



# King's CHOIR

THE JUBILEE MAJESTIC CONCERT CHOIR

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing;

- Isaiah 43:18-19a

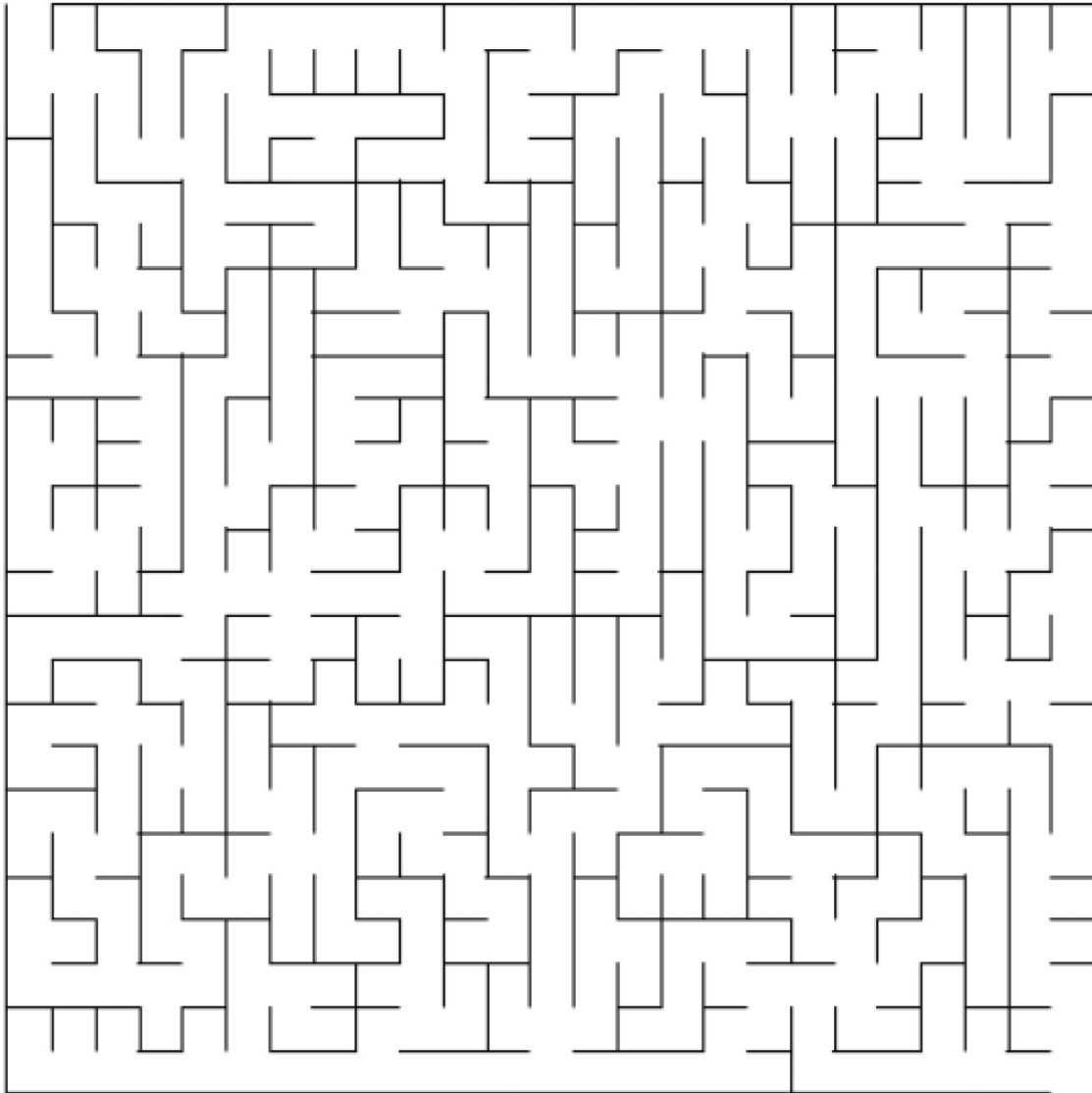
2025

~ celebrating 69 years ~

# HAPPY NEW YEAR MAZE



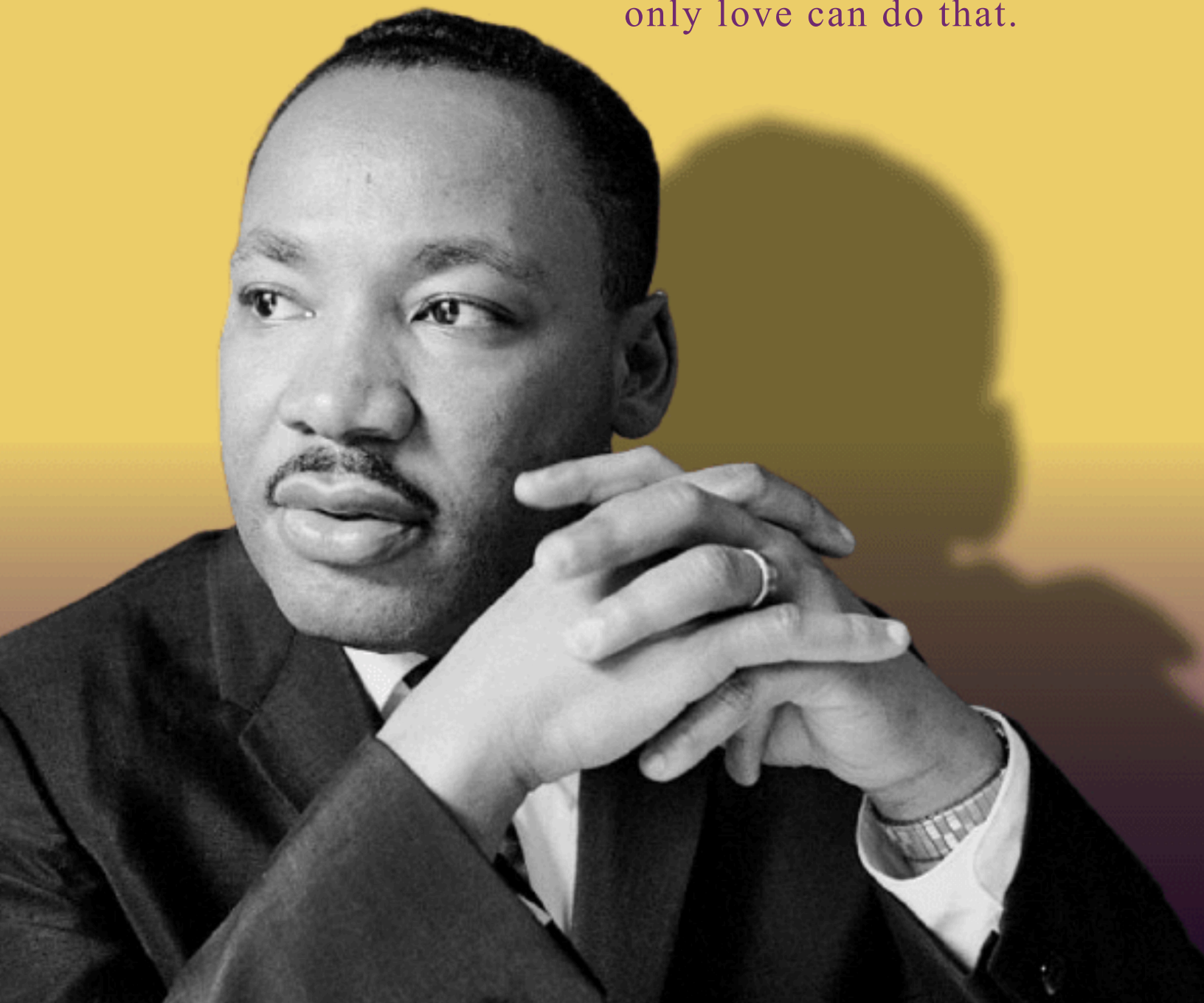
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**Happy  
New Year**

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING  
**M L K** Jr.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only  
light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate;  
only love can do that.



# ABOUT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

*By: The King Center*

During the less than 13 years of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s leadership of the modern American Civil Rights Movement, from December 1955 until April 4, 1968, African Americans achieved more genuine progress toward racial equality in America than the previous 350 years had produced. Dr. King is widely regarded as America's pre-eminent advocate of nonviolence and one of the greatest nonviolent leaders in world history.

Drawing inspiration from both his Christian faith and the peaceful teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. King led a nonviolent movement in the late 1950s and '60s to achieve legal equality for African-Americans in the United States. While others were advocating for freedom by "any means necessary," including violence, Martin Luther King, Jr. used the power of words and acts of nonviolent resistance, such as protests, grassroots organizing, and civil disobedience to achieve seemingly-impossible goals. He went on to lead similar campaigns against poverty and international conflict, always maintaining fidelity to his principles that men and women everywhere, regardless of color or creed, are equal members of the human family.

Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech, Nobel Peace Prize lecture and "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" are among the most revered orations and writings in the English language. His accomplishments are now taught to American children of all races, and his teachings are studied by scholars and students worldwide. He is the



only non-president to have a national holiday dedicated in his honor and is the only non-president memorialized on the Great Mall in the nation's capital. He is memorialized in hundreds of statues, parks, streets, squares, churches and other public facilities around the world as a leader whose teachings are increasingly-relevant to the progress of humankind.

## SOME OF DR. KING'S MOST IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS

In 1955, he was recruited to serve as spokesman for the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which was a campaign by the African-American population of Montgomery, Alabama to force integration of the city's bus lines. After 381 days of nearly universal participation by citizens of the black community, many of whom had to walk miles to work each day as a result, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation in transportation was unconstitutional.

In 1957, Dr. King was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), an organization designed to provide new leadership for the now burgeoning civil rights movement. He would serve as head of the SCLC until his assassination in 1968, a period during which he would emerge as the most important social leader of the modern American civil rights movement.

In 1963, he led a coalition of numerous civil rights groups in a nonviolent campaign aimed at Birmingham, Alabama, which at the time was described as the "most segregated city in America." The subsequent brutality of the city's police, illustrated most vividly by television images of young blacks being assaulted by dogs and water hoses, led to a national outrage resulting in a push for unprecedented civil rights legislation. It was during this campaign that Dr. King drafted the "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," the manifesto of Dr. King's philosophy and tactics, which is today required-reading in universities worldwide.

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# SUDOKU

The rules for Sudoku are simple. A 9×9 square must be filled in with numbers from 1-9 with no repeated numbers in each line, horizontally or vertically.

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		6	9	8	1			7
1		9	3				5	6
	7	8	6		5	4		
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3	1	4		7	9		6	8
6	4	1				7	9	2
			1	9	2			4
	9	2		6	4	1	3	5

# HYMN OF THE MONTH

## THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

Author – Maltbie d. Babcock 1858-  
1901

Composer – Franklin I. Sheppard  
1852-1930

Tune Name – “Terra Beata”

*He loveth righteousness and judgment: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord*

*~ Psalm 33:5*

This hymn is taken from a sixteen-verse poem written by the Rev. Maltbie D. Babcock and published posthumously in 1901. The first line of each of the sixteen stanzas begins with “This is my Father’s World.” Maltbie D. Babcock was born in Syracuse, New York, on August 3, 1858, of a socially prominent family. Later he became recognized as one of the outstanding Presbyterian ministers of his generation, it has been said that a manlier man never stood in a Christian pulpit. He was tall and broad-shouldered with muscles of iron, a superb specimen of physical manhood. He was a champion baseball pitcher and swimmer. The young men of his church idolized and got respected by their pastor for his strong convictions and principles. He was as full of fun and mischief as the next man, but some things he would not tolerate.

One day when an older fellow was trying to bully one younger than himself and was indulging in some unsavory language, Babcock quietly seized him by the nape of his neck and the seat of the trousers and with a word of forceful warning pitched him over the fence. Something of the virile character of Babcock, both as a man preacher, is reflected in one of his well-known poems, “Be Strong.”

*We are not here to play, to dream, to drift,  
We have hard work to do, and loads of lift  
Shun not the struggle; face it;  
‘Tis God’s gift.*

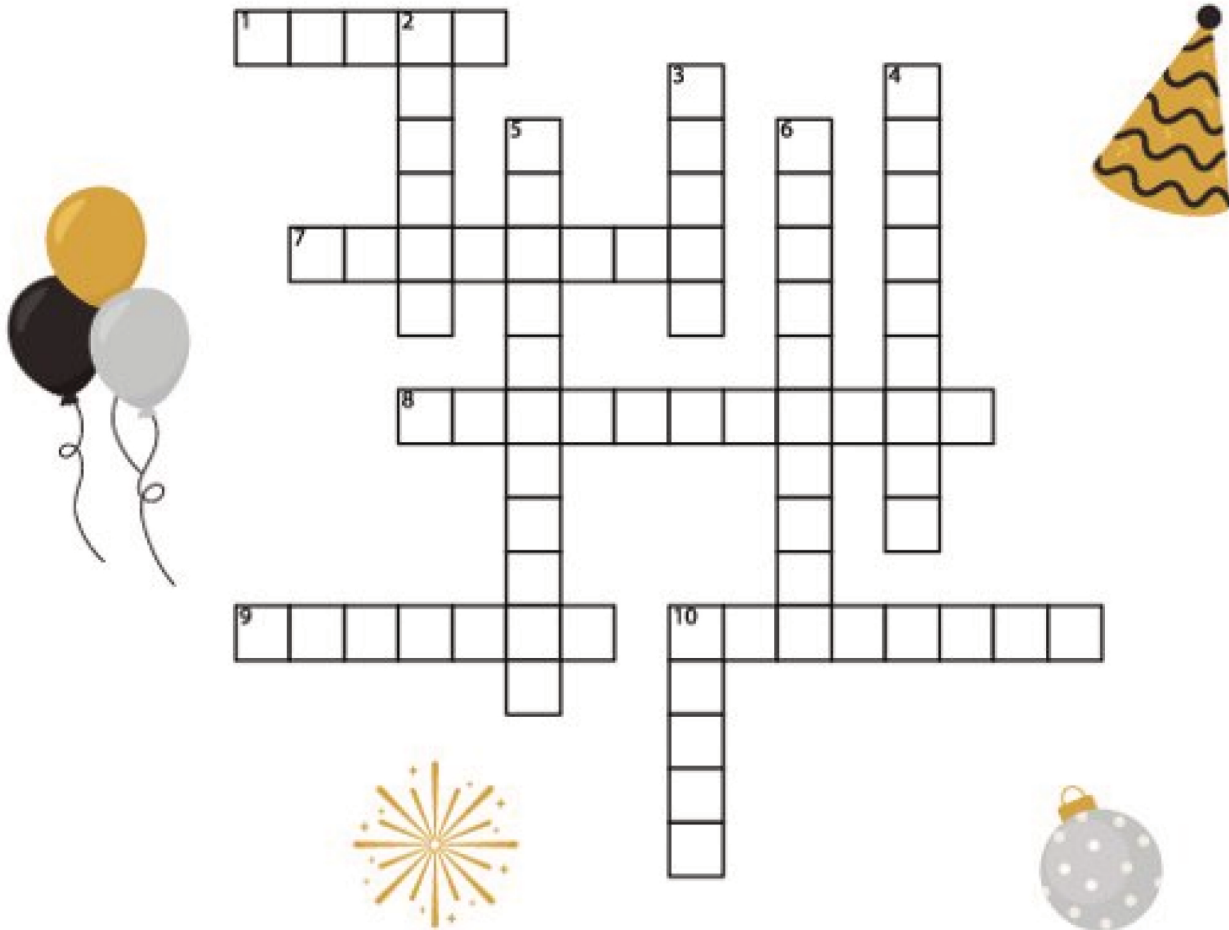
This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres,  
This is my Father’s world! I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas-His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father’s world! The birds their carols raise.  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise  
This is my Father’s world! he shines in all that’s fair,  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass- He speaks to me everywhere

This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget  
That tho the wrong seems oft so strong God is the Ruler yet,  
This is my Father’s world! The battle is not done,  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one

# HAPPY NEW YEAR CROSSWORD

Solve the following puzzle based on the clues given!



## Across

- [1] The Ball \_\_\_\_\_
- [7] Middle of the night at 12 o' clock
- [8] Intersection in New York City that is the site of annual New Year's Eve celebrations
- [9] New Year's Day
- [10] Small pieces of colored paper or streamers

## Down

- [2] An organized public procession of people, bands, and floats
- [3] Celebration on New Years Eve
- [4] A spectacular display of the effects in the sky
- [5] A horn or rattle used to make noise at a party
- [6] That which is resolved or determined
- [10] You Checkout the Time on this Device



Later in 1963, Dr. King was one of the driving forces behind the March for Jobs and Freedom, more commonly known as the “March on Washington,” which drew over a quarter-million people to the national mall. It was at this march that Dr. King delivered his famous “I Have a Dream” speech, which cemented his status as a social change leader and helped inspire the nation to act on civil rights. Dr. King was later named Time magazine’s “Man of the Year.”

In 1964, at 35 years old, Martin Luther King, Jr. became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace Prize. His acceptance speech in Oslo is thought by many to be among the most powerful remarks ever delivered at the event, climaxing at one point with the oft-quoted phrase “I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant.”

Also in 1964, partly due to the March on Washington,



Congress passed the landmark Civil Rights Act, essentially eliminating legalized racial segregation in the United States. The legislation made it illegal to discriminate against blacks or other minorities in hiring, public accommodations, education or transportation, areas which at the time were still very segregated in many places.

The next year, 1965, Congress went on to pass the Voting Rights Act, which was an equally-important set of laws that eliminated the remaining barriers to voting for African-Americans, who in some locales had been almost completely disenfranchised. This legislation resulted directly from the Selma to Montgomery, AL March for Voting Rights lead by Dr. King.

Between 1965 and 1968, Dr. King shifted his focus toward economic justice – which he highlighted by leading several campaigns in Chicago, Illinois – and international peace – which he championed by

speaking out strongly against the Vietnam War. His work in these years culminated in the “Poor Peoples Campaign,” which was a broad effort to assemble a multiracial coalition of impoverished Americans who would advocate for economic change.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s less than thirteen years of nonviolent leadership ended abruptly and tragically on April 4th, 1968, when he was assassinated at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee. Dr. King’s body was returned to his hometown of Atlanta, Georgia, where his funeral ceremony was attended by high-level leaders of all races and political stripes.

Later in 1968, Dr. King’s wife, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, officially founded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, which she dedicated to being a “living memorial” aimed at continuing Dr. King’s work on important social ills around the world.



# New Year's Word Search

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BABY  
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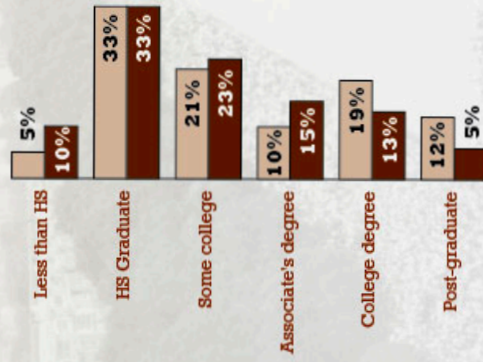
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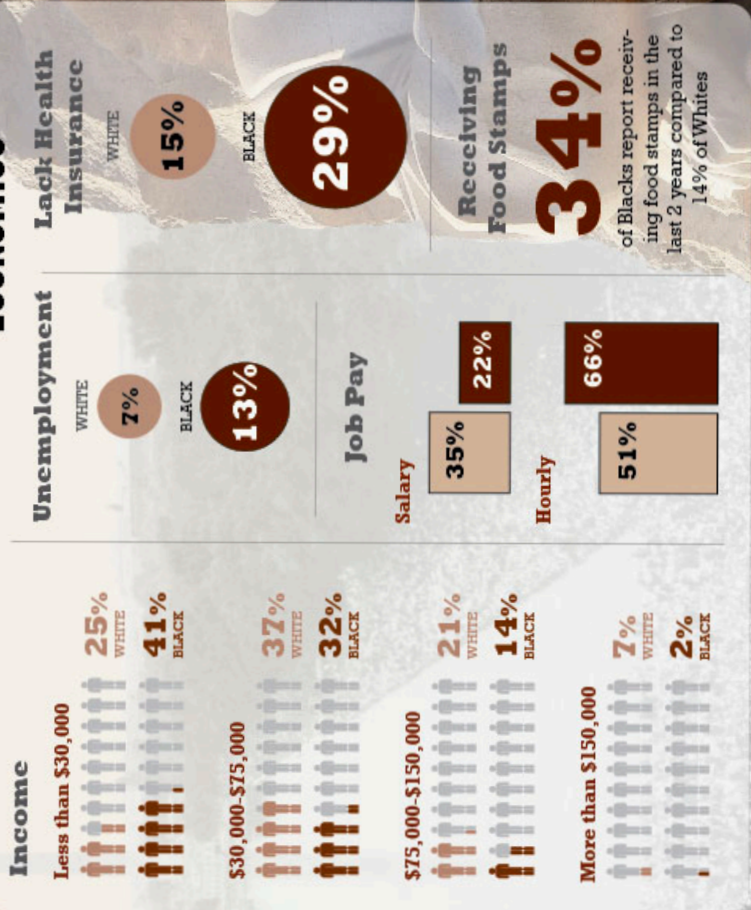
# The Dream by the Numbers

50 Years Later,  
Racial Gaps Remain

## EDUCATION



## ECONOMICS



## COMMUNITY PROBLEMS



Percent saying it is a major problem facing their community



Public Religion Research Institute

SOURCE: PRRI/BROOKINGS ECONOMIC VALUES SURVEY, JULY 2013 (N= 2,002) / PRRI, RACE, CLASS, AND CULTURE SURVEY, SEPTEMBER 2012 (N = 2,501)



## CAPRICORN

- Verona Davis – January 1<sup>st</sup>
- Dorothy Small – January 4<sup>th</sup>
- Janet Brewer – January 5<sup>th</sup>

Capricorn are relentless; they are determined to overcome whatever stands in their way. They have a big picture; long-term goals and they absolutely don't want to be bogged down by annoying details or superfluous information. However, because of their unwavering focus, Capricorns can sometimes be perceived as cold, unemotional, or even cutthroat – but that's only because Capricorn has perspective. If it won't matter in five years, Capricorn simply cannot be bothered with it today.

Interestingly, Capricorns are said to age backwards: they become increasingly youthful, optimistic, and playful as they mature. Indeed, inside every earnest Capricorn is a mischievous troublemaker though this earth sign may seem a bit conservative and restrained at first, Capricorn's closest friends and lovers know that these sea goats love to party.

## AQUARIUS

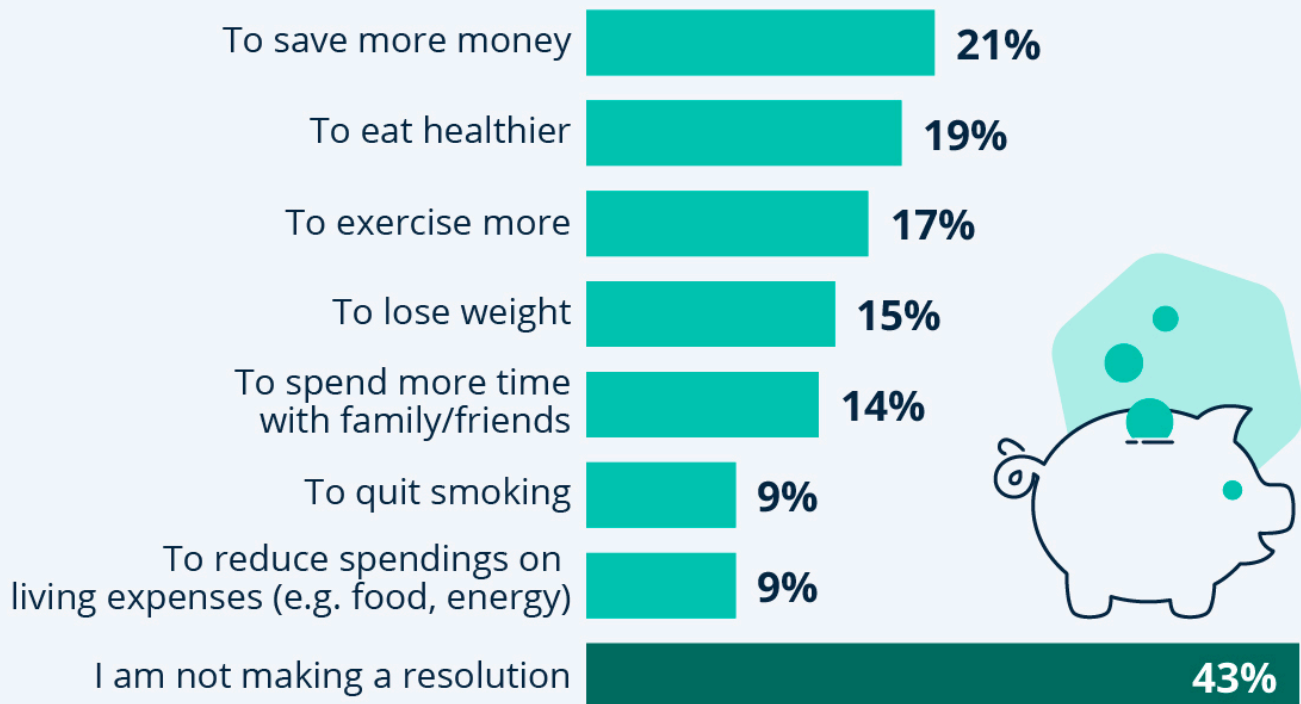
- Loretta Best – January 21<sup>st</sup>
- Robert Sharpe – January 27<sup>th</sup>

Aquarians are the easiest people to make friends with but probably the hardest to really know. They are often more comfortable with acquaintances than with those who are close to them. Being dutiful, they would never let a member of their family go without their basic requirements, but they can be strangely, even deliberately, blind to their underlying needs and real feelings.

Despite the “aqua” in its name, Aquarius is actually the last air sign of the zodiac. Innovative, progressive, and shamelessly revolutionary, Aquarius is represented by the water bearer, the mystical healer who Bestows water, or life, upon the land. Accordingly, Aquarius is the most humanitarian astrological sign. At the end of the day, Aquarius is dedicated to making the world a better place.

# America's Top New Year's Resolutions for 2025

Share of U.S. adults who have made the following New Year's resolutions for 2025



Multiple selection out of 15 answers possible  
1,050 U.S. respondents (18 - 80 y/o) surveyed Oct. 24 - Nov. 03, 2024  
Source: Statista Consumer Insights

