

Stroke puts Coretta King into Atlanta hospital

ATLANTA (AP)- Coretta Scott King, the wife of slain US civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., was reportedly hospitalized in Atlanta, Georgia for a stroke.

Citing sources close to King, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported that she had suffered several minor strokes since the beginning of the year, as well as a more serious one on Tuesday.

King, 78, the widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., went to an emergency room Tuesday morning and was resting comfortably later

in the day, said Piedmont Hospital spokeswoman Diana Lewis.

In a press release, the King family said she was "resting comfortably" and thanked all of those concerned for King, who has remained a symbol of the U.S. Black Civil Rights Movement ever since her husband was assassinated in 1968.

Her son Martin Luther King III asked those concerned for her to "please continue to keep her and us in your thoughts and prayers as she moves towards a speedy

and complete recovery."

"My family and I are overwhelmed by the outpouring of care and support that are being sent from around the world," he said, without offering details on his mother's condition.

King has canceled recent public appearances, raising concerns about her health.

At a ceremony paying tribute to the King family at the Georgia State Capitol on June 30, her son said his mother was "doing well" and was only abiding by her doctor's orders to limit her

activities. He refused to give additional details.

"I had a feeling, based on her cancellation of several events, that she wasn't doing well," state Rep. Tyrone Brooks, president of the Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials, said Tuesday.

"I have been praying for Mrs. King every day and I urge Atlanta, Georgia, the nation and the world to pray for her."

The Alabama-born Coretta Scott was studying voice at the New England



CORETTA SCOTT KING

Conservatory of Music when a friend introduced her to King, a young Baptist minister working toward a Ph.D. at Boston University. They married in 1953.

They had four children, and she was a supportive lieutenant to her husband during the most tumultuous days of the Civil Rights Movement.

After his assassination in Memphis, Tenn., in 1968, she continued his work, founding the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change the following year.

Namesake

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"Both of them (my daughters) have been in the district for 15-years," father Goynes said proudly.

Goynes said his son chose a corporate and political path. Goynes himself has a long and productive history in the political and public service world, in addition to his 27 years as a local educator. He served as a teacher, elementary school assistant principal and principal during his 27 years in the Clark County School District.

His last position before retiring in 1991 was principal of the Madison Sixth Grade Center.

His concurrent career as a community servant and elected official spanned more than 20 years, during which he served on the North Las Vegas City Council. For 12 years, he was mayor pro tempore. When he chaired a North Las Vegas City Council meeting on Sept. 16, 1981, in the absence of the mayor, Goynes became the first Black elected official to head a government body in Nevada history.

His wife dedicated 42 years as an educator, 36 of those in Clark County where she retired as assistant principal of Bridger Junior High School.

Both Goynes and her husband started their careers in Las Vegas when they moved here in 1964. She served the Clark County School District as a teacher and also worked as Assessment Team member, Teachers Corps team leader, Kindergarten Task Force member, reading specialist and a high school dean.

Bailey has demonstrated a long-time active commitment to education and support for youth development activities.

Bailey founded the



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Dr. Bob Bailey is pictured with Bailey Middle School principal, Dr. Karen Stansfield-Paquette

Frederick Douglass Educational Fund, which provides scholarships to worthy students and focuses on raising academic performance of African-American pupils. The scholarship fund has awarded more than \$50,000 to five Clark County elementary schools. He established a television and radio training school for minority youth and established a dealers' training school.

Bailey moved to Las Vegas from New York in 1955 to serve as master of ceremonies and co-producer of the "Tropicana Review," a variety show at the Moulin Rouge Hotel and Casino. His first television experience was on KLAS TV that same year. He later joined KTNV TV-13, where he developed the first dance program in Las Vegas for teens.

Bailey was the first chairman (1961-1965) of the Nevada Commission on Equal Rights for Citizens, which helped formulate civil rights legislation that provided greater access to opportunities in the public sector for people of color and women. Then Gov. Grant Sawyer

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campuses that will permanently bear their names. One of Bailey's highest professional distinctions is being the first African-American Nevadan to receive a presidential appointment. In 1990, President George Bush appointed Bailey as Deputy Director of the Minority Business Development Agency at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Bailey and Anna have two children and five grandchildren. Their son is a local attorney and their daughter has continued her father's work as head of a business development agency and runs her own business.

Beyond their gratitude for the honor, each of the newest namesakes said they are anxious for the opening day of this school semester and they look forward to interacting ongoing with the students

and the principals on the campuses that will permanently bear their names.

Bailey said, "Any effort I give will be to support parental involvement in the schools." They (the district) wants me (as namesake) to make an appearance on a regular basis so students can see that it is an individual that is still alive. I imagine that there will be some meetings... to be visible and let the students know that [I am there to help and mentor]."

Goynes said that he "plans to work as cohesively as possible with the PTA, No. 1, and No. 2, to give the faculty—with the principal's endorsement—as much of my experience gained over the years as I can. Certainly we want to instill in the studies that the Goynes school will try to provide a learning ex-

perience that will be with them for not only the school year, but for life."


The school district has policies and procedures for designating names for new or existing schools, whether a school is named for a person or a place, like nearly all High Schools are, except Clark which is the only one named for a person.

The selection committee consists of six members, three from the board of trustees and three other members selected by the Superintendent.

For more information on school namesakes and the procedures for getting a name considered by the School Name Committee, contact the district at 799-8710, ext. 229 for a Facility Name Application or go to their web site www.ccsd.net.

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