

# MLK's Widow Reflects on His Ideals

### Laments that King's moral voice missing today

(AP) — Sitting in the same spot where her husband preached equality more than four decades ago, Coretta Scott King said Saturday that Martin Luther King Jr.'s message is as relevant today as it was in the 1960s.

"It's as if he were writing for this period," King said in a rare public appearance on what would have been her husband's 76th birthday. "Nonviolence would work today, it would work 2,000 years from now, it would work 5,000 years from now."

"If Martin's philosophy had been lived out in Iraq, we wouldn't have bin Laden," she said.

King reminisced about her life with and without the slain civil rights leader in an appearance at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Hundreds of people filled the pews and stood in the aisles to hear her speak in the same church where Martin Luther King Jr. was preacher from 1960 until his death in 1968 at age 39.



Tavis Smiley, host of The Tavis Smiley Show, talks with Coretta Scott King, widow of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta on the birthday of the civil rights icon. (AP photo)

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"I have many, many memories of being in this sanctuary," King said in a presentation in the form of an interview with PBS talk show host Tavis Smiley.

Dressed in a red suit and wearing her signature coif, King said her husband's "moral voice" is missing from American society but she is committed to spreading his teachings - a task she said she embraced during her marriage.

"As we were thrust into the cause, it was my cause, too," she said. "I married the man and the cause. I realized I, too, could be killed."

King said she helped her husband through times of disappointment when he grew weary of his fight for equality, adding that he was frequently depressed when people would riot.

"I would tell him, 'You're the only one who's making any sense right now,'" she said. "I tried to think of positive, uplifting and true things to say."

After King's death, the King Center, a memorial and resource center honoring him, became Coretta Scott King's legacy and vision, along with raising her children.

"When he died, I knew I didn't have his abilities and skills, but I have my own," she said.

## Prince Wears Nazi Armband

(AP) — Prince Harry is considering invitations from Jewish groups to visit the Auschwitz death camp, a royal spokeswoman said Friday, while Britons debated whether his wearing a Nazi swastika armband at a costume party has damaged the monarchy.

Harry's detractors say the 20-year-old prince needs to be better attuned to the power of images.

The picture was snapped by a guest at the costume party and



News coverage of Prince Harry.

apparently sold to The Sun newspaper.

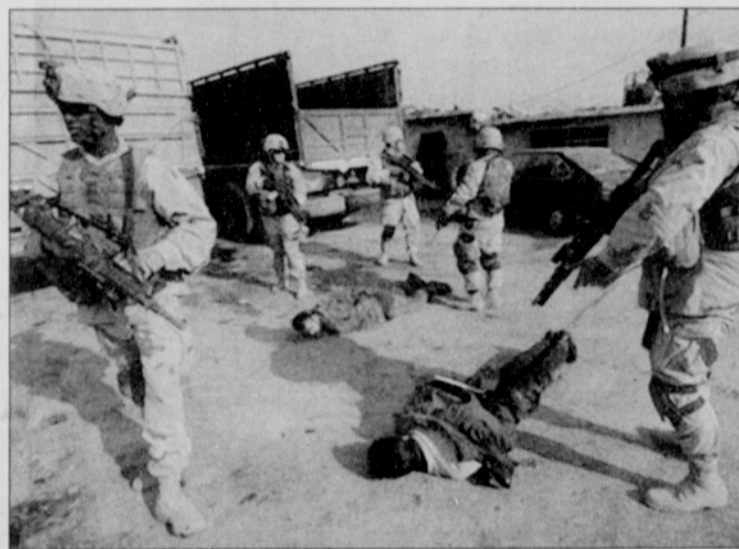
Harry, who is third in line for the British throne, apologized, saying it was a "poor choice of costume."

## Gunmen Kill Three Iraqi Candidates

### Bloody insurgency targets Jan. 30 elections

(AP) — Gunmen in Iraq shot and killed three candidates running in the country's Jan. 30 elections, officials said Tuesday, as a suicide bombing killed two people outside the offices of a leading Shiite political party.

With insurgents trying to ruin the election, officials announced that Iraq will seal its borders, extend a curfew and restrict movement to protect voters during the



U.S. Army soldiers temporarily detain Iraqi men in a trucking yard after shots were fired at the Army patrol in Mosul, Iraq, Tuesday. (AP photo)

date, Shaker Jabbar Sahla, a Shiite Muslim who was running in the National Assembly election for the Constitutional Monarchy Movement. The party is headed by Sharif Ali bin Hussein, a cousin of Iraq's last king.

Tuesday's suicide car bombing in Baghdad gouged a crater in the pavement, left several vehicles in flames and spread shredded debris on the street outside the offices of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, a main contender in the election.

Also Tuesday, a video surfaced showing eight Chinese construction workers held hostage by gunmen claiming the men are employed by a company working with U.S. troops, in the latest abduction of foreigners in Iraq.

Elsewhere, a third American died in fighting in Iraq's troubled Anbar province, west of Baghdad, the military said Tuesday. Two others assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force also were killed in action there Monday.

Alaa Hamid, who was running for the 275-member National Assembly, was shot dead Monday in the southern port city of Basra in front of his family, the official said on condition of anonymity. Hamid was also the deputy chairman of the Iraqi Olympic Committee in Basra.

Riad Radi, who was running in the local race for Basra's provincial council, was killed Sunday when masked gunmen fired on his car as he was driving with his family, the official said. In Baghdad on Monday, masked gunmen shot dead another candi-

## Army Prison Guard Guilty

(AP) — Army Spc. Charles Graner Jr., the reputed ringleader of a band of rogue guards at the Abu Ghraib prison, was convicted Friday of abusing Iraqi detainees in a case that sparked international outrage when photographs were released that showed reservists gleefully abusing prisoners.

Graner, the first soldier to be tried on charges arising from the scandal, was convicted of all five charges and was sentenced Saturday to 10 years behind bars.

Prosecutors depicted Graner as a sadistic soldier who took great plea-



Charles Graner Jr.

sure in seeing detainees suffer. He was accused of stacking naked prisoners in a human pyramid and later ordering them to masturbate while other soldiers took photographs. He also allegedly punched one man in the head hard enough to knock him out, and struck an injured prisoner with a collapsible metal stick.

Graner's attorney, Guy Womack, contended that his client and other Abu Ghraib guards were under extreme pressure from intelligence agents to use physical violence to prepare detainees for questioning.

## Voter Turnout Highest Since 1968

(AP) — Deep divisions over the war in Iraq and intense voter registration drives pushed the 2004 presidential election turnout to 60.7 percent, the highest level since 1968, the Center for the Study of the American Electorate said Friday.

In 1968, when Republican Richard Nixon beat Democrat Hubert Humphrey, 61.9 percent of those eligible cast ballots. Turnout stayed below 60 percent during the eight presidential elections in between.

Turnout last year rose by 6.4 percentage points over 2000, the

biggest election-to-election increase since 1952. That year, voter turnout rose 10.1 percentage points over 1948, the non-partisan group said.

Overall, 122.3 million voted in the Nov. 3 elections, according to CSAE.

Bush received 62,028,719 votes, or 50.8 percent. Democrat John Kerry received 59,028,550 votes, or 48.3 percent.

Even so, 78 million eligible citizens did not vote - considerably more than the number of votes won by either candidate.

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