

Sullivan

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result of past summits.

The biennial event is named for Rev. Leon Sullivan, a Baptist minister and internationally acclaimed humanitarian, who devoted most of his life to speaking out for international human rights and developing programs to help American Blacks and African nations boost their economic development.

Reflecting on her father's legacy, Masters observed: "He looked around and saw all these Black doctors and lawyers and educators and teachers and judges and surgeons. We have gone through the struggle we've gone through to reach this point because we have to take what we have home. If we were never brought here, we would never have these skills

or have so much. It's a responsibility of ours to take it back home. And that's really what the summit is about. It's the reverse bridge. They brought us over in slave ships and we're coming back in airships that we charter."

Sullivan's received more than 50 honorary degrees from universities, the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1992 from George H.W. Bush and the Eleanor Roosevelt Award from President Bill Clinton in 1999. As the first Black board member of General Motors, he created the Sullivan principles for U.S. companies operating in minority-led South Africa. That pressure helped lead to the downfall of apartheid in South Africa.

After Sullivan died in 2001, Masters took the helm and continues working to fur-

ther the legacy of "bridging the gap between African Americans and Africa."

In addition to the large business deals taking place, past summits have drawn the likes of President George W. Bush, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, and her predecessor, Colin Powell. Other notable delegates include the foundation's board chairman, former United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young.

This year, Masters said, a record 20 heads of state are scheduled to attend as of now.

Just getting African leaders in the same location can produce spectacular results. During the 1995 summit, there was a bloody conflict between Rwanda and Burundi.

"We had both presidents

of those countries at the summit and they would not come together in the same room," Masters said. "I remember vividly, probably midnight one of the nights of the summit in the middle of the week, my father doing shuttle diplomacy up and down on the elevator going to visit the president of Rwanda, going to visit the president of Burundi, going back and forth carrying messages back and forth. Then about two o'clock in the morning, they decided to come together in his suite and shook hands over a peace accord."

The first summit was less dramatic but equally important. It was instrumental in retiring more than \$60 billion in African debt.

As in the past, Coca-Cola will also be at the table in Nigeria.

"The Summit provides a forum where leaders in government, business, civic and academic institutions can come together and leverage their collective resources to create initiatives and policies that help support economic and social development in Africa," said Charles Sutlive, a Coca-Cola spokesman.

"As the largest private-sector employer in Africa, helping build strong, vibrant local communities is not only the right thing to do, but also helps create sustainable growth for our business."

One of the key events planned during this year's summit will include a black-tie gala honoring the president of Nigeria, Olusegun Obasanjo, but the week will be jammed with other very special events as well, Mas-

ters said.

"We have surgeons coming to the summit. They're going to be talking about tribal scarring and colloids, and they're going to actually be doing procedures. We have a woman who's coming who is going to test DNA from the saliva in your mouth, and as a result of that, you'll be able to determine what country on the continent you came from."

Just traveling to Africa reconnects Blacks with their past, Masters said.

"It'll change your life. I'm telling you right now. You'll be different when you come back," she explained. "It's something about the energy and the purpose of it and really feeling like you're walking within history. It's intense."

Panthers

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primarily to disagreements over ideology, confusion stirred up by government informants, the imprisonment of many members and shootouts with police.

Unlike other large urban areas, the presence of the original Black Panthers was not strong in Indianapolis, where most residents favored the work of more moderate organizations, such as the Urban League, NAACP, Citizens Forum and the SCLC.

Under the leadership of commander Mmoja Ajabu, the Indianapolis chapter of the new Black Panther Militia spoke out against police brutality and unfairness in the local criminal justice system and provided escorts for Blacks who faced discrimination.

Ajabu made his radical views known on a WTLC-FM radio program called "Revolution Is the Solution" and attracted the attention of then Mayor Steve Goldsmith, who said Ajabu's goals were legitimate but his emphasis on violent confrontation could give youth an excuse to wage more violence in the community.

Ajabu and two other Black Panther Militia leaders were arrested in 1996 for attempting to burn an American flag during the Olympic Torch Parade to protest the denial of clemency for a death row inmate. The local party had disintegrated by the late 1990s and Ajabu moved to Georgia, where he became a Christian minister and activist with the NAACP.

On a national level, it became apparent that the New National Black Panther Party would be much different from the original Black Panthers. Founded in Dallas in 1991, its ideology also calls for Black empowerment, but places more of an emphasis on confrontation and protest.

"Survival programs are good, but they don't make us free," the founder of the new group, Aaron Michaels, once stated.

The leadership of the new group was later assumed by Khalid Abdul Muhammad, a former spokesman for Louis Farrakhan whose views were so radical that the Nation of Islam had to ban him from leadership positions.

Muhammad, who died in 2001 and was succeeded by current leader Malik Zulu Shabazz, is best known for a statement in which he referred to Jews as bloodsuckers, ridiculed Pope John Paul II and called for genocide against Whites.

The Huey P. Newton foundation recently issued a statement in which original Black Panther leaders condemned the New Black Panther Party as illegitimate.

"They denigrate the party's name by promoting concepts absolutely counter to the revolutionary principles on which the party was founded," the statement said.

"The Black Panthers were never a group of angry young militants full of fury toward the 'White establishment.' The party operated on love for Black people, not hatred of White people."

Brandon Perry writes for the Indianapolis Recorder.

Your Horoscope Says... June 29-July 5

ARIES

This week do not seek the "highest" source of information for your answers. Look towards a humble source for the truth about your vibrations this week. The ability to learn from any of God's creation will lead to better answers than finite human knowledge will produce.

Soul Affirmation: Truth is revealed in the smallest grain of sand.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 23, 30

TAURUS

This week your strong fortitude will be able to carry you through hurdles that you once perceived as insurmountable. Don't begrudge your situation or begrudge others for what they have. You will become a better person when you overcome any stumbling blocks in your path. You will look back and count it as a milestone.

Soul Affirmation: What life has given me is sufficient for any task.

Lucky Numbers: 9, 10, 31

GEMINI

One of your greatest talents and gifts is the ability to give freely to others. Exercise it this week with a passion. You are very timely when others are in need. Your capacity to be a stronghold for others is remarkable. The power of giving will always supersede the feelings of neediness.

Soul Affirmation: Being there for others is a way of being there for myself.

Lucky Numbers: 20, 25, 35

CANCER

Living in the past has been one of your favorite things, do it this week. Memory will give you clues to the answer to a pressing problem. Ask for help in finishing up the week's work. Be diplomatic and you'll get all the help you need. Pretending to be a little bit helpless can work to your favor.

Soul Affirmation: My needs will be met if I just ask.

Lucky Numbers: 34, 39, 41

LEO

There is a fresh discovery about yourself that you can make this week by taking a poll of friends. They are especially aware of your real self. It shines through on the surface of your life. Ask others what they see and listen well. Situate yourself so you'll be ready for it.

Soul Affirmation: I enjoy the love that others have for me.

Lucky Numbers: 13, 53, 54

VIRGO

It is amazing how a restless soul like you can button down when you have to. This week is the kind of week when obligations must be met. The best way to get it done is to think about it with only half your mind. Let the other half roam around restlessly like you like your mind to do.

Soul Affirmation: This week, silence speaks loudest and truest.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 5, 15

LIBRA

You've done a lot of things in life that no one has agreed with at the beginning. Finding agreement this week will be difficult but it should not deter you from moving forward. Feeling sorry for your loneliness will discolor what you are doing. Be happy that you are alone.

Soul Affirmation: I accept fate and see good in it.

Lucky Numbers: 16, 18, 24

SCORPIO

You should know by now that trying to be in two places at once is very taxing to your nerves! Slow down a bit and trust that you'll get what needs to be done accomplished. Give yourself a head start on all road trips so that you have time to enjoy the view.

Soul Affirmation: Seeing my past clearly this week gives me a clear vision of my future.

Lucky Numbers: 11, 30, 40

SAGITTARIUS

An afterglow surrounds you during the week, and you may not feel like getting immediately into work-mode this week. It's okay to go with your feelings; the world will wait for a little while. Treasure happy moments.

Soul Affirmation: Facing down challenges makes me feel good about myself.

Lucky Numbers: 7, 25, 31

CAPRICORN

Your mind is busy this week with thoughts of new projects and the things you want to get done. Best course of action is to clear up pending and overdue items. You'll have a clean desk in no time and will feel genuinely content and relaxed for the week.

Soul Affirmation: I will actually write a love letter to the universe this week.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 35, 38

AQUARIUS

Lots of opportunities are swirling around you, and it will require some diligence on your part to make the most of some of them. You'll be happy you put in some extra effort this week. Give lots of credit where credit is due. The home front needs attention.

Soul Affirmation: I open up to the universe. The universe opens up to me.

Lucky Numbers: 22, 36, 49

PISCES

Stay focused on the tasks before you this week and find a way to do your work with love. The pace will pick up soon enough, and the vibrations will be more to your liking. Enjoy a sociable week. Your special person is waiting for more attention, give it.

Soul Affirmation: I let imagination light up my work.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 11, 22