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# New generation takes up King's call

## MLK's colleagues start to retire

By DEEPTI HAJELA  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### NEW YORK

The last of the black preachers who came up in the era of Martin Luther King Jr. are nearing retirement, giving way to a generation who learned about the civil rights movement instead of living through it.

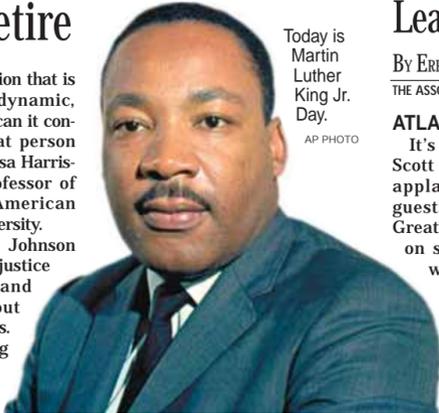
It's a transition that carries both challenges and opportunities for pastors and churches committed to continuing the social justice work of the previous generation.

"If you have an institution that is constituted around a dynamic, charismatic personality, can it continue to exist when that person steps down?" asked Melissa Harris-Lacewell, associate professor of politics and African-American studies at Princeton University.

For the Rev. Thomas Johnson Jr., preaching a social justice gospel is still viable and necessary, even without King and his compatriots.

"God is always raising

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Today is Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

## Leader's widow remembered in Atlanta

By ERRIN HAINES  
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### ATLANTA

It's been a year since Coretta Scott King received thunderous applause when she surprised guests at the annual Salute to Greatness Dinner and appeared on stage, smiling and waving with her children.

On Saturday, guests again applauded the widow of Martin Luther King Jr., as she was honored posthumously for her human rights contributions and

work to preserve her husband's legacy in the decades after his death.

The event is the primary fundraiser for The Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, which Coretta Scott King founded in the basement of the couple's home shortly after her husband's death in 1968.

King suffered a stroke and heart attack in August 2005 and battled ovarian cancer before she died in January 2006.

"The loss of this amazing and

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INSIDE: U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh and columnist Star Parker weigh on the meaning of King's vision and beliefs in today's world. Page A4



## AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

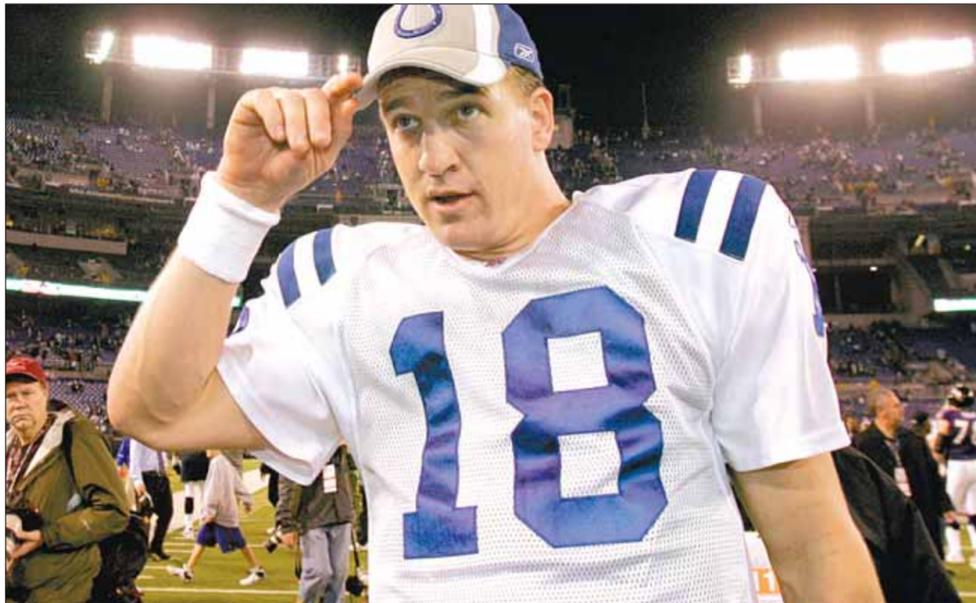
New England Patriots (14-4) at Indianapolis Colts (14-4)

Time: 6:30 p.m. Sunday TV: WISH-TV Channel 8 Radio: WFBQ-94.7 FM



# BRING IT ON HOME

## Indy to face familiar foe for Super Bowl bid



Colts quarterback Peyton Manning leaves the field after the AFC Divisional Playoff football game against the Ravens in Baltimore on Saturday. The Colts advanced to next Sunday's AFC Championship Game and will face New England at home.

## Dungy: Colts proved able to mix toughness with finesse

By CLIFF BRUNT  
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### INDIANAPOLIS

Tony Dungy couldn't help but smile when asked about the Colts' toughness in the closing minutes of their playoff victory against the Ravens.

All season, Dungy's Colts have been criticized for being just a finesse team. But Indianapolis clinched the 15-6 win Saturday in Baltimore with a smash-mouth, 13-play, 47-yard drive that included 11 runs and took more than 7 minutes off the clock.

The drive ended with Adam Vinatieri's 35-yard field goal with 23 seconds left that sent the Colts into the AFC Championship Game at home next Sunday against New England.

New England advanced by defeating a San Diego Chargers team that gave Tom Brady one chance to many. The Patriots quarterback led his team to a 24-21 victory Sunday evening.

"I was proud of the way we won,"



Colts coach Tony Dungy talks at the team practice facility in Indianapolis on Sunday about the AFC Championship Game.

Dungy said, "We went in there, and you had to win a dogfight. It wasn't pretty. It wasn't the type of game we normally play, but we were able to get it done."

Dungy said the effort was extra special because it happened in Baltimore against a Ravens team that prides itself on toughness.

"To be able to go on the road and win in a hostile environment, to be able to outperform a team that's built for that, that's really built for a running game and defending the run ... when we had to run against the No. 1 defense, we were able

to do that. Whatever it takes."

Lost among Vinatieri's five field goals was the fact that Colts running back Dominic Rhodes had 10 carries for 35 yards on the final drive. He finished with 14 carries for 56 yards.

Dungy said Rhodes' effort epitomized the Colts' performance.

"Dominic Rhodes, I thought, was outstanding in the second half, keeping things going," Dungy said. "He made a couple of big third-down runs and using up that time. That was really a big drive against a great defense."

Rookie Joseph Addai started the game at running back, but he sat out most of the second half after he aggravated a shoulder injury.

"Joseph wasn't 100 percent, and Dom was running well," Dungy said. "I think Joseph could have played, but again, like last week, there was no need because Dom was getting the job done for us."

Dungy didn't give a definitive update on Addai's status for the AFC Championship Game. He had missed most of last week's practices with the injury.

"I think he'll be pretty much the same

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## Former owner: Sale of medical company could create jobs

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A rapidly growing medical instrument case company in Greenwood is likely to see even more growth now that it's been sold, its former owner said.

Steve Spencer, owner and CEO of Advantis Medical, sold his company to RoundTable

Healthcare Partners in Lake Forest, Ill. The group also owns Instrument International, which manufactures medical instruments. The two companies will be merged into Avalign Technologies.

While RoundTable hasn't announced any additional jobs at the former Advantis site, Spencer expects there will be.

"We are going to sort that out, but

there would have to be," he said.

Advantis Medical, which has 115 employees, makes orthopedic and surgical instrument cases. It started in 1996 as a dental cassette company in Indianapolis that employed three people.

When Spencer moved his company to Greenwood in 2004, 40 people worked for the company.

RoundTable was impressed with the firm's growth, according

to the vice president of City Securities Corporation's Corporate Finance Group and the financial advisor to Advantis.

"They very much employ a buy-and-grow strategy, and Advantis is poised for significant growth in the next couple of years," Brian Baker said. "The bottom line is this is a good thing for Greenwood and the entire state of Indiana."

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Isom Elementary first-grade teacher Amber Ploutz, center, helps Phoebe Smith, left, with subtraction Friday.

# Students enjoy smaller classes

## Greenwood school adds class to ease enrollment pains

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Evie Seering, 7, loves her new classroom.

"It has a pond," she said, indicating a container that houses a frog named Todd.

Seering is one of 20 Isom Elementary School first-grade students who came back from their holiday break to a new teacher and classroom.

Greenwood Community School Corp. decided to add the classroom in January to keep class sizes small. More than 80 first-grade students have enrolled since the beginning of the school year. Typically only about 50 new first-graders enroll during a school year, Isom Principal Bobby Prewitt said.

"They just kept trickling in," she said of the first graders.

Before the new classroom was added, there were three classrooms with 26, 28 and 24 students in them. Now there are four classrooms with 22, 21, 20 and 17 students.

At first, the school hired teaching assistants to help with the influx of students. But officials realized that wasn't a solution to the problem.

"While they are extremely helpful, it does not replace a lower teacher-student ratio," Prewitt said.

Other teachers also would come in to help the first-grade teachers during their breaks or when they weren't teaching a class, Prewitt said.

To create the new class, a teacher who works with a small number of students who need math help was moved into a smaller area, Prewitt said.

The school did not have to buy new furniture for the classroom. Desks already being used by students in the overcrowded classrooms were moved into the new classroom.