

TV ONE ANNOUNCES PRODUCTION OF "BEHIND THE MOVEMENT"

By Naomi Richard

TV One is in full production for the new film, *Behind the Movement*, starring **Meta Golding** (*"The Hunger Games"*), **Isaiah Washington** (*"The 100"*), **Loretta Devine** (*"Waiting to Exhale"*), and **Roger Guenveur Smith** (*"American Gangster"*). The film is slated to premiere in time for Black History Month 2018.

Behind the Movement is a unique and fast-paced retelling of how Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat launched the history-making Montgomery Bus Boycott. The film will reveal the untold

story of how a group of everyday people decided this incident was the right time to take a stand for their civil rights and demand equal treatment.

Behind the Movement cast announced:

•Meta Golding as Rosa Parks

•Roger Guenveur Smith as Raymond Parks

•Loretta Devine as Jo Ann Robinson

•Isaiah Washington as E.D. Nixon

•Shaun Clay as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Rosa's day as a seamstress at the Montgomery Fair Department Store, in Alabama in 1955, starts as any



other, but her journey home was interrupted when the evening bus driver tells the black passengers in the first row of the "Negro Sec-

tion" to make room for

white passengers who were without seats. Though this was common practice, that evening, Mrs. Parks de-

cidess not to comply. Knowing her rights and being fed up with the treatment of black citizens, she accepts the consequences of refusing to obey an order and is arrested. That night, Mr. E.D. Nixon, president of the local chapter of the NAACP, of which Rosa is the secretary, calls his friend Mr. Clifford Durr, a local white attorney. Once safely at home, E.D. tells Rosa that she is the perfect "test case" for a Bus Boycott, an idea that had been in discussion since the bus segregation rules were continuously being abused and more and more blacks

were being removed or threatened if they didn't give up their seats to white riders. Afraid for her safety, Rosa's mother and her husband, try to talk her out of leading the boycott, but Rosa tells them that taking this stance is too important. By midnight, plans are put in motion to launch a boycott that, ultimately, would last more than a year and give rise to what is known today at the Civil Rights Movement.

For more information about TV One's upcoming programming visit the network's companion website at www.tvone.tv.

Travis County District Attorney Margaret Moore released the following statement today:

Austin, Texas - On May 12, 2014, a Travis County grand jury issued an indictment charging former APD Detective Charles Kleinert with the felony offense of manslaughter in relation to the shooting death of Larry Jackson, Jr.

On October 29, 2015, the U.S. District Court for the Western District, Austin Division, dismissed that indictment, based upon a grant of immunity under federal law because Detective Kleinert was serving on a federal task force.

Seeking the fair administration of justice in this matter, as well as clarity regarding the scope of such immunity, the District Attorney's Office appealed that ruling. First, we appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. On April 20, 2017, a three-member panel of the Court of Appeals affirmed the District Court's dismissal of the indictment.

On May 4, 2017, the District Attorney's Office challenged the panel's ruling. Specifically, we filed a motion for rehearing, requesting that the decision of the three-judge panel be reconsidered by all of the judges who serve on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. On May 25, 2017, the State's motion for rehearing was denied by the Court of Appeals.

On August 23, 2017, we filed a petition requesting review of this matter by the United States Su-



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preme Court. Today that petition, known as a petition for a writ of certiorari, was denied by the Supreme Court. Because there is no viable avenue for overturning the U.S. District Court's dismissal of the indictment, the efforts of my office to prosecute Detective Kleinert in relation to death of Larry Jackson, Jr. have come to an end.

District Attorney Moore said, "Although this is a disappointing result, I am proud of the effort of this Office to pursue these appeals. I want to thank former Texas Supreme Court Justice Wallace Jefferson and his law firm for their excellent work on our petition. Their contribution to our legal arguments was significant. I also thank the Travis County Commissioners Court for their support. I, and this Office, remain committed to the pursuit of justice in cases that involve lethal use of force by police officers."

Free Eye and Health Screenings!

Tue January 16 @ 9:00 am | 12:00 pm

A great community is a healthy community. In addition to our free Healthy Food distribution, the Prevent Blindness Texas Organization will be providing free eye screenings, applications for free eyeglasses, and applications for free eye exams. Austin Public Health will be providing free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, and Travis County Health and Human Services will also staff an assistance resource information booth at 5701 E Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

For more information, contact the Church of Christ at East Side at 512-477-1647 or info@eastsidecoc.com.

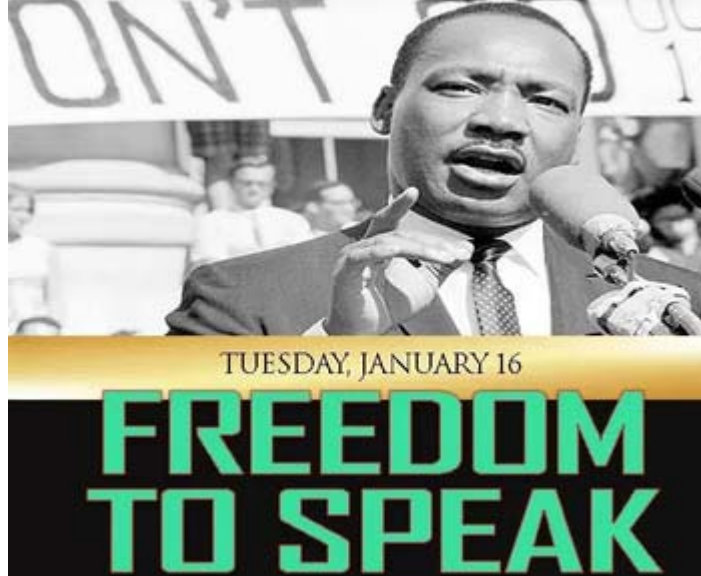
MLK JR. DAY OF SERVICE

Austin, Texas - On Saturday, January 13, 2018, the Austin Area Heritage Council will partner with United Way for Greater Austin on several MLK Day of Service initiatives. Hands on Central Texas is Austin's largest volunteer network. You can change the course of Austin's future, and it starts with service. In January of 2017, more than 600 volunteers came together to complete over 20 community improvement projects throughout Austin.

We hope you'll join us by bringing your friends, family and co-workers to participate in service in honor of Dr. King. We can change the course of Austin's future, and it starts with service. The MLK Holiday is not only for celebration and remembrance, education and tribute, but above all, a day of service supporting your community. It is a day of volunteering to feed the hungry, beautifying parks, and much more. This year, we need your help more than ever.

Hands on Central Texas will be hosting projects that center around MLK Blvd. between Hwy 183 and Chicon Streets including local churches, parks and community centers as well as the boulevard clean-up. Please check United Way for Greater Austin's website for specific activities.

Freedom to Speak: Poetry, Song, & Lyric Showcase



We are celebrating MLK DAY on Tuesday, January 16 with a Freedom To Speak Open Mic Showcase. You will not want to miss this community event!

We will have poets, musical artists, and vendors displaying their amazing crafts. The night will also feature a DJ and a special drink and food menu. This is going to be a night filled with so much fun!

Relax and enjoy an evening of excellent entertainment and economic empowerment. Support local entrepreneurs and small business vendors as they showcase their passion. The community market features holistic health care/beauty products, apparel, art, jewelry, etc.

Vendor Shopping begins at 7pm. Showcase begins at 8pm, Mr. Catfish & More, 1144 Airport Blvd, Ste 220, Austin, Texas.

10th Annual Sweet Home MLK PEACE through P.I.E. Social



Austin, Texas - Join us as we Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's message of Peace and Vision for a Beloved Community at the 10th Annual Sweet Home MLK PEACE through P.I.E. Social on Saturday, January 13, from 1:30pm - 4:30pm at 1725 W. 11th Street;

Program & Music (1:30 to 3pm) - Pease Elementary Bobcat Singers, Mathews Elementary Art and singing, and music from gospel stars Sam Rives & Poplar Favorites.

Pie Social & Pie Auction (3pm to 4:30pm) - A beautiful banquet of 'Peace Pies' by community pie bakers will be served in Fellowship Hall by Austin High School Culinary students with the requisite "a la mode" donated by Blue Bell Ice Cream. The event also includes a silent Pie auction with funds supporting renovations of the historic structure in (Clarksville) Austin, TX.

Bring: A Peace Pie to share or a Pie for the silent auction Let us know at shc@peacethroughpie.org

This is a FREE event open to the general public, but lease RSVP online <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/10th-annual-sweet-home-mlk-peace-through-pie-social-tickets-41790123384?aff=efbeventtix>

PBBB Presents "Resurrecting Black Wall Street The BluePrint"

Thu January 18 @ 8:00 pm

Resurrecting Black Wall Street - The Blueprint explores the foundations of the Greenwood section of Tulsa Oklahoma and the atrocity committed against black American citizens during the early part of the 20th century. The film extrapolates the implications of these tragic events to resurrect the ideas that led to the creation of one of the most prosperous black communities in American history.

The film examines "Little Africa" of Tulsa Oklahoma as a shining example of what black people can accomplish when we pursue our economic goals as a collective. Featuring leading financial scholars, historians and activists, the film allows us to study the body of knowledge left behind by our ancestors in order to move on to a more empowered future. Principles of cooperative economics, wealth building, and black business development are addressed, along with the TRUTH about what happened to the people who had their wealth stolen and their story buried for over 100 years.

Film noted scholar Dr Boyce Watkins leads a powerful and important discussion about one of the most impactful, yet hidden stories in all of Black History. Dr. Watkins, an executive producer for the film, extrapolates the implications of these tragic events to resurrect the ideas that led to the creation of one of the most prosperous black communities in American history.

Please RSVP online: www.eventbrite.com/o/pflugerville-black-business-builders-15944902448