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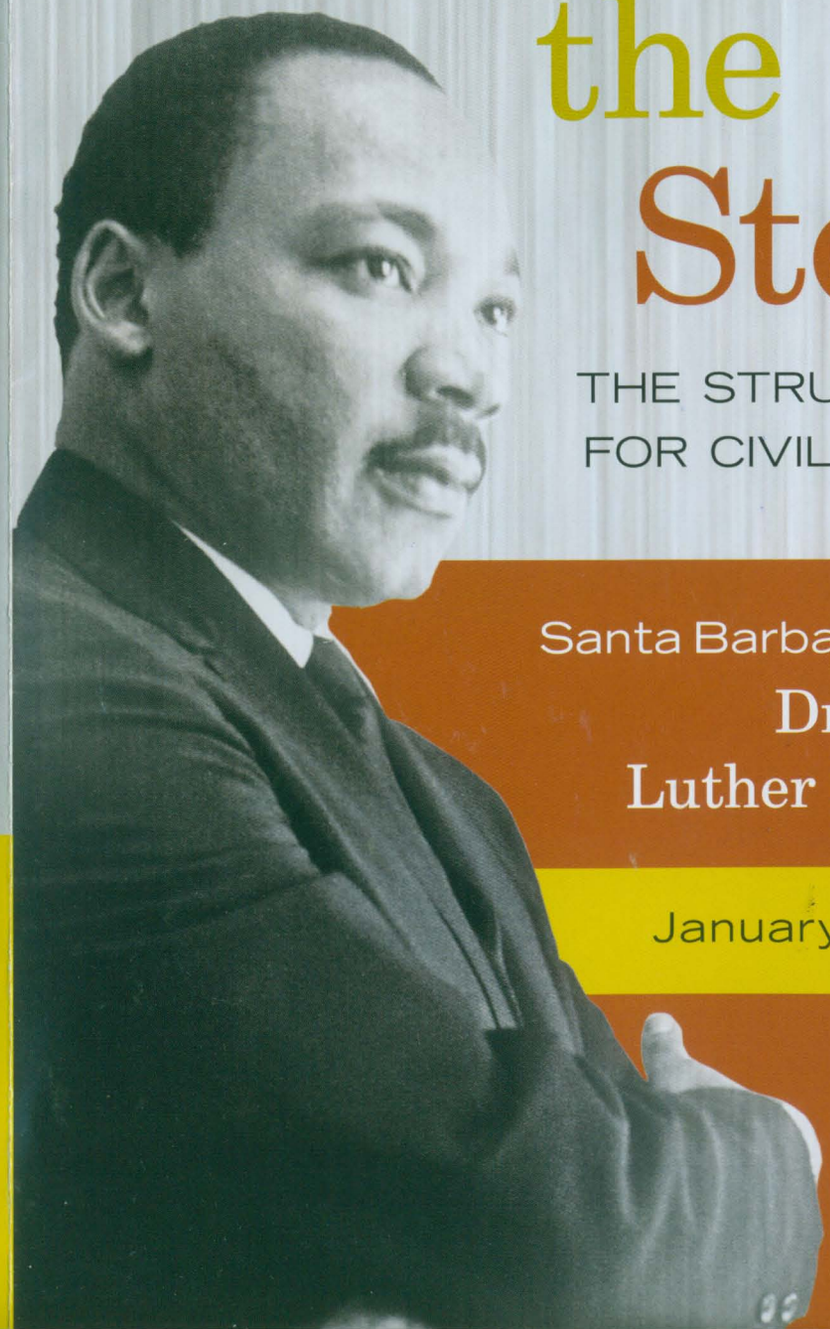

Santa Barbara Honors
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 16, 2012

Q and A

with

Wallace K. Shepherd, Sr.

Today, Wallace Kennedy Shepherd, Sr. will share his memories of Dr. Martin Luther King and the struggle for civil rights. He will be interviewed by R.J. Moten, a junior at Santa Barbara High School and a past winner of the Martin Luther King Poetry Contest.

Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Wallace K. Shepherd, Sr. served in the Air Force in Solano County, California, where he established his family. After leaving the service, Mr. Shepherd became active in the NAACP, challenging local department stores, the police department, and housing providers over discriminatory practices.

Mr. Shepherd met Dr. King at an NAACP Convention in San Francisco. Some time later, Dr. King visited his home to discuss broadening support for the civil rights movement. During the following years, Mr. Shepherd worked closely with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and was involved in several protests with Dr. King. He went on to serve as Director of the National Association of Housing Authority and Redevelopment Agencies, where he was responsible for building over 70 senior citizen complexes that became the model for housing programs across the county. Mr. Shepherd is retired and lives in Santa Barbara.

Martin Luther King Essay & Poetry Contest

Every year, the Martin Luther King Committee of Santa Barbara, with assistance from the Anti-Defamation League, sponsors an Essay and Poetry Contest for local children ages 6 to 18. First, second, third-place winners receive cash awards. First-place winners are invited to read their essays and poems at our annual Martin Luther King Day Observance. They include:

1st Place Poems *Ages 6–12*

Madison Hogan
Roosevelt Elementary

Julia Holland
Goleta Valley Junior High

Patricia Mullen
Hope School

Caraline Crannell
Roosevelt Elementary

1st Place Poems *Ages 13–18*

Jatsiri Carrillo
Carpinteria High

Jayme Denault
Carpinteria Middle School

Jax Montgomery
Carpinteria Middle School

Karina Hernandez
Carpinteria Middle School

1st Place Essays *Ages 6–12*

Alondra Gatica Reyes
La Cumbre Junior High

Milan McGrary
Home-Based Partnership of
Santa Barbara Charter School

Diego Curiel
La Cumbre Junior High

Lucas Owens
Washington Elementary

1st Place Essays *Ages 13–18*

Eavy Barbieux
San Marcos High

Daisy Altamirano
San Marcos High

Emily Allen
San Marcos High

Oliver Piltch
San Marcos High

Special Awards

ADL Award: Maya Eastman

Just Communities Award: Claire Gilmore

Santa Barbara Honors Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 16, 2012 at the Arlington Theatre

Master of Ceremonies – Henry Brown

Invocation and Welcome – *Pastor Louis Watkins*

"Lift Every Voice & Sing" – *Shirley Hammonds*

Introduction of City and County Resolutions

Recognition of Local Dignitaries – *Pastor Wallace K. Shepherd Jr.*

Remarks – *Congresswoman Lois Capps*

Musical Presentation – *Voices of Greater Hope Choir*
Angela Robinson, Director; Juan Turner, Musician

Video Presentation – 1950s Montgomery Bus Boycott

Essay and Poetry Contest Awards, Ages 6–12
Presenters: Sojourner Kincaid Rolle and Anais Borg-Marks

Dance Performance – *Zahra Russell*

Video Presentation – 1960s Freedom Rides

Remembrances of Wallace K. Shepherd, Sr.
with R.J. Moten

Video Presentation – Northern Cities Erupt

"Ain't Nobody Gonna Turn Me Around"
"How I Got Over"
Visions of Hope Choir – Tiffany Graves, Director; Cornelius Florence, Music

Dance Performance – *Santa Barbara Dance Institute*
Rosalina Macisco, Director

Essay and Poetry Contest Awards, Ages 13–18
Presenters Sojourner Kincaid Rolle, Anais Borg-Marks, & Alan Goff

"I Know Where I've Been" from the musical *HairSpray*
Cecelia Gandy and John Douglas, Musical Director

Benediction – *Reverend Hillary Chrisley*

Following today's program, there will be a Free Community Lunch at First United Methodist Church, on the corner of Garden & Anapamu Streets. Everyone is invited to attend.

Master of Ceremonies Henry Brown is a professional actor who has appeared in many TV series and feature films. On the stage, he recently played the title character in *The Ballad of*