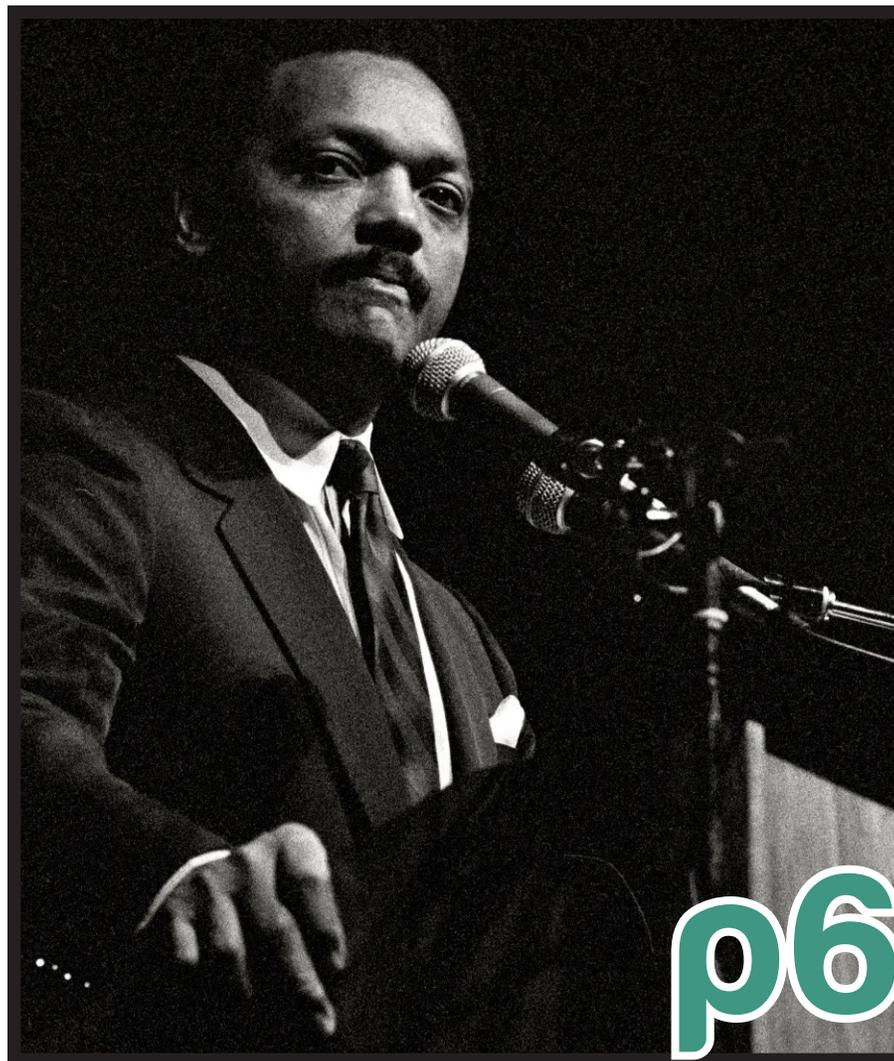
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what's inside:



PEACE
Flowing like water

By Kimberly Bailey-Tureaud

In a world that never seems to stand still, we often feel the tremors of change beneath our feet. Seasons, conversations, and relationships shift. Even our inner landscapes evolve in quiet, unseen ways.

With each movement can come discomfort — the unsettling awareness that we are no longer standing where we once were. Yet perhaps discomfort is not a warning, but an invitation.

The ups and downs of life carry subtle vibrations, whispering directions to our spirit. Sometimes they call us forward. Sometimes they urge us to be still. Movement itself is activism — the sacred act of choosing how we respond. We either activate our inner pursuit of peace or allow ourselves to be directed by forces outside of us. There is always a choice.

Nature, in its infinite wisdom, offers us a gentle teacher: water.

Water does not resist its journey. It flows. It adapts. It receives. It teaches us that navigation is not about force, but



about alignment. The grace with which water moves becomes a metaphor for how we might sustain our relationships and our own becoming. When we give grace — free from harsh judgment — we allow life to integrate as it will, trusting that every bend belongs to the larger stream.

Stand beside a quiet river and listen.

The flow commands silence. In that stillness, you can hear the ripples brushing against stone, the soft surrender as water glides around obstacles that once seemed immovable. The rocky base does not stop the river; it shapes its song. The pathway reveals itself not through control, but through trust. Even as the current moves toward the unknown, it does so without fear.

Water does not argue with the terrain.

There are moments when the river swells beyond its banks, spilling wide into open spaces, reminding us that life

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The ups and downs of life carry subtle vibrations, whispering directions to our spirit.

Part I: Race In America, Where We At?

By Louie Overstreet

With this column and two more to follow, I will attempt to frame America's major unresolved issue of race.

The Civil War was to have ended the debate over what should be our nation's path forward on matters of race. However, efforts by Presidents Johnson and Hayes, as well as a spate of Jim Crow laws, lynchings, and all types of discriminatory practices hampered America's march of progress.

While it would be less than honest to deny that America's march has experienced measurable progress along a number of fronts, it can be argued race remains the primary reason for the division that exists in America today.

As a starting point, I offer for consideration my belief that race issues have reached a level of divisiveness not seen in decades. As such, race needs to be given heightened attention, to ward off Americans experiencing a repeat of the mass protests and riots from back in the 1950s and 1960s.

Back then it was Blacks aided by whites addressing the issues of access to education, public accommodations, and voting rights. Shortly thereafter, the



cause was for equal rights for women.

However, Hispanics pretty much sat things out. While not suggesting, LU-LAC President's Felix Tijerina statement in 1956 was the universal sentiment of Hispanics, it was generally understood to be the attitude of Hispanic Americans at the

time. He stated, "Let the Negro fight his own battles. His problems are not mine. I don't want to ally with him." Today, the primary focus is efforts by Hispanics and Whites to promote humane immigration policies.

Sadly, today many Blacks are sitting this one out, based on the belief, "What goes around comes around."

However, the struggle by Blacks and Whites to stop efforts to erode voting rights and the eradication of our contributions to American history remains a challenge.

Over a month ago, I asked a number of Facebook friends to help frame the issue of race from their life experiences. Next month, we will discuss their well-reasoned concerns.

Metro Police Officer Receives Service Award

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department recognized Officer Elliott Castile as the February Good Ticket recipient during a Feb. 26 presentation at Gatsby's inside Resorts World Las Vegas.

The recognition coincided with Black History Month and Castile's 25 years of service with the department.

Castile served four years with LVMPD's Community Outreach, Redirection and Education team, where he mentored students in the Clark County School District and supported



Metro Officer Elliott Castile receives a special honor from Metro Police and Resorts World Las Vegas.

youth sports programs across the valley. Through consistent engagement, he built relationships aimed at strengthening trust between officers and the community.

Much of Castile's community impact extends beyond his patrol duties.

Each spring, he volunteers as the Easter Bunny, visiting hospitalized children facing serious medical conditions alongside community partners. During the winter season, he portrays Santa Claus, arriving via LVMPD's Air Unit to help kick off the Foun-

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Push The Legacy Forward

With heavy hearts and deep gratitude, we honor the life and legacy of a transformative civil rights leader, courageous activist, and worldwide freedom fighter: Rev. Jesse Jackson. His voice echoed across generations and across nations, affirming the powerful truth: “I am somebody.” In this issue, we pay tribute to his extraordinary and enduring impact — a legacy of facing down injustice, uplifting the marginalized, and inspiring people everywhere to “Keep Hope Alive.” May his life’s work continue to strengthen our resolve and build our confidence to confront wrongs with courage and conviction.

February was filled with meaningful celebrations across our Silver State in honor of Black History Month, as communities throughout Nevada gathered to reflect, celebrate, and recommit to pre-

serving our rich heritage. In this edition of Las Vegas Black Image, you will find moments captured from those powerful events. Our Photos of the Month presents a vibrant “gumbo” of images that reflect the unity, pride, and positive impact of our unified presence.

We extend sincere appreciation to our contributing writers who inform, enlighten, and challenge us with thoughtful perspectives and compelling storytelling. To our loyal readers and valued advertisers, we thank you for your continued support and partnership. Because of you, we are truly keeping our voices alive.

In this month’s Living section, you’ll discover inspiring ideas for home decor, connection with the natural world, and cuisine good for belly and soul — uplifting everyday living while strengthening the foundation of family and community.

Las Vegas also witnessed a historic moment on stage with the musical production “Once Upon a One More Time,” featuring Mia Brathwaite as Snow White — a captivating performance that reflects expanding representation and excellence in the arts within our community.

This issue is filled with stories and images that celebrate resilience, culture, and progress. We hope these pages both inspire and empower you. Let us continue to rise — in unity, in purpose, and in hope.

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ETERNAL HOPE



Rev. Jesse Jackson's legacy burns bright with the passing of the civil rights leader and cultural icon, whose powerful voice and moral clarity led millions to embrace the dignity of all people.

A quiet reverence swept across the nation on Feb. 17 with the passing of civil rights leader Rev. Jesse Jackson, as the world lost one of the most prolific humanitarians and steadfast champions of social justice. Rev. Jackson was more than a leader — he was a movement. A warrior for equality in the 20th century, he possessed a rare and masterful ability to galvanize people across race, gender, class, and faith.

His rallying cry, “Keep Hope Alive,” became more than a slogan — it grew into a spiritual anthem that stirred optimism and forward-thinking action among millions. In moments of national despair, Jackson's voice was a reminder that progress was still possible

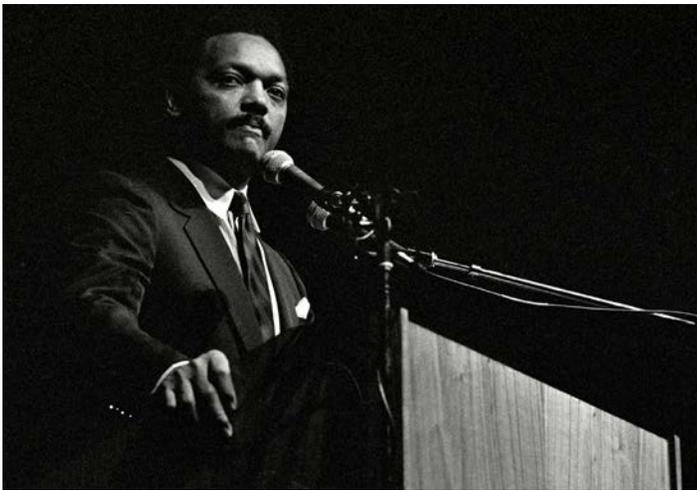
and that unity was still powerful.

Born in Greenville, South Carolina, Jackson came of age during the era of Jim Crow segregation. Despite the harsh realities of the time, he demonstrated exceptional academic and athletic talent, earning a scholarship to the University of Illinois. He later transferred to North Carolina A&T State University, where he completed his bachelor's degree in sociology — a discipline that would deeply inform his life's work.

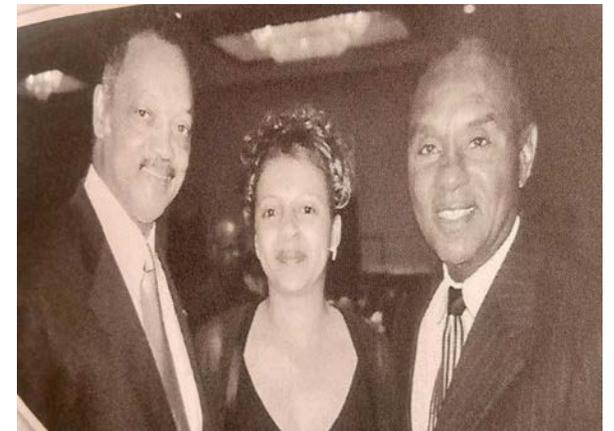
While still an undergraduate, Jackson became actively involved in local civil rights demonstrations. By 1965, he had fully immersed himself in the Civil Rights Movement. He participated in the historic Sel-

ma to Montgomery marches alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., an experience that led to his involvement with King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Jackson eventually rose to serve as director of its economic branch, focusing on empowerment and opportunity.

After departing the SCLC, Jackson founded Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity), an organization dedicated to economic justice and educational advancement. Years later, he helped establish the National Rainbow Coalition, expanding the fight for equality to include African-Americans, women, the poor, and the LGBTQ+ community. The two organizations



Maurice Guice greets Rev. Jesse Jackson when he visited Las Vegas



Rev. Jesse Jackson and Roosevelt Toston



Rev. Jesse Jackson visits Second Baptist Church

ultimately merged to form the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, which became a powerful force for advocacy and change.

Jackson also broke political barriers. He served as a shadow senator for the District of Columbia and made history as the second African-American to mount a serious national campaign for the presidency in 1984 and again in 1988. His campaigns energized millions and reshaped the national political conversation around in-

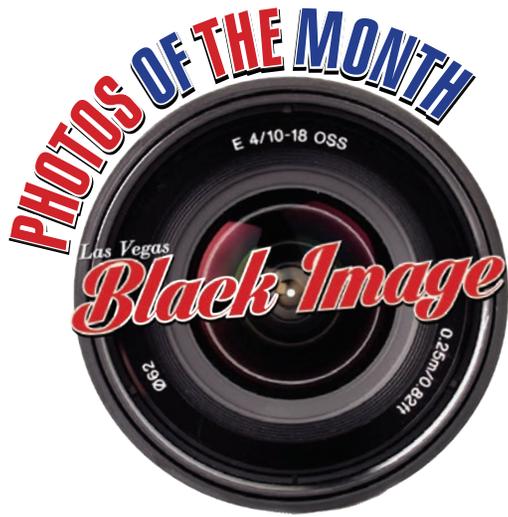
clusion and coalition-building.

Beyond domestic advocacy, Jackson played a pivotal role on the international stage.

Throughout the 1980s and 1990s, he successfully negotiated the release of American captives abroad, demonstrating his diplomatic skill and moral authority. In recognition of his lifelong service to humanity, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bill Clinton.

Today, in moments when hope may seem on the verge of extinction, we can still hear the echoes of Rev. Jackson's enduring mandate: "Keep Hope Alive." His life stands as a testament to faith in action, courage in the face of injustice, and the unwavering belief that change is possible when people stand together.

His voice may be silenced but his legacy continues to speak with the strength and dignity that defined his extraordinary life.



Clark County Commissioners honor Las Vegas Clark County Library District Executive Director Kelvin Watson



Congressman Steven Horsford, Joel Ealy, and City Councilwoman Shondra Sommers Armstrong at the Love on Jackson Street event



CCSD African American School Namesakes: Carolyn Reedom, Dr. Beverly Mathis, Wendell P. Williams, Eva Simmons, Helen Toland, Anna Bailey (representing her late husband William H. Bob Bailey), and Hannah Brown



Anna Bailey (seated) at the Power of Love event with U.S. Senator Cory Booker, accompanied by his wife Alexis Lewis Booker



Councilwoman Shondra Summers-Armstrong enjoys the Red Hatters and the community at the Love on Jackson Street event.



County Commissioner William McCurdy II gives a speech at the Red, Black, and Green lighting of the "Welcome to Las Vegas" signage for Black History Month.



Dr. Dylan Wint, and his wife at the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Power of Love Gala



Assemblywoman Danielle Monroe-Moreno speaks at the Shepherd's Breakfast.



Publisher Kimberly Bailey Tureaud greets former Nevada Senator Richard Bryan and his wife Bonnie Bryan.



Keith Bowen brings Bully Busters to CCSD



Dasha Banks and her beautiful daughter

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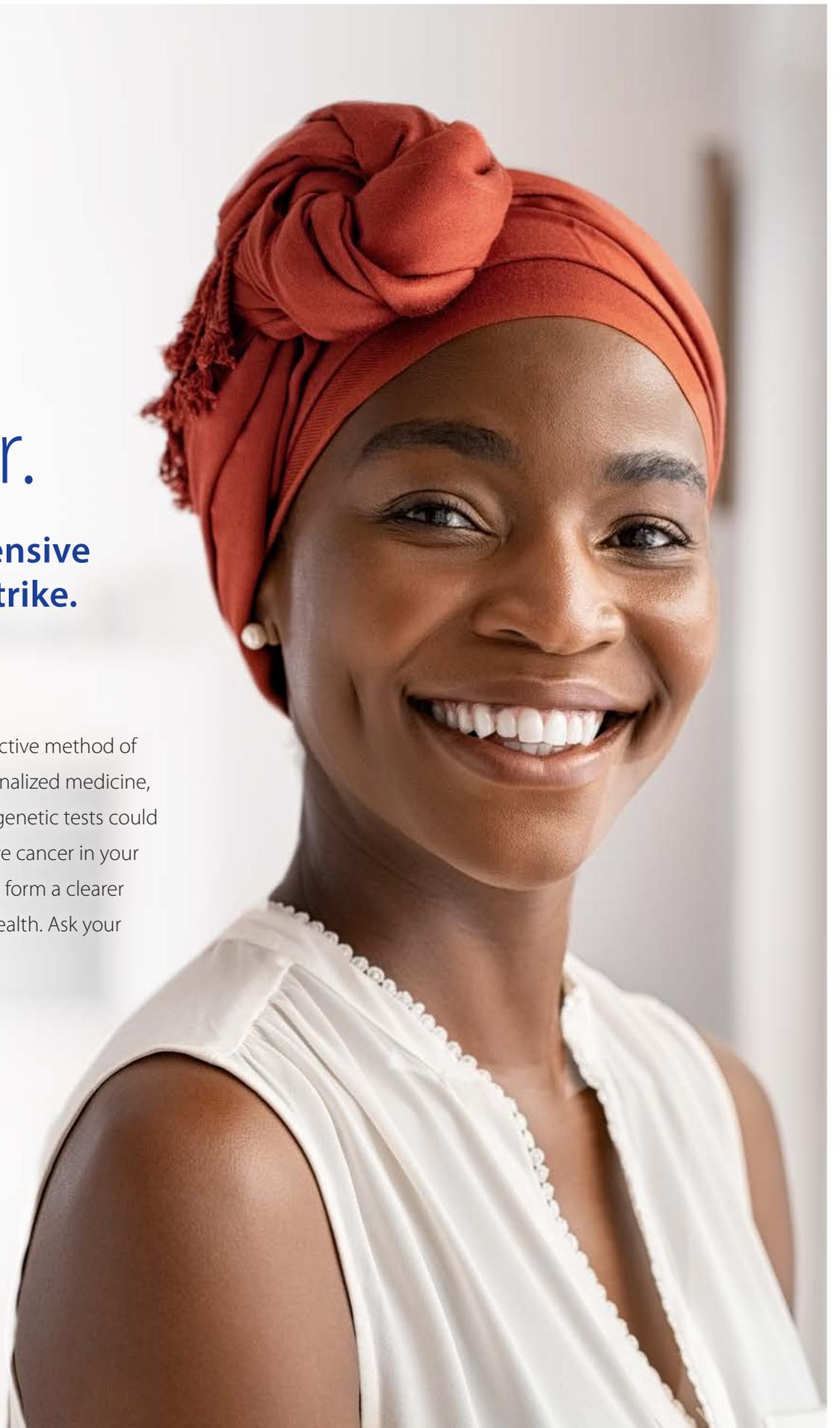
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YOU! HAVE THE POWER

Believe It And Seize It: Unlocking Your Own Potential

By Dr. Ellen W. Brown

Divine power manifests from God to us through prayer, through a message, or even through a quiet revelation.

We are living in troubling times. While this is not the first season of uncertainty our world has faced, trouble has a way of slipping quietly into our lives. Often, we don't recognize it until challenges begin to surround us. That is why staying positive, keeping our eyes open, and our ears attentive to clarity is so important. Awareness prepares us for the unknown — yet often expected — changes that appear along our journey.



Looking Back to Move Forward

One powerful way to prepare for present challenges is to look back at the ones we've already overcome. No matter how difficult — or how manageable — they seemed at the time, those challenges came, caused disruption, demanded response, and were ultimately resolved. The outcome may not have been exactly what we expected, needed, or even wanted — but resolution came. And with resolution came lessons.

Ask yourself:

- What past challenges caused chaos in my life?
- How did I respond?
- Who supported me?
- What strengths did I discover within myself?

When we reflect, we often think about

“next time.” How will I handle a similar situation differently? Who will I turn to? What wisdom, experience, and resilience can I draw upon?

Confidence grows when we remember: *I've been here before—and I made it through.* This time, you can face the challenge with a Power Plan — equipped with clarity, confidence, and determination about what you expect and deserve.

Inner strength is not accidental. It is a built-in defense system, designed to protect, guide, and empower you. Consider these your spiritual and personal “weapons”:

- Prayer
- Passion and belief
- Confidence in your inner strength
- Claiming what is yours
- A clear plan

- Supportive people
- Options and flexibility
- Action-oriented focus
- The unwavering belief that victory is on the way

Facing challenges and giving your very best effort is never easy — especially in unfamiliar territory. The unknown will always be a factor. But preparation transforms fear into faith.

As Philippians 4:13 reminds us: “I can do all things through Him who gives me strength.”

You are stronger than you realize. You are more prepared than you think. And you have more power than you sometimes claim.

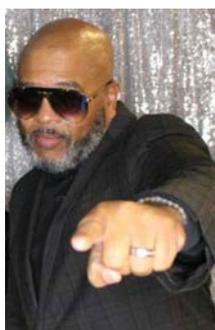
Sharing strengthens our collective voice. Send your ideas, questions, stories to me at ebrown.nci@gmail.com.

KNIGHT MOVES

Marching into Spring madness

By Craig Knight

March is here! We welcome the arrival of Spring, the close of the first quarter of the year, the excitement of March Madness, and the celebration of Women's History Month. This month carries energy, reflection, and inspiration all at once.



Women's History Month kicked off on March 1, giving us the opportunity to honor, recognize, and celebrate the incredible women who shape our lives and our world. From wives, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, sisters, aunts, nieces, cousins, and friends who are like

family — to the trailblazers who have made historic and present-day contributions across every field — this month is a reminder to pause and say thank you. Thank you for being loving, caring, resilient, and inspiring role models each and every day.

March is also National Nutrition Month, a perfect time to reassess our eating habits and recommit to healthier choices. Balanced nutrition fuels not just our bodies, but our focus, productivity, and overall well-being. Small adjustments today can create lasting benefits tomorrow.

In addition, March is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month — a time when communities around the globe unite to raise awareness and support for those living with this chronic illness. Aware-

ness leads to understanding, and understanding leads to compassion and action.

And yes, March 17 is St. Patrick's Day. I know what some of you may be thinking: why is this Black man acknowledging that? (Laughing.) Well, my mom once shared that on her mother's side, we have two great-grand uncles who were Irish. I was like, “Whaaaaat?!” But yes — facts! There's a little Irish blood running through my veins. Many of you might discover the same if you dig into your family history. So with that being said — cheers to green beers!

Of course, we can't talk about March without mentioning the Madness of the NCAA tournaments. It's that time of year to gather with family, friends, and coworkers, fill out brackets, debate Cinderella teams, and embrace the un-

predictable excitement. And sincerely speaking, I find the NCAA Women's

Basketball Tournament just as compelling as the men's. How fitting that Women's History Month coincides with the intensity and excellence of women competing at the highest collegiate level.

Whether you're watching college basketball, celebrating St. Patrick's Day, focusing on better health, or simply stepping outside to enjoy the longer days and the first hints of Spring—take time to appreciate the changing season. Engage in activities that uplift and inspire you, and do so responsibly.

Until the next edition of Knight Moves, continue to educate yourself—and share knowledge with others. God bless!



What is the most moving act of kindness you have recently witnessed?



Johanna P. Perez

The best act of kindness I've recently witnessed was the community showing up for one another without cameras, without applause – just love. I've seen people share meals with families they didn't know, hold space for someone grieving, and quietly support black LGBTQ youth who needed to feel safe. In a time where the world feels heavy, choosing to protect, uplift and stand beside each other is real kindness – and it gives me hope!



Michelle Maria

Chaplain Marivelle Nunez at the Restoration & Recovery Foundation Center is remarkable for feeding the homeless population on Owens Avenue. Chaplain Kimberly Henderson for feeding the homeless population every Monday night behind the Rescue Mission. Please go out and support these ladies and their team.



Andrew Thomas

I was getting gas at a store the other day, and a guy approached me because he was hungry. He said that he didn't want money and that he was just hungry. I had just paid for gas and didn't have cash on me. So, a guy in the next car said, "Come on, I'll get you something to eat and drink." He also gave him some money to have on him. I love seeing people giving back to those in need. That's why I feed the homeless and perform for charity events to help the community.



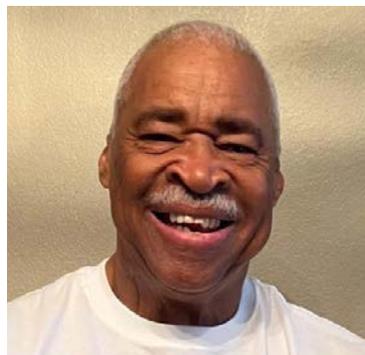
Kathy Lattimore

One evening I took my grandchildren with me to get groceries. We had about \$300 worth of food. A gentleman came up behind us and told the kids to put the food on the counter, and he'd handle it from there. He paid for my groceries then we walked out of the store, and he asked me to wait. He went inside a restaurant that was next door and came out with dinner for us. He also gave me money. We thanked him and when I looked away for a split second – he was gone.



Louie Overstreet

Can't name one!



Rickey Mickey Ormond

The unity I saw between everyone during this past Black History Month was wonderful. We need to do this all year around. Everyone was so complimentary to one another. It was beautiful – hallelujah!



Nicole Purdy

A random stranger paid the entire bill for me and my two sons at Benihana.



Zaneta Latreas

After many closed doors while job seeking, I was finally able to walk through an open door. They gave me the supplies I needed to do my craft job after mine were stolen. They also taught me new skills. After being homeless and misjudged, they took me in and opened the door, providing for me and my child. They saw me for me and my character as opposed to the lies and rumors. Humanity still exists. Unfortunately, it didn't come from my own culture, but my faith doesn't allow me to give up on us!



Delisa Macklin

A continuous flow of kindness and selfless giving by April Washington. She has a continuous and consistent heart searching to fill a need. When she posts the many markdowns online, she also buys the items to give to others. She makes many aware of food drives, clothing drives, and babies in need of diapers. Her kindness is endless. Also, please pay close attention when she reminds you to "Look Back" for the children who are in a car seat in the treacherous Vegas heat, to remind drivers not to leave their children in the car unattended. She's a phenomenal woman creating a legacy.



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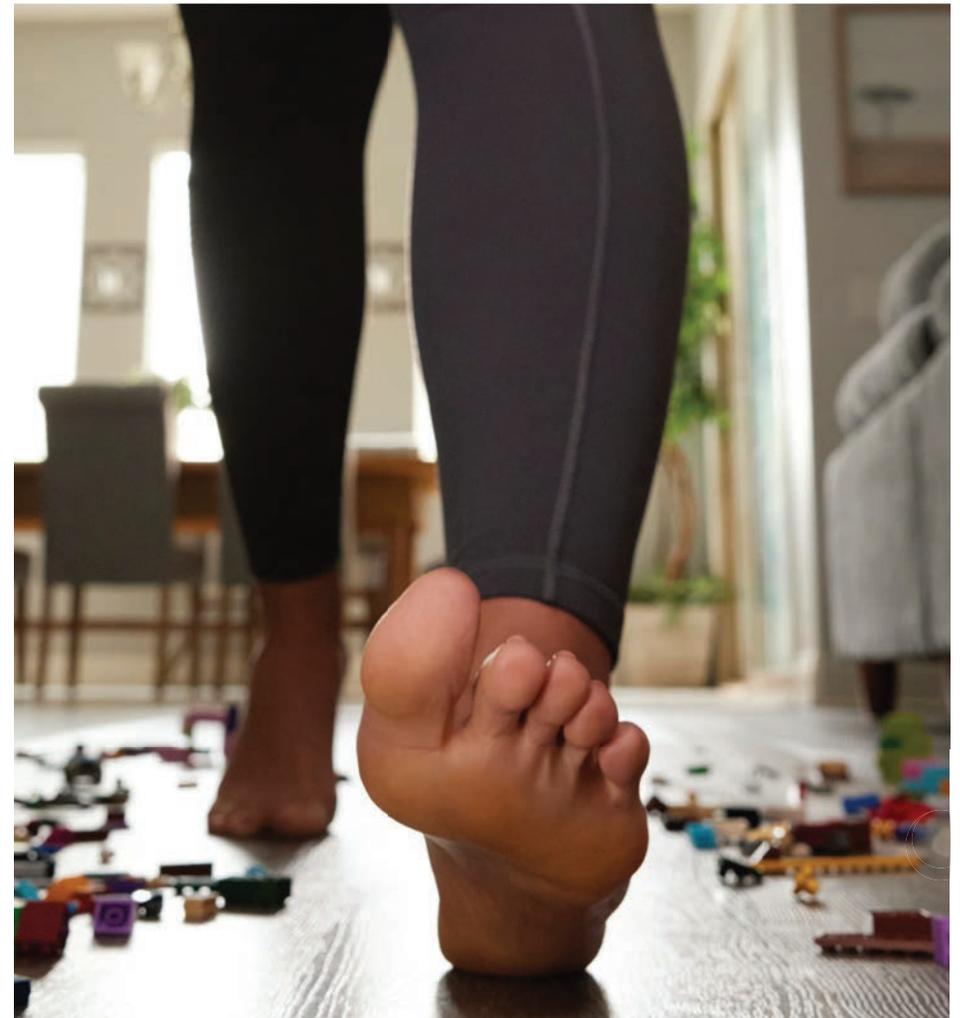
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"A House is a Home" Home decor that brings light, love, and peace to your household, complements your lifestyle, and sparks a "living out loud" existence.

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

"Food for The Soul" 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

Turning the page in home décor

We are living in the Information Age – what we know shapes what we can do. One of the most powerful ways to enrich your daily life is surrounding yourself with knowledge.

Instead of leaving a wall bare or filling a corner with décor alone, consider adding a bookshelf filled with inspiring and informative books.

When books are visible, they invite you in. They call you to pause, reflect, and grow. A thoughtfully placed shelf can transform a quiet corner into a sanctuary for learning. Remember: leaders are readers. And a home filled with books is a home filled with possibility.



PLANTING YOUR SEEDS

Spring brings joy of the garden variety

Spring is just around the corner, making it the perfect time to plant a small organic garden. Whether you have a backyard, patio, or apartment balcony, you can cultivate fresh vegetables in the ground or in planters.

Carrots, tomatoes, and radishes are wonderful spring starters. Local nurseries and garden centers are also great resources – don't hesitate to ask which vegetables grow best in your region during the spring season.

Planting a garden is more than growing food. It's about nurturing patience, care, and connection to the earth. Start small, tend it daily, and watch your efforts bloom.



FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Roasted veggies are for healthy, tasty eating

Looking for a quick, healthy, and flavorful dish? Roasted vegetables are a delicious option that works as either a hearty side or a satisfying main course.

INGREDIENTS

Carrots, red potatoes, white onions, garlic cloves, squash, zucchini, asparagus, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, red, green, yellow, and orange bell peppers, lemon juice, olive oil, and parsley.

SEASONING

Pink Himalayan salt, black pepper, onion powder, cayenne pepper, garlic powder, and paprika (adjust to taste).

DIRECTIONS

- Preheat the oven to roast.
- Spread chopped vegetables evenly on a large baking sheet. Drizzle with olive or avocado oil and squeeze fresh lemon juice over the top. Add seasonings and toss to coat. Cover with foil and roast for about one hour, stirring occasionally, until tender and lightly caramelized.

Simple. Nourishing. Soul-satisfying. Enjoy!



We can shape the future of work

By Dr. Nicole Hudson, Ed.D, SHRM-SCP

The “Future of Work” is often discussed as though it’s unfolding somewhere far away — inside tech hubs, corporate boardrooms, or splashed across global headlines. But the truth is far more personal. The future of work is being shaped right here in our own communities. And African-Americans not only have a stake in it— we have the power to help define it.

Automation, artificial intelligence, and rapid economic shifts are transforming industries at a pace no previous generation has experienced. Some jobs will disappear. Many will evolve. Entirely new careers — roles our parents and



grandparents could not have imagined — are emerging in real time. The question is not whether change is coming. The question is: Who will be prepared to lead within it?

For Black communities, the future of work is deeply connected to access. Access to skills training. Access to capital. Access to professional networks. Access to ownership. Historically, we have often been invited into industries after the foundation was already built and the wealth already distributed. This moment, however, presents a different opportunity. Technology, healthcare innovation, clean energy, creative industries, and entrepreneurship are expanding — and we can enter early. But early entry requires intentional investment in learning and collective advancement now.

Education no longer follows a single, traditional path. Degrees still matter, but so do certifications, apprenticeships, digital fluency, and lifelong learning. The most successful professionals of the next decade will not be those who learned once and stopped. They will be those who continuously adapt. That spirit of resilience, reinvention, and community support has always been a defining strength within Black culture.

Equally important is ownership. The future of work is not solely about employment — it is about building businesses, creating intellectual property, and shaping industries from the inside out. Representation in leadership is not symbolic. It determines whose ideas scale, whose voices are amplified, and whose communities benefit from economic growth.

Here in Las Vegas, a city uniquely positioned at the crossroads of innovation, hospitality, technology, and global exchange, African-American professionals, creatives, and entrepreneurs are already contributing to its evolution. The next step is intentional preparation: mentoring the next generation, sharing knowledge, pooling resources, and ensuring that opportunity circulates within our community.

The future of work is not something happening to us. It is something we can build. And when we build with purpose, we do more than adapt to change — we create prosperity that extends beyond one generation.

The future is not waiting. It is calling. The question is whether we will answer — and shape it together.

Snow White, Beautifully Black

Mia Brathwaite had her breakout lead role at Lutheran’s High School stage production of “Once Upon a One More Time,” playing the role of Snow White in the Britney Spears Jukebox musical.



Dr. Marguerite Brathwaite congratulates her daughter Mia for her performance as Snow White.



Mia Brathwaite sings in the musical production of “Once Upon a One More Time.”



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Knowledge is power in understanding birth defects

By Dr. Marguerite Brathwaite OB-GYN

For many expectant mothers, pregnancy is a time filled with hope, excitement, and heartfelt prayers for a healthy child. While most pregnancies result in healthy births, it is important



to acknowledge and understand the realities surrounding birth defects — a challenge that affects thousands of families each year.

Birth defects are physical or biochemical changes that are present at birth. They can affect nearly any part of the body and may interfere with how the body develops or functions. Some birth defects are mild and manageable, while others can be serious and require ongoing medical care. Understanding what they are — and what may contribute to them — empowers families to take proactive steps toward prevention and early detection.

Birth defects can develop at any point during pregnancy, but many occur during the first trimester — the first three months — when a baby's organs are forming. This is a critical period of

development. However, defects can also occur later in pregnancy while the baby's organs continue to grow and mature.

Early prenatal care plays a vital role in identifying potential concerns. Advances in screening and diagnostic testing allow many conditions to be detected before birth, giving families and healthcare providers valuable time to prepare and plan.

While not all birth defects can be prevented, certain risk factors may increase the likelihood of occurrence:

- **Genetic or Chromosomal Changes.** Some birth defects are caused by changes in a baby's genes (mutations) or chromosomes. These changes may be inherited or occur randomly during development.

- **Environmental Exposures.** A mother's environment includes everything she encounters in daily life. Exposure to harmful substances — such as cigarette smoke, toxic chemicals, or radiation — can increase risks during pregnancy.

- **Preexisting Health Conditions.** Certain maternal health conditions, including diabetes and other chronic illnesses, may raise the risk of birth defects if not properly managed before and during pregnancy.

- **Medications.** Some medications taken before or during pregnancy can pose risks. For example, drugs such as isotretinoin are known to increase the likelihood of serious birth defects. It is essential to consult a healthcare provider before starting or stopping any medication while pregnant.

- **Substance Use.** Smoking, drinking alcohol, or using street drugs during pregnancy can significantly increase the risk of birth defects and other complications. Avoiding these substances is one of the most important steps an expectant mother can take.

- **Infections.** Certain viral or bacterial infections during pregnancy can impact fetal development. Staying current on recommended vaccinations and practicing preventive health measures can reduce this risk.

- **Maternal Age.** Women who are pregnant after the age of 34 may face a higher risk of chromosomal abnormalities and certain birth defects. While many women in this age group deliver healthy babies, additional monitoring is often recommended.

Knowledge is one of the strongest tools in promoting healthy pregnancies. Regular prenatal visits, proper nutrition,

taking prenatal vitamins with folic acid, managing chronic conditions, and maintaining open communication with healthcare providers can significantly reduce risks.

Healthcare providers play a critical role in supporting expectant mothers through education, screening, and personalized care plans. Early detection allows families to access specialists, explore treatment options, and prepare emotionally and medically for any challenges ahead.

Every pregnancy journey is unique. With the right support, education, and medical guidance, families can face the realities of birth defects with strength, knowledge, and hope.

Women's Innovative Care is dedicated to supporting healthy pregnancies and identifying potential complications as early as possible. Through compassionate care and advanced screening services, the team works closely with mothers-to-be to ensure the best possible outcomes. If you have questions or concerns about your pregnancy, consider scheduling an appointment by calling (702) 413-7740 or visiting 851 South Rampart Blvd., Suite 160, Las Vegas, NV.

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Lana Howard recently threw a party for her partner Tommy with friends and family for his 60th birthday.



Anna Bailey and Gloria Campbell Fine at the Power of Love event



Dr. Tya Mathis Coleman hosts the CCSD African American Namesake event



Vanessa Regan-Johnson enjoys her birthday celebration with her son DeAndre Johnson and friends and family at the Motown Extreme Live Stage Show.

Marble Manor Documentary: Preserving a Westside Legacy

By Claytee D. White

In 1953, Marble Manor became home to a growing number of Las Vegas residents at a time when adequate housing was scarce — especially for African-Americans who were barred from living in many parts of the city. What began as a necessary housing development soon became a cornerstone of community life on the Historic Westside.



Now, as we prepare to launch an oral history project and documentary chronicling Marble Manor's legacy, we are asking for your help.

Before the cameras roll, the research must deepen. We are working to uncover more of the development's untold stories so that thoughtful questions can be asked, facts can be clarified and amplified, and longtime residents can share personal memories of pivotal moments. Early accounts reveal that an active gang culture existed in Marble Manor in its earliest

years, spilling over from surrounding communities. But that is only part of the story. What else defined daily life in the 1950s? What stories remain unspoken?

Integration reshaped Las Vegas beginning in 1960, and by 1969, unrest and riots marked a turbulent era on the Westside. How did those watershed moments impact Marble Manor and the families who lived there? Did you — or someone in your family — call Marble Manor home during that decade? Your voice matters. Your memories are vital to completing this historical record.

Though I have retired from UNLV, my commitment to preserving this history remains strong. Please reach out at Claytee.white@unlv.edu to participate. Interviews are conducted in a comfortable, respectful setting. We do collect audio and video footage, but our professional camera team will ensure you feel at ease — and look your best. Consider being a “star” for an hour or 90 minutes in service of history.

Meanwhile, Marble Manor stands on the brink of transformation.

The original single-story buildings are being replaced with a thoughtfully

designed, multilevel community. Plans include four-story structures with varied rooflines, townhouses, warm color palettes accented with brick patterns, and culturally sensitive architectural elements. The new development will triple the current number of units and introduce segmented parking areas with greenery, numerous walking paths, barbecue pits, gazebos, playgrounds, and community gardens where residents can grow vegetables. Retail spaces and a daycare center will further serve families. This ambitious redesign is unfolding under the leadership of architect Melvin Green.

Demolition has already begun. Construction is projected to span eight years, progressing in stages — residents will temporarily relocate from designated sections, demolition and rebuilding will follow, and families will move back into newly completed units. It is a careful balance between renewal and continuity.

With the expansion of Marble Manor, the nearby Sam Cherry development on Jefferson, and new housing near Nevada Partners on Lake Mead, there is hope that thoughtful growth — aligned with commu-

nity specifications — will continue along Jackson Street.

And then there is the question of identity.

From 1938 to 1939, Harmon Percy Marble served as mayor of Las Vegas. According to historical accounts, he had a passion for photographing Native American nations and an interest in low-income housing, which led to his name being assigned to Marble Manor. Yet today, as the Westside experiences rapid gentrification, we must ask ourselves: how do we preserve the significance of this area as the community that welcomed Black families when they were prohibited from living elsewhere in the city? (Only a few lived in Four Mile.)

Perhaps one way is through naming.

As Marble Manor is rebuilt, should it be renamed to reflect its historic identity as a Black neighborhood? How do we honor both the past and the promise of the future?

History is not just about buildings—it is about people. And without your voice, the story remains incomplete.

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will not always stay within the boundaries we prefer. Control dissolves in these moments. And yet, even in expansion, there is purpose.

The lesson is clear: life unfolds in stages, and we are meant to move with them, not against them.

Water is patient.

A still pool waits quietly, offering refreshment without demand. It gives freely. Waves crash against steadfast shorelines, only to retreat with calm dignity. There is strength in that rhythm — approach, release, return. No resentment. No struggle.

Just the eternal dance of engagement and surrender.

So too will we encounter the ins and the outs, the arrivals and departures, the surges and the retreats. They are inevitable. But if we choose to live like water — freely, fluidly, faithfully — we discover that peace is not something we chase. It is something we align with.

When we soften, we flow. When we release, we expand. When we trust, we arrive.

Be like water. And let grace carry you home.

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dation's annual Shop with a Cop event. For many children, seeing a Black Santa provides meaningful representation and reinforces positive connections with law enforcement.

Castile recently transferred to the department's Airport Bureau, where he now helps ensure the safety of the traveling public.

As part of the recognition, Resorts World Las Vegas will present Castile with a staycation package that includes a hotel stay, dining and beverage credit, and entertainment tickets.



Metro Officer Elliott Castile being honored

Taking A Cold Shot

Sierra Snow Gliders take dozens of young people on a skiing trip to Lee Canyon Resort.

The Sierra Snow Gliders, a Las Vegas-based African-American ski club and chapter of the National Brotherhood of Snowsports, recently introduced 36 local youth to the joy of winter sports during two ski trips to Lee Canyon Resort.

Through strategic partnerships with Butterfly Girlz, National Action Network, Eminent Reminisce, and the City of Las Vegas, the club identified young people ages 7-17 who may not otherwise have access to winter recreation opportunities.

A grant from the Nevada Outdoor and Education Recreation Program helped

make the experience possible. Sierra Snow Gliders covered all expenses for participating children – including lift tickets, ski and snowboard rentals, professional lessons, transportation, snacks, lunch, and winter outerwear.

The results were immediate and inspiring. Following their lessons, many first-time skiers and snowboarders confidently rode chair lifts and navigated the slopes independently – an accomplishment that reflected both their determination and the quality of instruction they received.

Evaluations completed during the bus ride home reflected overwhelmingly positive feedback from children, parents, and chaperones. Participants described the trips as exciting, empowering, and unforgettable – an opportunity that expanded horizons and built confidence.



Sierra Snow Gliders' youth ski group



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West Charleston Library Maker Fair

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Wednesday, March 4
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West Charleston Library

AGE GROUP: ALL

3D Printing Training

Learn the basics of using a 3D printer at the Library District.

Multiple Dates & Times
Enterprise Library

AGE GROUP: TEENS & ADULTS

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Sandy Valley Library

AGE GROUP: ALL

Crochet Club

Learn to crochet or teach someone else.

Every Wednesday
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunrise Library

AGE GROUP: ALL

Music Production 101 for Teens

All levels are welcome to join this hands-on workshop.

Tuesdays, March 10, 24 & 31
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Clark County Library

AGE GROUP: TEENS

Come Out and Clay Jr.

Learn to make some of our favorite storytime pals in clay.

Saturday, March 14
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Sunrise Library

AGE GROUP: PRESCHOOLERS, KIDS

Intro to Machine Sewing and Safety – Ready, Set, Sew!

Registration is strongly encouraged.

Saturday, March 14
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Friday, March 27
3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

West Las Vegas Library

AGE GROUP: ADULTS (16+)

In the Loop – A Fiber Arts Group

Come crochet, knit, or practice other needlecrafts with fellow crafters.

Sunday, March 15
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Centennial Hills Library

AGE GROUP: TEENS & ADULTS

Teen Tuesday – Maker Break Bags

Turn your Spring Break into a Maker Break! We have fun kits to give away.

Tuesday, March 17
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Enterprise Library

AGE GROUP: TEENS

Take Better Photos on Your Cell Phone

Learn cell phone camera features, angles, lighting, setting up a shot, and more from photographer Victor Esquivel.

Thursday, March 19
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Rainbow Library

AGE GROUP: TEENS & ADULTS

Digital Drawing

Learn digital drawing basics using the Wacom tablet

Friday, March 20
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Enterprise Library

AGE GROUP: TWEENS, TEENS & ADULTS

Maker March Craft Stick Engineering Challenge

Join us for the Building Challenge.

Saturday, March 21
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Moapa Town Library

AGE GROUP: KIDS, TWEENS & TEENS

Creating with Canva

Learn how to create amazing and eye-catching graphics, documents, and more.

Wednesday, March 25
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Enterprise Library – Flex Lab

AGE GROUP: ADULTS

Teen Maker Fair

Design, build, and create using Cricut machines, laser engravers, and hands-on craft stations.

Thursday, March 26
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Centennial Hills Library

AGE GROUP: TEENS

West Las Vegas Library Maker Fair

See and explore the latest trends in arts, crafts, and maker technology!

Thursday, March 26
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

West Las Vegas Library

AGE GROUP: ALL



Free and open
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Seating and supplies are on a first-come, first-served basis and may be limited. Scan QR Code for more events, programming, and maker resources.

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