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*****AN "OPRAH" SHOW SPECIAL EVENT***
THE DREAM LIVES: A MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY SPECIAL
MONDAY, JANUARY 21**

CHICAGO, IL – Forty-five years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his famous "I Have A Dream" speech, forever changing the course of history. In an unprecedented episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show," this special program shot entirely on location throughout the United States features Oprah at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC honoring Dr. King's message of hope.

Weaving together Dr. King's own words and historical footage with individual stories of courage and change that illustrate how his dream lives today, the show highlights the following stories:

- * **The small, predominantly African-American town of Gee's Bend, Alabama was separated from the neighboring white towns by a murky river for nearly 200 years. When the ferry service was suddenly discontinued in 1962 in an effort to prevent the community from peacefully marching for its civil rights, Gee's Bend was further removed from the education, work, supplies and medical care it desperately needed. But decades later, former segregationist, judge and journalist Hollis Curl had a change of heart and worked to return the ferry—building a united lifeline of freedom and opportunity.**
- * The story of Harlem's Vy Higginsen and Missouri cattle rancher Marion West's independent research of their family history and roots led them to find more than common blood.
- * Killed by a single bullet while walking home from work, Johnnie Mae Chappell—a married mother of 10 young children—was murdered in a senseless act of racial violence during the civil rights unrest in Jacksonville, Florida. For the past decade, the white detective originally on her murder case and Chappell's youngest son have come together in their joint pursuit of justice.
- * Once illegal in nearly half of the country, interracial marriage was often just a dream for some couples in the 1960s. Deneta and Bryan Sells from Atlanta, Georgia share how their common interest in civil rights eventually prompted their journey to the altar, four decades after the Supreme Court ruled in *Loving v. Virginia*.
- * Los Angeles school bus driver Tanya Walters saw the need for the borderline students she drives everyday to dream bigger than their inner-city neighborhood and to see important civil rights landmarks and historical sites across America.

Sponsored by Target, this episode "The Oprah Winfrey Show – The Dream Lives: A Martin Luther King Day Special" premieres **Monday, January 21** (check local listings).

"The Oprah Winfrey Show" has remained the number one talk show for 21 consecutive seasons, winning every sweep since its debut in 1986.* It is produced in Chicago by Harpo Productions, Inc. and syndicated to 212 domestic markets by CBS Television Distribution Group and to 135 countries by CBS Paramount International Television.

Source:

*Nielsen Cassandra Ranking Report - Nov'86 to July '99 and Wrap Sweeps, Nov '99 to July '07. Primary Telecasts Only.



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http://www2.oprah.com/tows/program/tows_prog_whenwhere.ihtml
