

# King's Legacy Praised after Arizona Shooting

## For message of peace and tolerance

(AP) -- The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy as a preacher of peace and tolerance was lauded Monday as Americans marked his memorial day just over a week after the shootings in Arizona that killed 6 people and seriously wounded a congresswoman.

Attorney General Eric Holder, speaking at King's former church in Atlanta, praised him as "our nation's greatest drum major of peace" and

said the Jan. 8 bloodshed was a call to recommit to King's values of non-violence, tolerance, compassion and justice.

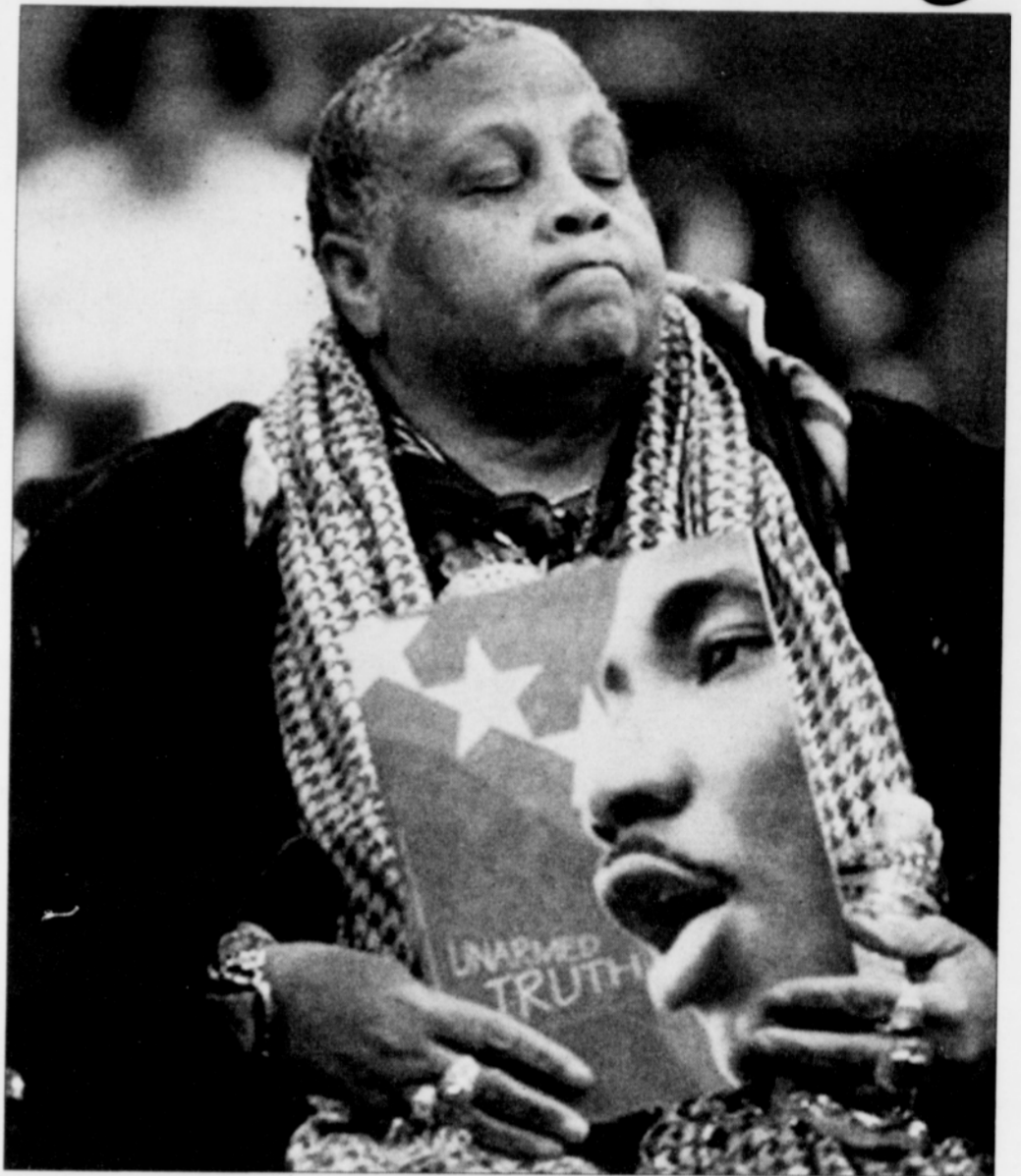
"Last week a senseless rampage in Tucson reminded us that more than 40 years after Dr. King's own tragic death, our struggle to eradicate violence and to promote peace goes on," Holder said.

President Barack Obama, in Washington, said part of King's legacy was about service and urged Americans to get out into their communities — a step he suggested would have special meaning following the shootings.

"After a painful week where so

many of us were focused on the tragedy, it's good for us to remind ourselves of what this country is all about," he told reporters as he and first lady Michelle Obama took part in a painting project at a school on Capitol Hill.

National and local politicians joined members of the King family at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta to mark what would have been the civil rights icon's 82nd birthday. Members of the King family also laid a wreath at the tombs of King and his widow, Coretta Scott King, on the 25th anniversary of the federal holiday established to honor the 1964



Shirley Kaiser, a retired teacher and principal from St. Paul, Minn., closes her eyes as 'Lift Every Voice and Sing' was sung during a local Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration.



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Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, who worked with King during the civil rights movement, issued a renewed call for Americans to unite in peace and love as King preached during his lifetime.

"If Dr. King could speak to us today, he would tell us that it does not matter how much we disapprove of another person's point of view,

there is never a reason to deny another human being the respect he or she deserves," Lewis said.

The Rev. Raphael Warnock, pastor of Ebenezer, called for members of Congress to show solidarity during the State of the Union Address this month. Quoting the Bible and Abraham Lincoln, Warnock said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

## The Week in Review

### Bomb Found on MLK Parade Route in Spokane

An unexploded backpack bomb was left along the parade route of a Martin Luther King Jr. holiday celebration in Spokane Tuesday. The unattended backpack with wires visible was discovered about 30 minutes before the parade was scheduled to begin.

### Dropped School Backpack Fires; Two Students Hurt

A gun in a 10th-grader's backpack accidentally discharged when he dropped the bag, wounding two students at a Los Angeles high school Tuesday. A 15-year-old girl was in critical condition with a head wound and a 15-year-old boy suffered a neck wound.

### City Turns to Wells

The Portland Water Bureau temporarily turned off the Bull Run water supply system and activated its wells near the Columbia River Monday because of heavy rains which stirred up stream sediments to discolor the Bull Run system.

### Sandy River Jumps Banks

Heavy rain and runoff from melting snow helped push the Sandy River across a road near Mount Hood, washing it out and forcing residents to evacuate on foot. The washout Sunday bear the town of Zigzag was part of the damage done across Oregon and Washington by heavy weekend rains.

### Dictator Faces Court

Former Haitian dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier, who abruptly returned to



Haiti Monday was hauled into court to answer questions Tuesday as a legal case was opened against him nearly 25

years after he was ousted from power in a popular uprising against what was widely regarded as a brutal and corrupt regime.

### Advocate for Poor Dies

Sargent Shriver, a member of the Kennedy family and a former U.S. vice presidential nominee who served as the first Peace Corps director, died on Tuesday. He was 95. Shriver had been an advocate for the poor and powerless who helped launch President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty.