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"If anyone should have been protected by 'Stand Your Ground,' it was Trayvon."

— Benjamin Crump, the family lawyer



Photo by Wiley Price

The Rev. Starsky Wilson of St. John's United Church of Christ gave a prayer before supporters started their march to Soldier's Memorial in support of slain Sanford, Fla. teenager Trayvon Martin. Board of Aldermen President Lewis Reed organized the Friday morning march.

Justice for Trayvon

Marches and rallies in STL and ESL

By Chris King
Of The St. Louis American

The St. Louis region responded to the killing of Trayvon Martin both officially and from the grassroots, both city and county, and on both sides of the river.

On Friday morning, some 400 people marched in downtown St. Louis led by Lewis Reed, president of the Board of Aldermen, and featuring a number of young black male speakers. That evening, some 300 people gathered in Tower Grove Park in a public vigil organized by community member Rachel Lee.

At both events, many people wore hoodies, as Martin did on Feb. 26 when the 17-year-old youth was shot and killed in Sanford, Fla. by George Zimmerman, 28. Many brandished cans of iced tea and bags of Skittles, which the youth had purchased at a convenience store before being pursued by Zimmerman, who decided the

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Photo by Wiley Price

Rok from Bp Entertainment, Raymond Webber, Yung Ro, Mookie Page and Budda Page marched in support of slain Sanford, Fla. teenager Trayvon Martin in downtown St. Louis on Friday. Board of Aldermen President Lewis Reed organized the march down Market Street to the Soldiers Memorial.

Sister Ebo: Lifetime Achiever

Pioneering nun honored at Salute to Excellence in Health Care on May 5

By Rebecca S. Rivas
Of The St. Louis American



Sister Mary Antona Ebo is a legendary trailblazer. If you need evidence, simply flip through her white three-ring binder packed with newspaper clipping and letters of recognition.

One of the pages is titled, "African-American Heritage Celebration 2010: local African Americans who marched toward freedom." On that page, Sr. Ebo's photo is sandwiched between Maya Angelou, Josephine Baker and Jackie Joyner Kersee.

■ "The one thing that I didn't want to do was to become a sweet little old nun that was passing out holy cards."

— Sister Mary Antona Ebo

Complementing her lifetime career in health care, Sr. Ebo gained national recognition for her pioneering efforts in civil rights as a black Catholic nun. The image of Sr. Ebo marching in 1965 in Selma, Alabama became an icon during the struggle for voting rights.

"The one thing that I didn't want to do was to become a sweet little old nun that was passing out holy cards and telling people, 'I'll pray for you,' and not really

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'A SAINT GOES HOME'

Homegoing for Bishop Willie J. Ellis Jr

By Kenya Vaughn
Of The St. Louis American

"It's peculiar how a saint goes home," said the Rev. Ronald Bobo Sr., pastor of Westside Missionary Baptist Church. "You are saddened on one end and rejoicing on the other — because you know where they're going."

As St. Louis mourned the loss of Bishop Willie J. Ellis Jr. at New Northside Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, a simultaneous epic celebration was underway that served as a testament to the lasting legacy he left among the many lives he touched.

Twenty-plus faith leaders, a handful of civic

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Tweet with Dr. Hill about diabetes and having a healthy heart!

Get your questions answered and join Dr. Hill on Thursday, April 12 at 1:30 p.m. on Twitter! BJC Medical Group and the St. Louis American have teamed up to provide an hour-long opportunity for you to discuss health-related topics with Dr. Hill. Join the chat by searching #bjcdocchat on Twitter. Follow Dr. Hill: @aunitahillmd

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