

HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

CELEBRATION EVENTS

King Family Together Again at King Center

The youngest daughter of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. has been appointed chief executive officer of the center dedicated to preserving and promoting his legacy.

The Rev. Bernice Albertine King will focus on external affairs on behalf of The King Center, which was founded by her mother, Coretta Scott King, shortly after the civil rights icon was assassinated in 1968. Her elder brother, Martin Luther King III, will remain president, and their brother, Dexter, will continue to serve as board chairman.

The move signals the healing of a rift in the King family, that came to a head in 2008, when Martin Luther King III and Bernice King filed a lawsuit against Dexter King who brought a countersuit against them for mismanagement of Center funds. That lawsuit was resolved out of court in 2009.

Bernice King has sometimes disagreed with her family, who do not share her conservative viewpoint on social issues. Her mother, Coretta Scott King, and sister Yolanda Denise King, and her brother Dexter all expressed disappointment, when in 2004 she took part in a march against same-sex marriage organized by Bishop Eddie Long.

However, Bernice King was with her mother when she passed away in 2006. And one year later, she endowed the "Be a King." scholarship at Spelman College, donating \$100,000 of her personal wealth. The scholarship is awarded to two rising seniors, majoring in education, music or psychology.

Yolanda King died suddenly in 2007 at age 51, leaving no children. In 2008, Martin King III and his wife Andrea named their daughter Yolanda.

Last year, 48-year-old Bernice King left her role as an elder and pastor at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church,

and declined to take office as the first woman president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the venerable civil rights organization co-founded by her father in 1957.

Widow of Medgar Evers will speak at Georgia Tech

ATLANTA – Myrlie Evers-Williams, the widow of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers will speak at Georgia Tech as part of Martin Luther King Jr. Day events.

Evers-Williams, who now lives in Ashland Ore., will speak Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Georgia Tech student center ballroom.

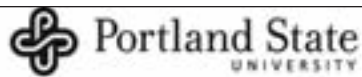
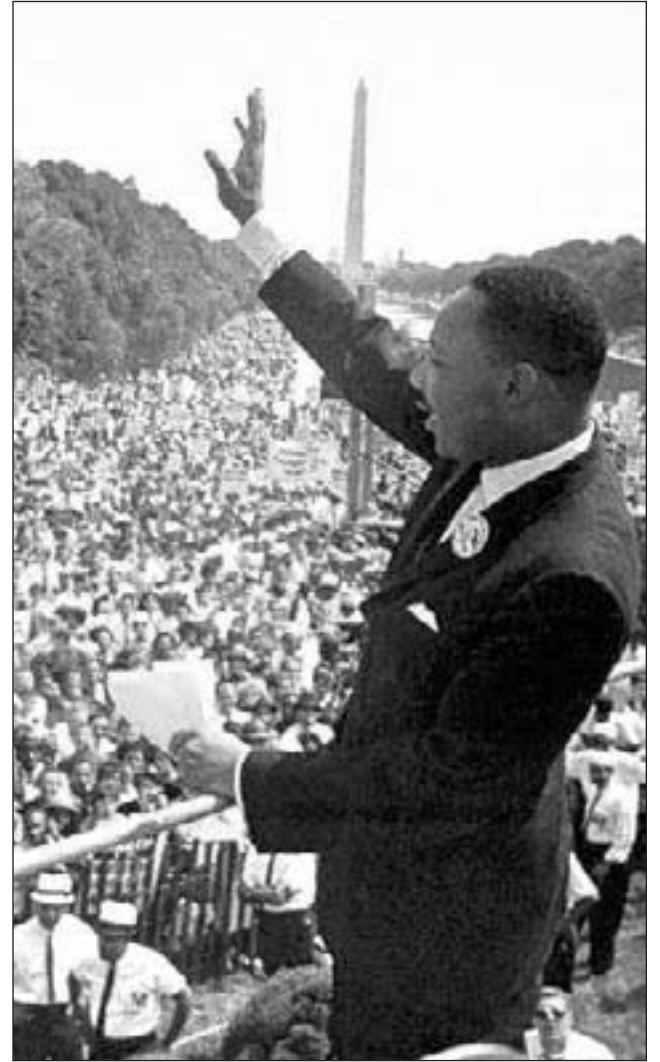
Evers was chairman of the NAACP when he was shot and killed in his driveway in 1963. His killer wasn't convicted until 1994.

Evers-Williams continued her husband's civil rights work after his death, eventually becoming chairwoman of the NAACP in the 1990s. She has written several books on civil rights and her husband's legacy.

Dreaming and Wrestling

De La Salle North Catholic High School will hold its 5th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. pinning camp for wrestlers on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The standout high school has inaugurated a tradition of wrestling to celebrate the civil rights pioneer. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the De La Salle gym, at 7528 N. Fenwick Ave.

Athletes, parents and families are invited to view a DVD titled "I Have a Dream" which features Martin Luther King Jr.'s last great speech. They will also discuss diversity, and the importance of compassion.



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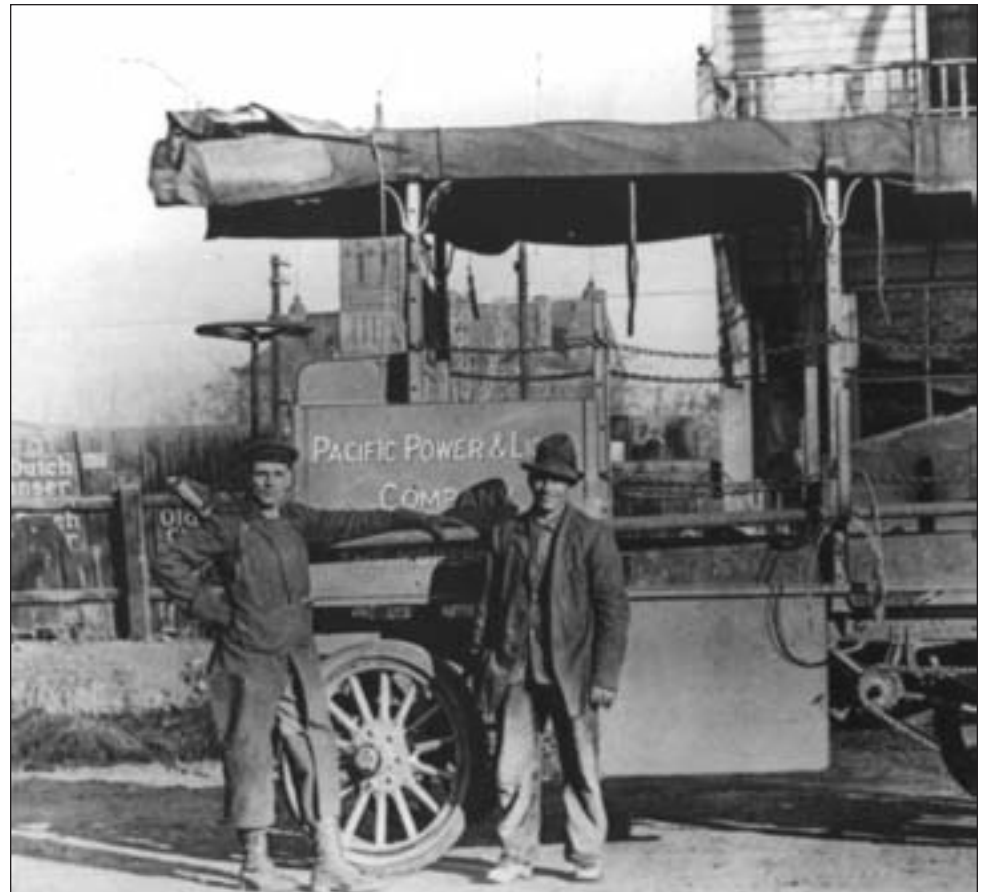
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JANUARY 19, 2012
7 P.M.

Portland State University
Smith Memorial Student
Union Ballroom, Room 355
1825 SW Broadway

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