

Second Quarter 2018 WGLT ISSUES AND PROGRAMS April 2018 – June 2018

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Arts and Culture

By LAURA KENNEDY • JUN 6, 2018

MIDWEST INSTITUTE OF OPERA

The Midwest Institute of Opera is gearing up for the 2018 season with pirates on the prowl and the love lessons of a poet.

Steampunk Event Returns To Downtown Bloomington

By LAURA KENNEDY • MAY 30, 2018

[Cogs and Corsets: A Central Illinois Steampunk Happening](#) is back for a second year of elaborate costuming, outrageous gadgetry and history—both real and imagined.

After 20 Years Harry Potter Still Conjures Magic

By LAURA KENNEDY • MAY 29, 2018

Twenty years ago, a bespeckled young boy captured the imaginations of readers young and old, becoming a cultural force that influenced the idealism of a generation.

Retiring University Galleries Director Has No Plans To Hang Up His Creative Hat

By LAURA KENNEDY • MAY 23, 2018

After 31 years guiding the University Galleries, the director is heading into retirement.

Love, Laughter And Beer Highlight Illinois Shakespeare Festival

By LAURA KENNEDY • MAY 16, 2018

This season of the [Illinois Shakespeare Festival](#) deftly combines the thrill of both a battle and a heart won, familiar faces revisiting cherished roles, and a chance to imagine "what if" about The Bard.

GLT's Psych Geeks: Zombie Classic Has Legs ... And Brains

By LAURA KENNEDY · MAY 4, 2018

When George Romero brought "Night of the Living Dead" to the screen 50 years ago, he kicked off a trend for zombie narratives that viewers can't get enough of.

Trump Good For Capitol Steps Business

By JON NORTON · MAY 3, 2018

The Trump administration and the maturing of social media keeps [The Capitol Steps](#) on their toes as they travel from city to city.

Rosemary's Baby: Celebrating A 50-Year-Old Misconception

By LAURA KENNEDY · MAY 2, 2018

"Rosemary's Baby" is not your everyday monster-on-the-loose kind of horror film. Actually, it may not even be a horror film at all.

Animal House: Skies Not-So-Friendly For Pets

By LAURA KENNEDY · APR 25, 2018

According to AAA, more than half of U.S. pet owners take their dogs and cats with them when they travel. It can be fun, but it can also be dangerous—even deadly.

From Joysticks To The Silver Screen

By LAURA KENNEDY · APR 24, 2018

Rick Valentin would like you to join him at the intersection of film and video games.

Button, Button, Who's Got The Button?

By LAURA KENNEDY · APR 20, 2018

For as long as humans have needed to keep clothing fastened, we've counted on buttons to do the heavy lifting. But more than being simply useful, buttons have become highly collectable.

Local History Brings Circus Fans To Town

By LAURA KENNEDY · APR 16, 2018

For the very first time, the [Circus Fans Association of America](#) is holding its annual convention this week in Bloomington-Normal, a community that was once called the Trapeze Capital of the World, owing to the number of flyers who originated in the Twin Cities.

For Roy Choi, Food And Tech Mashup Is Recipe For Success

By LAURA KENNEDY · APR 13, 2018

Be honest and live your truth. That's the advice of award-winning and groundbreaking chef and restaurateur Roy Choi.

'Xanadu' Is Camp On Wheels

By LAURA KENNEDY · APR 10, 2018

In 1980, the movie musical "Xanadu" bombed in a big way. But it didn't slink off into dark ignominy.

History Museum's Multimedia Show Marks MLK Anniversary

By LAURA KENNEDY · APR 4, 2018

The words and deeds of Martin Luther King Jr. touched many in central Illinois.

'Floyd Collins' Reveals Tragic Tale At Heartland Theatre

By LAURA KENNEDY · APR 3, 2018

The tragic tale of a young man with a soul for searching takes center stage at [Heartland Theatre](#) starting Thursday, April 5.

Business and Economy

Online Shopping Court Decision Brings Uncertainty To Illinois

By MARY HANSEN · JUN 29, 2018

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision on online shopping left two things clear – consumers who buy online will have to pay sales tax on more items, and some states will see more money from those online purchases.

Economist: Low B-N Jobless Rate Points To Labor Shortage

By MARY CULLEN · JUN 28, 2018

The [Bloomington-Normal Economic Development Council](#) released its latest [quarterly update](#) showing record low unemployment rates and a slight increase in jobs over 2017.

Rivian Reveals 'Skateboard' Chassis At Michigan Conference

By RYAN DENHAM · JUN 19, 2018

The electric vehicle startup Rivian continued to emerge from its “extreme stealth” mode Tuesday, revealing its “skateboard” chassis and a timeline for when its first truck will be available for pre-order.

Walgreens Putting 1,800 Workers In Chicago

By RYAN DENHAM · JUN 15, 2018

Walgreens says it's opening a new office in Chicago and staffing it with 1,800 people.

One Year Later, Destihl Grows To Global Beer Player

By RYAN DENHAM & MADDIE BOUNDS · MAY 31, 2018

When you think of Bloomington-Normal brands with national or even international reputations, it's State Farm and Beer Nuts. Now Destihl is on the list.

Jobless Rate Falls To Lowest Level Since 2000

By RYAN DENHAM · MAY 24, 2018

The Bloomington-Normal area's jobless rate plunged to 3.1 percent in April, the lowest rate for that month since 2000, the Illinois Department of Employment Security [reported Thursday](#).

6 New Things We Learned About Rivian This Week

By RYAN DENHAM · MAY 23, 2018

RYAN DENHAM / WGLT

Looks like stealth mode is over.

The usually quiet [Rivian Automotive](#) made some noise in the past week, as the company revealed lots of new information in at least three media interviews and a press release.

Rivian To Unveil Vehicles At LA Auto Show

By RYAN DENHAM · MAY 22, 2018

TWITTER / RIVIAN

Rivian Automotive will unveil its first two vehicles at the Los Angeles Auto Show in November, GLT has confirmed.

Tough Market Drives Down Occupancy Rate, Prices At B-N Hotels

By RYAN DENHAM · MAY 9, 2018

Changes at State Farm are impacting many parts of the local economy—from real estate to jobs to downtown Bloomington’s future.

Army Of Tech Volunteers Helps Nonprofits At 48in48 Hackathon

By RYAN DENHAM · MAY 7, 2018

How badly did the Community Health Care Clinic need a new website?

State Farm's CEO Total Pay Lower Than Rust, Insurance Peers

By RYAN DENHAM · MAY 7, 2018

The total compensation for State Farm’s top executive is lower than his predecessor’s and several of his peers in the insurance industry.

Outside The Big Box: Repurposing Vacant Space In Illinois

By MARY HANSEN · MAY 3, 2018

As more retail chains shut down, cities across Illinois figure out what to do with millions of square feet of empty space.

B-N Home Sales Pick Up A Bit In March

By RYAN DENHAM · APR 30, 2018

The Bloomington-Normal real estate market picked up a little in March, as the pace of sales quickened and prices continued their upward climb.

Q&A with State Farm VP: Getting Leaner, Insurtech Disruptors, and Change Management

By RYAN DENHAM · APR 26, 2018

State Farm faces stiff competition on two fronts—from longstanding challengers like Geico and Progressive, and now from insurtech startups like Lemonade.

Why Is State Farm Making So Many Changes?

By RYAN DENHAM · APR 26, 2018

If you’re looking for clues about what State Farm is doing, don’t just look to the big black building overlooking Veterans Parkway. Look at Rhode Island.

[Eastland Mall May Face Bergner's Closing](#)

By RYAN DENHAM · APR 17, 2018

The Bergner's store at Eastland Mall appears headed for closure.

[Nation's Large Newspapers Bolstered By Trump Coverage](#)

By MIKE MCCURDY · APR 16, 2018

The nation's largest newspapers are seeing digital subscriptions soar during President Donald Trump's administration. The newly named editor in chief of the Los Angeles Times said during a [Sound Ideas](#) interview that readers are willing "to pay for good content" about the current administration.

[State Farm To Sell Downtown Building](#)

By RYAN DENHAM · APR 9, 2018

State Farm told City of Bloomington leaders Monday it plans to sell its newly vacated downtown building.

[Home Sales Drop, Prices Up In Bloomington-Normal](#)

By RYAN DENHAM · APR 2, 2018

The Bloomington-Normal housing market continued its sluggish start to 2018, with total sales off nearly 20 percent through February.

Education and Family

[Kalitzky, Roser Picked For Unit 5 School Board Vacancies](#)

By RYAN DENHAM · JUL 3, 2018

Two Unit 5 parents have been chosen to fill vacancies on the school board.

[Another Unit 5 School Board Member To Resign](#)

By RYAN DENHAM · JUN 22, 2018

Another Unit 5 school board member is stepping down.

[What Will It Take To Fix Illinois' Teacher Shortage?](#)

By LEE GAINES · JUN 22, 2018

Chuck Bleyer is worried the southern Illinois school district he heads won't be able to fill an open teacher position by the time classes start this fall.

[Board Members Excited To Advance New Grading System In Unit 5](#)

By STUDENT REPORTER BAYLEE STEELMAN · APR 26, 2018

The Unit 5 school board discussed Wednesday how its schools are taking the next step in introducing a new approach to grading in the district.

[Unit 5 Debates Observing Columbus Day, Indigeneous Peoples Day](#)

By STUDENT REPORTER BAYLEE STEELMAN · APR 12, 2018

Unit 5 school board member David Fortner said Wednesday he wants to do away with Columbus Day.

[University High School Implements New Emergency Procedures](#)

By STUDENT REPORTER BAYLEE STEELMAN · APR 6, 2018

University High School students and faculty participated in a full-scale emergency drill Friday at Redbird Arena that included a reunification process between parents and students.

[Universities Work To Prevent Hazing Through Education](#)

By MIKE MCCURDY · APR 1, 2018

Greek life coordinators at Illinois Wesleyan and Illinois State universities are working to prevent hazing incidents through education.

Health and Medicine

[Longtime Executive Director Of LIFE CIL Retires](#)

By LAURA KENNEDY · APR 26, 2018

After 21 years at the helm of [LIFE Center for Independent Living](#), Gail Kear is retiring.

Politics and Government

[Normal Approves Stream Buffer Zone Contractor](#)

By CHARLIE SCHLENKER · JUN 18, 2018

Leaders in Normal said they hope new stream bank management practices approved by the council will encourage other entities to adopt the same methods to prevent erosion and create buffer zones of natural foliage.

Dietz Pleased With State Budget

By CHARLIE SCHLENKER & STUDENT REPORTER KATIE SEELINGER · JUN 4, 2018

The [new state budget](#) includes \$1.3 million in additional money for Illinois State University.

Almost Forgotten Museum Grant Money Resurrected In State Budget

By CHARLIE SCHLENKER & RYAN DENHAM · JUN 4, 2018

UPDATED 3 p.m. | Back when the state budget crisis was just kicking off, the Department of Natural Resources [announced more than \\$1 million in grant money](#) for Bloomington-Normal museums and the Miller Park Zoo. That money never came, as Gov. Bruce Rauner and lawmakers refused to compromise on a budget and years of standoff turned into years of cuts.

Bloomington City Manager Finalists Chosen

By CHARLIE SCHLENKER · MAY 29, 2018

The City of Bloomington is inviting the public to meet the finalists for the job of city manager.

ISU Price Tag To Rise Less Than \$500

By CHARLIE SCHLENKER · MAY 8, 2018

The Illinois State University administration is recommending no increase in room and board rates for the next school year. And the proposal going to trustees on Friday [includes a 3.75 percent increase in tuition](#).

Taxing Bodies Held Harmless In Normal TIF Extension

By CHARLIE SCHLENKER · MAY 8, 2018

The mayor of Normal said the extension and enlargement of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district won't hurt schools and other taxing bodies.

Normal To Consider Welcoming Ordinance Monday

By CHARLIE SCHLENKER · MAY 2, 2018

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County Board Chair Sees Hope For Longer Term Nursing Home Turnaround

By CHARLIE SCHLENKER • APR 24, 2018

One of the keys to [minimizing financial losses at the McLean County Nursing Home](#) will be forming partnerships with hospitals.

Fine Arts Project Stall Costly To ISU

By CHARLIE SCHLENKER • APR 20, 2018

Illinois State University President Larry Dietz told lawmakers Thursday that money is being wasted on the old College of Fine Arts building.

Bloomington Council Approves Budget, Money For Multisport Complex Study

By STUDENT REPORTER BAYLEE STEELMAN • APR 10, 2018

STAFF / WGLT

The Bloomington City Council approved the fiscal year 2019 budget Monday after making spending cuts and raising fees to close a \$2.9 million deficit.

Preston Drops Bid To Lead McLean County GOP

By CHARLIE SCHLENKER • APR 9, 2018

STAFF / WGLT

The potential contest to become the next McLean County Republican Party chair has evaporated.

Home Health: The Neglected Segment of Elder Care

By CHARLIE SCHLENKER • APR 5, 2018

Home health care workers are paid close to poverty wages in many parts of the country. And that's a problem, according to Illinois State University sociologist Chris Wellin.

[Road Work To Address Pothole Craters On Clinton And Center Streets](#)

By CHARLIE SCHLENKER · APR 4, 2018

Some of the worst road surfaces in Bloomington-Normal will get badly needed repairs this month, according to Bloomington's Public Works director.

[Report Deems McLean County Nursing Home Viable And Sustainable](#)

By CHARLIE SCHLENKER · APR 2, 2018

Science and Technology

[How A Smart City Fixes Problems Before They Happen](#)

By MIKE MCCURDY · APR 10, 2018

Kansas City is poised to become the smartest of smart cities in the next five years, according to the city employee leading that effort.

Transportation

[Safety Campaign Aims To Humanize Bicyclists](#)

By ERIC STOCK · JUN 6, 2018

A local bicycle advocacy group aims to humanize bicyclists you may pass on the road, as a reminder to obey the rules of the road.

[Bloomington Council Poised To Act On Summer Road Bid](#)

By CHARLIE SCHLENKER · APR 20, 2018

The Bloomington City Council will consider a \$4 million summer street resurfacing program at its meeting Monday evening.

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[State Farm Lowers Illinois Auto Rates](#)

By CHARLIE SCHLENKER · APR 3, 2018

State Farm Insurance is announcing an auto rate decrease for Illinois. The Bloomington-based company says the average decline for Illinois rate payers will be 2.9 percent.

Police and Courts

[Officers Hurt After Overnight Arrest In Bloomington](#)

By RYAN DENHAM · 7 HOURS AGO

Three Bloomington Police officers suffered minor injuries while trying to arrest a suspect overnight.

[Police Arrest Suspected Serial Flasher In Normal](#)

By RYAN DENHAM · JUL 6, 2018

Normal Police are asking for more potential victims to come forward after they arrested a man Friday accused of repeatedly exposing himself to women and girls.

[Police ID Suspect In Riley Drive Slayings](#)

By RYAN DENHAM · JUL 3, 2018

Authorities said Tuesday they're looking for the public's help finding a 21-year-old Bloomington man suspected of fatally shooting three people last month on Riley Drive.

[One Person Shot Overnight On Bloomington's West Side](#)

By JON NORTON & RYAN DENHAM · JUL 3, 2018

A man was injured early Tuesday by gunfire on Bloomington's west side, police said.

[How Police Found Their Suspect In Bloomington's Double Homicide](#)

By RYAN DENHAM · JUN 28, 2018

Bloomington Police weren't getting a lot of help from witnesses when they first arrived at the scene of a shooting outside an apartment building in east Bloomington.

One Injured In North Normal Shooting

By RYAN DENHAM & ERIC STOCK · JUN 28, 2018

UPDATED 2:20 p.m. | Police in Normal are releasing new details about a shooting which injured a man in north Normal on Wednesday.

Police were called to the 1700 block of North School Street, north of Raab Road near the Constitution Trail Shopping Center at about 9:30 p.m. where witnesses said gunfire erupted outside of an apartment.

Orchard Road Murder Suspect Makes First Court Appearance

By RYAN DENHAM · JUN 27, 2018

The Bloomington man accused of fatally shooting two people and injuring two others made a brief appearance Wednesday in a McLean County courtroom.

BPD Makes Arrest, Says No Known Links In Recent Killings

By ERIC STOCK · JUN 26, 2018

Bloomington Police Chief Clay Wheeler said Tuesday that investigators have no evidence of a connection between the fatal shooting on Orchard Road in the early morning hours of June 10 and two other recent fatal shootings in the Twin Cities.

Neighbors Share Prayer Walk After Riley Drive Slayings

By RYAN DENHAM · JUN 24, 2018

Less than a week after a shooting that killed three men and [wounded a young boy](#), neighbors gathered peacefully Sunday night to walk their streets and pray together for an end to the violence.

Deadly Force: When Powerful Guns And Young Men Collide

By RYAN DENHAM & EDITH BRADY-LUNNY / THE PANTAGRAPH · JUN 24, 2018

Jody Gardner and Reggie Hart Jr. went to visit 17-year-old Chris Harrison on a Wednesday night.

Suspect Pleads Not Guilty In Drug-Induced Homicide

By RYAN DENHAM · JUN 22, 2018

A 24-year-old from Rantoul has pleaded not guilty in the drug-induced homicide of a Bloomington man.

Three Dead Identified In Riley Drive Shooting

By CHARLIE SCHLENKER · JUN 19, 2018

Authorities have identified the [three people shot to death at 311 Riley Drive](#) in Bloomington Monday afternoon.

Mother Sues Peoria Over Son's Police Shooting

By AP · JUN 18, 2018

A mother whose son was fatally shot by police is [suing the city of Peoria](#) and several officers in the shooting last September.

Chenoa Woman Killed In I-55 Crash

By RYAN DENHAM & ERIC STOCK · JUN 16, 2018

McLean County Coroner Kathy Davis has identified the Chenoa woman who was killed in a crash Friday night on Interstate 55.

Bloomington Overdose Leads To Homicide Charges

By RYAN DENHAM & CHARLIE SCHLENKER · JUN 14, 2018

A 24-year-old Rantoul man appeared in McLean County court Thursday to face drug-induced homicide charges in a Bloomington overdose.

Local Cases Shed Light On Witness Intimidation In Digital Age

By RYAN DENHAM · JUN 14, 2018

For police and prosecutors, it's never been easy to get witnesses to testify, especially in cases involving violent crime where retribution is a real concern.

Social media has made it even harder.

Normal Police Releases Images In Convenience Store Heist

By ERIC STOCK · JUN 13, 2018

Normal Police released surveillance images and a description of two suspects who reportedly robbed a convenience store Tuesday night.

Mourners Hold Vigil For Shooting Victims And Call For Youth Services

By CHARLIE SCHLENKER · JUN 12, 2018

Friends and neighbors of two slain young people in Bloomington said they just do not understand how it came to this.

Prosecutor: No Added Charges In Normal West Fatal Crash

By RYAN DENHAM · MAY 25, 2018

The other driver in the crash that [killed a Normal West student in March](#) won't face additional charges, McLean County's top prosecutor said Friday.

Skydiver In Critical Condition After Accident In Normal

By RYAN DENHAM · MAY 23, 2018

A skydiver who was badly injured earlier this month during a failed landing at a Normal CornBelts game remains in critical condition at a Peoria hospital.

Lawsuit Filed Against Gunman's Dad In Waffle House Shooting

By AP · MAY 15, 2018

The family of one of the four people killed in a shooting at a Waffle House restaurant in Nashville, Tennessee, is suing the suspected gunman's father, accusing the Illinois man of negligence.

[The Peoria Journal Star reports](#) that the family of victim Joe Perez filed a lawsuit Monday in Tazewell County, the home of Jeffrey Reinking. Reinking's son, Travis Reinking, also lived there before moving to Nashville.

Police: Skydiver Injured In Accident During CornBelts Game

By RYAN DENHAM · MAY 11, 2018

UPDATED 10:20 a.m. | A skydiver suffered traumatic injuries Friday night after a parachute accident during the Normal CornBelts home opener, authorities said.

Teen Pleads Not Guilty In Fatal Shootings

By RYAN DENHAM · MAY 11, 2018

A 17-year-old charged in the fatal shootings last month at a Normal apartment pleaded not guilty Friday in McLean County court.

Suspect Arrested In Eureka In Child Murder Cold Case

By RYAN DENHAM · MAY 10, 2018

UPDATED 1:15 p.m. | A 32-year-old cold case 2,000 miles away led to the arrest of a suspect in Eureka on Thursday.

Bloomington Man Killed In Crash; Driver Faces DUI Charge

By RYAN DENHAM · MAY 10, 2018

A 23-year-old Bloomington man is accused of driving under the influence before a crash early Thursday that killed his passenger.

Drunk Driver Gets 30 Years For Killing Teen Bicyclist

By RYAN DENHAM · MAY 7, 2018

A Bloomington man with a history of drunken driving was sentenced Monday to 30 years in prison for killing a teenage bicyclist last summer.

B-N Police Issue 650+ Citations In Distracted Driving Crackdown

By RYAN DENHAM · MAY 4, 2018

Did you get a ticket in the last couple weeks for using your cell phone while driving? Join the club.

Prosecutors: Teen Had AR-15 During Fatal Shootings

By RYAN DENHAM & STUDENT REPORTER BAYLEE STEELMAN · APR 27, 2018

A 17-year-old charged in [this week's fatal shootings at a Normal apartment](#) was allegedly wielding three guns that night—including an AR-15 rifle.

Teen Arrested In Fatal Shootings In Normal

By RYAN DENHAM · APR 26, 2018

Police say they've arrested a 17-year-old male in connection with [Wednesday night's fatal shootings](#) at a Normal apartment complex.

MCLP Graduation Speaker Aims To Change Biased Systems

By JUDITH VALENTE · APR 26, 2018

Community activist and author Charlene Carruthers says she believes in asking questions that challenge people and might even make some feel uncomfortable.

Election 2018

Sam McCann Files Independent Bid For Illinois Governor

By AP · JUN 25, 2018

A state senator has officially thrown his hat into Illinois' high-profile and expensive governor's race.

Money Machines: How Big Donors Dominate Campaign Funding In Illinois

By MARY HANSEN · JUN 7, 2018

Illinois will host what could be the most expensive race for governor in U.S. history. The huge increase in campaign spending raises a lot of questions about the rise of big money in politics. Between now and the election, Illinois Issues will examine the impact in a series we're calling Money Machines.

4 Candidates Join McLean County Board Races

By RYAN DENHAM · JUN 4, 2018

McLean County Republicans are fielding a candidate against the Democratic challenger who knocked off longtime County Board member Paul Segobiano in March's primary.

Rauner Wants To Reinstate Death Penalty To Curb Violence

By SAM DUNKLAU & AP · MAY 14, 2018

Gov. Bruce Rauner wants to reinstate the death penalty in Illinois for mass murderers and those who kill police officers.

Q&A: Londrigan On Post-Primary Campaigning And Why Voters Don't Ask About Impeachment

By RYAN DENHAM · MAY 10, 2018

Before there can be a blue wave, before it's really the Year of the Woman, Democrats like Betsy Dirksen Londrigan have to win.

McLean County Democrats Host JB Pritzker At Illinois Wesleyan

By STUDENT REPORTER BAYLEE STEELMAN · MAY 8, 2018

Democratic candidate for governor JB Pritzker said Tuesday that tax breaks shouldn't be the only option for incentives that bring new businesses to the state.

State Candidates Discuss Future Of Illinois Retirement

By STUDENT REPORTER BAYLEE STEELMAN · MAY 4, 2018

The Democratic candidate for the 88th Illinois House district said Thursday she believes a progressive income tax is the fairest approach to taxation.

Sam McCann Launches Independent Campaign For Governor

By RYAN DENHAM & JACLYN DRISCOLL & AP · APR 19, 2018

Republican Sam McCann of Plainview announced Thursday that he will challenge incumbent Gov. Bruce Rauner and Democratic hopeful J.B. Pritzker. His running mate is Riverton resident Aaron Merreighn.

Chair Candidates Pitch Themselves To Democratic Party Leaders

By RYAN DENHAM · APR 8, 2018

The three candidates to become the next leader of the McLean County Democrats made their pitch Sunday to a roomful of party leaders, agreeing on the need to plan beyond November but differing slightly on a long-term winning strategy.

Civil Rights

[Normal To Consider Welcoming Ordinance Monday](#)

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[Assessing Dr. King's Legacy: Were His Economic Dreams For America Realized?](#)

By JUDITH VALENTE · APR 4, 2018

On the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., the civil rights leader's legacy continues to loom large through such landmark legislation as the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Fair Housing Act of 1968, as well as affirmative action hiring and educational practices.