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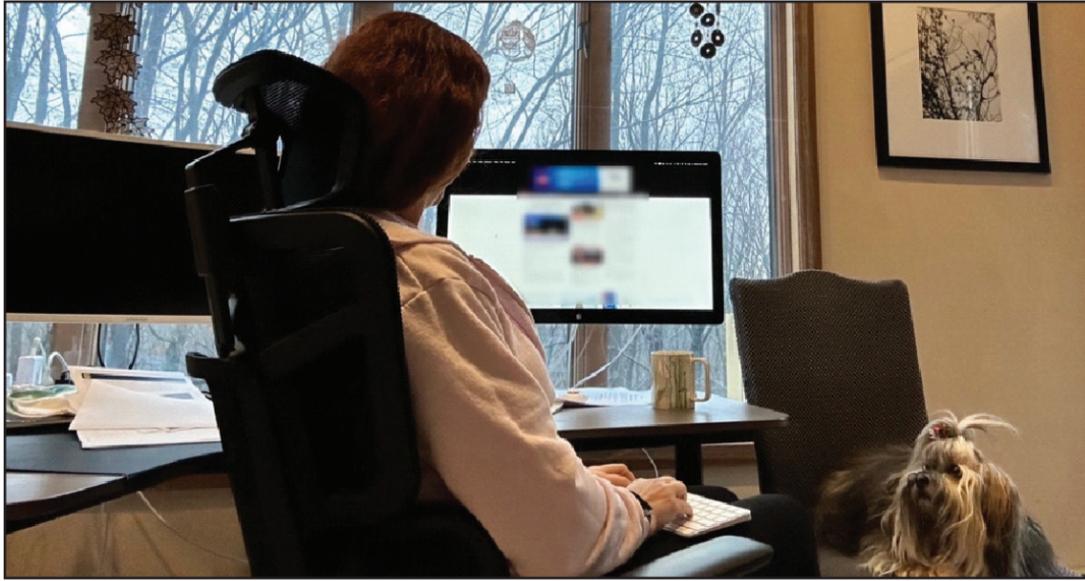
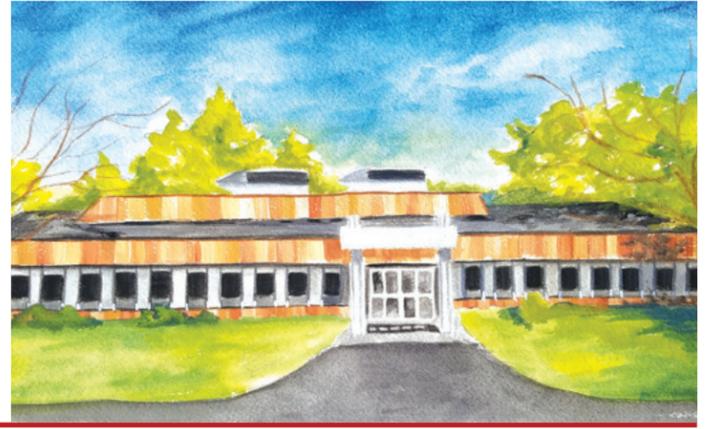


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An older student and her dog work on a Social Media Marketing and Communications certificate to improve her businesses' social media marketing in Morris County, Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2022.

LIFE AFTER CCM

BY LAURA-ANN QUINONES
Staff Writer

What now? What will I do after graduation?

These are questions that torment students around the world upon graduation. Surprisingly, many at the County College of Morris (CCM) have the answers to those questions.

Success at CCM isn't about doing the expected. CCM programs and staff strive to help students discover their passion and learn who they want to be.

Evie River, a second-year journalism student at CCM, plans on continuing their studies at Rutgers next year.

River credits their success at CCM to the small class sizes and personal attention from professors. "A lot of the professors talk to you like you're an equal, and they're willing to work with you when it comes to assignments and stuff. They're willing to accommodate extenuating circumstances when they come up," said Rivers.

"I accomplished more than I wanted to at CCM. Professor Soltes actually got me involved with the school newspaper last semester and I've continued writing for them. Eventually I got one of my articles on the front page. Which was really cool. They awarded me the title of feature editor for this semester. I'm going to write for them again this semester. It was a big accom-

plishment, and it wasn't something I planned on doing. It was purely Professor Soltes who got me involved with it, and I took a chance about the personal attention from professors and their success and self-discovery at CCM.

River said their time at CCM has allowed them to live their life, work on a degree, and find their passion.

Jordan Yeisley, a second-year fashion student, will be graduating with an Associate of Fine Arts in design (fall 2023) and a Social Media and Communications certificate (spring 2023). Yeisley discovered a passion for social media marketing at CCM.

Yeisley hopes to secure a job at a hotel so she can travel the world. "I was really interested in fashion design when I first got to CCM and then I just, kind of like, steered away from it and wanted to do social media marketing. I was like, this is what I want to do," said Yeisley.

Yeisley has learned how to move beyond their comfort zone and learn new skills while at CCM. "Learning what I'm good at, like developing skills that I didn't even know I had. Then taking that and applying it to the other classes that I have to have," is a skill Yeisley said CCM teaches. "Life's not going to be an assignment. Life's going to be a million little things that you've got to adapt to."

CCM provides a path for all

students: students looking to get an associate degree, students learning a new skill, students going back to school, students with a 4 year degree who want to learn a new job skill. Even students whose primary language is Spanish can make CCM their home.

Angelina Flores, a certificate student at CCM completed a Small Business Management certificate in the fall of 2022 and will complete a Social Media Marketing and Communications certificate this semester (spring 2023). Flores wants to open her own business and does not currently have plans to earn an associate degree.

Flores would like to open a coffee shop or an herbs and crystal shop as she is very spiritual. Flores said her goal is to open her own business and CCM has given her the skills to manage it and to market it properly on social media.

"I honestly, really love the teachers. A lot of people say, oh, I love the college experience or oh, I love making new friends. I love getting taught by the teachers because in high school I wasn't ever really taught as well as I am by the professors. They go very in-depth when teaching and I really enjoy that," said Flores. "I can actually get like, one-on-one time with the teacher. I can get extra help if I need it."

Charlyse Young, who enrolled in CCM as a dual enrolled high school senior, will graduate with her Associates of Fine Arts in busi-

How would CCM students feel about free tuition?

BY GARRET JAMISON
News Editor

County College of Morris (CCM) has always been a place to obtain a higher education without paying exorbitant tuition. According to the official website of the state of New Jersey, NJ.gov, an undergraduate student with a household income of \$65,000 or less per year, and who is enrolled in at least six credits at a New Jersey community college, can apply for free tuition under the Community College Opportunity Grant. With this increase in availability for higher education, free community college for all has become a more realistic hope. Overall, CCM students would be happy to not have to pay tuition, but they would also be happy for those who can't afford tuition to have the opportunity for higher education. However, thoughts on getting refunded for tuition spent, and a hypothetical increase in truancy due to no money being on the line are divisive.

Kristin Scott is a biology major at CCM.

"I'm taking a certain amount of classes just to keep up with all the expenses, so I would be done quicker and get out quicker," Scott said. "It would be awesome if we didn't have to pay. That would be great."

Scott said she works at a Starbucks 20 minutes from campus to pay for her tuition.

"I think that getting a degree is a big enough motivation for people to want it, so most people here have decided they want to go forward with their life. They want to go down a career path that's new to them," Scott said about a potential increase in absences. "I think it would bring more people in and open up opportunities for people who thought

they couldn't go to college because of funding. It can be hard to juggle expenses, especially with inflation and the rising price of everything."

Scott said she would expect a refund if tuition were to become free.

Robert Szumski is a radiography student at CCM.

"I feel like that'd be a good thing because I know a lot of people struggle to pay for school," Szumski said. "I struggled with how I would pay for school, so everyone would be able to get some college education."

Szumski said he feels there would be less absences because there would be less justification for not showing up to class if students weren't paying to be there.

"I personally wouldn't [expect a refund]," Szumski said. "I see that teachers have to be paid somehow, so the question arises how they would be paid."

Eric Johnson is a business administration major at CCM.

"I would honestly be indifferent. It would be cool not to have to pay tuition, but personally my parents pay it," Johnson said. "It could have some negative effects on the quality of education we're getting, but some kids who didn't have the opportunity to come would get the opportunity."

Johnson said he thinks more students would fail out of classes if the classes were free because there's no money on the line. According to a study by Laura Hamilton, a sociology professor at the University of California, Merced, students who have their tuition paid for them by their parents are less likely to do their best in class and less likely to study outside of class.

"Nah, I wouldn't expect a refund. That would be cool though," Johnson said.

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Is the Big Time Rush Comeback Real?

BY LEAH FACELLA
Staff Writer

As children, many people dream of becoming famous, whether this be through acting or singing, but most people's dreams never come true. For four hockey players from Minnesota, Big Time Rush, a Nickelodeon TV show, was their big break, getting them from nobodies to celebrities. They are Kendall Schmidt, leader of the group, Logan Henderson, the smart one, James Maslow, the "pretty" one, and Carlos PenaVega, the childlike one. Their dreams of becoming actors and singers both came true. The beginning of their fame started on the television show Big Time Rush (BTR), which aired from November 2009 until July 2013, totaling seventy-four episodes and one movie (currently available to watch on Netflix, Roku Channel, Paramount Plus, Apple TV, Vudu, and Prime Video).

Once the show ended, many fans believed the band would never get back together, and the world would be without their favorite pop boy band forever. Luckily, fans were wrong. Rumors spread about having a comeback tour,

which occurred in 2022, and now again they have tour dates scheduled for 2023. With three full albums out, BTR, Elevate, and 24/7, to their new hit singles "Not Giving You Up," "Call It Like I See It," "Fall," "Honey," "Dale Pa' Ya," and "Can't Get Enough," there are tons of songs to choose from for their setlists.

One of the biggest hits of all times released by Big Time Rush is "Boyfriend," which was released in 2010 in their BTR album. For their main audience, preteens and teens, "Boyfriend" discusses how one will do everything in their power to get to date someone. The pop song has 114,154,089 different listeners on Spotify. Due to the overwhelming love for the song, it is a great encore to close their show. The second most streamed song with 70,960,082 listens on Spotify is "Big Time Rush," which was the theme song to their show, leaving the last impression to their audience that "you gotta live it big time." One of their most infamous songs, "Paralyzed," was not released on any music platform until after their performance in the Macy's Day Thanksgiving Parade. This was because the

song could be found as offensive to people who suffer from paralysis, as the lyrics and way they sing the song gives them a stutter. Luckily, the true meaning of the song is finding a girl that is so beautiful that she makes you feel paralyzed, and was never intended to offend anyone. Even with it only being on Spotify for a short period of time, it already has 4,875,991 different listeners.

With all the songs out, it is difficult to choose a setlist. In order to find out what their setlist is for their upcoming Can't Get Enough, Summer Tour, it is important to buy your tickets so you can enjoy the pop music. To get tickets you can visit bigtimerush-official.com, TicketMaster, or your other favorite ticket websites. The tour will have special guest star singers, Max, known for "Lights Down Low," and Jax, known for "Victoria's Secret."

Though Big Time Rush's peak stardom may have been in the early 2010s, there is a massive comeback forming with the group. Even with all of the members of the band now in their 30s, that does not stop the fact that the fans go crazy over their childhood crushes.



Above, left to right: James Maslow, Logan Henderson, Carlos PenaVega, Kendall Schmidt, 2013. Below, left to right: James Maslow, Carlos PenaVega, Logan Henderson, Kendall Schmidt, 2022.



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ness administration (spring 2023) shortly after her 19th birthday.

Young is planning on taking a gap year to travel, spend time with family, and volunteer while pursuing her life goals outside of school. "I think from 19 to 22 [years old] is a really big time developmentally, to find who you want to be, what you want your life to look like. And I wanted to do that away from school for a little bit," said Young.

Young suggests that dual-enrolled students choose their classes

carefully to ensure they can graduate from CCM on time and that their classes transfer. Young relied on her mom, professors, and the head of the business department to select her classes and suggest students speak to her advisor, or the Office of Transfer Students because it was difficult to do on her own.

CCM allows students with different goals to explore their interests while earning credit that can transfer to other academic institutions or explore college while still in high school.

CCM has articulation agreements with 25 institutions and 44 majors. These agreements allow

students at CCM to transfer to many four-year colleges or universities and receive up to 2 years of credit for classes they have taken. Students can easily complete their general education credits at CCM.

For more information about transfer services at CCM go to <https://www.ccm.edu/student-support-services/campus-services/transfer-services/> or contact Kari Hawkins, coordinator of the Office of Transfer Services, at khawkins@ccm.edu or by phone at 973-328-5145*.

The office of Transfer Students is located in the Student Community Center, Room 118.

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Wed, Mar 8 @ 2 p.m. LRC 107
Tue, Apr 11 @ 12:30 p.m. CH 269
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DATE/TIME	TIME	PRESENTER	TITLE	ROOM
Tuesday, March 21	12:30 p.m.	Dr. Ann Patten	Using Literary Terms	CH260
Wednesday March 22	7:00 p.m.	Professor Kevin Moore	Grammar and Writing Basics: Punctuation, Shifts, Agreement, and Essay Structure	ZOOM
Wednesday April 5	7:00 p.m.	Professor Kevin Moore	The Nuts and Bolts of Writing an Essay	ZOOM
Tuesday, April 11	12:30 p.m.	Dr. Yoonha Shin	Crafting Compelling Resumes and Cover Letters	ZOOM

If you have any questions or need assistance, contact the Tutoring Center via email at tutorcenter@ccm.edu, call 973-328-5367, or stop by in-person DH156. If you need to make a one-on-one writing tutoring appointment visit www.ccm.edu/tutoring-center.

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OPINION: Tipping should not be required

BY AGUSTIN GISINGER
Staff Writer

When you sit down at a restaurant, you expect great service from the waiter, and when the check comes, you determine how great the service was by tipping. This system of tipping is an unjust and corrupt form of not paying service workers what they deserve. A quick search on Google will tell you the job of the employer is to pay the wages of their employees. It should not be the case that customers determine the price of the service given to them. The service that the food servers provide should be fully paid for, not determined by a scale on the customer's satisfaction. There are mean and overall terrible people who tip terribly, and worse, people who don't tip at all. Why should it be up to them to pay workers?

The government acknowledges that some workers receive

gratuities and provides firms with a break from the minimum wage to boost the business. The job of the employer and business is to pay their employees, not only a portion of the wage. A solution? We should raise the minimum wage. If we look at interest rates and inflation prices, the minimum wage should be around \$24-\$26. If we look at the minimum wage, the average worker makes only a couple of dollars over half of what they should be making. The food industry isn't special. This isn't and shouldn't be a special circumstance. The whole idea that you are making sure that the waiter is nice to you and the service is excellent by letting customers pay part of the waiter's wage is ridiculous. If the waiter isn't good at their job, then they should be fired from the job. There shouldn't be an incentive for the waiter to be good at their job; rather, they should just be good at their job.

Until we raise the minimum

wage, you should still tip because you are paying for the service given to you. It doesn't matter if you cannot afford to tip. By not tipping, you are essentially robbing restaurants and especially robbing your waiter. I think what most Americans forget is that the entire idea of eating out at a restaurant is a luxury. When you go to a restaurant, you are essentially buying the food and the price of the service for yourself, not making the food for yourself. The entire reason European restaurants tend to be expensive is because Europeans aren't eating out every day for every meal. Eating out at restaurants is a luxurious experience and shouldn't be common. There are people buying takeout and eating out for every meal. The number one thing that all billionaires recommend for getting rich quick schemes is to stop buying coffee. I would argue that eating out for every meal is a part of that, and people will save money cooking

for themselves. I understand that there are people who don't have the time to cook for themselves, but the wait from driving to the restaurant, getting seated, ordering and then waiting for the food to come out is equal to the time of cooking for yourself at home.

The restaurant industry is terrible, the quality of the food is terrible, and there are restaurant chains one after another. By raising the minimum wage, it will be harder for restaurants to stay open. However, I would argue that only really bad restaurants with bad quality food are going to close. This way, we can lower the number of restaurants and improve the quality of food at restaurants that stay open. There are restaurants in America that are able to fully pay their employees by implementing the price of the service on the menu, upfront with the prices from the very beginning, just like the Europeans do. Tipping is merely another scheme employed by restaurant

owners who charge you the entire amount for the meal while underpaying their staff and telling them they would receive generous tips in its place. It's yet another tactic to deceive customers and increase sales. Even though this is an oversimplification of how tipping is one big socially accepted scam, it gets the point across.

Not only is tipping happening in restaurants, but also in tip jars and prompts on tablets in places where the workers receive minimum wage and are already being paid for their work. If you believe that someone has gone above and beyond for you, give them some money. That strikes me as a genuine tip. The rest is merely a way for the owners to simplify their lives and conceal the true expense of your meal. All employees should get the same minimum wage, and end "tipper's wage." If fair wages were paid in American society, no tipping would be needed.

Tired of being single? What can you do to make yourself more attractive?

BY LEAH FACELLA
Staff Writer

What are the true things that people are looking for in a significant other? Science has studied the differences in males and females to determine what a typical person strives for. The "Male Versus Female Gaze: How Media Profits From Gender" is an informational video to help explain what each gender will look for and find to be the most attractive. Like everything, there will be some outcasts, but the typical person would probably fall under the categories described. Whether you are straight and cisgender or part of the LGBTQ+ community, these are some tips into making yourself more attractive. More likely than not, if you are attracted to someone of the same gender, they will find the same things attractive as you would.

First off, let's consider what males look for in a partner. Males are very focused on looks. This can mean finding someone that is the perfect shape and size with beautiful physical features. For females, this may include attaining the "hourglass" figure. When given a group of five females in a study, both females and males were asked to rank them from most to least attractive. The factors that influenced a male's decision were mainly based on whether or not the females had the "hourglass" figure. Additionally, males look for good health in females. The main reason for this is that most males are typically looking to start a family and want to make sure the female, who will carry their child, is going to produce healthy children. Due to the fact

that males look for physical attractiveness in their partners, they believe that females main concerns would also involve physical attributes.

Similar to the female experiment, there were five males who were ranked from most to least attractive, where the males chose the people with their preferred physical appearance as more attractive. Females, on the other hand, looked more into how well kept a person is, based on how much money they think they would make, and based on outward personality traits. This can be difficult to understand until getting to know someone, but through the experiment,

this is what the females mainly looked for.

The opposite of what males typically want is what females want. Females often are looking for money. In simple terms, they truly are gold diggers. The better a person's wealth, the more attractive they may seem. This is because of the fact that females, due to gender roles, typically would stay home with children to raise them, having their significant others go to work and support the family via money.

Even with these differences, males think that females want them because of attractiveness as well. Men believe

that in order to date a beautiful woman, they too have to be in tip top physical appearance. To them, having some physical appearances such as a toned body, jawline, cheekbones, well-kept facial hair, some body hair, good health, and well-maintained hair would make them a perfect match. Though these features may be attractive, for a relationship to last for a lifetime, females want the male to make money to support them. Men drive themselves to compete with each other physically, trying to get into great shape and do sports in which they compete amongst each other. Truly, though men find these traits to

be more attractive, females may not necessarily always look for those traits.

There are some factors which both males and females find attractive. For example, intelligence, religion, and personality are also considerations beyond physical attractiveness and status/wealth. Ultimately, to make yourself more attractive, you can make sure your personality is trustworthy, respectful, and caring, instead of ignorant, self centered, or jealous. It may also be ideal for a male to get a stable job in order to support a family and as a female to stay healthy and fit as a way to keep future generations prospering.

JOB FAIR WORKSHOPS

Student Community Center, Davidson Rooms

Tuesday, March 7
12:30pm - 1:45pm, Davidson C

Create a Strong Resume

Get ready for the CCM Spring Job Fair by learning how to create strong, clear, well-written resume even if you have little to no work experience.

Even if you cannot attend the Job Fair, you are welcome! Pre-registration not required.

Tuesday, March 21
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Tuesday, March 28
12:30pm - 1:45pm, Davidson D

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PBS documentary: Roads to Memphis

BY PROFESSOR
KENNETH A. SHOULER
Moderator of the Youngtown Edition

"Documentaries for Free" is the seventh in a series of articles for the Youngtown Edition about the more than 1,200 streaming PBS documentaries that can be seen online by everyone at the college, whether on-campus or off. Accessing the videos is simple. Those interested in reviewing the collection and picking a video to stream can go to www.ccm.edu/library. From there, you can click on "Articles and Databases." Then, scroll down and click on PBS videos. Enter your CCM login credentials when prompted (if off-campus). Once in the database, click on "Filter Your Results." Under the "Subject" listing, click on the topic that interests you. <https://skynet.ccm.edu:2635/channel/pbs?q=roads%20to%20memphis&sort=relevance>

Though it first aired on PBS four years ago, *Roads to Memphis* retains a haunting relevance about the effects of incendiary speech on violent action. Those doubting that fiery speech can lead to an insurrection on January 6, 2021, or that the wrong words could incite a mass shooting at a Walmart store in El Paso, Texas, should see it. The documentary brings together the roads of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. and James Earl Ray, a career criminal inspired by the segregationist philosophy of Alabama Governor George Wallace. Ray also sought the reward of a St. Louis businessman for \$50,000, a bounty which he thought he'd receive after assassinating King on April 4, 1968.

In 1959, Ray, then 31, was sentenced to 20 years to the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City for armed robbery and repeated offenses. Wallace's words had captivated Ray, who believed Wallace would win the presidency in 1968. Wallace had delivered his infamous "segregation forever" speech on his inauguration day, January 14, 1963. The speech was uncompromising in its backward view of matters racial:

"Today I have stood, where once Jefferson Davis stood, and took an oath to my people. It is very appropriate then that from this cradle of the confederacy, this very heart of the great Anglo-Saxon Southland, that today we sound the drum from freedom as have our generations of forebears before us have done, time and again through history. Let us rise to the call of freedom loving blood that is in us and send our answer to the tyranny that clanks it chains upon the South. In the name of the greatest people that have even trod this Earth, I draw the line in the dust and toss the gauntlet before the feet of tyranny. And I say segregation today, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever." A crowd roared its approval.

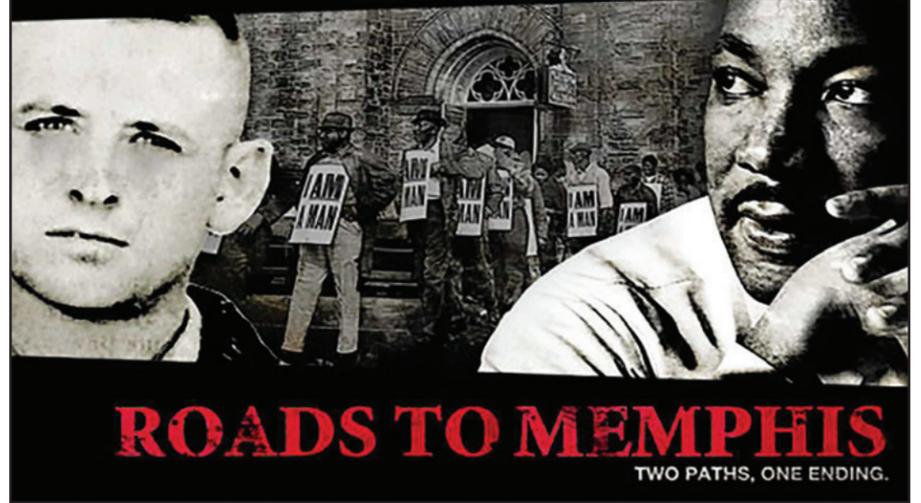
On April 23, 1967, Ray escaped prison by hiding in a bread truck. Though free, he was disappointed when he learned that he didn't make the FBI Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list. He headed to Chicago to be with his brothers. After discussing several ways to make money, the subject of the bounty on King arose. Ray was interested in the money, though his brothers dismissed the undertaking as too risky.

A restless fugitive, Ray was in North Hollywood in November, volunteering for the Wallace campaign and collecting signatures to get Wallace on the ballot in California. Here the documentary juxtaposed Ray's campaign activity with King's response to a reporter's question about his risking assassination for being immersed in the civil rights movement. "What I would willingly give my life for is that which I think is right," King replies. "I am convinced that when one does this honestly, death can become redemptive."

Threats on King's life were nothing new. "From the time Martin was 25 years old, he almost never knew a week when



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his life wasn't threatened," said Andrew Young, King's confidant and future mayor of Atlanta. "His house was bombed, he was stabbed. It gave him a sense of the inevitability of death. There was a kind of fearlessness." It irritated Ray further that during the seven years that he languished in prison, King's life ascended. He won the Nobel Prize in 1964.

"The country was going through a spasm of democracy," said Gerard Posner, a journalist and one of the documentary's frequent voices. Indeed, due in large part to the rapprochement between King and President Johnson, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 passed. The Voting Rights Act followed in '65. Thus, King's philosophy of nonviolent direct action was not only popular with his followers, but was leaving historical tracks in the sand.

Wallace, meanwhile, denied he was a racist. "A racist is someone who dislikes people because of color," he says. "I do not dislike the handiwork of god." Asked about Wallace, King took the dimmest view of his candidacy for president. "I'm very sorry Mr. Wallace would be a candidate," King said with pitch perfect prescience. "I think his candidacy will only strengthen the forces of reaction in the country and excite bigotry, hatred, and even violence. I think it will arouse many evil forces in our nation." King had scored his greatest victories in Alabama, including Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham, where he was tossed in jail for parading without a permit in 1963. In jail he wrote his classic, "Letter from Birmingham City Jail."

Ray viewed these victories for King in the governor's own backyard as an insult to Wallace's good name. To Ray, Wallace was the last hurrah of the old order. Wallace gave voice to the poorest of the poor in the white community. If you give blacks even a little bit of freedom, they're going to be competing for our jobs, Ray thought. He wrote "Martin Luther Coon" across the back of a television in a flop house.

So poor was Ray, growing up in the "Little Dixie" section of southern Missouri, that his family had cannibalized its own home for firewood, ripping it apart piece by piece to get through the winter. In his worldview, black people were to blame for his extreme poverty. On March 22nd, Ray drove from Los Angeles to Atlanta, King's hometown. He checked into one of his typical flop houses, bought a map of Atlanta, and circled King's church and his home.

On March 29, King was in Memphis for a sanitation worker's strike, which he'd left the day before when it turned violent after a marcher broke a window. King was ridiculed for leaving. Friends urged him not to go back. But he said he had "promised them." Ray read of King's return to Memphis and went to Birmingham to buy a rifle under the name Harvey Lowmeyer. In the Army Ray had learned how to shoot. He bought a Remington rifle.

King flew back to Memphis on April

3. He didn't want any of his staff to have weapons, since it violated his principle of nonviolence. King had a speaking engagement but it rained so hard that he believed attendance would be sparse. He sent his close friend Ralph Abernathy to speak for him. But the church was full and his friends summoned him to come. King gave his portentous "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech. He sensed his days were numbered. "The question is not if I stopped to help this man in need, what will happen to me?," he said. "The question is, if I do not stop to help the sanitation workers, what will happen to them? That's the question."

Those in attendance said Dr. King spoke with singular power. "I got into Memphis and some began to talk about the threats that were out, or what would happen to me," he said wearily. "Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead, but it really doesn't matter with me now because I've been to the mountain top. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life, longevity has its place, but I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will, and he's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over and I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land. So I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

He walked off to thunderous applause. "After that speech, he was like a kid," said his friend Reverend Kyles. "He was like 'I'm laying this heavy burden down. Wherever it leads me, that's where I'm going.'"

Newspapers and television shows announced that King was staying at the Lorraine Motel, Room 306. Ray checked out of the New Rebel Motel and registered as John Willard in a room that backed up to the Lorraine. He bought a pair of binoculars at a hardware store and monitored King by leaning out the bathroom window. He had a direct view of King, if only he would spend time on the balcony. King did. Thus did a 40-year-old man find a purpose for his miserable existence, murdering one of the greatest men of his century or another. His friend Andrew Young remarked that a man who earned a doctoral degree at 25 and a Nobel peace prize at 34 died on a Memphis balcony because he was helping striking garbage workers.

Cities from Newark, to Detroit to Watts in Los Angeles burned. The riots left dozens dead and thousands wounded. Ray was captured at London's Heathrow Airport on June 8, 1968. He pleaded guilty and was given a 99-year sentence in a maximum security prison in Nashville. He died of kidney disease in 1999 at the age of 70.

In November of 1978, the House Select Committee on Assassinations concluded that Ray killed the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King for a \$50,000 bounty offered by a right-wing St. Louis businessman.

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