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PEACE

Gratitude: first step on the journey to a lifetime of joy

By Kimberly Bailey-Tureaud



There is so much to be grateful for. Yet many people forget that gratitude is the key ingredient to lasting joy and peace. We all face daily challenges, but what truly matters is how we interpret and respond to them. Life is not here simply to bring us highs and lows; it is here to provide experiences that shape us into the people God intends us to become. Rejecting those experiences — or trying to control every outcome — can delay the process of growth and refinement.

A diamond glistens because of the tremendous pressure placed upon it. Nature reminds us of this truth every day, offering guidance toward the life we desire. Too often, however, we allow ourselves to be led by artificial circumstances or the expectations of others. Your journey belongs to you alone. No one's footsteps can perfectly follow another's path.

Discovering the path to inner joy is a lifelong process shaped by your choices,

faith, and experiences. Stretch yourself. Broaden your perspective and embrace life's many wonders. Remember that you are wonderfully made, and don't be afraid to be your own greatest encourager. Remain open to learning, stay humble, and continue

to grow. Then, spread your wings and fly.

Let your dreams and your love for life soften the negativity that is certain to come. Love does not always have to begin with someone else.

The love that lives within you can sustain your spirit and keep a smile on your face. Laugh at yourself when life becomes overwhelming and your perspective grows cloudy. Stay focused on the purpose God has placed in your heart and on what you were created to do while on this earth.

Life is brief and often feels like a roller coaster, but hold on with faith. Joy comes in the morning.

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Degeneracy is Trumping Principles of Liberty

By Louie Overstreet



It is very troubling to me how Degeneracy's starting five has been able to open a noticeable lead over the Principles of Liberty, given the founding fathers stacked this team with twenty-eight players at the founding of our nation.

Principles of Liberty's Starting Five: The United States shall be a Republic; Government shall have limited and defined power; A system of checks and balances prevents abuse of power; A free society must consist of moral and virtuous people; Good education keeps people free.

From the very beginning, the well-coached Principles of Liberty knew the type of team they wanted to be and the game they wanted to play. They wanted to play as a Republic by the rules of a constitution. They wanted to make sure the ball was shared to provide balanced scoring opportunities for all. They wanted to be a team of good people who understood the need to educate themselves on what was the right thing to do in close games.

I was hoping Principles of Liberty had too much tradition, and experience with a sense of fairness to lose to the selfish Degeneracy Five.

Degeneracy's Starting Five: Corruption, Division, Greed, Hate, Nationalism.

Degeneracy's starting five's games all have major faults. Weakness in Corruption's game dates to the post-Civil War era, where division doomed Reconstruction. Greed, Hate and Nationalism have been

playing on Militias and Christian church league teams hailing from western and southern states for decades. Until recently their success was isolated and limited as to their winning percentage.

People watching these games have every right to ask how Degeneracy has improved its game to where they are now trumping the Principles of Liberty on a regular basis?

My answers are:

1. Degeneracy's winning percentage has been helped by ridiculously and numerous bad calls made by the biased refereeing of the Supreme Court.

2. The current president/owner/coach practices unethical conduct, and immoral behavior. It is so rampant that Degeneracy players are no longer held accountable for the fouls they commit playing in the democracy games.

Year Factor

The Metro Las Vegas Section of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) proudly celebrated the first anniversary of its charter in March 2026, marking a year of impactful advocacy, transformational leadership, and dedicated service throughout Southern Nevada.

Founded in 1935 by renowned educator, presidential advisor, and civil rights leader Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, the National Council of Negro Women was established to unite the voices and leadership of Black women in the pursuit of justice, opportunity, and equality. Today, NCNW continues its mission of leading, advocating for, and

empowering women of African descent, their families, and their communities through education, service, and strategic partnerships.

Guided by a vision of equity and inclusion, the organization remains committed to advancing health equity, economic empowerment, civic engagement, social justice, advocacy, and leadership development.

Recently, the Metro Las Vegas Section hosted a special meet-and-greet featuring Madam Board Chair Dr. Lois Keith and Ms. Tee Solomon, National Vice Chair of NCNW and Affiliates. The event

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NCNW (National Council of Negro Women) meets in Las Vegas

Las Vegas icon takes VIP entrance at the Century Club

This is another special issue of Las Vegas Black Image, and we are honored to celebrate the remarkable life of Anna Bailey as she embraces her 100th birthday. Our cover story offers Anna's intimate reflections on a century of living, loving, and making history, while sharing her thoughts about the journey still ahead. As the first Black showgirl on the Las Vegas Strip and one of the original dancers at the legendary Moulin Rouge, Anna continues to inspire with her unwavering love of life, family, and people.

Las Vegas also recently welcomed more than 47,000 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, who traveled from across the globe for the organization's 72nd International Boule. Hosted by MGM Resorts International, the women transformed the sparkle of Las Vegas into a vibrant celebration of

Pink and Green, leaving a lasting impression on our city through sisterhood, service, and excellence.

We are all striving to live our best lives, and we thank the members of our community for sharing how they are doing just that in this month's Community Speaks section.

You'll also find inspiring ideas throughout our Living section, featuring home décor, gardening, and delicious recipes designed to enrich everyday life.

Las Vegas Black Image extends heartfelt appreciation to our contributing writers for their thoughtful, informative, and motivational editorials. We also thank our senior publishing team for their outstanding work in graphic design and editing, ensuring that every issue reflects the excellence our readers deserve.

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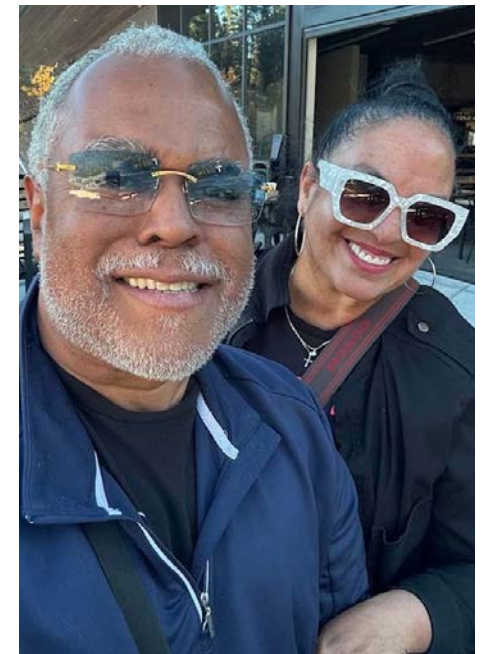
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‘There is no secret — you just feel good and take care of yourself’

By Kimberly Bailey Tureaud

A Las Vegas icon reflects on a remarkable century of life

As New Year’s Eve ushered in 2026, I looked at my mother, Anna Bailey, and said, “Mom, you were born on August 26, 1926.” She smiled and replied, “Yes, I was.”

I said, “Mom, that means you’re 100 years old.” Without missing a beat, she smiled again and said, “You can count.”

That exchange perfectly captures my mother’s wit, warmth, and joyful outlook on life. This August, our family celebrates Anna Bailey’s 100th birthday — a remarkable milestone for a woman who continues to thrive, inspire, and, as she likes to say, keep “kicking high.”

Anna and my father, William H. “Bob” Bailey, arrived in Las Vegas from New York City in 1955 to perform at the historic Moulin Rouge Hotel and Casino, the nation’s first integrated hotel-casino. Before making Las Vegas their home, they were part of New York’s vibrant Black entertainment community, traveling throughout the country as performers during an era when opportunities for Black entertainers often came with tremendous challenges.

From Broadway to London, Anna Bailey built an extraordinary career in dance and entertainment. She began dancing at just 14 years old at Harlem’s legendary Apollo Theater, a career that led her to perform in iconic venues such as the Savoy Ballroom, the Zanzibar Club, and many others. She also traveled the famed Chitlin’ Circuit alongside celebrated entertainers including Sarah Vaughan, Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, and Louis Jordan.

Bailey vividly remembers relying on *The Negro Motorist Green Book* while traveling through the segregated South during the Jim Crow era.

“Yes, I remember when we would travel to our next gig on the bus,” Bailey recalls. “If we couldn’t find a hotel that would accommodate us because we were Black, everyone would send me to knock on the doors of private homes to ask if we could stay the night because I had the lightest complexion on the bus.”

Born in Savannah, Georgia, to a 16-year-old mother, Bailey’s life began during a time of hardship and uncertainty. Her mother later moved to Hoboken, New Jersey, before settling in Brooklyn’s Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood, where Anna was raised in a 14-room brownstone that became the foundation for a life defined by perseverance, grace, and determination.



Photo by Clark McCarrell



Anna Bailey and William H. "Bob" Bailey at their wedding



Anna Bailey poolside in 1955 at the Historic Moulin Rouge in Las Vegas



Anna Bailey

For decades, Anna Bailey has been admired not only for her beauty and elegance but also for her optimism, resilience, and enduring love of life. As she prepares to celebrate her 100th birthday, one question follows her everywhere she goes:

"What's your secret?"

In this exclusive interview, Anna Bailey shares her reflections on longevity, love, loss, health, happiness, and the lessons she's learned over an unforgettable century of living.

When you are alone and thinking about being 100 years of age, what crosses your mind?

I'm not a gloomy person. I'm just happy that I've made it to 100, and I feel good. I love myself and I love everybody — I love life. I'm glad to still be living and I hope I live for a long time because there is still so much I want to do, see and travel.

What is your secret to living for one hundred years?

People ask me all the time, "What is my secret?" I tell them there is no secret — you just feel good and take care of yourself. Also, pray that you will be around because there are so many things you want to do and see.

So, you do believe in going to the doctor?

Yes, I do go to the doctor regularly and when I come out of the doc-



The Bailey family featured in an historic issue of Jet Magazine

tor's office and the doctor says, "Everything is okay and you are in good shape," that's when I'm happy. I feel good when I go to the doctor, never nervous because I'm doing something for myself.

Did you go to get your mammograms?

Yes, I would go for many years to get a mammogram. I would again be happy when my breast health reports were pos-

itive. It's important to check on your breast health. And don't put it off like it's a bother, early detection is the key to fighting breast cancer.

You were married some 60-plus years before your husband, William H. Bob Bailey, passed on in 2014. How do you feel about turning 100 without your hus-

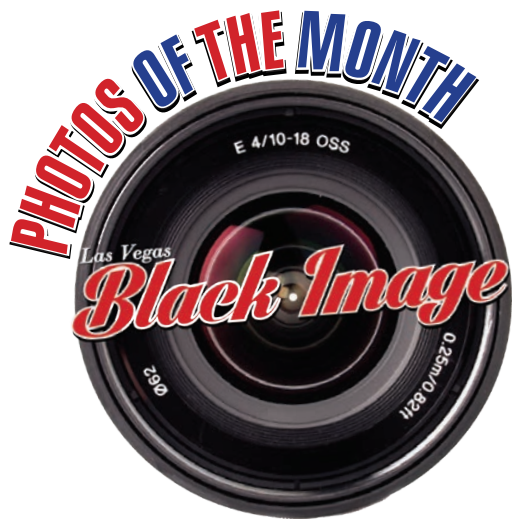


Bob & Anna Bailey pose with their mothers on their wedding day

band?

I really miss him so much. I go by the table and look at his picture, and I rub my fingers across the top of the frame. I really miss him. I guess he is in a better place, and he had to go. I know he would have loved to be here and look out at the

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Groundbreaking for the Beale-Henderson Point Housing Development in Ward 5



Actor Antonio Fargas, Martin Lawrence, and Fargas' son, Justin



Attorney General Aaron Ford, Maryland Governor Wes Moore, and Trina Jiles, owner of Grizt



Debra Storey and daughter



Anthona McNeile and Owner of Classic Jewel Night Club, Sherri Lewis and Jerome Harry



Mitzi Dease Paige, was elected International Secretary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.



Patricia "Trish" Penix and her father



Henderson City Councilwoman Monica Larson congratulates the Henderson Chamber of Commerce on its informative breakfast meeting.



Tiffany Tyler and Devin Moore



Chris McLemore at the Tuck and Run Annual Football Training with the Raiders



Assemblywoman Danielle Monroe-Moreno, Attorney General Aaron Ford, Congressman Steven Horsford, and California Governor Gavin Newsom



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YOU! HAVE THE POWER

Good Black News: How we express, impress, and address

By Dr. Ellen W. Brown

As I began writing this month's column, I knew I wanted to share good news. I also knew my readers would welcome good news because positive thoughts and uplifting messages are always worth celebrating.



As I reflected on that idea, my mind went back to a phrase that has stayed with me since "The Wiz" premiered on Broadway and later became the beloved 1978 film: "Don't nobody bring me no bad news!"

Think back to where you were in 1978 — if you were around then. For many of us, "The Wiz" was more than entertainment. It celebrated Black culture, cre-

ativity, and resilience while reminding us that hope can triumph over hardship. That message remains just as powerful today.

With that spirit in mind, I want to focus on the importance of Good Black News. Too often, the stories that dominate headlines focus on struggle, conflict, and division. While we must acknowledge the realities and burdens that have been placed upon our communities, we must also recognize our ability to persevere, create, build, and inspire. Those stories deserve to be told just as loudly.

People often say history repeats itself, and I believe there is truth in that. However, each generation experiences familiar challenges through a different lens. Every generation brings new ideas, new interpretations, and new expectations. As today's voices take center stage, they naturally shape the conversation accord-

ing to their own experiences. That is not something to fear — it is something to celebrate.

So, what's going on?

Our words, our music, and our art continue to emerge from our neighborhoods, churches, classrooms, studios, and communities with authenticity and cultural pride. Every musical genre has its own language and style of expression. Not every style speaks to everyone, and that's perfectly fine. The beauty of Black culture is its diversity. There is room for every voice and every rhythm.

Our music has always documented our journey. It celebrates our victories, mourns our losses, fuels our movements, and inspires change. Through music and storytelling, we listen, interpret, understand, and share. These expressions help define who we are and where we are going.

Never underestimate the power of your own voice. The stories you tell, the encouragement you give, and the positive news you share all strengthen our collective spirit. Good Black News is not simply about reporting positive events — it is about recognizing the resilience, creativity, and excellence that exist throughout our communities every day.

You have the power. Share your story. Celebrate someone else's success. Lift a neighbor. Encourage a young person. Together, we can continue expressing, impressing, and addressing the issues that matter while making sure Good Black News remains part of our everyday conversation.

Sharing strengthens our collective voice. We welcome your ideas, questions, and stories to enhance the Voice. Send to me at ebrown.nci@gmail.com

KNIGHT MOVES

Vegas Moment, August Presentation

By Craig Knight

It's August, and in Las Vegas, this is not the month for the faint of heart — literally. With average daytime temperatures regularly soaring well above 100F, surviving the summer requires preparation, hydration, and common sense.



August marks the tail end of summer, as tourists flock to the city for pool parties, world-class entertainment, and last-minute vacations before the school year begins. Despite the sweltering

heat, Las Vegas continues to make room for cultural reflection and community awareness.

Nationally, August is recognized as Black Business Month, and in a city with a growing and thriving Black entrepreneurial community, it serves as an opportunity to celebrate and support Black-owned restaurants, retailers, service providers, and other local businesses that contribute to our economy and culture.

August is also National Wellness Month, encouraging us to prioritize self-care. In a city often associated with indulgence and nonstop excitement, this observance offers a refreshing reminder to slow down, stay hydrated, enjoy well-

ness activities such as yoga or fitness classes, visit a spa, or simply take time to recharge amid the desert heat.

Historically, August also reminds us of Las Vegas' remarkable journey. Founded in 1905 and incorporated in 1911, the city experienced tremendous growth during the 1930s with the construction of Hoover Dam. By the mid-20th century, Las Vegas had become a world-renowned entertainment destination, welcoming legendary performers such as Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., Dean Martin, Joey Bishop, Elvis Presley, and countless others who helped establish the Strip's global reputation.

And for sports fans, August means one thing: NFL preseason football is

back! It's the start of another exciting season, bringing renewed hope and anticipation for fans across the country. It should be another fun and memorable year.

As we welcome August — with its rich history, meaningful observances, community celebrations, intense summer heat, and opportunities to relax and reconnect — let's enjoy everything the month has to offer while doing so responsibly and safely.

Until the next edition of Knight Moves, continue to educate yourself and share that knowledge with others.

God bless you!



When do you know you are living your best life?



Leslie Hamm

Doing a good deed and not expecting anything in return. This is why I'm living my best life.



Skeneka Gunn

My life is the best as God continues to open doors for my personal journey.



Alethea Solomon

I lived my best life when I was truly blessed with taking a mini-vacation and not worrying about a thing sitting on a boat in Long Beach watching the sunset.



Rickey Mickey Ormond

I know I'm living my best life because my relationship with God is wonderful, I have good health, and am happily married.



Andrew Thomas

Having my piece of mind with no stress is when life is good. I was recently nominated for Artist of The Year 2026 and I'm getting traffic at SirDru.com — this is why I'm living my best life!



Marleau Miller

When Christ is the head of your life — it is the best life to have.



Tone Faazze

I know I'm living the best life because I woke up this morning.



Kathy Lattimore

I'm living my best life when I look around and see how God has blessed me. When I have peace in my life, I am blessed to look at my mom, children and grandchildren. This is how I know I'm currently living the best life I have. All material possessions are just additional things.

Freddie Wells

I know I'm living my best life when I read the "question" without stress, worry, and no drama in my life.

Under the Glittering Lights

Golden Time for the Pink-and-Green

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated recently convened in Las Vegas for its 72nd International Boule. Hosted at the MGM Grand Hotel & Casino, the event welcomed more than 47,000 members to the Silver State, transforming the Las Vegas Strip into a sea of pink and green — the sorority's official colors.

During their stay, the members made a significant impact on the local economy while also giving back to the community through service projects, including efforts to help feed those in need. Their week-long visit to Las Vegas was both memorable and impactful.



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Las Vegas Black Image presents *LIVING*, a 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" 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

Looking for the chair necessities



When decorating your home, sometimes the smallest details make the biggest difference. While artwork, rugs, and lighting often receive the most attention, the perfect chair can become the focal point that ties an entire room together.

A beautiful, inviting chair adds warmth, color, and personality while creating a cozy place to relax. Whether it's a plush reading chair by a window, a colorful accent chair in the living room, or a comfortable seat in your bedroom, the right chair offers more than comfort — it creates your own personal retreat.

As the familiar lyric says, "Sit in your own little corner, in your own little chair." Your special chair can become a peaceful space to read, reflect, pray, meditate, or simply unwind after a busy day.

It also provides guests with a welcoming place to sit and enjoy conversation.

When choosing décor for your home, don't overlook the power of a single chair. The right one may be the finishing touch that transforms your space into a place of comfort, beauty, and serenity.



PLANTING YOUR SEEDS

Let nature be your centerpiece

Your dining table is more than a place to eat — it's often the heart of the home. Families gather around it to share meals, celebrate milestones, discuss important decisions, and create lasting memories.

A simple yet elegant centerpiece can make every meal feel like a special occasion. Fresh flowers, leafy plants, palm fronds, or greenery grown in your own garden can become beautiful natural displays that bring life and color to your dining room.

Personalize your arrangement by adding decorative crystals, colorful stones, candles, or seasonal accents that reflect your family's style. These thoughtful touches create a warm atmosphere that welcomes guests and encourages meaningful conversation.

Whether you're hosting a holiday dinner or enjoying a week-night meal with loved ones, a living centerpiece reminds us that beauty can be cultivated both inside our homes and in our gardens.



FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Spice Up Your Caesar Salad with Blackened Cajun Shrimp

Health is the new wealth, and eating well doesn't mean sacrificing bold flavor. A classic Caesar salad is already packed with crisp romaine lettuce and satisfying crunch, but adding blackened Cajun shrimp transforms it into a delicious, protein-packed entrée that's perfect for lunch or dinner.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound large raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 tablespoons olive oil (or coconut oil)
- 2 teaspoons cayenne pepper
- 2 teaspoons smoked paprika
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons blackening seasoning (or to taste)

For the Salad

- 2 romaine hearts, washed, dried, and chopped
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

- Garlic breadcrumbs, to taste
- Himalayan salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- Caesar dressing, to taste
- Additional Parmesan cheese for garnish

DIRECTIONS

1. Pat the shrimp dry with paper towels. Season both sides generously with the Cajun spices and blackening seasoning.
2. Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the



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Sex while pregnant: safe for mom-to-be?

By Dr. Marguerite Brathwaite OB-GYN

Many people ask, "Is it safe for my unborn baby if I have sex while I'm pregnant?" The answer, in most cases, is yes.

Your baby is well protected by the amniotic fluid inside the uterus and the strong muscles of the uterus. If you have a healthy pregnancy without complications — such as preterm labor or certain placental conditions — having sex will not harm your baby.

However, pregnancy often brings physical and emotional changes that can affect a woman's comfort level and interest in sex. As your body changes, it is normal for your preferences and comfort



to change as well.

Some people worry that having sex during pregnancy could cause a miscarriage. A miscarriage is the loss of a pregnancy before the 20th week. Sexual intercourse does not cause a miscarriage. Most miscarriages occur because the fetus is not developing as it should.

It is common to experience mild cramping or light spotting after sex or orgasm during pregnancy. However, if you have severe cramping that does not go away or heavy bleeding similar to a menstrual period, contact your healthcare provider immediately.

Most sexual positions are safe during pregnancy as long as they are comfortable. If a position becomes uncomfortable, try another. As your pregnancy progresses and your belly grows, explore positions that prioritize both comfort and

pleasure.

Some people mistakenly believe that condoms are unnecessary during pregnancy because pregnancy has already occurred. However, condoms remain important because they help protect against sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Contracting an STI during pregnancy can pose serious health risks for both you and your baby.

Avoid vaginal, oral, or anal sex if your partner has a sexually transmitted infection. In addition, if your partner has sex with other people or if you have a new sexual partner during pregnancy, using a condom is essential for protection.

Having sex or experiencing an orgasm can cause mild uterine contractions. In most pregnancies, this is not a cause for concern. However, your healthcare provider may recommend avoiding sexual

intercourse if you:

- Have unexplained vaginal bleeding.
- Are leaking amniotic fluid.
- Have cervical insufficiency (also called an incompetent cervix), in which the cervix begins to open too early.
- Have placenta previa, a condition in which the placenta partially or completely covers the cervix.
- Have a history of preterm labor or premature birth.

Women's Innovative Care is committed 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 promote the best possible outcomes. For questions or concerns about pregnancy care, call (702) 413-7740 or visit 851 South Rampart Blvd., Suite 160, Las Vegas, NV.



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'Pink' ladies paint to prepare for Caravan



Patti Pennington



Sharon Phoenix

Preparations are underway for the 10th Annual Las Vegas Caravan for Mammogram, which will take place on Saturday, October 3, 2026, at the new West Las Vegas Library, located at 1861 N. Martin Luther King Blvd. A series of pre-promotional events is being held to encourage women to register for this year's free mammogram awareness and screening

event.

Recently, women gathered at Angeli-que's Community Art Center for a festive "Paint It Pink Party," where they painted decorative planters in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month while helping build excitement for the October 3 Caravan for Mammogram.

If you are interested in participating

in any of the upcoming pre-promotional Caravan for Mammogram events leading up to October 3, please call (702) 615-8216.

The FREE 10th Annual Las Vegas Caravan for Mammogram aims to register 300 Black women to participate in this year's event, which includes the spectacular Pink Car Parade down the world-famous Las Vegas Strip in observance of

Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Special thanks to Comprehensive Cancer Centers of Nevada, Steinberg Diagnostic Medical Imaging, and the West Las Vegas Library — the official starting location — for their continued partnership and generous support in making this important community event possible.

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Black August: Honoring Las Vegas' Freedom Fighters

By Claytee D. White

Black August is a time of remembrance and reflection that honors political prisoners, freedom fighters, and martyrs of the Black Freedom Movement. Emerging in the 1970s from within California's prison system, Black August has become a symbol of sacrifice, resistance, and the continuing pursuit of justice.

Its meaning can also be expanded to recognize local freedom fighters whose courage transformed communities closer to home.

In Las Vegas, the Welfare Rights Movement produced a remarkable group of Black women whose fight for economic justice evolved into a broader struggle for human rights on the Historic Westside. Although none had formal education beyond high school, their organizing strategies, political instincts, and determination reflected extraordinary intelligence and leadership.

When the Las Vegas Welfare Rights Movement is remembered, most people immediately think of the historic march on the Las Vegas Strip. Yet some of the movement's most influential victories came through smaller, carefully planned campaigns designed to demonstrate the realities of poverty directly to Nevada

lawmakers.

Among the women who led these efforts were Alveresa Beals, Ruby Duncan, Essie Henderson, Rosie Seals, Emma Stampley, Aldean Weems, and Mary Wesley. Their work was part of the broader National Welfare Rights Organization, founded by Dr. George Wiley, a chemistry professor who became one of the nation's leading advocates for welfare rights and economic justice.

As the national movement began to lose momentum, Clark County's activists refused to stop. They understood that many of the community's most urgent needs remained unmet. Determined to continue the fight, they established Operation Life, a nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing poverty, healthcare, education, childcare, and other essential services in West Las Vegas.

Like many freedom fighters before them, these women sometimes risked arrest to achieve meaningful change.

One of their most memorable acts of civil disobedience was the famous "eat-



in." During the early 1970s, thousands of poor Nevada children lacked adequate food because the state had not yet adopted the federal food stamp program. Before taking direct action, the women approached hotels throughout the Las Vegas Strip, asking if they would donate meals for hungry children, knowing enormous amounts of food were discarded every day. Their requests were denied.

On February 8, 1972, approximately 240 women and children entered the Palm Room at the Stardust Hotel. The organizers instructed the children to order steak and lobster instead of hamburgers, making a powerful statement about dignity and equal treatment. After the meals were served, Ruby Duncan and Mary Wesley remained behind while the buses carrying the women and children returned to the Westside. The two women then offered to pay the more than \$600 bill with a personal check.

Police were called, and Duncan and Wesley were arrested before being released on their own recognizance. The following day, the group returned, only to find the Stardust's doors padlocked.

Undeterred, they marched outside the entrance, singing freedom songs before peacefully dispersing.

The protest drew widespread attention. Shortly afterward, Circus Circus owner Jay Sarno became the only hotel executive to respond differently. On February 11, he sent buses to the Westside, picked up 60 mothers and children, and treated them to a meal of fried chicken, French fries, and chocolate cake.

The movement's persistence paid off. In April 1973, the Nevada Legislature approved participation in the federal food stamp program, making Nevada the final state in the nation to adopt the program for low-income families.

Black August reminds us that freedom is often won not only through famous marches and celebrated speeches, but also through ordinary people willing to take extraordinary risks. The women of Las Vegas' Welfare Rights Movement proved that strategic action, unwavering courage, and a commitment to justice could reshape public policy and improve the lives of generations to come. Their legacy deserves to be remembered alongside the nation's most celebrated freedom fighters.

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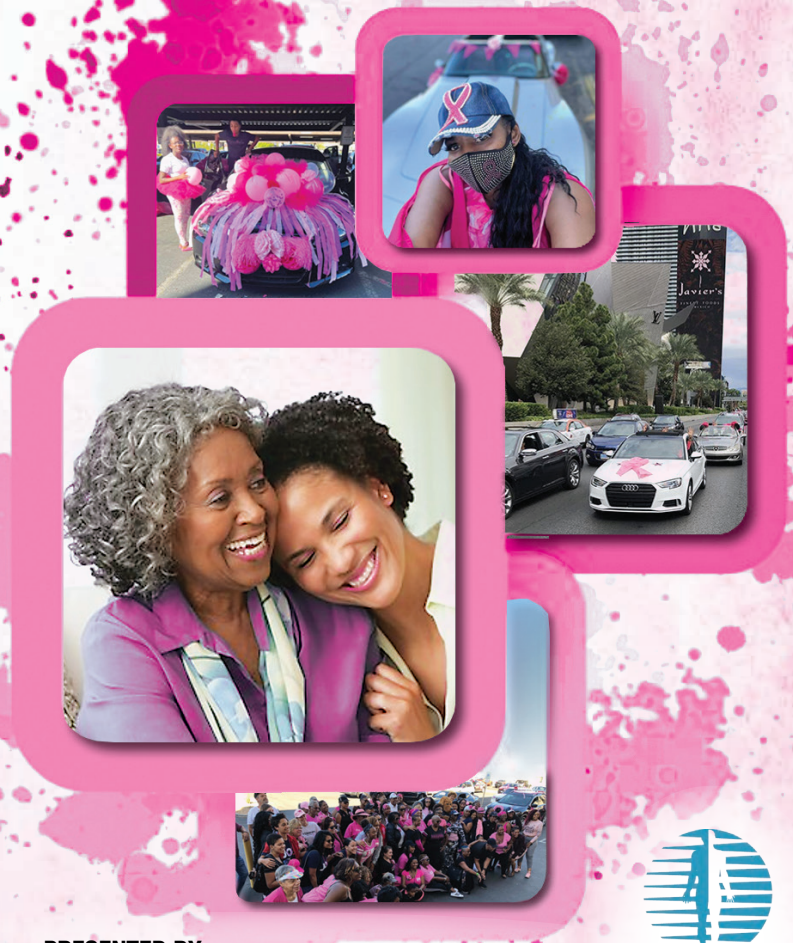
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shrimp and cook for 2-3 minutes per side, or until they are opaque and lightly blackened. Remove from the skillet and keep warm.

3. Place the chopped romaine in a large salad bowl. Season lightly with salt and black pepper, then toss with Parmesan

cheese and garlic breadcrumbs.

4. Add Caesar dressing and toss until the lettuce is evenly coated.

5. Top the salad with the warm blackened Cajun shrimp. Finish with additional Parmesan cheese and extra breadcrumbs, if desired.

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Gratitude is a precious gift. Treasure the smile someone shared with you, the meal that nourished you, the peaceful walk you took in solitude, and the reflection of God's excellence you see in the mirror.

Joy is good for the soul, the mind, and the body. Learn how to tap into the

wellspring of joy within you—a joy that reflects God's light and radiates like sunlight dancing across the day.

A lifetime of joy begins with a grateful heart. Choose joy, embrace gratitude, and trust that God is leading you every step of the way.

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celebrated the Section's accomplishments during its inaugural year while reaffirming the importance of NCNW's mission at a time when advocacy and community leadership are needed more than ever.

President Tanya May reflected on the significance of the occasion, stating, "We were honored and humbled to welcome our national officers to Las Vegas. Their willingness to share their time, talents, and vision for NCNW's future while supporting our local section was truly inspiring."

The celebration brought together Section officers, charter members, and newly inducted members. Through the leadership and collaboration of Third Vice President Nicole Parks, representatives from the NCNW Collegiate Section at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas — who are preparing to receive their own charter — also attended the event. Their presence underscored NCNW's commitment to developing future leaders while strengthening the legacy of the women who have paved the way.

First Vice President of Programs Tricia Bookhart described the experience as both meaningful and motivating. "The

presence of our national officers felt like the passing of the baton, encouraging us to continue the great work of NCNW at the local level. It was both inspiring and invigorating," she said.

Several members of the Metro Las Vegas Section also had the privilege of meeting with Madam National President and Chief Executive Officer Rev. Shavon Arline-Bradley during her visit to Las Vegas. Her vision and leadership continue to inspire local sections across the country to strengthen communities through collaboration, advocacy, and service.

As the Metro Las Vegas Section enters its second program year, it remains committed to expanding NCNW's distinguished legacy by creating meaningful opportunities, building strategic partnerships, and advocating for women, families, and communities throughout Southern Nevada.

Women who are passionate about leadership, service, and advocacy are encouraged to join the Metro Las Vegas Section in its mission to create lasting change. For membership information or to learn more about upcoming programs and initiatives, contact the Metro Las Vegas Section of the National Council of Negro Women at ncnw.lv@gmail.com.



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Pastor Kelsey West, Maryland Governor Wes Moore, and AG Aaron Ford take a selfie



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lake, and we would take walks together; I wish for him a lot.

Do you think love dies after a loved one passes on?

I don't think love dies because you have your memories. Periodically, I go through sadness when I think about my husband, and the fact that he couldn't live longer and enjoy the things he accomplished for me and himself.

If you meet someone new at 100 years, do you think you can have a relationship?

If the person I meet has good character and is emotionally passionate like my late husband, I think I would enjoy that relationship. But I know at 100 it's almost impossible to meet somebody because a lot of men don't want to be bothered watching a lady get older. I'm at peace being by myself at this age. I have my memories.

What is your fondest memory of being married?

The joy that the marriage gave me. My husband was always very good at complementing me and saying nice things to me. I don't remember anything negative. I was always treated like a queen. I just miss his presence.

What is the key to good money man-



Anna Bailey's children, Kimberly Bailey Tureaud, and John Bailey pose with their father Bob Bailey

agement throughout your life?

Make sure to manage your finances, or you risk losing your happiness. Just take care of business. Have savings for a rainy day and it will give you a sense of financial security. You must watch your money and just don't throw it away.

Do you ever think about your own mortality?

No, I just try to be the best I can and stay positive. I keep nice thoughts in my mind and just stay happy for the things I have. I don't think about the things I don't have. I'm grateful for what I have every day I wake up. I have a wonderful family, and this makes me so happy.

How do you want people in Las Vegas to re-

member you?

I want them to remember I was a joyful person. And I really tried hard to not give anybody any problems. I hope people remember that I was always up and about. I loved to go out to catch a great show on the Las Vegas strip and travel and have a great time. All the positive things.

What are some of your beauty secrets?

I haven't had any cosmetic surgery. I believe you can't drink alcohol a lot, everything in moderation. Stay out of direct sunlight and wear a sun block if you are outside, especially in the summer months. My hair just grows, and I just try to massage my scalp each night.

I try to walk as much as I can and get some movement into my daily routine. I am serious about being happy and around other happy people. I really stay away from anything that is stressful. I try not to frown and wrinkle up my face. My mother used to give me a spoonful of castor oil every day when I was young. I think that has helped my immune system. I use great lotions and moisturize my skin. When I wake up in the morning, I am happy, and I celebrate the day.

You have a small dog?

Yes, I have a rescue dog, Brownie. I love him so much and he is my buddy. We are together 24 hours a day. He is almost 16 years old now, and we wake up together, and he sleeps right at my bed side at night. A dog will make you very happy and they are good company — they don't talk back.

You are a fashion diva?

I'm ready to go shopping at Macy's right now (laughs). I love to look good and take a nice shower and put on a great outfit. It makes me feel good. When someone looks at me with a smile, I know I must be looking pretty good.

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