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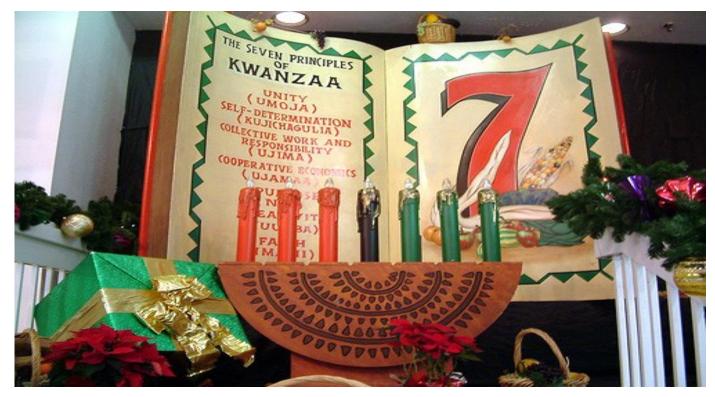


Organizers of the Elks 25th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner served nearly 100 Seniors Citizens-Pictured above Sisters and Brothers of the Elks located at 5334 South Martin Luther King Jr. BLVD

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KWANZAA SPECIAL EDITION



How to Celebrate Kwanzaa?

Kwanzaa is a holiday invented in 1966 by Maulana Karenga (founder of the Black Power group "Us Organization") through which African Americans can connect with their heritage and culture. It's celebrated from December 26 through January 1, with each of the seven days focusing on one of seven core values, or Nguzo Saba. A candle is lit on each day, and on the last day, gifts are exchanged. Since Kwanzaa is a cultural holiday rather than a religious one, it can be celebrated alongside Christmas or Hanukkah, or on its own, although Karenga wished for it to be celebrated instead of Christmas and Hanukkah, as he felt these holidays were simply symbols of the dominant cultures in America

Decorate your home or the main room with the symbols of Kwanzaa. Put a green table-cloth over a centrally located table, and on top of that, place the *Mkeka* which is a straw or woven mat that symbolizes the historical foundation of African ancestry. Place the following on the *Mkeka*:

Mazao — fruit or crops placed in a bowl, representing the community's productivity.

Kinara — a seven-pronged candle-holder.

Mishumaa Saba — the seven candles which represent the seven core principles of Kwanzaa. Three candles on the left are red, representing struggle; three on the right are green, representing hope; and one in the center is black, signifying the African American people or those who draw their heritage from Africa.

Muhindi — ears of corn. Lay out one ear of corn for each child; if there are no children, place two ears to represent the children of the community.

Zawadi — various gifts for the children. **Kikombe cha Umoja** — a cup to represent family and community unity.

Decorate around the room with Kwanzaa <u>flags</u>, called *Bendera*, and posters emphasizing the seven principles. You can purchase or

make these, and it's especially fun to make them with the kids.

If you or your children enjoy making flags, try making <u>African national or tribal</u> flags in addition to the Bendera.

Practice the Kwanzaa greetings. Starting on December 26, greet everyone by saying "Habari Gani" which is a standard Swahili greeting meaning "what is the news?" If someone greets you, respond with the principle (Nguzo Saba) for that day: December 26: "Umoja" — Unity December 27: "Kujichagulia" — Selfdetermination
December 28: "Ujima" — Collective work and responsibility
December 29: "Ujamaa" — Cooperative

economics
December 30: "Nia" — Purpose
December 31: "Kuumba" — Creativity

January 1: "Imani" — Faith.

Non-African-Americans are also welcome to participate in greetings. The traditional greeting for them is "Joyous Kwanzaa."

Light the Kinara daily. Since each candle represents a specific principle, they are lit one day at a time, in a certain order. The black candle is always lit first. Some people light the remaining candles from left to right

(red to green) while other people alternate

as follows:
Black candle
Far left red candle
Far right green candle
Second red candle
Second green candle
Last red candle
Last green candle

Celebrate Kwanzaa in a variety of different ways. Pick and choose some or all of the following activities throughout the seven days of Kwanzaa, saving the feast for the sixth day. Kwanzaa ceremony may include: Drumming and musical selections. Readings of the African Pledge and the Principles of Blackness.

Reflections on the Pan-African colors, discussions of African principles of the day, or recitations of chapters in African history.

The candle-lighting ritual of the Kinara.

Artistic performances.

Have the Kwanzaa Karamu (feast) on the sixth day (New Year's Eve). The Kwanzaa feast is a very special event that brings everyone closer to their African roots. It is traditionally held on December 31st and is a communal and cooperative effort. <u>Decorate</u> the place where the feast will be held in a red, green, and black scheme. A large Kwanzaa setting should dominate the room where the feast will be held. A large Mkeka should be placed in the center of the floor where the food is placed creatively and made accessible to all to serve themselves. Before and during the feast, an informative and entertaining program should be presented. Traditionally, the program should involve

welcoming, remembering, reassessment, recommitment and <u>rejoicing</u> concluded by a farewell statement and a call for greater unity.

During the feast, drinks are to be shared

from a communal cup, the *Kikombe cha Umoja*, passed around to all celebrants. **Give out the gifts of Kuumba.** Kuumba, meaning <u>creativity</u>, is highly encouraged and brings a sense of self-satisfaction. The gifts are usually exchanged between the parents and children and are given out traditionally on January 1st, the last day of Kwanzaa. Since the giving of gifts has very much to do with Kuumba, the gifts should be of an educational or artistic nature. article



Marcus' Pecan Sweet Potato Pie

Little Rock, Arkansas elects banking executive Frank Scott as first black mayor



LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A banking executive and former highway commissioner won Tuesday's runoff for Little Rock mayor, becoming the first African-American elected to lead Arkansas' capital six decades after it was the center of a school desegregation crisis.

Frank Scott, 35, defeated Baker Kurrus in the runoff election for the nonpartisan, open seat. He'll succeed outgoing Mayor Mark Stodola, who announced earlier this year he wouldn't seek re-election.

Scott served as an adviser to former Gov. Mike Beebe and on the state Highway Commission, and he assembled a coalition that crossed racial and political lines. His supporters included Democratic state legislators from the area and prominent Republicans such as Will Rockefeller, grandson of Arkansas' first Republican governor since Reconstruction. He also was endorsed by New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, a Democrat who's considering running for president in 2020.

Scott had said he wasn't running to be Little Rock's first elected black mayor but had sought to bridge some of the city's biggest divides: race, income and geography. "If you believe

it's time to unify this city, let's do it," Scott told supporters Tuesday night.

Little Rock has had two black mayors, but they were elected city directors chosen for the job by fellow board members and not by voters. Some voters Tuesday said they hoped

electing Scott would send a message about Little Rock.
"I just thought maybe it would help race relations in our town, which is not very good right now," said Mary Leckie, a 73-year-old white retiree who voted for Scott.

Scott's election comes as race remains a dividing line in Little Rock, long after nine black students were escorted past an angry white mob into Little Rock Central High School in 1957. The city's police department has faced questions about its tactics, including its use of "no-knock" warrants. The state took over the Little Rock School District three years ago, and community leaders have compared the takeover to Gov. Orval Faubus' efforts to block integration.

Scott's election makes him the highest-profile black official in a state that hasn't elected an African-American to Congress or statewide office since Reconstruction. Blacks make up about 42 percent of the city's population, compared to nearly 16 percent statewide.

Scott and Kurrus advanced to a runoff last month after Scott won a plurality of votes in a five-person race but a few percentage points shy of the 40 percent needed to win outright. Both Scott and Kurrus ran on a promise of change. Stodola, the outgoing mayor, was first elected mayor in 2006.

"It's not a black or white thing with me," said Lula Binns, a 75-year-old black retiree who voted for Scott. "It's just time for some younger blood."

Scott's election comes after a year where African-Americans have made gains elsewhere in Arkansas. Pulaski County, where Little Rock is located, this year elected its first black sheriff and clerk. Several other Arkansas cities have also elected their first black mayors this year. Picture by AP, Article courtesy of USA Today's Andrew DeMillo

News, Views & Commentary

MoneyWalk 412: The Fool Made God Wise

This program will help you undo financial bondage. Everybody has a story to tell: a boy who grew up in the hood and chose

illegal drug dealing;

a girl from a middleclass family who served 25 years a state government analyst; a girl from a poor family who grew up and became a Fortune 500 CEO; a boy who chose to be a pornographic movie star. The common theme in every person's story is each one has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God and deserves the flames of Hell for eternity. But thanks be to God that Jesus Christ's blood atoned for each person's sin and he / she is saved upon proclaiming Him Savior & Lord. Their new eternal destiny becomes Heaven.

But God does not stop there. Though you were formerly a fool choosing your own destructive way, His life in you means you now have access to the greatest wisdom man could ever experience. You have skill to live according to God's plan and receive the blessings and rewards thereof. Discernment of evil vs. good helps you look beyond the painful symptoms you previously experienced and helps you know and understand the cause of afflictions, despair, insecurity, lack of fulfillment, constant failure, and other problem situations. You are now empowered in heart, mind, and body to eradicate the causes and curses so you can live in peace, joy,

The life you know and body in which you live could not just come together on their own. Though the fool says in his heart there is no God, you know God the Creator had to put these parts together in order for them to work. True wisdom is understanding that the LORD is omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, and omnibenevolent and that your life flows from Him because in Him you live and move and have your being.

Wisdom allows you to tap into greater faith and heavenly resources that will bring fulfillment to

your life such as eternal and true earthly value. It will protect you and lead you to fruitfulness and increasing success through humility - the godly source for promotion, understanding of scripture and the principles therein, fellowship with a local Church that has an ever-growing relationship with the LORD, and good works with creativity.

Please pray for this ministry and email me with any questions. May the LORD bless you richly as you follow His plan!

Proverbs 3:14-18, Romans 1:16-20, 1Corinthians 1:17-31, Colossians 2:1-5

Please forward these bondage-breaking articles to other people who can use helpful insight!

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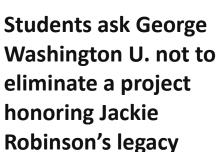
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More than 20 years ago, a professor at George Washington University interested in the interplay between sports, race and

Jackie Robinson picture courtesy of bing.com culture started a project to share the story of Jackie Robinson's legacy.

It was 1997, the 50th anniversary of Robinson's first game for the Brooklyn Dodgers, the moment when he integrated Major League Baseball. Richard Zamoff, an adjunct associate professor of sociology at GWU, launched the Jackie Robinson Project with seed money from a local nonprofit, and has run it ever since with volunteers and private donations, sharing Robinson's story in classrooms, at academic conferences, with community groups.

But now, GWU officials plan to end the project, asking Zamoff to design a program to mark the 100th anniversary of Robinson's birth in 2019 and then shut it down. The funds that were donated, to an account in the sociology department's budget, have been frozen since late

The Jackie and Rachel Robinson Society, a student group associated with the project, launched a petition that has been signed by 499 people and that urges administrators to allow the project to continue.

Zamoff said about \$15,000 remains in the account, enough to run the program for another three years without further donations. "It's absolutely frustrating and mystifying," Zamoff

Kimberly Gross, interim associate dean for programs and operations for GWU's Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, said in a written response the university appreciates the groundbreaking role that Jackie Robinson played on and off the field, and the impact of race on sports and American culture. GWU has several initiatives dedicated to the legacy of Jackie Robinson, she said, including an academic course, a student organization and an outreach project. The course and the student organization will continue.

The university decided to end the outreach project because of concerns about its management and funding, Gross wrote. The program director had been asked to submit a budget plan incorporating a celebration of Jackie Robinson's legacy on the GWU campus and educational outreach to schools, she said, but has not done so.

At the end of the academic year, Gross said, any remaining funds "will be reallocated in a way that continues to honor the Jackie Robinson legacy, such as dedicating the funding to the Africana Studies Program or to the Jackie and Rachel Robinson Society student organization." Zamoff said he told Gross he would not submit a budget plan for any activity unless he were guaranteed in writing that by doing do "there is absolutely no assumption whatsoever that we agree to phasing out the Jackie Robinson Project at any time as long as money remains in the Jackie Robinson Project Fund and donations have been pledged to the Project."

Justyn Needel became an officer of the Jackie and Rachel Robinson Society student group because Zamoff's class challenged her to think differently about race and the way she lives her life, she said, inspired by Robinson's contributions. Many people never learn of all the things he did off the baseball field and how much that affected society, she said.

"I don't even understand why we have to make a petition," Needel said. "We're not asking them for money . . . All we're trying to do is help the community spread the positivity of Jackie Robinson's message, and GWU is taking that away from the students and the people." Angelo Parodi, who teaches fifth grade at John Eaton Elementary School in Washington and has hosted visits from the Jackie Robinson Project to his classroom for a decade, echoed those concerns. When children hear about what Robinson did off the baseball field — how he helped found a bank in Harlem and a construction company to build housing for low-income families — their eyes widen, and their understanding of the complexity of the civil rights movement deepen. "I see it in their writing," he said. "I see it in the discussions we have in the classroom." Article courtesy of Susan Svrluga of the Washington Post

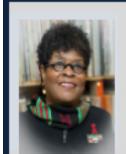




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Saturday, December 15th 9 ÁM - 11 AM Bethlehem Temple Church 1518 S. Washington Ave.

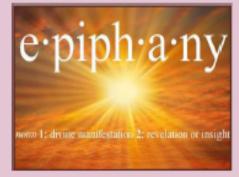


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THIS IS THE YEAR OF SPIRIT HOLY PRESENCE AND AWARENESS





"And God...during the first Sunday in Advent, a Long Island, NY church, hosted a funeral for The End of the World as We Know It. The obituary reads "The world passed peacefully in its sleep, after a long illness. The autopsy is still in progress, but the cause of death appears to be a self-inflicted wound." Those in attendance were invited to write a brief

comment on a piece of paper...and place their comment in the casket. The obituary continues "While the World did not work-out as we had hoped; there is hope that the World might be resurrected into a life more closely aligned with what a loving God may have originally intended."

Luke 4:18-20 The Voice (VOICE) reads: The Spirit of the Lord the Eternal One is on Me. Why? Because the Eternal designated Me to be His representative to the poor, to preach good news to them.

And, so it is for all of humanity; you, me, all of us, to represent the Eternal One. Luke's audience doesn't divide the world into sacred vs. secular or religious vs. political. For them, life is integrated. This is an incredible find in Holy Writ.

It may seem that we are being separate from one another by some proverbial dividing lines between gender identifications, ethnicity, political parties, and religious affiliations. It's an illusion. As you nurture the discipline of Spiritual Awareness you will experience the world as God created it to BE and you will make promises only you can keep in 2018.

As we have in view the end of 2017 and the beginning of new year, make a promise to yourself to BE more in alignment with nature. In nature, we experience a world in near perfect harmony with itself, being exactly what it is created to BE. One of my promises is to experience A Course In Miracles (ACIM) daily devotional.

Prayer of Invitation: The Spirit of the Lord, the Eternal One, and I are one. Dear One, help me to BE in alignment with nature, giving birth to divine dreams, hopes, and one promise I can keep in 2018.

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Birthdays in December 2018

Mr. Kevin Alexander Tyler celebrates his 26th birthday on December 1st, at home with family.

Ms. Alisha "Happy" Randle celebrates her 35th birthday on December 1st, "just chill'in!"

Ms. Diona Houston celebrates her birthday on December 1st. She will turn 34 years old.

Ms. Marsha Civils celebrates her birthday on December 2nd.

Mrs. Tracy Faulkner celebrates her birthday on December 2nd, with family and friends.

Ms. Markita Atwater celebrates her 28th birthday on December 4th. "I want to say thanks to my mother Rhonda Horton for being here for me and watching me be a grown woman... Love you Mom!"

Ms. Patricia Robinson celebrates her birthday on December 4th.

Mr. T. J. Baldwin celebrates his 32nd birthday on December 5th, with family and friends.

Mr. Pone of the Hood Riders celebrates his birthday on December 6th. He says "Jesus loves you!!!" to his daughter and granddaughter. Ms. Cynthia Delapaz enjoys her 38th birthday on December 7th, with

family and friends. "Much Love to my daughters!" Ms. Chantelle Brandon celebrates her birthday on December 8th.

Ms. Tabitha Fortner celebrates her 30th birthday on December 10th, with family and friends. Mr. Marc David Tyler II celebrates his 28th birthday on December 13th,

with family and friends. Ms. Candace Clay celebrates her birth, 43 years, on December 15th. She

says," I love Living!" Ms. Kimmy Herlick celebrates her 49th birthday on December 15th, with

family and friends. Mr. Andy Brown celebrates his birthday on December 15th, with his

wife, daughters and son. Victoria Jefferson celebrates her 16th birthday on December 17th Ms. Karen Morrow celebrates her 48th birthday on December 17th.

"God Bless my family, friends and extended family, Love you all!" Mr. Stafford L. Cobb celebrates his birthday on December 20th. "Life is lived forward and learned backwards" "Peace to all and 1 love!" Mr. Jameel Cooper celebrates his birthday on December 20th, with family and friends.

Ms. DaQuaria Watkins will celebrate her 23rd birthday on December 20th. Grandma says, "She is an excellent student!"

Mr. Tommie L. Boyd will celebrate his 48th birthday on December 21st. Ms. Charita Robinson-Murphy will celebrate her birthday on December 21st, with her husband Michael and children.

Mr. Tyrell Potts will celebrate his birthday on December 25th.

Mr. Anthony Michael Quarles will be celebrating his 28th birthday on December 26th with family and friends.

Mr. Al Travis will celebrate his birthday on December 26th. Marcus Jefferson Jr. celebrates his birthday on December 31st

*Special Holiday Message from:

Mr. Party, The Ambassador of Celebration

December is the month of the Holy Days (Holiday) season... A time when people celebrate and share GOD's Love...

Love is GOD's Character; choosing to put the needs of others before

As you spend time with family (The foundation of a person's life), friends and loved ones... Remember: It is nice to be important, it's more important to be

You can never show a kindness too soon for you never know how

soon it might be too late!!! We don't laugh because we're happy, we're happy because we

Smile, laugh; Celebrate a life filled with love every day...

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