



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SUPER BOWL

Our Purpose

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Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. He came from a middle-class family and followed the ‘family legacy’ of becoming a Baptist minister. An important time in King’s life was when his friend told him that they were not allowed to play together anymore since they were now attending segregated schools. King was closest to his Grandmother, but once she passed from a heart attack when he had snuck out to attend a parade, he felt that his life had no meaning, and attempted to commit suicide by jumping out of a second-story window.

Years later, Martin went to Boston University. While in Boston, he met Coretta Scott. They soon got married and had many children. Soon after, a small group of civil rights activists began to contest racial segregation because Rosa Parks refused to stand from her seat. The activists formed the Montgomery Improvement Association to

boycott the transit system, and they decided that King would be their leader.

In King’s first speech as president of the Association, he said, “We have no alternative but to protest. For many years we have shown amazing patience. We have sometimes given our white brothers the feeling that we liked the way we were being treated. But we come here tonight to be saved from that patience that makes us patient with anything less than freedom and justice.” This was the start of King’s journey as a famous social activist.

He marched, fought for, and did his best to ensure that everyone in the future would be treated equally regardless of their skin color. King’s story goes to show that regardless of where we stand in life, or how we start out, we can make a difference. If you feel useless or depressed, you’re not alone. Martin Luther King felt the same way and yet still made it this far.

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“Submit to God, and you will have peace; then things will go well for you. Listen to his instructions, and store them in your heart.” -Job 22:21-22
If we don’t give up, God will use us for our purpose. Trust in yourself, and trust in God.

Super Bowl

JAIR YNFANTE

In Super Bowl 58, the Chiefs and the 49ers faced off in a rematch of Super Bowl LIV, where Patrick Mahomes led Kansas City to their first NFL title. The stakes were high, and fans eagerly awaited the clash of these talented teams.

In the first quarter, both teams came out strong, but neither managed to score in the opening quarter. It was a defensive battle with Nick Bosa chasing Mahomes and McDuffie blocking Purdy's passing. The tension was big fans were crawling to the TV to see who would score.

Early in the second quarter, the San Francisco 49ers made history. Kicker Jake Moody drilled a 55-yard field goal, setting a new Super Bowl record. The kick surpassed the previous mark held for 30 years by Steve Christie. The 49ers also scored a touchdown coming off a trick play where Juan Jennings, a wide receiver, threw a touchdown to Christian McCaffery.

During Halftime, Usher stepped into the spotlight. His silhouette against the vibrant backdrop hinted at decades of dedication and countless hours honing his craft. The opening notes reverberated through the

stadium, and the audience collectively held their breath.

Joined by a constellation of fellow artists, Usher embarked on a musical odyssey. Alicia Keys, her fingers dancing across the piano keys, infused the air with raw emotion. Her guitar, a conduit for passion, wove melodies that lingered long after they faded. William, the maestro of beats, orchestrated a symphony of sound that transcended time and space.

And then came the surprise: Lil Jon and Ludacris appeared, their exuberance contagious. The stage erupted with excitement as they seamlessly incorporated their hits into the mix. The crowd exploded, hands lifted, and voices blended into a harmonious roar.

Soon after, the Kansas City Chiefs found their rhythm. Kicker Harrison Butker broke the other field goal record, which happened 2 quarters before he nailed a 57-yard field goal, showcasing his leg strength. Quarterback Patrick Mahomes connected with receiver M. Valdes-Scantling for a 16-yard touchdown and the Chiefs were back in the game.

The 49ers fought back, with B. Purdy finding Jennings for another touchdown who was having the game of his life. If the 49ers had won, he most likely would have won Super Bowl MVP. But the Chiefs responded with two more field goals from H. Butker; a 24-yarder and a 29-yarder. The game was tied, and the tension reached its peak.

The game went into overtime for the second time in Super Bowl history. During overtime, the Chiefs received the ball. Patrick Mahomes orchestrated a 75-yard drive, (Cont. Pg. 4)



Relationship Advice

ELIANAH WEAVER

Relationships are one of the greatest blessings God has given us. Easily, blessings like this can be taken advantage of or disregarded. Some of the best friendships I've ever had, I failed to realize how much they made an impact on my life, until they were gone. After they had moved away, I started to realize the importance of cherishing every moment that you have with the people you love.

The saying, some people are here for a reason, some for a season, and some for a lifetime is a true statement. Whether your relationship is platonic or romantic, cherish each moment you have with that individual. Tomorrow isn't promised, we don't know how much time we each have on this earth. Take the extra moment to tell someone you love them. You never know how much that small phrase can mean to someone, and how much of an impact it will bring. But don't ever forget, you are loved. You matter, you really do. "Cherish every moment and every person in your life because you never know when it will be the last time you see someone. Life is fragile. Take nothing and no one for granted."

Celebrity Relationships That Sucked

MAYA THOMAS

If celebrities are famous for one thing, it's dumping each other. For this celebrity roasting session, I will talk about stars who are better at holding onto their wallets than their relationships.

Johnny Depp and Amber Heard seemed like a happy couple, but their trial revealed they were anything but. Depp and Heard met when they played love interests in the film, "The Rum Diary." They were both seeing other people at the time, but the sparks were undeniable. The following year, Johnny and his wife divorced, and in 2013 he was spotted holding hands with Amber. In 2015, they were married, and everyone seemed happy. Johnny even got the word "Slim" (his nickname for Amber) tattooed on his knuckles. He really should have held off on that, because his new wife filed for divorce fifteen months later. Less than a week after this, she filed for a restraining order and accused her of assaulting her multiple times. Screaming at her, grabbing her hair, etc. You



know, typical couple spats. Anyway, Johnny was less than thrilled, as he had his "Slim" tattoo replaced with the word, "Scum." In 2019, he sued her for defamation, revealing that Amber had been the one responsible for abuse in the relationship. Whichever story you choose to believe, Depp got the money in the end, and I guess that's all that matters.

Whoever beats up who, violence isn't the answer to any problem, especially where romance is involved. Someone probably should have told Chris Brown that. He and Rihanna started dating in 2008, after meeting in December of the previous year. Their relationship ended after Brown severely beat her the night of the 2009 Grammys. Rihanna had severe bruises on her face and was sent to the hospital. He later said in a 2017 (Cont. Pg. 5)

Vaseline Vs. Aquaphor A Highschool Skincare Showdown

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When it comes to skincare, two very popular products teenagers often debate about are Aquaphor and Vaseline. Both are simple and effective, but they have differences that cater to different needs. Let's take a look at what makes them different and how teens feel about them.

I did a poll, asking my friends in high school what they prefer and about 1:5 people chose Vaseline over Aquaphor. So why is this? Why is Aquaphor so popular compared to Vaseline? It could be the fun packaging compared to the plain little box that Vaseline has or it could be the difference in hydrating effects provided by each product. But unlike Aquaphor, Vaseline has more options like different tints and scents. Both can be used for various skincare needs like soothing dry lips, moisturizing rough areas, and protecting minor cuts and burns. However, Aquaphor has additional ingredients to the petroleum jelly, like panthenol and glycerin, that make it more moisturizing and soothing. It's amazing for sensitive or damaged skin. Though, Vaseline is better known for creating a strong barrier that locks in moisture and protects the skin.

Vaseline does have its fans too, some teens like it for its straightforward effectiveness

It's also way cheaper than Aquaphor and works well for chapped lips and other needs. It's a no-fuss option that fits into a teen's budget. Jhennifer Martins says: "Me as a person, I like to be different from everyone else so I like to use Vaseline, rather than Aquaphor. I also like it because of the different scents. I'm also confused about the price difference between Aquaphor to Vaseline, they're not that different." I also asked someone who enjoys using Aquaphor, Brianna Roldan. She stated: "I like to share it with my friends, it's easy to pass around when others need it and you can just have to swipe the lid, whereas for Vaseline you have to stick your finger into the tub, which I think is disgusting." She does have a strong point with that one, especially if you're a germaphobe, but there are different types of containers for both brands. Aquaphor does have different sizes, from 0.35-ounce to 14-ounce containers, but you don't often see anyone carrying them around the larger ones in their backpack.

Overall, Aquaphor and Vaseline both have their benefits and disadvantages but it depends on your preference for the texture and if you like scents or tints in your chapstick.

Super Bowl Continued

culminating in a 3-yard touchdown pass to Mecole Hardman. The stadium erupted as the Chiefs clinched victory. The confetti fell, and love was in the air. It was a Super Bowl for the ages. Kansas City is back-to-back champions; a dynasty. They won the Super Bowl in 3 of the past 5 years. Patrick Mahomes is now considered one of the best quarterbacks in NFL history.



Celebrity Relationships That Sucked Continued

documentary that the two often had these violent spats, both verbal and physical. Brown pleaded guilty to the charges. He was sentenced to four years of probation, domestic violence counseling, and community service. I'm not sure how much he learned from this since he's also been accused of rape, but I digress. Rihanna and Chris took another shot at love in 2012, but ultimately things fell apart once more. Rihanna later said that she had been "protective" of him and felt that others didn't understand him. She said she realized she was "the enemy in the situation" because putting up with Chris made him think less of her since he knew she didn't deserve his behavior. However, they've put that past behind them. Rihanna forgave Chris and is in love with A\$AP Rocky. The two have a pair of beautiful baby boys. Unfortunately, not all couples can end things so amicably.

the two dissed each other on multiple occasions via song lyrics. Believe whatever you want, but I find it hard to believe that they could've kept on fighting so much if they had never dated. Mariah claimed she only spoke to him on the phone a couple of times. Personally, I wouldn't release a diss track (that is, her song "Obsessed") about someone I barely know. The feud got very intense, and even Mariah's then-husband Nick Cannon got involved. She even did a TikTok in 2021 to celebrate the anniversary of "Obsessed", where she dressed up like Em for the video. Watch and learn kids, this is the opposite of what maturity looks like. Leave the tiktok's to Charli and Dixie, ok Mariah? Stay under your Christmas tree.

The Queen of Christmas and the King of Rap are probably the oddest couple anyone could ever think of. Weird or not, Eminem and Mariah Carey dated in 2001 for about six or seven months. At least, that's what the rapper says. Mariah vehemently denied the romance rumors, and

Relationships can be tough, even if you're not rich or famous. No matter how hot, smart, or funny someone is, they may not fit you. So before you dive headfirst into love, take time to get to know the person. You're better off eating Valentine's candy in front of the TV than sobbing over a breakup because you overlooked red flags.

Cul De Sac

RICHARD THOMSON

