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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

## MLK III touts equality

*Leader broaches King speech, Mormon ruling*

By Albert C. Jones  
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SALT LAKE CITY — Martin Luther King III, president and CEO of the Atlanta-based Southern Leadership Conference, touched on a wide range of topics in an address that kicked off the annual four-day Sunstone Symposium.

The Mission of the Sunstone Education Foundation, an affiliate of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is to sponsor programming under the motto "faith seeking understanding," said Dan Wotherspoon, editor of the Sunstone Magazine.

The Sunstone Symposium linked the historic March on Washington and the "I Have A Dream" speech of the late civil-rights leader the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in August 1963 and the Mormons reversing a policy that denied the priesthood and Temple blessings to blacks 25 years ago.

"He is carrying the torch lit by his late father," said Jeanetta Williams, president



*"It takes a village of men and women to bring about change. Change is painful. Most importantly, it doesn't happen by osmosis."*

—Martin Luther King III

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of the Salt Lake Branch of the NAACP introduced the guest speaker, King, 45, to an audience of about 650 here Aug. 13 at the Sheraton City Center.

"He is continuing the effort of non-violent direct action to rid the world of poverty, to help the oppressed and needy," Williams said. "He is a visionary. He helped in South Africa to win freedom for Nelson Mandela. He is active in the AIDS cause. He has testified before Congress about racial profiling and police brutality."

King called his talk "entitled The Dream Deferred: An Examination of the Goals

of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Today's Society."

"We are all children of a common father," he told the audience of Mormons and non-Mormons. "When we think about the Mormon Church, there is a certain definition that comes into our minds. The definition is sometimes accurate and sometimes it is not. The Mormon Church is very traditional like any institution can be.

"I think the church should be a headlight and not a tail-light. What I mean by that is certain traditions and dogma embraced by the Mormon (See MLK, Page 4)

## Anniversary's marchers seek to rekindle dream

By Hazel Trice Edney  
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WASHINGTON (NNPA)—On August 28, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said at the "March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom," that he had a dream that America would some day keep its promise that all men are created equal. Forty years later, another King—Martin Luther King III—has that same dream.

"It's very ironic that 40 years ago, my father and his team were talking about jobs, peace and freedom. And in a real sense, we're still there. We never have brought it to full fruition," says King, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization his father co-founded.

"This is a difficult time for our nation and it's certainly very difficult for Black and poor people... This is an observance of an (See Marchers, Page 7)



Thousands gathered in the nation's capitol in 1963 to listen to visionary leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. articulate the vision of an America governed by respect and united in the pursuit of equal rights for all citizens.

## Retired corporate trailblazer Tom Shropshire remembered

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WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Thomas B. Shropshire died peacefully at his home in Las Vegas on Thursday, August 14, 2003, at the age of 77.

He had achieved national acclaim during his professional career with Philip Morris and its companies. He was a consultant to Philip Morris Companies, Inc. and its subsidiaries in matters of marketing and community affairs since retiring in 1989 as assistant to the president, senior vice president, treasurer and board member of Miller Brewing Co. and vice president of Philip Morris, Inc.

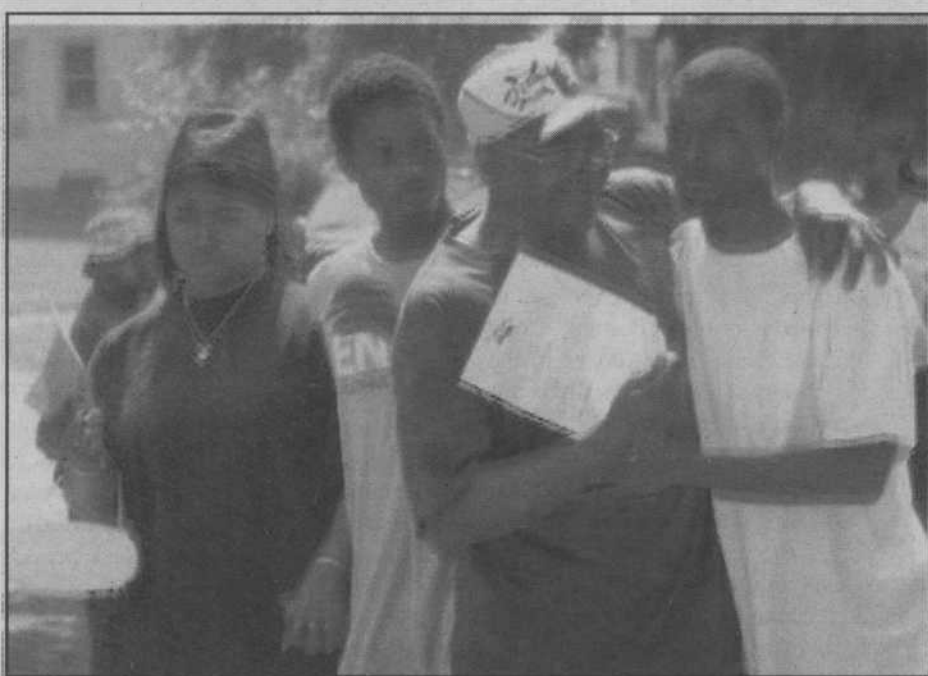
Shropshire joined Philip Morris in 1952 as a sales representative covering first Brooklyn, then Chicago, then

*Las Vegas resident Thomas Shropshire succumbs at home.*



most of the continent of Africa with increasing responsibility for sales, distribution, the training of personnel and the creation of advertising and other marketing programs. Starting in 1968 as chairman, managing director and CEO of Philip Morris Nigeria (PMN) Shropshire set up a 1200-acre experimental farm to train Nigerian farmers in the most efficient method of

growing and curing tobacco, including the proper rotation of food crops, which resulted in PMN doing business with more than 12,000 Nigerian farmers. He also trained nearly a thousand Nigerian employees in four-and-a-half years. Later in his career as vice president for market planning, and a member of the board of directors he was (See Shropshire, Page 3)



### MOURNING THE CHILDREN

David Bailey (second from right) is supported by relatives as he cries outside the Detroit home Wednesday where three of his grandchildren were murdered Tuesday and a fourth was critically wounded. The bodies of the children, ages 1-11 were found in the basement of the burning house and their father, Bailey's son, is being sought for questioning. Bailey said he recently called Childrens Protective Services because his son was distraught over divorce proceedings and had bought a gun.