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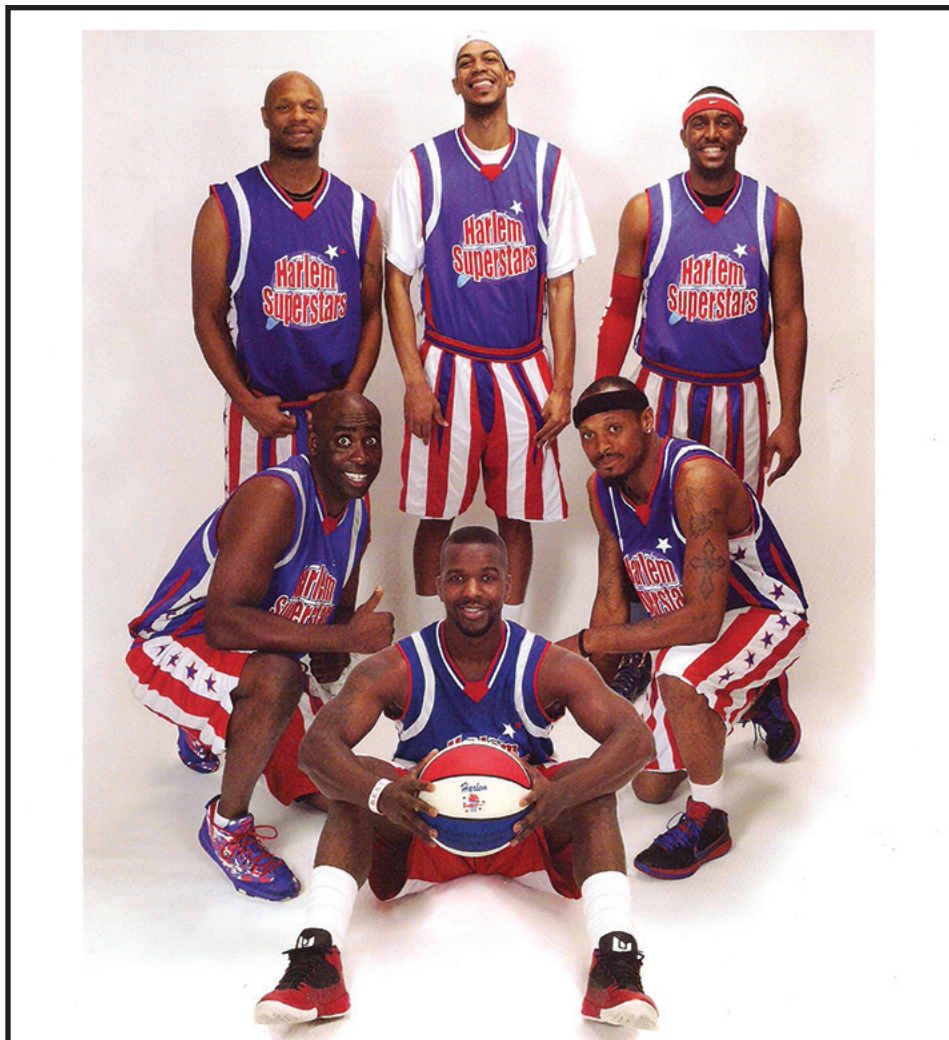
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The Harlem Superstars are back and they will be playing the North Branford All-Stars on Thursday, January 15 at 6:30PM in the NBHS Gym. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance and they can be purchased at any of the North Branford Public Schools or Central Office. Tickets at the door will be \$10.00.

Pizza will be sold at the game as will soft drinks and refreshments. Come with the entire family and join the community for a fun evening.

Proceeds from the event will go to the North Branford Education Foundation for scholarships and grants for our students.

It's OK if you Forgot There's Still Time

The Totoket Times would like to thank the people who have sent in their voluntary payments. Many people even realized the expenses it takes to put out this paper and sent more than the minimum suggested. For that our community should be grateful.

However, there is still more work to be done as with the holidays, I'm sure many forgot to send their checks. The good news is there is still time.

With a local economy that continues to struggle, the Totoket Times is no exception. When businesses fall on tough times they are often forced to cut expenses and advertising is usually the first one to go. The Totoket Times and the people of our town are fortunate to have loyal merchants who support our community. Not only does their support help them get their message to the residents, but it also allows them to help get the town news and happenings out to the public.

It is with great financial difficulty that this paper comes to your mailboxes every week. Postage and print prices continue to rise but we have maintained our efforts to not increase advertising rates to businesses that are already struggling to keep their doors open.

As we too are experiencing that same struggle, it is once again time to ask our readers to help our advertisers to help our newspaper continue to bring the message of the people in our community to our neighbors. You can do this by making a voluntary contribution of at least \$10.00 to help us continue with our mission. The voluntary payment helps with increasing expenses, and shows your support for your hometown newspapers.

Don't just expect your neighbors to do it. This year more than ever we need your help and would appreciate your support.

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Don't forget this week only, the Totoket Times would like to give you a chance to meet some of our advertisers and instead of mailing this edition we have dropped it in the following stores. Tell your friends in case they forgot and remember we will resume our normal mail to every home and business with our next issue on 1-23-15

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Thanks to all who Helped

Dear Editor:

The House of Hope Relay Team hosted the "Annual Tracy Landino Pasta Dinner" this past October. The event raised \$3200 for the American Cancer Society. This event was made possible by the many generous donations from the following area businesses. The team would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the merchants and all the volunteers who helped with the event: Town Nail, Town line Liquor, Leoni's, Louie's Slice Pizzeria, Bella Lisa Pizza, Save & Discount, North Branford Chiropractic & Wellness Center, Big Y North Branford and Rob's Hair House

Sincerely

Karen Landino

Thank you Sisto Mellilo

Dear Editor:

Recently, there was a letter thanking Sisto Mellilo from Save & Discount for his help with a project at TVES.

I do not know if residents of our town realize how much time, effort and money Sisto gives to our town. He employs high school students, supports all levels of athletic teams and steps up whenever anyone asks for help.

Our family would like to publicly thank Sisto and his family for all his positive contributions to North Branford.

Sincerely,

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Santa's Elves Say Thank You

Dear Editor

On behalf of Santa's elves at Northford FD Co # 2, we wish to thank everyone that participated in the 2014 Santa Run. Their generosity & support for the Toys for Tots & the local Food Banks was amazing. Also a big Thank You goes out to Frank Mentone & his continued support by promoting our annual event in his paper, The Totoket Times.

Sincerely,

B. Canning - NVFD Co# 2

Thank you for your Generosity

Dear Editor;

On Friday, December 5, 2014, our family had a fund raiser for The Children of Paul Olovson Fund. It was a very successful event due to the kindness of so many people in the area. My family would like to say "Thank You" to the following businesses and people that helped to make it such a success. If possible, please visit these generous community-minded businesses.

In the North Branford/Northford area "Thank You" to NB Senior Center, NB Park and Rec, NB unkin' Donuts, CT Sportsplex, Towne Barber, Creative Hair Studio, Giovanni's, Tony Z's and Doody's Totoket Inn.

In the Branford area "Thank You" to Fairways Driving Range, Pexagon Technology, All Pet's Club, Going to the Dogs and Chuck's Steakhouse Margarita Grill.

In the Guilford/Madison area "Thank You" to Naples Pizza, A Breath of Fresh Hair, Country Tavern and Salon Venustas.

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We would like to personally thank Missy Leigh, Lisa and Lindsay Doebrick, Polly Schumann, The Astorinos, Fred Augur, Pam Black-Smith, Tim and Linda Smith and Rick Bean for their contributions.

A very special thanks to Tony Nuzzo and Dave Nicoulo for creating an extra special evening with their band, "The Paulie "O" Project.

It is people like this, that help us renew our faith in humanity. Yes, there are angels among us.

Thank you ALL and Happy New Year!

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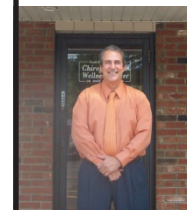
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Well brother, the holidays are over. I stayed true to my promise; fewer gifts, less food less stress and more time with family and friends. I'm not sure if the Mrs. would agree as she does most of the holiday preparations and cleans the house 100 times or so. I help a little but thank God for Gina.

There were a lot of firsts this season. For the first time that I can remember we did not have the traditional 7 fish items on Christmas Eve. Only a few of us still eat the fish. I know you used to cheat a little and count shrimp cocktail and stuffed shrimp as two fish items but even doing that, there were still only six.

The "pick a name" for the Christmas Eve gift seems to be working a little better. This year Johnnie IV took your old job and delivered the gifts to everyone. He did a fine job as long as we let him help unwrap. We still have some of his gifts unopened as once he opened one, he was pretty much set.

Christmas Day was pretty quiet. We went to Mass the day before so we basically opened a few gifts had a lighter (most people would not consider it lighter) dinner than usual and just relaxed. It was a very nice change of pace.

The Sunday after Christmas I had the great idea of having an "extended family gathering" with close to sixty people. Everyone brought something but we still had to set up and clean. It was a lot of fun and it was just what we needed after the holidays. More food. I lost 10 pounds between Thanksgiving and Christmas so I was able to put it back on during the holiday week. I guess I will never be a dietician.

New Year's Eve also had a few firsts. For the first time in my life I did not stay up to see the ball drop. We were baby sitting Johnnie IV and at about 8:30 we did a count down. When we got to zero, he yelled Happy New Year, blew his horn, scared the hell out of the dog and went to bed. We turned in slightly after. We also missed New Year's Day Mass for the first time ever as Johnnie IV kidnapped our attention and before we realized it, it was too late.

As you know I do not make New Year's resolutions but I do have some wishes this year which I would like to share with you.

I wish they would stop all TV "Reality" shows. Nobody goes through life with a camera following them all over the place including the bedroom. How real can it be when you are being followed by a camera person.

I wish Facebook people would stop telling me how wonderful they are and stop posting pictures of themselves at a bar with a drink in their hand. Facebook is an excellent vehicle for relaying information and helping each other out with advice etc. But please don't keep telling me every time you do something for someone and I don't care if you are a prolific drinker. Take the "I" out of your messages and love someone else for a change. Be an example for the kids who might "friend" you and see your post.

I wish that with this new year, people will finally get me. I wish to inform people that I am not a negative person. When I end my letter by saying "I will see you soon", it can mean a lot of things. I see you in my mind, I see you in my daily interaction with people and I see you in my memories. I also see you in some of my day to day actions and that really scares me. And yes, I will see you soon in the next life.

Also, when people ask me how I am doing, my standard answer is, "Another day closer to death". This too is a positive statement. I am positive that every day we live, we are another day closer to death. From the time we are born, we are another day closer to death. By saying this, I am reminding myself that "yes, we are another day closer to death. If we remember this, we can re-enforce in our minds that life is short. It can serve as a reminder that we should live every day like it could be our last.

It reminds me of the famous speech given by coach Jimmy Valvano (an Italian by the way) two months before he died. In it, he admonished us to do three things every day. "Laugh, think, and have emotions that will move you to tears". He went on to add, "Know where you came from, where you are and where you are going".

By reminding myself that I am another day closer to death, I also remind myself that we should live each day to the fullest.

So with those wishes for the new year, I say to you again brother, "Take care and I'll see you soon".

Bereavement Support Program Begins January 12

Dealing with grief and loss can be a difficult task alone. Sharing with others who understand how you feel can make the journey easier. Our 8-week bereavement support program/discussion group is for any adult coping with the death of a person who was significant in his or her life (such as a child, spouse, parent, sibling, friend). The purpose of our group is not to teach, but to allow participants to feel less lonely, identify and discuss the challenges and issues associated with grief, and provide a safe, welcoming space to work on our grief together. The program is not faith-based, but we might discuss how our faith has been affected by our grief.

The 8-week program begins January 12 and will run every Monday evening, 6 - 7:30 pm for 8 weeks, weather permitting. The sessions are held at Faith United Methodist Church, 81 Clintonville Road, North Haven, CT. **Registration is required because space is limited.** Please e-mail the facilitator, Cathy DellaValle, at faithgrief@sbcglobal.net or call 203-239-2469 to learn more about our program or to register.

Northford Women's Club

The Northford Women's Club, GWFC, will be meeting on Tuesday, January 20th at 7:00 PM. The meeting will take place at the Stanley T. Williams Community Center on Middletown Ave, Northford. Please join us for a fun game of Bingo with great prizes! Any woman over the age of 18 is welcome to attend.

The Northford Women's Club is a community service organization with a friendly and fun loving membership which enjoys participating in charitable events in our community and is always looking for new members. If interested in becoming a member or simply looking for further information, please contact Mary Smith at 203-484-9157. You can also go to our website at www.northfordwomensclub.org or check us out on Facebook!

North Branford Women's Club

The North Branford Women's Club, Inc., GFWC/CT will be holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., at the Zion Episcopal Church's hall located on Notch Hill Rd. in North Branford. It will begin with refreshments and a business meeting. At 8:00 p.m. our program will feature Sgt. Mario Bernardo from the North Branford Police Department and police dog "Chase".

If you are new to our town, this would be a great way to learn about our community and to meet other women. For additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Barbara LaFrance at (203) 444-9998.

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Letters to the editor...

This paper encourages all readers to voice their opinions and comments.

The Totoket Times is not responsible for erroneous information or statements in letters to the editor. Letters should be as brief as possible.

All letters must be signed. A telephone number should be included and no personal attacks.

This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.

All letters should be addressed to :

The Editor

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State Senator Ed Meyer

A THANK YOU NOTE



January 6 will be my last day as your State Senator, and what a great experience it has been for me for these last ten years. My wife, Patty Ann, and I want to thank you for your support, your criticism, and lots of good communication, indeed 200-300 emails a day when we are in session in Hartford.

I will never forget the first constituent communication I received after my election on November 2, 2004. Just as I was rejoicing in a hard-fought win, a voter/constituent wrote me the very night of my election, starting the letter with "Dear Carpetbagger" and going on to say

"I have seen nothing that indicates to me you'll be anything more than a typical sleazebag." He ended the letter by stating that "you are as phony as the toupee you wear." The letter was a fast-awakening to the slings and arrows of Connecticut public life, but the charm of the communication was that the constituent identified himself so that I could give him a call and discuss his issues. I even invited him for a cup of coffee to try to pull off what he believed was my toupee!

During these ten years, I have represented about 100,000 residents, and you have touched me by some of the repeated concerns I have heard. Those start with our property tax burden which particularly hurts the oldest and the youngest of us. I attempted unsuccessfully to meet that concern by introducing a bill in Hartford that would allow our towns to substitute a local sales tax or income tax for the property tax, not an add-on tax but a substitute. That bill never received a hearing. Further, I have heard from many of you who have family members with disabilities, who are not being adequately served by our state government, particularly those with mental or developmental disabilities. There is no doubt that we have short-changed this population in Connecticut. On another matter, I was surprised by the negative reaction I received from some of you (not the majority) concerning our gun restrictions after the Newtown murders. One Guilford resident expressed great upset that we would not permit him to have a gun that shot more than ten rounds. He said that he is a poor shot and needed more than ten bullets to protect his family.

Many of you have written me in my capacity as chair of the Environment Committee, strongly supporting a sound environment, particularly on the shoreline. Much of my work has been to ensure that sound environment including pure water, clean air, protection of open space, and freedom from toxic chemicals.

Please do get to know my successor, Ted Kennedy. He is a person of strong and traditional values with the same kind of independence that I have tried to exercise. He is also very personable with a good sense of humor and a great deal of accessibility.

Again, thank you for these ten years of my life.

WIT & WISDOM

It is with much sorrow we bring you this message. Our beloved Banty died Sunday December 28th. Just a few short weeks since I introduced her as probably the oldest chicken to have ever lived. Research both before and after failed to support otherwise. It was as though my eulogy was her death knell. In her usual good health and normal from every perspective other than her failure to lay any eggs or seek any to set on, both activities she had never failed to fulfill in her 23 years aroused concern. It wasn't until Saturday it was evident the end was near. Sunday Les found her gone to Chicken Heaven. So short was her retirement.

Banty was special. Every morning she was first at the door to greet us. First at the exit door to be let out in the large fence enclosure, unless her hopes of becoming a mother surpassed all other interests. Sometimes content to spend the day with her comrades, but usually the call of the wild was more than she could resist and over the fence she flew like a bird to who knows where. We were never able to find her destination and for the first few years we worried less she fall victim of some predator, but most often she returned in time to be safely enclosed for the night. As she grew older more and more she stayed out all night carousing with who knows what and we were forced to leave her out, but next morning as faithful as the sun rose there she was by the door waiting to be let in to dash for some food and water and then to the nest to lay her egg.

What troubles me most is my failure to have a picture so you could all see her in all her majesty, but the ravages of old age forbid my doing so and no one else seemed to know how much she meant to me and so she went to her reward just a memory. Banty was someone special and if I was religiously inclined would have had a High Requiem Mass at her interment, but Les laid her to rest in a substantial burial plot beyond the reach of any creature bent on disinterment. **Alton Eliason**

Journey to the Center of the Hearth

by *Lindsay Lee Wallace*

On Christmas Eve of 2009, with the sounds of ripping paper, forced merriment, and familial tension around me, I vomited surreptitiously into an empty gift bag. When the evening's festivities finally ended, I stumbled to my room, collapsing onto the bed with force enough to send me reeling back into the hallway in search of a suitable location for my stomach's unhappy encore. Oscillating restlessly between bathroom and bedroom, I was losing liquids more quickly than they could be replenished. Dehydration loomed, making the trips down the long hallway even more taxing. Around 11:50, I roused myself from my bed's feverish embrace to revisit what was rapidly becoming my most-frequented haunt. I made it as far as the bedroom door before the world began to spin around me. At first it was almost pleasant, a charming kaleidoscope of color. Quickly, however, I realized that hallucinogenic charm is inversely proportional to the urgency of completing the task of hand—in my case, reaching the toilet before I either puked or passed out, both of which seemed to become more realistic possibilities with each given moment. As the edges of my visions began to curl, I limped blindly down the hall, hands outstretched.

With each labored step, my world narrowed. My chest burned, filling my head with muddling smoke. My flailing hand brushed wall, a random search party striking gold, and I fell to my knees, gasping as I considered for the first time the very real possibility of my actual demise. I imagined my parents finding me, still in genuflection before the toilet, and retched.

Once the intestinal demons had been exorcised, my vision began to clear. I blinked, at first blearily and then with alarm, as the scene before me faded into place. I had overshot the bathroom and navigated myself into the living room, right to Santa's landing pad. Before me was not the toilet, but the fireplace, bricks splattered with my tossed Christmas cookies. I stared, horrified, at the mess I had created for the jolly old elf. Certain I had doomed myself to the naughty list, I hobbled to the kitchen for paper towels, and proceeded to mop up what I could. Despite my best efforts, however, there was no possible way that Santa wouldn't notice the smell, and immediately exchange my Harry Potter box set for coal. I was doomed.

The next morning my stomach churned once again, this time with dread. As the unwrapping commenced, I remained quiet, imagining my parent's disappointment upon seeing my coal from Santa. When I could put it off no longer, I steeled myself as best as possible, and plunged my hand into my stocking, squeezing my eyes shut as I withdrew... watermelon Chapstick. My eyes bulged in shock.

I had received something other than coal, which must have meant that Santa had forgiven me. But how could he? How could anybody forgive such a hideous offense, even if it had been a mistake? The holiday forgotten, I considered how kind and understanding a person you must be in order to pardon someone who had landed you ankles deep in puke. Although initially my happiness had stemmed from the distinctly un-coal-like contents of my stocking, there now glowed within me a warmer sensation: the true understanding of Christmas. In this season for love and forgiveness, I had been absolved of my sin in an act of charity the likes of which we all ought to strive for. Santa had shown me how to be a better person.

I was pulled from my reverie by my stepmother, wrinkling her nose in disgust as she glanced around the room, glaring at each gift as if its bright paper was disguising something dastardly. "What," she demanded, "Is that smell?"

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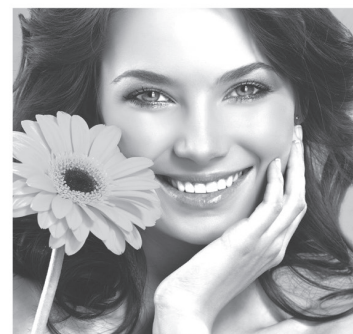
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Thank you very kindly, my friends. As I listened to Ralph Abernathy in his eloquent and generous introduction and then thought about myself, I wondered who he was talking about. It's always good to have your closest friend and associate say something good about you. And Ralph is the best friend that I have in the world.

I'm delighted to see each of you here tonight in spite of a storm warning. You reveal that you are determined to go on anyhow. Something is happening in Memphis, something is happening in our world.

As you know, if I were standing at the beginning of time, with the possibility of general and panoramic view of the whole human history up to now, and the Almighty said to me, "Martin Luther King, which age would you like to live in?" — I would take my mental flight by Egypt through, or rather across the Red Sea, through the wilderness on toward the promised land. And in spite of its magnificence, I wouldn't stop there. I would move on by Greece, and take my mind to Mount Olympus. And I would see Plato, Aristotle, Socrates, Euripides and Aristophanes assembled around the Parthenon as they discussed the great and eternal issues of reality.

But I wouldn't stop there. I would go on, even to the great heyday of the Roman Empire. And I would see developments around there, through various emperors and leaders. But I wouldn't stop there. I would even come up to the day of the Renaissance, and get a quick picture of all that the Renaissance did for the cultural and esthetic life of man. But I wouldn't stop there. I would even go by the way that the man for whom I'm named had his habitat. And I would watch Martin Luther as he tacked his ninety-five theses on the door at the church in Wittenberg.

But I wouldn't stop there. I would come on up even to 1863, and watch a vacillating president by the name of Abraham Lincoln finally come to the conclusion that he had to sign the Emancipation Proclamation. But I wouldn't stop there. I would even come up to the early thirties, and see a man grappling with the problems of the bankruptcy of his nation. And come with an eloquent cry that we have nothing to fear but fear itself.

But I wouldn't stop there. Strangely enough, I would turn to the Almighty, and say, "If you allow me to live just a few years in the second half of the twentieth century, I will be happy." Now that's a strange statement to make, because the world is all messed up. The nation is sick. Trouble is in the land. Confusion all around. That's a strange statement. But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough, can you see the stars. And I see God working in this period of the twentieth century in a way that men, in some strange way, are responding — something is happening in our world. The masses of people are rising up. And wherever they are assembled today, whether they are in Johannesburg, South Africa; Nairobi, Kenya; Accra, Ghana; New York City; Atlanta, Georgia; Jackson, Mississippi; or Memphis, Tennessee — the cry is always the same — "We want to be free."

And another reason that I'm happy to live in this period is that we have been forced to a point where we're going to have to grapple with the problems that men have been trying to grapple with through history, but the demand didn't force them to do it. Survival demands that we grapple with them. Men, for years now, have been talking about war and peace. But now, no longer can they just talk about it. It is no longer a choice between violence and nonviolence in this world; it's nonviolence or nonexistence.

That is where we are today. And also in the human rights revolution, if something isn't done, and in a hurry, to bring the colored peoples of the world out of their long years of poverty, their long years of hurt and neglect, the whole world is doomed. Now, I'm just happy that God has allowed me to live in this period, to see what is unfolding. And I'm happy that He's allowed me to be in Memphis.

I can remember, I can remember when Negroes were just going around as Ralph has

said, so often, scratching where they didn't itch, and laughing when they were not tickled. But that day is all over. We mean business now, and we are determined to gain our rightful place in God's world.

And that's all this whole thing is about. We aren't engaged in any negative protest and in any negative arguments with anybody. We are saying that we are determined to be men. We are determined to be people. We are saying that we are God's children. And that we don't have to live like we are forced to live.

Now, what does all of this mean in this great period of history? It means that we've got to stay together. We've got to stay together and maintain unity. You know, whenever Pharaoh wanted to prolong the period of slavery in Egypt, he had a favorite, favorite formula for doing it. What was that? He kept the slaves fighting among themselves. But whenever the slaves get together, something happens in Pharaoh's court, and he cannot hold the slaves in slavery. When the slaves get together, that's the beginning of getting out of slavery. Now let us maintain unity.

Secondly, let us keep the issues where they are. The issue is injustice. The issue is the refusal of Memphis to be fair and honest in its dealings with its public servants, who happen to be sanitation workers. Now, we've got to keep attention on that. That's always the problem with a little violence. You know what happened the other day, and the press dealt only with the window-breaking. I read the articles. They very seldom got around to mentioning the fact that one thousand, three hundred sanitation workers were on strike, and that Memphis is not being fair to them, and that Mayor Loeb is in dire need of a doctor. They didn't get around to that.

Now we're going to march again, and we've got to march again, in order to put the issue where it is supposed to be. And force everybody to see that there are thirteen hundred of God's children here suffering, sometimes going hungry, going through dark and dreary nights wondering how this thing is going to come out. That's the issue. And we've got to say to the nation: we know it's coming out. For when people get caught up with that which is right and they are willing to sacrifice for it, there is no stopping point short of victory.

We aren't going to let any mace stop us. We are masters in our nonviolent movement in disarming police forces; they don't know what to do, I've seen them so often. I remember in Birmingham, Alabama, when we were in that majestic struggle there we would move out of the 16th Street Baptist Church day after day; by the hundreds we would move out. And Bull Connor would tell them to send the dogs forth and they did come; but we just went before the dogs singing, "Ain't gonna let nobody turn me round." Bull Connor next would say, "Turn the fire hoses on." And as I said to you the other night, Bull Connor didn't know history. He knew a kind of physics that somehow didn't relate to the transphysics that we knew about. And that was the fact that there was a certain kind of fire that no water could put out. And we went before the fire hoses; we had known water. If we were Baptist or some other denomination, we had been immersed. If we were Methodist, and some others, we had been sprinkled, but we knew water.

That couldn't stop us. And we just went on before the dogs and we would look at them; and we'd go on before the water hoses and we would look at it, and we'd just go on singing "Over my head I see freedom in the air." And then we would be thrown in the paddy wagons, and sometimes we were stacked in there like sardines in a can. And they would throw us in, and old Bull would say, "Take them off," and they did; and we would just go in the paddy wagon singing, "We Shall Overcome." And every now and then we'd get in the jail, and we'd see the jailers looking through the windows being moved by our prayers, and being moved by our words and our songs. And there was a power there which Bull Connor couldn't adjust to; and so we ended up transforming Bull into a steer, and we won our struggle in Birmingham.

Now we've got to go on to Memphis just like that. I call upon you to be with us Monday. Now about injunctions: We have an injunction and we're going into court tomorrow morning to fight this illegal, unconstitutional injunction. All we say to America is, "Be true to what you said on paper." If I lived in China or even Russia, or any totalitarian country, maybe I could understand the denial of certain basic First Amendment privileges, because they hadn't committed themselves to that over there. But somewhere I read of the freedom of assembly. Somewhere I read of the freedom of speech. Somewhere I read of the freedom of the press. Somewhere I read that the greatness of America is the right to protest for right. And so just as I say, we aren't going to let any injunction turn us around. We are going on.

We need all of you. And you know what's beautiful to me, is to see all of these ministers of the Gospel. It's a marvelous picture. Who is it that is supposed to articulate the longings and aspirations of the people more than the preacher? Somehow the preacher must be an Amos, and say, "Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream." Somehow, the preacher must say with Jesus, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to deal with the problems of the poor."

And I want to commend the preachers, under the leadership of these noble men: James Lawson, one who has been in this struggle for many years; he's been to jail for struggling; but he's still going on, fighting for the rights of his people. Rev. Ralph Jackson, Billy Kiles; I could just go right on down the list, but time will not permit. But I want to thank them all. And I want you to thank them, because so often, preachers aren't concerned about anything but themselves. And I'm always happy to see a relevant ministry.

It's all right to talk about "long white robes over yonder," in all of its symbolism. But ultimately people want some suits and dresses and shoes to wear down here. It's all right to talk about "streets flowing with milk and honey," but God has commanded us to be concerned about the slums down here, and his children who can't eat three square meals a day. It's all right to talk about the new Jerusalem, but one day, God's preachers must talk about the New York, the new Atlanta, the new Philadelphia, the new Los Angeles, the new Memphis, Tennessee. This is what we have to do.

Now the other thing we'll have to do is this: Always anchor our external direct action with the power of economic withdrawal. Now, we are poor people, individually, we are poor when you compare us with white society in America. We are poor. Never stop and forget that collectively, that means all of us together, collectively we are richer than all the nations in the world, with the exception of nine. Did you ever think about that? After you leave the United States, Soviet Russia, Great Britain, West Germany, France, and I could name the others, the Negro collectively is richer than most nations of the world. We have an annual income of more than thirty billion dollars a year, which is more than all of the exports of the United States, and more than the national budget of Canada. Did you know that? That's power right there, if we know how to pool it.

We don't have to argue with anybody. We don't have to curse and go around acting bad with our words. We don't need any bricks and bottles, we don't need any Molotov cocktails, we just need to go around to these stores, and to these massive industries in our country, and say, "God sent us by here, to say to you that you're not treating his children

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Northford Student Interns With Rhode Island's Congressman Langevin

Congressman Jim Langevin of Rhode Island's Second Congressional District meets with Northford resident Natalie Pino, who participated in Langevin's District Office internship program over the fall semester. Pino is a senior studying sociology at Providence College. In the District Office, interns experience a variety of tasks, including answering phone calls, drafting constituent correspondence and supporting district staff members on various projects. Langevin's office is currently accepting internship applications for the spring semester.

(Photo courtesy of Congressman Jim Langevin)

Participants Needed to Participate in St. Baldrick's Foundation Event For Cancer Research

Jerome Harrison Elementary School will host a St. Baldrick's Foundation signature head-shaving event to raise funds and awareness for lifesaving childhood cancer research on February 9, 2015 (Snow Date February 23) from 6pm to 9pm. With a goal of raising funds for childhood cancer research we are looking for participants to register to shave their heads to support the Foundation's mission to Conquer Childhood Cancers!

This event is being held to honor and support our own Lyla B., who continues her battle with Rhabdomyosarcoma.

To register, go to <http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/jerome> or join other established teams for this event. If you are unable to participate but would like to support our efforts financially, you can donate directly at this link as well.

Worldwide a child is diagnosed with cancer every three minutes, and one in five children diagnosed in the U.S. will not survive. The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer-driven and donor-centered charity dedicated to raising money for childhood cancer research and funding the most promising research initiatives to find cures. As the largest private funder of childhood cancer research grants, the Foundation hosts signature head-shaving events where volunteers collect pledges and then shave their heads in solidarity with children fighting cancer.

For more information about the St. Baldrick's Foundation please call 1.888.899.BALD or visit www.StBaldricks.org.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Judy Bannon at (203) 484-0507

North Branford Public Schools Preschool Role Model Screening January 9, 2015

Project PRIDE is a special education preschool located at Jerome Harrison School, North Branford, CT. The program incorporates children without disabilities to model appropriate social, language and play skills within preschool activities. This program meets four days a week (Monday through Thursday) with two sessions (morning 9:00-11:30, afternoon 12:45-3:15). The program is seeking three and four-year old children with typically-developing skills to serve as role models in our classes for the 2015-2016 school year.

To be enrolled as a role model peer, children must pass a preschool screening which assesses cognitive, speech-language, motor and social skills. Role model peers must be toilet trained. If parents are interested, please contact Mrs. Kohler at

203-484-1235, to schedule a screening appointment. The screening will take approximately 30 minutes.

The names of children who pass the screening will be placed in a lottery that will take place in February or as soon as enough candidates have applied. Parents will be notified by phone in February if their child is selected. Children who are selected will participate at no cost. However, transportation must be provided by the parent.

GFWC/CT Memorial Scholarships

The Northford Women's Club, Inc., General Federation of Women's Clubs of Connecticut is looking for applicants for the GFWC/CT Memorial Scholarships. The Memorial Scholarships, which include the Dorothy E. Schaelzel and the Phipps scholarships, are worth \$1000 and are open to women who have completed some undergraduate studies with a minimum 3.0 grade average. The Schaelzel Scholarship requires that the applicant complete three or more years of undergraduate studies in accredited institutions of higher learning with at least a 3.0 average, and be working towards a Bachelor's or postgraduate degree in education. The Phipps scholarship requires the applicant to have two or more years of undergraduate work in accredited institutions of higher learning with at least a 3.0 average, and be working towards a Bachelor's or postgraduate degree. All scholarships will be awarded based on future promise, financial need, and scholastic ability. Completed applications must be received no later than **February 10, 2015** and may be obtained by visiting the Northford Women's Club website at www.northfordwomensclub.org. For further information, you may contact Rose Lynch at 203-483-8395.

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Nicholas Fragola and Jessica McKee were named to the Dean's List at Keene State College in New Hampshire.

Mark Farat was named to the Dean's List at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, RI.

Sarah Anastasio, Madison Blakeslee, Marissa Czarnecki, Elena Milone, Kristen Austin, Serafina Cordero, Alisyn Narracci, Elisa Palmieri, Olivia Pietrogallo and Deanna Sintay received high honors at Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden, Ct.

Kayla McMillen, Sianna Milone, Megan Wells, Paige Dosti, Julia Haeckel, Juliana Harrison and Margaret Mirabella received honors at Sacred heart Academy in Hamden, Ct.

Linsey DeDomenico was named to the Dean's List at Sacred heart University in Fairfield, CT.

Chelsea Meagher was named to the Dean's List at the University of Connecticut in Storrs.



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NBHS Winter Sports Teams are Hot



NBHS Hockey team has started off at 3-1 beating Newington, Milford Cop and New Milford with their only loss coming in sudden death overtime, to Fairfield Warde.

Pictures in photo is Captain Jordan Glenn. The boys are led in scoring this year by Brian McKee.



Junior Sabrina Lemere has led the Lady Thunderbirds to 4-2 start, losing only twice to the undefeated Morgan Huskies.

The girls have beaten HMTCA 61-19, Hale Ray 65-38, Hyde 54-29 and Old Lyme 53-49.

(Photo by Tom Zampano)

Boys Basketball team Aiming for the Playoffs

After several seasons where wins could be counted on one hand, second year coach Dave Parness has the boys basketball team at 3-1 and looking to make the playoffs for the first time in a long time. The boys have defeated Hale Ray 53-19, Morgan 56-54 and Westbrook 52-49. The one loss came in overtime, to undefeated Hyde.

The team is being led by senior Mark DiLauro and freshman Brett LeQuire. Senior Austin DeFrancesco is the set-up man at the point.

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Neil LeBeau, President: president@nbylax.org

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BOYS (Ages 4-18 yrs as of January 1, 2015) Baseball
GIRLS (Ages 4-15 yrs as of January 1, 2015) Softball

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY	JANUARY 10, 2015	9:00am - 12:00pm	JEROME HARRISON SCHOOL
THURSDAY	JANUARY 15, 2015	6:00pm - 8:45pm	TOTOKET VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SATURDAY	JANUARY 24, 2015	9:00am - 12:00pm	JEROME HARRISON SCHOOL
TUESDAY	JANUARY 27, 2015	6:00pm - 8:45pm	TOTOKET VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 7, 2015	9:00pm - 1:00pm	JEROME HARRISON SCHOOL

Registration is for all levels of play!

Anyone interested in participating must register on one of the above dates.

Requests after these dates may not be accepted and a late fee of \$25 will be charged.

Registration fees are payable in full at the time of registration.

No child will be turned away because of financial constraints.

Financial assistance requests are held in strict confidence - Contact Joe Mascari at 203.627.5047.

Fees per Player for 2015 are as follows:

Ages 12 and Under	Little League and Softball Includes: T-Ball, Pee Wee, Minors, and Majors	\$115
Ages 13-15	Senior Softball	\$185
Ages 13-18	Senior Baseball	\$225



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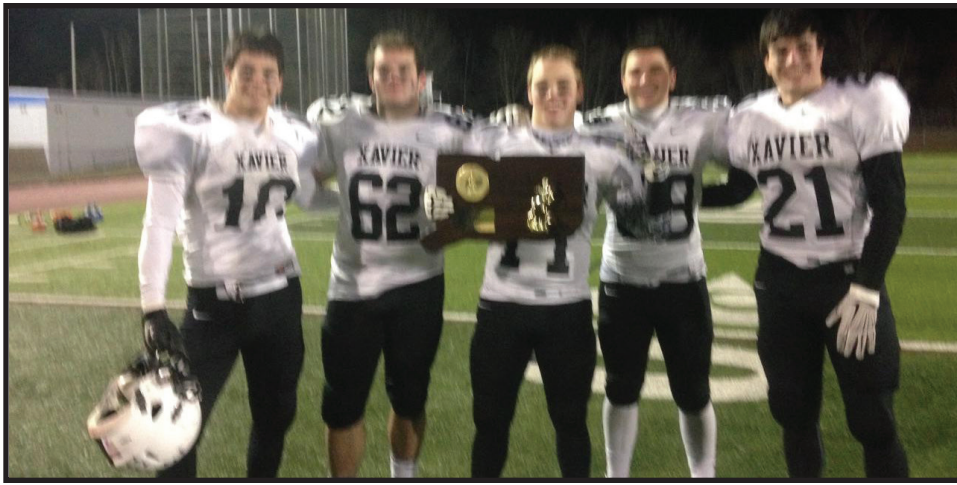
Players' shirt and pants sizes are required.

Sample uniforms will be available.

VISIT: <http://northbranfordlittleleague.org>



Contact Jeff Hoyt at 203-605-6595 or email jhoyt@ge.com with questions.



State Champions

Xavier High School, recently won the State Championship in CIAC Class LL football. The team had a great deal of help from five of North Branford's finest. Pictured left to right: Cole Thorburn, Dom DeDomenico (captain), RJ Baldo, Mitchell Rodd and Jake Dobos.

(Photo and information compliments of Dom DeDomenico)

BEST GAMES IN TOWN

Boys Basketball

1/12	@Cromwell	7:00
1/16	Lyman Memorial	7:00
1/20	@Portland	7:00
1/23	Valley	7:00

Girls Basketball

1/9	Coginchaug	7:00
1/13	@Cromwell	7:00
1/19	@Portland	1:30
1/22	Valley	5:30

Hockey

1/10	New Fairfield	4:00
1/14	@Cheshire	5:30
1/17	Suffield	6:40
1/19	Trinity Catholic	11:45
1/21	Lyman	4:00



True Heroes of the Game

John Opie of North Branford High School, is a four year member of the boys' varsity soccer and tennis team. He is captain of both teams. Opie has been an outstanding student-athlete showing great leadership on and off the field making honors each year and he is a member of the National Honor Society. He maintains a 3.41 GPA.

Opie is a member of the following clubs -Best Buddies, Unified Sports, Interact, Garden Club and GSA. He is manager of the NBHS boys ice hockey team.

Along with his leadership on the soccer field, tennis court, and in the classroom, he volunteers at Quinnipiac men's hockey games, Branford road race, Matt's mission 5k, North Branford community round up, Stoney creek church, and various other events.

Congratulations to John as he continues to do great things both on and off the field! Climb the Mountain!



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Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
January 8
\$15

Total Conditioning

This class is designed to get you strong and healthy. Strength training with low impact cardiovascular exercises that strengthen your bones, improve balance, and endurance.

Tue., 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 13 - March 10 (no class Feb. 17)
\$70

Guitar Lessons

Learn complete basics in this fun class. Guitar rentals available through instructor.

Thur., 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 15 - March 5
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Floor Hockey

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Sat., 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 17 - Feb. 28 (no class Feb. 21)
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Bowling & Luncheon

Wednesday, January 21st
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Michelle Cicarella of Lucky Dog Grooming will perform dog nail trimming at the East Haven Animal Shelter on Sunday, January 11th, from 9am - 12pm. The trimming will be \$10 per dog and 100% of the proceeds will be doanted to the Shelter. Acceptable forms of payment are cash and check made payable to: East Haven Animal Shelter,

Michelle will perform the nail trimming on going at the Shelter on the second Sunday of each month.

The East Haven Animal Shelter is located at 183 Commerce street, East Haven. For more information about Lucky Dog Grooming, call 203-915-2322 or visit www.luckydoggrooming.biz

Branford Chorale Begins Rehearsals

The Branford Chorale will begin rehearsals for their spring concert, "That 70's Show", on Monday January 26th at 7PM, Walsh Intermediate School, Branford.

No Auditions are required, all voices welcome.

Join The North Branford Library Cookbook Club

The North Branford Library Cookbook Club, which selects a different cookbook each month, met on December 13, 2014, this time exploring THE PALEO KITCHEN by Juli Bauer & George Bryant. The members prepared and discussed representative recipes including: Sweet Potato Quiche, a breakfast tart, Spinach & Artichoke Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms, an appetizer, Pumpkin tomato Soup, side dishes of Bacon Pecan Cabbage and Coconut Cauliflower Curry and, for dessert, Chocolate Cookie Ice Cream. Prospective new members may sign up or get further information at the Atwater Library for Spring meetings.

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North Branford Congregational Church, UCC. 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranforducc.org. Acting Pastor Rev. Price van der Swaagh. Daniel Jared Shapiro, Music Director. Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Northford Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916. email: nchurch@snet.net. Reverend Kathryn King, Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday worship service and Sunday School, 10:00AM. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middletown Ave. (Rte 22 & 17) Northford. 203-484-0895. or <http://standrewsnorthford.org> We are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Reverend Jim Bradley, Interim Missioner in charge of MACM, 203-525-6846. The Cluster office is 860-345-0058. Sunday morning Eucharist is 10am. We have a rotating clergy & choir during the academic year. Join us for coffee and fellowship following service. All are welcome.

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Christmas Pageant at NCC

A multi-generational Christmas pageant which included the singing of Christmas carols was held at Northford Congregational Church on the third Sunday in Advent.

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right. And we've come by here to ask you to make the first item on your agenda fair treatment, where God's children are concerned. Now, if you are not prepared to do that, we do have an agenda that we must follow. And our agenda calls for withdrawing economic support from you."

And so, as a result of this, we are asking you tonight, to go out and tell your neighbors not to buy Coca-Cola in Memphis. Go by and tell them not to buy Sealtest milk. Tell them not to buy—what is the other bread?—Wonder Bread. And what is the other bread company, Jesse? Tell them not to buy Hart's bread. As Jesse Jackson has said, up to now, only the garbage men have been feeling pain; now we must kind of redistribute the pain. We are choosing these companies because they haven't been fair in their hiring policies; and we are choosing them because they can begin the process of saying, they are going to support the needs and the rights of these men who are on strike. And then they can move on downtown and tell Mayor Loeb to do what is right.

But not only that, we've got to strengthen black institutions. I call upon you to take your money out of the banks downtown and deposit your money in Tri-State Bank—we want

a "bank-in" movement in Memphis. So go by the savings and loan association. I'm not asking you something we don't do ourselves at SCLC. Judge Hooks and others will tell you that we have an account here in the savings and loan association from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. We're just telling you to follow what we're doing. Put your money there. You have six or seven black insurance companies in Memphis. Take out your insurance there. We want to have an "insurance-in."

Now these are some practical things we can do. We begin the process of building a greater economic base. And at the same time, we are putting pressure where it really hurts. I ask you to follow through here.

Now, let me say as I move to my conclusion that we've got to give ourselves to this struggle until the end. Nothing would be more tragic than to stop at this point, in Memphis. We've got to see it through. And when we have our march, you need to be there. Be concerned about your brother. You may not be on strike. But either we go up together, or we go down together.

Let us develop a kind of dangerous unselfishness. One day a man came to Jesus; and he wanted to raise some questions about some vital matters in life. At points, he wanted to trick Jesus, and show him that he knew a little more than Jesus knew, and through this, throw him off base. Now that question could have easily ended up in a philosophical and theological debate. But Jesus immediately pulled that question from mid-air, and placed it on a dangerous curve between Jerusalem and Jericho. And he talked about a certain man, who fell among thieves. You remember that a Levite and a priest passed by on the other side. They didn't stop to help him. And finally a man of another race came by. He got down from his beast, decided not to be compassionate by proxy. But with him, administering first aid, and helped the man in need. Jesus ended up saying, this was the good man, this was the great man, because he had the capacity to project the "I" into the "thou," and to be concerned about his brother. Now you know, we use our imagination a great deal to try to determine why the priest and the Levite didn't stop. At times we say they were busy going to church meetings—an ecclesiastical gathering—and they had to get on down to Jerusalem so they wouldn't be late for their meeting. At other times we would speculate that there was a religious law that "One who was engaged in religious ceremonials was not to touch a human body twenty-four hours before the ceremony." And every now and then we begin to wonder whether maybe they were not going down to Jerusalem, or down to Jericho, rather to organize a "Jericho Road Improvement Association." That's a possibility. Maybe they felt that it was better to deal with the problem from the causal root, rather than to get bogged down with an individual effort.

But I'm going to tell you what my imagination tells me. It's possible that these men were afraid. You see, the Jericho road is a dangerous road. I remember when Mrs. King and I were first in Jerusalem. We rented a car and drove from Jerusalem down to Jericho. And as soon as we got on that road, I said to my wife, "I can see why Jesus used this as a setting for his parable." It's a winding, meandering road. It's really conducive for ambushing. You start out in Jerusalem, which is about 1200 miles, or rather 1200 feet above sea level. And by the time you get down to Jericho, fifteen or twenty minutes later, you're about 2200 feet below sea level. That's a dangerous road. In the days of Jesus it came to be known as the "Bloody Pass." And you know, it's possible that the priest and the Levite looked over that man on the ground and wondered if the robbers were still around. Or it's possible that they felt that the man on the ground was merely faking. And he was acting like he had been robbed and hurt, in order to seize them over there, lure them there for quick and easy seizure. And so the first question that the Levite asked was, "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" But then the Good Samaritan came by. And he reversed the question: "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?"

That's the question before you tonight. Not, "If I stop to help the sanitation workers, what will happen to all of the hours that I usually spend in my office every day and every week as a pastor?" The question is not, "If I stop to help this man in need, what will happen to me?" "If I do not stop to help the sanitation workers, what will happen to them?" That's the question.

Let us rise up tonight with a greater readiness. Let us stand with a greater determination. And let us move on in these powerful days, these days of challenge to make America what it ought to be. We have an opportunity to make America a better nation. And I want to thank God, once more, for allowing me to be here with you.

You know, several years ago, I was in New York City autographing the first book that I had written. And while sitting there autographing books, a demented black woman came up. The only question I heard from her was, "Are you Martin Luther King?"

And I was looking down writing, and I said yes. And the next minute I felt something beating on my chest. Before I knew it I had been stabbed by this demented woman. I was rushed to Harlem Hospital. It was a dark Saturday afternoon. And that blade had gone through, and the X-rays revealed that the tip of the blade was on the edge of my aorta, the main artery. And once that's punctured, you drown in your own blood—that's the end of you.

It came out in the New York Times the next morning, that if I had sneezed, I would have died. Well, about four days later, they allowed me, after the operation, after my chest had been opened, and the blade had been taken out, to move around in the wheel chair in the hospital. They allowed me to read some of the mail that came in, and from all over the states, and the world, kind letters came in. I read a few, but one of them I will never forget. I had received one from the President and the Vice-President. I've forgotten what those telegrams said. I'd received a visit and a letter from the Governor of New York, but I've forgotten what the letter said. But there was another letter that came from a little girl, a young girl who was a student at the White Plains High School. And I looked at that letter, and I'll never forget it. It said simply, "Dear Dr. King: I am a ninth-grade student at the White Plains High School." She said, "While it should not matter, I would like to mention that I am a white girl. I read in the paper of your misfortune, and of your suffering. And I read that if you had sneezed, you would have died. And I'm simply writing you to say that I'm so happy that you didn't sneeze."

And I want to say tonight, I want to say that I am happy that I didn't sneeze. Because if I had sneezed, I wouldn't have been around here in 1960, when students all over the South started sitting-in at lunch counters. And I knew that as they were sitting in, they were really standing up for the best in the American dream. And taking the whole nation back to those great wells of democracy which were dug deep by the Founding Fathers in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. If I had sneezed, I wouldn't have been around in 1962, when Negroes in Albany, Georgia, decided to straighten their backs up. And whenever men and women straighten their backs up, they are going somewhere, because a man can't ride your back unless it is bent. If I had sneezed, I wouldn't have been here in 1963, when the black people of Birmingham, Alabama, aroused the conscience of this nation, and brought into being the Civil Rights Bill. If I had sneezed, I wouldn't have had a chance later that year, in August, to try to tell America about a dream that I had had. If I had sneezed, I wouldn't have been down in Selma, Alabama, been in Memphis to see the community rally around those brothers and sisters who are suffering. I'm so happy that I didn't sneeze.

And they were telling me, now it doesn't matter now. It really doesn't matter what happens now. I left Atlanta this morning, and as we got started on the plane, there were six of us, the pilot said over the public address system, "We are sorry for the delay, but we have Dr. Martin Luther King on the plane. And to be sure that all of the bags were checked, and to be sure that nothing would be wrong with the plane, we had to check out everything carefully. And we've had the plane protected and guarded all night."

And then I got to Memphis. And some began to say the threats, or talk about the threats that were out. What would happen to me from some of our sick white brothers?

Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land. And I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.

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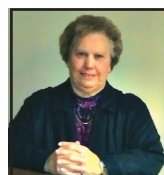
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