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The cast of 'My Mother Prayed for Me' are (front L-R) Morgann Price, Rosemarie Wilson: the daughter, Amy Nicole Meredith: the mother, R 'Zhana Jenkins and play-writer Bonita (Sparks) Adams. (Second-row L-R) Play's director Alissa Hornbeak, Jacqueline Horton, Janice Hall, Melody Lindsey-Price, and Executive Producer James L Adams. (Third row (L-R) Ed Lindsey, Roy H Jenkins, Dawn R, Robert Jeffries, and musical Director Fred Sights. Not Pictured Jerrell Mayo.



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Executive Producer James L Adams and his wife play-writer Bonita (Sparks) Adams debut her new play, 'My Mother Prayed for Me' at the 300 Club.

By Michael Daniels
Journal Staff Reporter

During the first weekend in May 2019, on the fourth and fifth, EMT Productions will debut a new play by Toledo playwright Bonita (Sparks) Adams entitled, 'My Mother Prayed for Me' at the Historic Club 300 located at 3304 Collingwood Blvd. Toledo, Ohio.

Presented one week before the actual Mother's Day Holiday this dynamic Christian interactive stage play honors mothers everywhere and highlights the important

role that our mothers play in our lives, as well as, the tremendous power of prayer.

The Bible says, 'The prayers of a righteous man has great power in its effect'. In this case, it's a woman's who prays. 'My Mother Prayed for Me' is the story of a woman who loses her daughter to the world and cannot save her from her troubles no matter how hard she tries. Exhausted and hopeless, she turns the situation over to the Lord and sends it up to Him in prayer.

Bonita (Sparks) Adams, playwright said, "This is a

play that has a message about how prayer makes a difference in our lives. It's also different than a regular play because this play is interactive, meaning there's audience participation. There's a mystery that the audience gets a chance to solve, and for those who solve the mystery, they are entered into a raffle for a door prize."

She added, "The play is fun, as well as, inspirational, encouraging and moving at the same time. You will leave this experience uplifted and blessed."

Rosemarie Wilson, who plays the daughter in the play, commented on the character she plays saying one important phrase only, "She really needs Jesus!"

Amy Nicole Meredith who portrays the praying mother in the play added, "This play is awesome because it shows us that if you keep God as your foundation and pray, everything else in your life will work itself out."

Mrs. Adams said she was inspired to write this play because of how her own moth-



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Actress Amy Nicole Meredith who plays the mother in the play 'My Mother Prayed for Me', prays for her daughter actress Rosemarie Wilson (seated).

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David Brion Davis, Scholar Of Slavery Dead at 92



Submitted

David Brion Davis, a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian who documented the centrality of slavery in Western culture through a landmark trilogy that made him among the world's most respected and influential scholars, died April 14 at the age of 92.

Davis started in 1967 with "The Problem of Slavery in Western Culture," Davis traced the evolution of how the West regarded human bondage from ancient times to the present. He drew upon the Bible, Greek philosophy and political and economic debates to show how the West defended, rationalized and fought for slavery before beginning to turn against it in the 18th and 19th centuries. He explored debates over whether the Bible justified or condemned slavery, how revolutionary leaders in the United States and France supported slavery even while fighting for their own freedom and how even some abolitionists advocated sending freed slaves to a foreign country.

"I became convinced that the problem of slavery transcended national

boundaries in ways that I had not suspected," he wrote. "In Western culture it was associated with certain religious and philosophical doctrines that gave it the highest sanction." So was an experience he described in the preface to "The Problem of Slavery in the Age of Emancipation":

Davis had explained his experience in the army convincing him of racial discrimination. As an 18-year-old Army draftee aboard a troop ship headed for occupied Germany in 1945, he was handed a billy club and told to go below decks to stop the black soldiers there from gambling.

"After descending a long winding staircase, I came upon what I imagined a slave ship would have looked like," he recalled. "Hundreds and hundreds of near-naked blacks jammed together, many of them shooting craps."

In Germany, as an Army security policeman, he was exposed to racist occupying troops and encountered concentration camp survivors. Writing home in 1946, he told his parents that he wanted to study history because he hoped that a knowledge of the past might "make people stop and think before blindly following some bigoted group to make the world safe for Aryans, Democrats or Mississippians."

So many of Professor Davis's perceptions are now part of the accepted historical narrative that it is possible to forget how groundbreaking they were. The Haitian slave rebellion (1791-1804), the successful campaign against the slaveholding colonial French, is familiar today, but it was eye-opening when Professor

Davis wrote about it in "The Problem of Slavery in the Age of Revolution," published in 1976.

"The Problem of Slavery in the Age of Emancipation," came out in 2014. It was an epic study that took a half century to complete, ran for some



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President Obama honoring Davis Brion Davis as a Pulitzer winning historian who reshaped the study of slavery.

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Gratefully,
Nathan Sr., Nathan Jr., Charssie Willis and Family

‘My Mother Prayed for Me’

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er, The Rev. Shirley Sparks of Walls Memorial Chapel, helped her get through life with her prayers. "I believe in prayer," said Mrs. Adams, "I know it works because I would not be the woman I am today without my mother having prayed for me."

Some of the sponsors who donated prizes for the production are C.C. Transformations Natural Hair Salon, Studio 3.2. NINE Salon Suites & Spa, and Char Chaise Hair Care Salon LTD. Also, the first twenty-five moms who arrive at the play will receive a Mother's Day Gift.

Executive Producer of the play is Mrs. Adams' husband, James L. Adams.

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Ticket prices are \$35 for regular seating and \$45 for VIP front row seating, preferred parking, and a gift bag. There are also tickets discounts available for multiparty groups purchases. For more information and exact details call James and Bonita Adams, at 419-508-8919 or 419-215-1464.

1,500 pages and brought Davis the Pulitzer, the National Book Award, the National Book Critics Circle prize and the Bancroft Prize. He was praised for the thoroughness of his research, the originality of his thinking and prose that elegantly synthesized a vast range of time and thought. Eric Foner, himself a Pulitzer Prize-winning author of books about slavery and racism, would credit Davis with enlightening future generations.

"Previous historians, especially in the United States, had tended to see slavery as an exception, a footnote in a teleological narrative of progress," Foner wrote in The Nation in 2014. "But Davis demonstrated that slavery became the key institution in the European conquest and settlement of the New World."

Davis wrote several other books and essays, reviews, edited a handful of anthologies and made a strong impact in the classroom, mentoring such future historians as Sean Wilentz, Jackson Leers and John Stauffer. In 2013, he received a National Humanities Medal for shedding "light on the contradiction of a free nation built by forced labor."slavery uncritically.

Ongoing Events

Second Tuesday
Every Month

The Toledo Base Submarine Veterans
Holds it's monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at The Genesis Village Events Center 2429 S. Reynolds Road Toledo Ohio at 18:00 hours (6 PM).Our next meeting will be on Tuesday May 14, 2019. For further information you can contact our Base Commander Michael Meehan at 505-554-8636 or at wingsfaninnm@gmail.com.

Second Tuesday of
Every Month
Health Department Expands Shots
4 Tots n Teens

Immunization Clinic Locations
Now, the Shots 4 Tots n Teens clinic will be replacing an existing Western Lucas County site in Holland. The new clinic site at the Holland Branch Library, 1032 S. McCord Road, Holland, will target the 43528 zip code and Western Lucas County area. The new clinic location is held on the second Tuesday of every month from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. Shots 4 Tots n Teens is a walk-in immunization clinic for children from birth through 18 years old. In order for your child to receive services, please bring the following items:

Child's Paper Shot Record
Child's Insurance Card (if any)
Parent's ID

All insurance plans are accepted. A fee of \$21.25 per shot is charged for those without insurance; however, no child will be turned away due to inability to pay. Cash, checks, and credit cards (service fee will apply) are accepted.

If additional information, please call 419-213-4121 or visit lucascountyhealth.com.

Every Third Wednesday
Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition
and Social Justice Insitute
Anyone interested in joining, meet at Kent Branch Library, 3101 Collingwood Blvd., from 9:15 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Soup kitchen Every Saturday
Glass City Church of Christ
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July 1-5 No camps - enjoy the 4th
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April 26th
Lucas County Child Memorial
Friday, 11 a.m., Conference & Learning Center, 711 Adams St.
Annual observance to remember the children who died in Lucas County as a result of physical abuse, neglect, or community violence. This year, six children will be remembered. Five of them died due to gun violence. The Waite HS Honors Choir and the Springfield HS ROTC will take part this year.

April 27th
Family Baptist Church
Health Fair
The Women's Ministry of the Family Baptist

CORRECTION:
In our April 10, 2019 issue, we inadvertently identified model, Ms. Lisa Heard, page 1 and page 7 as Ms. JaNae. We apology for any confusion. Thank you.

Church will host a Health Fair on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be three breakout sessions. Plus plenty of exhibits/vendors. Free blood pressure check and ProMedica will do free Cholesterol and Blood sugar screenings. Door prizes and Refreshments will be provided. Family Baptist Church 1002 W. Bancroft St. Toledo, Ohio, next to KFC.

April 27th
Calling All Libbey High School Alumni/Students
Come to help celebrate this special honor to LHS and the community it served for 87 years and to its namesake - one of our city's finest citizens and philanthropists - Edward Drummond Libbey! A Historical Marker will be dedicated and placed on the grounds of the former Libbey High School. This marker was paid for by the Board of Education with funds donated by Edward Drummond Libbey to maintain the school library. Come and see an old classmate or two or make a new friend at 11:00 a.m. at the Libbey Campus. Libbey! Libbey! Libbey!

April 28th
Toledo Interfaith Mass Choir
"It's A Crown Affair"
On Sunday, at 5:00 p.m. the Toledo Interfaith Mass Choir will host "It's A Crown Affair" Service celebrating area Pastors and Ministers' Wives and Widows. This recognition and praise celebration service will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, 702 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, Ohio. The public is invited to join us in celebrating the contributions pastors and ministers' wives and widows contribute to the church and community.

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Environmental Racism Grows as Environmental Groups Turn Increasingly White

By Hazel Trice Edney
Wire Writer

This February 2016 cover of Time magazine features a rash-covered child during the height of the Flint, Mich. water crisis. The picture, taken by award-winning photographer Regina H. Boone, revealed the human impact of the lead-contaminated water. More than three years later, environmental hazards continue in Michigan and in states around the country - some unchecked - largely due to misplaced priorities that some view as environmental racism.

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Clean drinking water. Lead paint abatement programs. Affordable energy bills. These are the day-to-day environmental justice issues that are vital to the health and financial well-being of communities - especially low-income families.

But as environmental battles rage across the country, thousands of African-American children and adults are paying a heavy price with their health as elite environmental organizations are overwhelmingly managed by White leaders who appear to ignore key issues that disproportionately impact low-income communities, where African-Americans and other people of color reside. As the diminishing African-American voices for environmental justice becomes more prevalent, attention appears to be turning away from environmental hazards disparately plaguing urban areas dominated by Black people across the country such as the following:

Cockroach allergens are detected in 85 percent of inner-city homes across the U. S. and 60 to 80 percent "of inner-city children with asthma are sensitized to cockroach based on the skin prick testing," according to the U.S. Institute of Health.

Approximately 11.2 percent of African-American children who live in urban areas are at risk for lead poisoning caused by lead-based paint, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A Center for American Progress report found that water contamination disparately "plagues low-income areas and communities of color across the nation" and that studies have "documented limited access to clean water in low-income communities of color."

These atrocities are being shoved aside by misaligned priorities. Instead of making a meaningful impact to health and pocketbooks, some environmental organizations focus on apparent vanity projects that garner media attention and money from well-heeled donors.

Among the best examples is an issue playing out in Minnesota, where national environmental



groups – including Greenpeace, 350.org and the Natural Resources Defense Council - are waging a major battle described as "resistance against the oil pipelines." They also are running major fundraising campaigns off of pipeline protests – even though the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration notes that pipelines are "one of the safest and least costly ways to transport energy products."

Meanwhile, these organizations are all but ignoring the real issues facing Minnesotans. A report indicated that the state's urban areas have unsuitable and outdated infrastructure, allowing storm water drainage to become a crisis. Yet another report found that the Twin Cities air pollution kills nearly 2,000 people a year taking its greatest toll on those in poverty, who also disproportionately shoulder the burdens of asthma, unclean drinking water, and lead poisoning.

While the environmental groups are shoving environmental health issues aside, they also are promoting an agenda that will drive energy bills even higher for Minnesotans who are already spending far too much of their hard-earned money on energy costs. Families in Clearwater County spend 45.9 percent of their income on energy bills, while Roseau County families spend 44.5 percent – and virtually every county across the state sees energy bills eating away at more than 30 percent of income.

The story is the same across the country, as

“Some believe that these skewed priorities may be happening in part because of the lack of diversity in the environmental movement. A study by Green 2.0 recently found that the movement is only “getting more white,” as it continues to leave out people of color.”

Alabama families spend nearly 50 percent of their income on energy and Michigan families spend 30 percent and above.

Some believe that these skewed priorities may be happening in part because of the lack of diversity in the environmental movement. A study by Green 2.0 recently found that the movement is only “getting more white,” as it continues to leave out people of color.

The report indicated that nearly 70 percent of the Environmental Defense Fund's (EDF) staff was White. It also concluded that “the top 40 environmental foundations have gotten more White

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Reparations...How It Gets Done – Part 2



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In last week's column, I raised a penumbra of issues regarding the issue of reparations and the emotional drama that it would play with and upon Americans, both white and black, (and shades therein).

If the matter of reparations ever got beyond the stages of biting and vitriolic conversations with both sides (pay us versus no pay you) lobbying accusatory grenades at each other, there is still the glaring issue of the mechanics of promulgating a sensible, reasonable and fair plan for executing any Congressionally approved plan.

Make no doubt about it, to guide a reparations plan through Congress and to get a President to sign off on it would be a Herculean task to say the least!

Why? Because it is tantamount to an official apology by the US government that the illegal buying and selling of dark-skinned human beings was wrong and their subsequent treatment after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed was both morally reprehensible and against all norms of human decency and fairness.

During any precedent discussions about reparations and its implementation, you would encounter a steel willed opposition that would engage in histrionics to kill any bill that would compensate millions of African-Americans with trillion of dollars for their losses, both tangible and intangible.

Just as the law allows a car crash accident to claim monetary damages for both visible injuries and property damages, that same law also allows for the recovery of mental and emotional losses, pain and suffering and hedonic losses.

The same analogy could be and should

be used to develop a "payment matrix" that would

Insure that all confirmed victims of America's unique system of hundreds of years of racial hegemony and brutal subjugation would be adequately compensated for.

Every injury, slight or otherwise, could not be compensated for, but the discussion must include those psychic damages, loss of life and injuries intentionally done by actors of the federal government, state governments and local municipalities.

Those entities passed egregious laws that killed, maimed and stunted the opportunity of people of color to simply live without the hourly reminder that their lives were of no value or consequence to a white society; and that their lives or that of their family members could be snuffed out at a moment's notice at the whim of a racist police officer or an angry mob.

In discussing reparations, it is the story of the victims that needs to be told and heard so that the horribleness of what transpired can be recorded for the sake of posterity.

So, with that in mind, I have proposed several financial devices that could be an aid

In discussing how the government (federal, state and local governments were and are all complicit in this human tragedy) can make sincere attempts to come to grips with America's unique racial nightmare and dilemma.

One: The issuance of Treasury notes, bills and US bonds that are sold to the general public and to foreign governments who should be permitted to buy such "paper". This venue alone could raise hundreds of billions of dollars in ready cash.

Two: The establishment of a blue-ribbon commission composed of sociolo-

gists, historians, economists, actuaries, lawyers, archeologists, representatives from repositories of archived information (museums, photographs, oral recordings and public records) that would establish criteria as to who qualifies for reparations and why they so qualify.

Remember, this Number Two is a toughie since it involves determining numerically the people of color (including the harm done to the Native Americans and whether those who are "passing" for white), who can claim any benefits.

Three: The establishment of a national bank with state branches by which people of color can receive credits for interest free home loans and grants to establish businesses and to buy land.

Four: The pardoning and the granting of commutation of criminal sentencings that were determined to have been sentenced by unfair judges or juries, both past and present. This includes exonerating innocent victims of racist judicial systems and "kangaroo courts."

Five: The establishment of a judicial tribunal which would oversee claims that victims of racism could present regarding their property being wrongfully taken without due process of law. (Note: many successful black towns were intentionally burned down or ransacked by white mobs with the tacit approval of local and state governments which turned a blind eye to such lawlessness).

Six: The establishment of an educational fund that would provide free tuition and room and board to students to enter both two year and four-year degreed colleges; and also includes hefty financial grants to the historically black colleges and universities so they could continue the laudable goals of educating people of color when majority white universities said either, "No!" or made their successful matriculation at their educational sites

nigh impossible or very difficult.

Seven: A proclamation by the US Congress on behalf of the American people, past and present, that American slavery was a sin against both the enslaved and against God and for which the American government now repents of and wishes to correct the record.

Eight: Yearly appropriations by Congress of sums certain that would be used to perpetuate this payment plan until the goals of the plan have been substantially fulfilled.

Nine: A sum certain to be paid to the most directly affected African countries that American slavers profited from regarding hundreds of years of human trafficking from their shores.

Ten: A national holiday to remind everyone of one of the world's biggest holocausts whose victims, by their forced and unpaid labor and creativity, allowed America to aggregate a critical financial mass that allowed it to become the world's financial behemoth.

Eleven: The financial provision for any African-Americans to return to Africa with enough funds to allow a reasonable lifestyle commensurate with the median income of the local population.

Twelve: Funding of academic studies regarding the study of African-American history on the North American continent with an emphasis on the effects of slavery in the United States.

So, if and when the discussions of reparations gains any traction, be on the look out for the ways and means by which it could be implemented and be wary and ready for the intense blitz of negativity that would come from those who claim that slavery is over and done with and thus no group of people or their progeny should be compensated for any losses.

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Environmental Racism Grows as Environmental Groups Turn Increasingly White

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across full time staff, senior staff, and board members."

Green 2.0 is pressing to deal with the racial inclusion issue in order to infuse greater sensitivity into the environmental justice movement. Whitney Tome, executive director of Green 2.0, said in a statement, "Communities of color bring to bear experience and perspective on both problems and pathways to power building. As an organization, we plan to take a more aggressive approach to calling out the environmental movement for their lack of diversity."

He continued, "For the past five years, we've been working to ensure

that the environmental movement and its leaders reflect the current U.S. workforce demographics."

These racial and economic disparities are happening around the country. For example, Louisiana ranks second-worst among U.S. states when examining a wide range of environmental indicators, including water and air quality, energy use and recycling, according to a recent analysis.

While some environmental groups in the area have used their presence to fight issues that impact everyone, such as air quality or safe drinking water, other organizations, with the backing of Greenpeace, are instead

focusing on anti-pipeline and anti-energy activism in the state.

The singular focus on one environmental issue while appearing to ignore others implies the presence of environmental racism, a long-used description of the practice of allowing toxics to exist in communities of color.

Meanwhile African-American led organizations are pushing environmental justice agendas, underscoring the importance of such issues in communities of color.

"Clean water is a basic human right," National Medical Association President Niva Lubin-Johnson, wrote in a commentary posted on Seattle-

medium.com last fall. "At the National Medical Association (NMA), we see firsthand how this crisis in clean water creates a variety of healthcare problems for black patients and their families."

Instead of seeking ways to make energy more elusive and expensive for communities of color, activist groups could use their initiative to aid in the abating of these most fundamental challenges that continue to push headwinds against many Black families and other families of color.

"This is just the beginning," says Tome of Green 2.0. "Environmental groups are now on notice."

IRS Must Explain Disproportionate Targeting of Minorities for Tax Audits

Submitted
By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA
NewsWire Correspondent
@StacyBrownMedia

U.S. Senator Doug Jones (D-Ala.) has sent a letter to Commissioner Charles Rettig of the Internal Revenue Service calling for answers about a recent report that revealed that African Americans are audited by the IRS more than any other group.

Jones also noted a report that showed people in more rural, low-income areas of the country were being audited at disproportionately high rates.

Further, a study of recent audit data suggested that taxpayers in nearly every county in Alabama were audited at a rate higher than the national average, and the rate was even higher in areas of the Black Belt.

"To concentrate so exclusively on this subset of taxpayers defies explanation," Jones wrote in the April 4 letter to the IRS.

"For example, in Greene County, Alabama (population, 8,330), with a median household income of less than \$21,000, it appears that taxpay-



ers are audited over 40 percent more often than the national average, including areas that are much more urban and wealthy," he said.

"For comparison, Bergen County, New Jersey, with a median population of nearly 1 million residents, and a median household income of over \$90,000, has an audit rate that matches the national average," Jones said.

In his letter, Jones called it no anomaly.

The chances of an IRS audit seem to correlate nearly exactly with the taxpayer's proximity to either the rural Southeast or, in several stark cases, to Native American reservations.

According to IRS statistics, the annual "tax gap," or the gross gap between total taxes owed and total taxes paid on time was over \$450 billion.

"To take such a large portion of limited IRS resources and to focus them so intensely on

rural communities in Alabama and the Southeast makes little fiscal sense. Moreover, the practice appears to be blatantly discriminatory," he said.


In an effort to focus its resources and ensure fair treatment of all taxpayers, Jones said he believes the IRS should undertake a full and thorough review of the policies and practices that led to such a disparate geographic impact of its annual audits.

"Given the overwhelming focus on my constituents in the state of Alabama, I would request you respond to the following questions:

- Does the IRS have any official policy dictating that low-income or rural geographic areas be subjected to increased audit rates?
- Does the IRS, in any manner, consider the taxpayer's address in determining whether to conduct an audit?
- Has the IRS conducted a study or analysis on the fiscal impact of its current practice of geographically concentrating audits versus the fiscal impact of a system that resulted in more evenly dispersed audits?

- Similarly, has the IRS conducted a study or analysis on the fiscal impact of its current practice concentrating audits in low-income and rural communities versus the fiscal impact of a system that resulted in audits being conducted in geographic proportion to the amount of expected tax revenue?
- Has the IRS conducted a study or analysis on the impact of increasing pre-filing education or tax filing assistance in the communities currently oversampled for tax audits, and the effect this education or filing assistance may have on reducing employee hours spent on subsequent audits?

“To take such a large portion of limited IRS resources and to focus them so intensely on rural communities in Alabama and the Southeast makes little fiscal sense. Moreover, the practice appears to be blatantly discriminatory.”



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April 27, 1927: Coretta Scott born in Marion, Ala.

April 24, 1944: The United Negro College Fund established.

April 29, 1945: Richard Wright's 'Black Boy' reached first place on the National Best Seller Book List.

April 28, 1957: W. Robert Ming, Chicago lawyer, elected chairman of American Veterans Committee. He was the first Black to head a major national veterans organization.

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“As the measles outbreaks spread, many people are growing concerned. New York City declared a public health emergency and mandated vaccinations in four ZIP codes where vaccination rates have been low. A Israeli flight attendant is in a coma from being infected with the highly contagious disease.”

By Eyal Amiel
Assistant Professor of Biomedicine and Health Sciences, University of Vermont

As the measles outbreaks spread, many people are growing concerned. New York City declared a public health emergency and mandated vaccinations in four ZIP codes where vaccination rates have been low. A Israeli flight attendant is in a coma from being infected with the highly contagious disease.

As a professor who teaches courses in immunology, microbiology and vaccine public policy, I research the fundamental processes of how our bodies respond to infections and vaccines to generate protective immunity. In my teaching, I work with students to develop an understanding of the complexity of these issues and encourage them to engage in the public discourse on these topics from balanced and informed perspective. Given all the attention around measles, here's what people who believe they have been vaccinated should know.

I received my vaccines more than 30 years ago. Am I still protected?


Yes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the

measles component of the MMR vaccine provides lifelong protection. The mumps and rubella portions are not as long-lived. One dose of the MMR vaccine protects against measles at 93% efficacy (that is, 93% of individuals will receive the protective benefit of the vaccine), two doses of the vaccine provides 96-97% efficacy. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices at the CDC began recommending two doses of the MMR vaccine in 1989 in response to a measles outbreak in children who had been vaccinated by only a single dose.

I'm not sure that I received two doses of the MMR. Do I need another shot?

Concerned individuals should contact their physician for recommendations on how best to proceed. The CDC recommends the following are considered "evidence of immunity" that would make vaccination considered unnecessary: written documentation of vaccination; one or more doses of a vaccine containing measles administered on or after the first birthday for preschool-age children and adults not at high risk; two doses

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GOT DRUGS?

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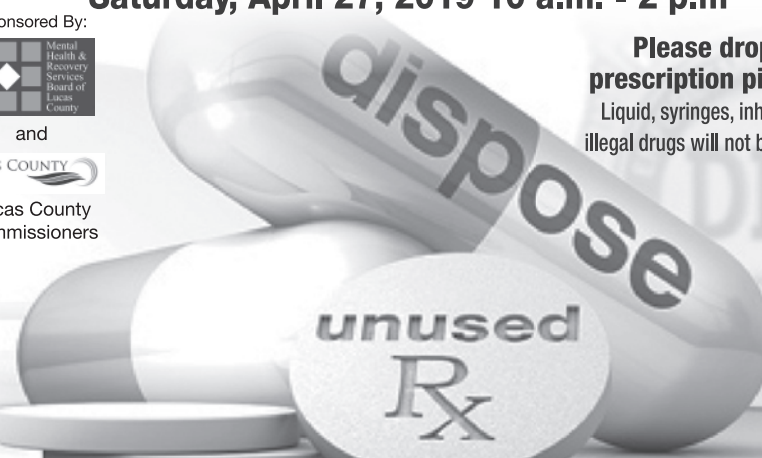
Most people want to help the environment and keep drugs out of the wrong hands. You can do your part by participating in Lucas County's Bi-Annual DRUG TAKE DAY and safely dispose of your medications in an environmentally friendly way. It will be held Saturday, April 29th from 10 am - 2 pm at 24 locations around the county. These locations include Police Stations in Sylvania, Ottawa Hills, Swanton, Maumee, The University of Toledo, Scott Park, NW District and Oregon, St Luke's Hospital, Toledo- Lucas County Health Department, The Safety Building, Fire Departments in Monclova, Washington Township, Village of Whitehouse and Springfield #3, Toledo Family Pharmacy and 6 Kroger locations. You can dispose of all your expired or unused narcotics, over the counter medications, pet medications, prescriptions and vitamins. St Luke's will be the only location that will accept syringes and liquids that day. Many of the locations have permanent drug take back boxes so that you do not have to wait for the Bi-Annual event. We hope you join our community and safely dispose of your medications because America's biggest drug problem isn't on the streets...it's in our medicine cabinets!!

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Ottawa Hills Police Dept. 2125 Richards Rd., Ottawa Hills	NW District Police Station 2330 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo	Kroger 4633 Suder Ave., Toledo
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Sybrina Fulton: Saving Our Sons, Saving Our Lives, to speak at the Seagate Center on May 25, 2019

Toledo, OH – As part of NHA's Sister Care Series, Ms. Sybrina Fulton will be the keynote speaker at the Seagate Center on Saturday, May 25, 2019. The speaking engagement titled "Saving Our Sons, Saving Our Lives" is set to begin at 1:00 pm with a Q&A session immediately following.

Ms. Fulton is dedicating her life to transforming family tragedy into improving opportunities for children. After the death of her 17 yr. old son, Trayvon Martin in 2012, Fulton has become an inspiring

spokesperson for parents and concerned citizens across the country.

Ms. Fulton's message not only appeals to people's hearts as it relates to children, but it is also one of hope and change, exemplified by her personal endeavors. By sharing her personal and powerful story, she has encouraged diverse audiences – from colleges and legal professionals to community and family organizations – to become more educated on ways to keep their loved ones safe and empower themselves to be-

come catalysts for social change. Come hear her message of peace, hope, and moving forward.

Ms. Fulton is a Miami native and a graduate of Florida Memorial University. She is the founder of Circle of Mothers, a support group for mothers who have lost a child to gun violence. An inspiring and honest speaker, Ms. Fulton looks forward to sharing her message with the Toledo community and all supporters of social justice.

To register for this free event, go to www.nhainc.org.

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Whether it's kayaking at Oak Openings or chasing insects through the meadow at Wildwood, Metroparks offers opportunities for kids ages 3 to 14 to unplug from their digital devices and connect with nature this summer.

There are weeklong day camps for every family's budget, and financial assistance is available. Wee Workshop camp is for pre-school children accompanied by a parent.

Registration fee includes a t-shirt and field trip transportation. Kids bring a packed lunch and a reusable water bottle each day. Families with more than one child can take advantage of the multi-child discount until May 31.

Information: MetroparksToledo.com/camp or 419-407-9789.



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Toledo Threat to host first annual “Mid-day Madness” Fan Festival

Submitted

The Toledo Threat Women's Professional Basketball Team will be hosting their first Annual Fan Festival on Sunday, April 28th at Owens Community College (SHAC Center). Team owner, Sandi Brown and coaches will be available.

This is a FREE event and open to our entire community. It gives everyone a chance to the players first hand and have some fun while doing it. The Fan Fest will follow Media Day from 3-5pm and the Toledo Threat will also host an OPEN practice to everyone following the event from 5-7:30pm. All media are welcome to stay for the event and practice for extra footage or interviews.

The Toledo Threat have officially been named by Mayor Wade as Toledo's FIRST Professional Basketball team! “We are a part of the WBDA (Women's Basketball Development Association) with 30 other teams throughout the country (West/East Coast). The WBDA is considered to be the D-League for the WNBA! So we are proud to represent the city of Toledo on such a major platform, according to owner, Sandi Brown.” Visit wbdapro.com for more league information.

The 2019 Roster has been considered to be the best recruited roster in their league for the upcoming season. There are former WNBA players, ladies ,who are currently playing professional overseas (play with the Toledo Threat in their off season), and major Division 1 players from top colleges throughout the country. Point guard, Alexis Peterson, will not be in attendance this weekend, due to an invite to the WNBA Training Camp with the Phoenix Mercury.

Toledo Threat 2019 Roster

Ameryst Alston- The Ohio State University

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Allison Dewire- Hillsdale College

Asia Doss- The Ohio State University

Raven Ferguson- The Ohio State University

Amber Gray- Tennessee/Xavier University

Aneisha Hardin- Central State University

Alexa Hart- The Ohio State University

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Ashley Morrisette- Purdue University

Alexis Peterson- Syracuse University

Rachel Theriot- Nebraska University

Shareese Ulis- Cincinnati University

Bryce McKey- Head Coach

Tandy Bradford- Assistant Coach

Sydney Durrah- Assistant Coach

The Maritime Academy

High school senior Marcus Anderson knows exactly what he's going to do after graduation. The 2019 valedictorian of The Maritime Academy of Toledo will have no uncertainty when he steps on campus this fall. Just ask him.

“I'm going to Ohio State to study biology and be a part of their pre-dental program,” he said. “And after I finish my bachelor's degree in four years, I want to go to dental school.”


He's had plenty of time to think about it; Anderson has been part of The Ohio State University's Young Scholars Program since sixth grade. That year, he was one of ten applicants selected for the program, which gives financial assistance to first-generation college students. He would receive a full scholarship to OSU if he maintained his grades through his high school graduation.

Since then, Anderson has gone above and beyond. He'll graduate with a 3.94 GPA, narrowly beating out a close friend for the top spot in his graduating class. He says The Maritime Academy's open, welcoming community was a significant factor in his success.

“This school is just so diverse. So many different parts coming together to make one big unit,” he said.

The reason for the tight-knit community? The teachers. Anderson says the faculty at The Maritime Academy of Toledo go above and beyond to bring the students together.

“My teachers were very important,” Anderson said. “They really helped me find my voice and become the student I am.”



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SOCCER:

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LACROSSE:

June 24-26

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July 8-10

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(Entering grades K-8)

ENRICHMENT/FUNCAMPS

ROBOTICS I

June 10-14

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June 11-14 12:00-2:00 PM

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June 10-14

MASTER CHEF

June 10-13 12:00-2:00 PM

FISHING

June 17-20 8:00-11:00 AM
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Submitted By Kim Haddox Toledo Zoo
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The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is offering two different camp experiences for children in Northwest Ohio. The first is a week-long overnight summer camp taking place June 19-24. The second is a summer day camp offered Monday- Friday, July 8 to August 2.

The overnight camp is held at Camp NEO-SA located in Carrollton, Ohio. Children ages 6-12 years old who live in Lucas, Wood, Ottawa, Henry or Fulton county are welcome to attend. The camp costs an adjusted price of \$25 per child and a physical and medical paperwork are required. Transportation is provided from Toledo, Bowling Green and Port Clinton, campers will leave early in the morning on June 19 and return in the afternoon on June 24. Camp NEOSA is an accredited camp with a nurse on staff and offers many activities including swimming, a zip line, ropes course, and crafts. At Camp NEOSA some sayings should be taken literally, “Why don’t you

go take a hike or jump in a lake.” Of course, the campers do exactly this! Summer day camp is offered at The Salvation Army building in downtown Toledo, children entering 1st grade through entering 6th grade are

welcome to attend. The camp is offered Monday-Friday July 8 to August 2 registration is required by June 24. Day camp is offered for 4 weeks and costs \$20 per child per week, the cost covers supplies and field

trip costs. Each week has a theme, such as sports, or science and these themes help determine daily field trips and craft projects. Contact The Salvation Army at 419-241-1138. or visit The Salvation Army.

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include hands on lab experience, crime scene chemistry, a research lab tour, campus scavenger hunt, and free time at the rec center. Counselors and career speakers will also be present during the camp. The UT Col-

lege of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences prepares students for gradu-

ate school and medical school, as well as careers in health-care administration,

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Harvard professor Henry Gates, Jr. examines period after reconstruction in new book

Submitted
By Dr. Glenn C. Altschuler,

At the end of the Civil War, Sidney George Fisher, a White gentleman from Philadelphia, declared, "It seems our fate never to get rid of the Negro question." Although slavery had been abolished, "the problem — what shall we do with the Negro — seems as far from being settled as ever. In fact it is incapable of any solution that will satisfy both North and South."

ing, violent forms of Jim Crow segregation.

Reconstruction and redemption

In "Stony the Road," Henry Louis Gates, Jr., a university professor at Harvard, prolific author and documentary filmmaker, tells the story of Reconstruction and redemption. A synthesis of scholarly work on race between 1865 and the 1920s, with a focus on literature and visual culture, his book provides a powerful and timely reminder that African Americans

ed and content; during Reconstruction, they maintained, outside agitators unleashed the beasts previously dormant in them.

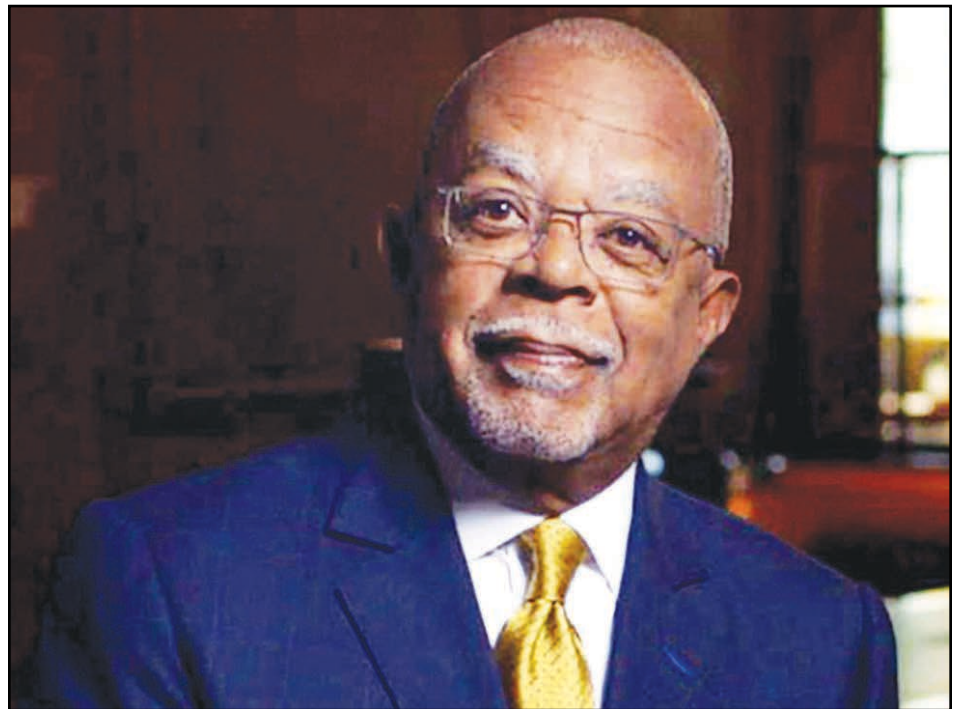
Intentional images

Images of ignorant, subhuman Sambos, Gates reveals, were ubiquitous in advertisements, consumer products, Uncle Remus stories, children's games, greeting cards and sheet music. Postcards with photographs of the bodies of Blacks hanging from trees and Whites attending the lynchings were popular as well.

These images, and, of course, scenes from the box-office blockbuster "Birth of a Nation," Gates writes, meant that when a White person encountered a real-live Black, the latter was "an already read text."

As pseudo-scientists, historians, Supreme Court justices, and Ku Klux Klan vigilantes marched in lockstep to keep Blacks in their place, African Americans fought back to reclaim their rights and their image in what Gates calls "another kind of civil war, a war that was cultural as well as political, a war that featured the concept of "the New Negro."

Among the disparate individuals and groups creating a counter-narrative to the claims that all Blacks were created unequal were W.E.B.



Du Bois and his "Talented Tenth"; writers and poets of the Harlem Renaissance; jazz pioneers; the anti-lynching activists; members of the Niagara Movement and the NAACP.

Still work to do

Eventually, politics took precedence, Gates points out, because many Blacks concluded that cultural constructions without political agency were likely to be "empty signifiers."

Equally important, Gates seems to endorse the view, held, ironically by both advocates of racial equality and unreconstructed Southerners, that "there never was an Old Negro or a New Negro; there were only Negroes."

As the poet Sterling Brown proudly proclaimed, African Americans are the legatees

African Americans have never stopped resisting White supremacy, despite the "unbearably hostile climate it has created."

how managed to thrive, create vital and vibrant cultures, "despite the obstacles placed upon them on that stoniest of roads."

A century later, Professor Gates adds, amidst "ugly language spewed and ugly images strewn, daily across our ever-present screens," it seems clear that racial justice is incomplete, "frighteningly vulnerable to reversal," and there is a lot of work to do.

Dr. Glenn C. Altschuler is the Thomas and Dorothy Litwin Professor of American Studies at Cornell University. He wrote this review for the Florida Courier.

This article originally appeared in the Florida Courier.

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African Americans are the legatees of a great people. Not only did they "survive the storm of anti-black racism," they somehow managed to thrive, create vital and vibrant cultures, "despite the obstacles placed upon them on that stoniest of roads."

Between 1865 and 1877, the federal government sought to institutionalize for Blacks "a new birth of freedom," through military occupation of the South, civil rights legislation, and amendments to the United States Constitution.

Resisted in the North as well as the South, the "experiment" was ultimately abandoned. In the "Redeemed" states of the former Confederacy, sharecropping replaced slavery, Blacks were prevented from voting, and subjected to pervasive, demean-

have never stopped resisting White supremacy, despite the "unbearably hostile climate it has created."

Gates documents the myriad ways in which racist ideology infiltrated every aspect of American life.

Well-credentialed scientists "proved" that Blacks were and would remain inferior to Whites, helping justify laws against miscegenation and intermarriage. Proponents of the Civil War as a noble "Lost Cause" insisted that plantation slaves were well-treat-

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The murderer of James Byrd will be executed Wednesday, April 24

Submitted

John William King: Mr. Executor, he is ready for you.

John William King, a leader of the Ku Klux Klan, who initiated the brutal murder of James Byrd Jr. in Jasper, Texas, is scheduled to be executed Wednesday 21 years after Byrd's body parts were found scattered in front of a black church and in areas nearby to scare parishioners.

The execution date was set for King after the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans denied the former carpenter and laborer's appeal for a new trial based on his argument that he was represented by ineffective counsel.

On June 7, 1998, James Byrd, 49, hitched a ride to Jasper with King and his cohorts, Lawrence Brewer and Shawn Allen Berry.



James Byrd.

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ignored, paid for Byrd's funeral. He also gave Byrd's family \$25,000. Following Rodman's lead, fight promoter Don King gave Byrd's three children \$100,000 for their future educational expenses.

Byrd's brutal murder also sparked passage of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which was signed into law by President Barack Obama in October 2009.

In 1999, a jury convicted King of kidnapping and murder.

He will be executed at the Texas Department of Corrections in Huntsville.



John William King.

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They were riding in a pickup truck and Byrd, an ex-convict, accepted the ride because he knew the men from prison. He hopped in the truck's bed. King was the leader of a white supremacist gang in prison and wore KKK tattoos.

King pulled over in his truck, and the three men got out and beat Byrd and then chained him by his ankles to the back of the 1982 Ford pickup truck.

They dragged Byrd three miles along a rural concrete road; his right arm, head and neck were severed when the truck hit a culvert.

"The killers dumped Byrd's severed head in front of a black church to scare parishioners"

Law enforcement officials and others found Byrd's severed head in front of a black church that was not named. The head has been left so that it would be seen by churchgoers on Sunday morning. Police later found 75 of Byrd's body parts a half mile or more away from the church.

James Byrd Jr.

The three dumped Byrd's torso along the side of the road. The state of Texas executed Brewer by lethal injection in 2011 and Berry will remain in prison for the rest of his life.

Former NBA star Dennis Rodman, who is always depicted in the press as a wacky clown, and whose sensitivity, intelligence and compassion are

One in Four Cowboys Was Black

Submitted
By Black News

Although it's not accurately reflected in cowboy movies on TV, there were actually quite a few African American cowboys in the 19th century. In fact, many historians agree that the real "Lone Ranger" was inspired by an African American man named Bass Reeves who was born a slave but escaped during the Civil War.

According to the History Channel, he went on to become the first Black Deputy U.S. Marshal west of



the Mississippi. He also was known to be a master of disguise, an expert marksman, and even rode a silver horse.

But Bass Reeves wasn't the only one. Many enslaved Blacks fled to the Wild West during the 19th century in search of freedom and well-paying jobs. After the Civil War ended, life was better in the west and there was a greater demand for skilled labor. A lot of the African American men who made the move ended up becoming legendary cowboys who had to deal with outlaws and dangerous animals as they drove cattle herds to market.

Although they had more freedom, discrimination and racism still existed in frontier towns and often Black cowboys were expected to do more of the work and take on some of the most challenging jobs. Even more, Black cowboys were typically responsible for breaking the horses and being the first ones to cross flooded streams during cattle drives.

In fact, some researchers say that the term "cowboy" was once a derogatory term to describe Black "cowhands."

Meet the First Black Pilot to Fly Solo Around the World

Submitted

In 2007, at the age of 23, Barrington Irving set a world record when he not only became the first Black person to complete a solo flight around the world in a single-engine plane, but the youngest person to do so at that time as well!

Irving started his solo journey from Miami, Florida around the world. He made 27 stops to different countries including Canada, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Greece, the United Arab Emirates, India, Thailand, China, and Japan. He traveled

Irving, who was born in Jamaica and grew up in Miami, started his fascination with aviation and planes since he was 15 years old when a United Airlines pilot invited him for a tour at the cockpit of a Boeing 777 airliner. He then worked several jobs at airports and practiced with a computer flight simulator at home to enhance his skills.

After high school, he was offered numerous football scholarships but he declined them all to pursue what he really wanted: an aviation career. In 2003, he received a \$100,000 Florida Memorial



26,800 miles in 97 days and returned to his base on June 27, 2007.

During his 150-hour flight time, he experienced challenges such as loneliness and bad weather. He would at some point feel frustrated especially for long stretches. But he kept going with the enthusiasm he received from the fans he communicated with over ExperienceAviation.org whenever he landed. He also got nervous when he encountered huge cloud formations and turbulence.

Even before he embarked on the round-the-world trip, he had to face rejections from at least 50 sponsors he had been approaching for over 2 years. He said many have thought he was too young and inexperienced for his ambition. Later on, he received cash donations and even aircraft parts, which was used to build the single-engine Cessna Corvalis 400 plane he rode in his historic journey. He rightfully named it the "Inspiration."

University/U.S. Air Force Flight Awareness Scholarship and studied aeronautical science.

In 2005, Irving established the non-profit organization Experience Aviation to empower youth, especially minorities, to pursue careers in aviation.

Moreover, Irving has been recognized for his determination to inspire others. He has been given the Jamaica National Honour, Order of Distinction Rank of Commander in October 2007 and has been inducted into the African American Research Library's Hall of Famous Black Achievers in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in November 2007.

"It's humbling, especially in this day and age, when a lot of young black men are getting caught up in the wrong things," he told the New York Times. "I feel blessed that I had a chance to maybe inspire kids out there, black or white, to become pilots or engineers or air traffic controllers, or to make a positive impact in any other area of life."

If my measles shot was years ago, am I still protected? 5 questions answered

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es of measles-containing vaccine for school-age children and adults at high risk, including college students, health care personnel, and international travelers; laboratory evidence of immunity; laboratory confirmation of measles; or birth before 1957. Surveys suggest that 95-98% of individuals born before 1957 were exposed to measles as children, giving them lifelong natural protection.

I don't have my vaccination records, and I'm not sure I even received one dose. What should I do?

Talk to your provider; you may need a shot. The CDC recommends that all individuals born after 1957 receive a vaccine for the measles. Measles is not strictly a childhood disease and adults and teenagers should be up-to-date on their vaccination. If you do not know your vaccine status, best practices would suggest you speak with your physician about receiving the vaccine. The CDC has the following recommendation for adult vaccinations against the measles: "Adults who do not have evidence of immunity should get at least one dose of MMR vaccine." Of particular emphasis are international travelers, health care professionals, women of childbearing age, close contacts of immunocompromised individuals, and people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Should some people not be vaccinated?

Yes. The CDC recommends that you tell your vaccine provider if the person getting the vaccine:

- has any severe, life-threatening allergies to any part of this vaccine
- is pregnant, or thinks she might be pregnant

“ Vaccination is the single best preventative strategy in avoiding the measles. As is the case for all contagious infections, proper hygiene practices, self-isolation while sick and avoiding contact with sick individuals are also useful practices in limiting the contraction and spread of disease. **”**

has a weakened immune system due to disease (such as cancer or HIV/AIDS) or medical treatments, such as radiation, immunotherapy, steroids or chemotherapy

has a family member with a history of immune system problems

has ever had a condition that makes them bruise or bleed easily

has recently had a blood transfusion or received other blood products

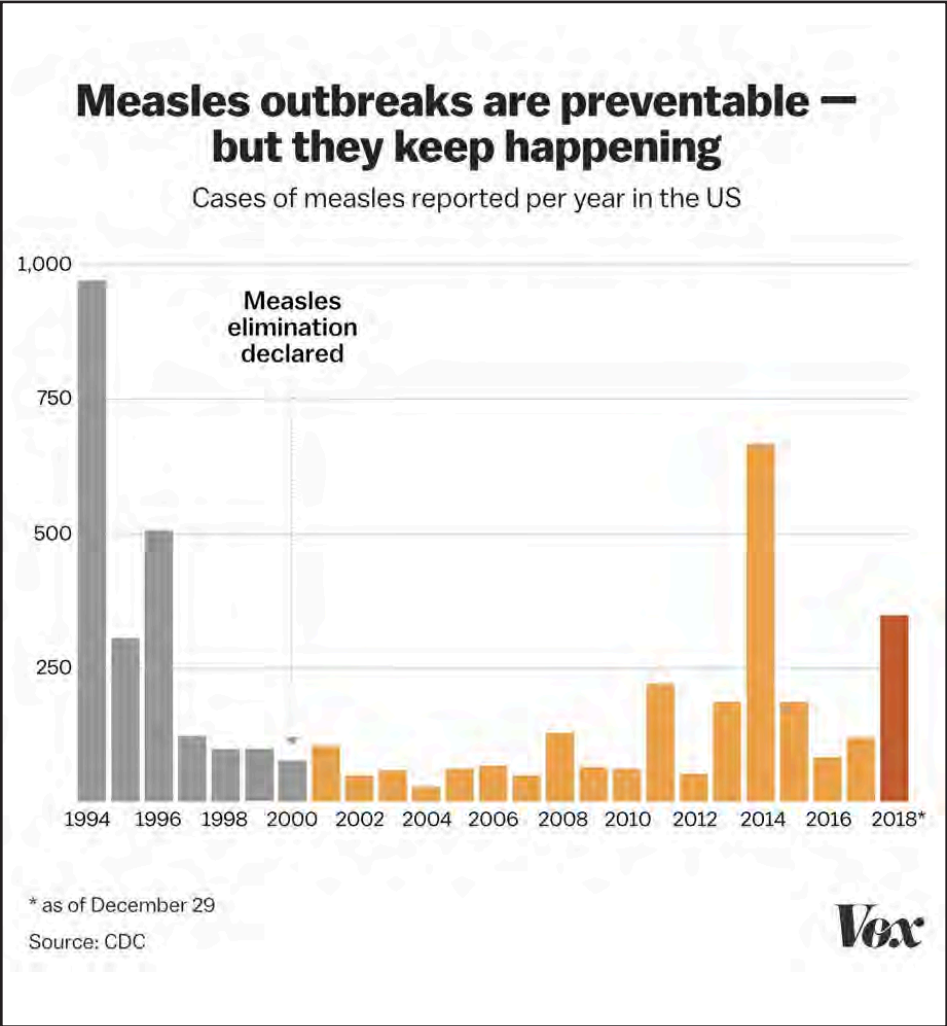
has tuberculosis

has gotten any other vaccines in the past four weeks

is not feeling well.

Other than being vaccinated, is there anything else I can do to stay safe?

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I've Almost Lost Hope


By Rev. Anthony Trufant,
Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Brooklyn

As an African American Christian pastor, I've almost lost hope for meaningful partnerships with white Evangelical Christians. There was a time when I was far more hopeful. Over the past twenty years, I have periodically attended Willow Creek's Leadership Summit and Saddleback's Purpose-Driven Conferences. Another inspirational resource has been the Dallas-based Leadership Network. More recently, I have either attended or streamed Andy Stanley's Catalyst Conference. All these experiences were helpful in my efforts to grow my congregation, the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Brooklyn. At these conferences, I learned biblical principles and best practices which informed how I have approached my pastoral work with greater intentionality and impact. I also have discovered how to think more creatively and strategically at a time when the footprint of Christianity is shrinking throughout the United States and specifically, the urban Northeast.

While at the conferences, I gained the impression that there were a number of white pastors who genuinely desired to build bridges of goodwill



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and interracial cooperation in the public square. I was encouraged by heartfelt and insightful comments from white colleagues about how America might be challenged to live up to the ideals of the founding fathers. I was pleased to learn that black and white pastors agreed that issues of drug and human trafficking, political and religious torture of prisoners, insufficient medical treatment for the poor, food insufficiency and substandard housing were unquestionably wrong and should be eradicated.

I have wondered often, over the last 12 years, whether partnerships between white Evangelical Christians and black Christians are tenable. Admittedly, Christians — from the Church's beginning — have rarely agreed on doctrinal issues and the look of authentic public witness. What has concerned me, however, are white Evangelicals who remain sympathetic to and supportive of organizations that carry racist overtones and undertones like the Ku Klux Klan, the Birther Movement, the Alt-Right and the Heritage Preservation Association. I was puzzled further by the questions raised about the authenticity of President Barak Obama's Christian credentials. Never did I hear compelling evidence to defend the unfounded claims parroted by so-called Christian patriots.

Admittedly, I was unhappy and stunned by the election of our 45th president. Still, I accepted his win, notwithstanding allegations of election tampering in communities of color and Russian interference — situations which recently have been proven factual. What I found and find problematic is the inconsistency and hypocrisy of white conservative Christians, and some moderates, who have clamored for American presidents to toe the line of personal piety, but have given President Donald Trump wide clearance on crucial areas of Christian character and practice. Thus far, our 45th president has paid only lip service to the vision and values of the kingdom of Jesus Christ. Yet, President Trump seems to have received a purgatory pass from white Evangelical pastors who are less than vocal about his egregious and embarrassing behavior, inflammatory tweets and texts, and racist, sexist, dog-whistling rhetoric.

White Evangelicals claim they seek unity for the nation, and as part of the body of Christ — I do as well. But I have no intention of feigning a false sense of harmony and accord. In this time of national crisis, I have learned, painfully and repeatedly, blacks and whites filter and see things from vastly different and often antithetical points of view. Prominent pastors like Rev. Franklin Graham, calling for Christians to pray for the protection of President Trump, is something I deem disingenuous and specious. What about calling for him to repent of his racist, sexist, and isolationist pronouncements and policies? Whatever happened to the baseline Christian belief that all public servants, including President Trump, should seek to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8) — and fellow citizens of the world?

Despite my disappointments and real doubts, I still have hope. Based on personal encounters and past experiences, I believe there are white Evangelicals who will shed a light on conduct contradictory to the Holy Scriptures and the fundamental and founding documents of this great nation. I'm convinced there are Christian ministers who are less interested in the national spotlight and functioning as personal chaplain to a President whose behavior has been unChristian and unbecoming of the President of the United States of America. I believe there must be a hidden stash of Evangelical prophets who refuse to bow down to Baal. I am looking for them and waiting for their call to action. I'm not sure if or when that will happen. But I remain faithful and encouraged because of the cross of Christ. His witness and wonder allow me to still have hope.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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NOTICE OF DISCLOSURE

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO, EASTERN DIVISION
In re: FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS CORP., et al.,
Debtors. Chapter 11, Case No. 18-50757 (AMK)
(Jointly Administered)
Hon. Judge Alan M. Koschik

NOTICE OF DISCLOSURE STATEMENT HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. On April 18, 2019, the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") filed the *Disclosure Statement for the Fourth Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of FirstEnergy Solutions Corp., et al., Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* (as may be amended, modified or supplemented, the "Disclosure Statement") [Docket No. 2530] with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio (the "Court"). The Debtors submitted the Disclosure Statement pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code for use in the solicitation of votes on the *Fourth Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of FirstEnergy Solutions Corp., et al., Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* (Docket No. 2529) (as modified, amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Plan"). The Debtors reserve the right to amend, supplement, or modify such documents prior to the Disclosure Statement Hearing (as defined below).

2. A hearing is scheduled before the Honorable Alan M. Koschik, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, for **9:30 a.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on May 20, 2019** (the "Disclosure Statement Hearing") at the John F. Seiberling Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, 260 U.S. Courthouse, 2 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44308, to consider the entry of an order approving, among other things, (i) the Disclosure Statement as containing "adequate information" pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (ii) procedures for soliciting, receiving and tabulating votes on the Plan and for filing objections to the Plan; (iii) the form of ballots, notices, and certain other documents to be distributed in connection with the solicitation of the Plan; (iv) the deadlines contained in the solicitation and confirmation procedures; and (v) the procedures for notice of the confirmation hearing and filing objections to confirmation of the Plan.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT HEARING MAY BE CONTINUED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE COURT OR THE DEBTORS WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OTHER THAN BY SUCH ADJOURNMENT BEING ANNOUNCED IN OPEN COURT OR BY A NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT FILED WITH THE COURT.

3. Copies of the Disclosure Statement and Plan may be obtained (i) from Prime Clerk LLC (a) at www.primeclerk.com/FES, (b) upon request by mail to FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. Ballot Processing, c/o Prime Clerk LLC, 830 Third Avenue, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10022, or (c) upon request by calling the FES restructuring hotline at (855) 934-8766 or (ii) for a fee via PACER at <https://ecf.ohnb.uscourts.gov/> (a PACER login and password are required to access documents on the Court's website and can be obtained through the PACER Service Center at www.pacer.psc.uscourts.gov). A copy of the Disclosure Statement and the Plan is also on file with the Office of the Clerk of Court, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio, John F. Seiberling Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, 2 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44308 and may be examined by any party in interest during normal business hours.

4. **EQUITY ELECTION RECORD DATE.** As previously disclosed in the *Notice of the Debtors' Entry into a Restructuring Support Agreement and of the Record Date for Equity Elections under the Debtors' Plan of Reorganization* [Docket No. 1995] filed on January 23, 2019, the Plan contemplates that Holders of certain classes of Claims against FirstEnergy Solutions Corp., FirstEnergy Generation, LLC, FirstEnergy Nuclear Generation, LLC, and FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company, as applicable, may be eligible to elect to receive equity in the Reorganized Debtors, rather than Cash, in satisfaction of their Claims (an "Equity Election") under the Plan. The date of record for purposes of making an Equity Election was **January 23, 2019, or such later date as agreed by the Debtors with the consent of the Requisite Supporting Parties and the Committee (each as defined in the Plan (such date, the "Equity Election Record Date"))**. All Holders of General Unsecured Claims wishing to make an Equity Election with respect to eligible Claims will be required to certify on their ballots to accept or reject the Plan, or by such other method acceptable to the Debtors with the consent of the Requisite Supporting Parties (as defined in the Restructuring Support Agreement (the "RSA")) and the Committee, that they were (i) the beneficial holder of such Claims as of the applicable Equity Election Record Date and have not sold, transferred, or provided a participation in such Claims, or directly or indirectly agreed to do so following the Equity Election Record Date or (ii) are otherwise a party to the RSA and the beneficial holder of such Claims and such Claims were subject to the RSA as of the applicable Equity Election Record Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Holder of a General Unsecured Claim shall be prohibited from selling its General Unsecured Claim at any time after the Equity Election Record Date, *provided that* the transferee of any such General Unsecured Claim will not be eligible to receive an equity distribution unless such Claim is subject to the RSA.

5. **SETTLEMENT, RELEASE, INJUNCTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS.** The Plan contains certain release, injunction, and exculpation provisions, including third party releases, which are subject to approval by the Court and may be found at Article VIII of the Plan and Article VI of the Disclosure Statement.

ARTICLE VIII OF THE PLAN CONTAINS RELEASE, INJUNCTION AND EXCULPATION PROVISIONS, INCLUDING **CONSENSUAL THIRD PARTY RELEASES IN ARTICLE VIII.E**. THUS, YOU SHOULD REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN CAREFULLY BECAUSE YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED THEREUNDER WITH RESPECT TO THE CONSENSUAL THIRD PARTY RELEASES.

6. **THIRD PARTY RELEASES.** The Plan contains Consensual Third Party Releases of claims and Causes of Action against the Debtor Released Parties, the FE Non-Debtor Released Parties and the Other Released Parties. **Any Holder of a Claim that (i) votes to accept the Plan or (ii) is deemed to have accepted the Plan shall be deemed to have granted the Consensual Third Party Releases. A Holder of a Claim that (i) is entitled to vote, but fails to vote to accept or reject the Plan or (ii) rejects the Plan, shall not be deemed to have granted the Consensual Third Party Releases.**

7. Responses and objections, if any, to the approval of the Disclosure Statement or any of the other relief sought by the Debtors in connection with approval of the Disclosure Statement, **must** (i) be in writing, (ii) state the name and address of the objecting or responding party and the amount and nature of the claim or interest of such party, (iii) state with particularity the basis and nature of any objection or response and include, where appropriate, proposed language to be incorporated into the Disclosure Statement to resolve any such objection or response, (iv) be filed together with proof of service, with the Clerk of Court, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, John F. Seiberling Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, 455 U.S. Courthouse, 2 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44308 and served so that they are received by the following parties: (i) counsel for the Debtors; (ii) the Office of the United States Trustee; and (iii) all other parties in interest that have filed a notice of appearance in accordance with Rule 2002 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases on or before on or before **4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on May 16, 2019**. Request for notice information regarding these parties should be directed to the Debtors' claims and noticing agent, Prime Clerk LLC, 830 Third Avenue, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10022.

8. **IF ANY OBJECTION TO THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS NOT FILED AND SERVED STRICTLY AS PRESCRIBED HEREIN, THE OBJECTING PARTY MAY BE BARRED FROM OBJECTING TO THE ADEQUACY OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND MAY NOT BE HEARD AT THE HEARING.**

9. Upon approval of the Disclosure Statement by the Court, holders of Claims against the Debtors who are entitled to vote on the Plan will receive a copy of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, and various documents related thereto, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

If you have any questions related to this notice, please call the Debtors' restructuring hotline at (855) 934-8766 or email fesballots@primeclerk.com. Please note that Prime Clerk LLC is not authorized to provide, and will not provide, legal advice.

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases (the "Chapter 11 Cases"), along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: FE Aircraft Leasing Corp. (9245), case no. 18-50759; FirstEnergy Generation, LLC (0561), case no. 18-50762; FirstEnergy Generation Mansfield Unit 1 Corp. (5914), case no. 18-50763; FirstEnergy Nuclear Generation, LLC (6394), case no. 18-50760; FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (1483), case no. 18-50761; FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. (0186); and Norton Energy Storage L.L.C. (6928), case no. 18-50764. The Debtors' address is: 341 White Pond Dr., Akron, OH 44320.

² Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan or Disclosure Statement, as the context so requires.

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7 Super Life Success Principles

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Commentary:
In American history business has produced some of the world’s greatest



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business leaders from John Rockefeller, Madame C.J. Walker, Henry Ford and Benjamin Franklin. These people revolutionized the way oil; hair, cars and business are viewed. For example, John Rockefeller use oil to help transform a nation. What about Madame C.J Walker? Her hair products for African-American women opened up a market that was non-existent. Henry Ford used the assembly line to mass produce cars for the Ford Motor Company that changed how cars are produced today. Benjamin Franklin, probably the most influential, came up with business ideas that are still used today over two hundred and fifty years later. I am going to give you (7) Success Principles that are important to success in business and life in the 21st century.

First Principle:
Have a vision. Visionaries are people who are dreamers or idealists; they see things that are not there physically, but exist spiritually and intellectually. They are very important to the process of life and business. Benjamin Franklin was the blue print for a visionary. He understood that the future was going to dictate the present; visionaries keep their eyes on their goal. This is the most important principle because to put the vision in place a plan is needed.

Second Principle:
Have a plan. In the show the “A

team” the leader of the group Hannibal always says: I love it when a plan comes together.” A plan is a pre-arranged agenda, formula or strategy that will give structure and time limits to the vision.

Third Principle:
Tenacity is the strength and the will power to persevere against all odds. Also, tenacity involves a revelation about something in life giving him or her the drive and inspiration to finish the job. This principle is valuable because it cannot be taught; it requires a certain stubbornness to succeed.

Forth Principle:
Forth principle is savvy. Having the ability to stay focused on a problem, analyze and resolve it. Savvy is internal though it can look external. Savvy is critical for life and business growth because it allows a person to think analytical with progressive stability in the process.

Fifth Principle:
Fifth principle is leadership. Leadership means having authority or chief stewardship over a group, situation or individual. Leadership is essential in every possible part of life. It is a critical asset and a lack of it becomes a serious liability in every part of life.

Sixth Principle:
Be a good listener, someone who is totally focused on listening to what is being said. This was chosen because it is the least appreciated amongst the masses, yet it is the simplest and most powerful. In order to be a good listener, one must practice silence as a religion. It takes patience and trust to be a good listener.

Seventh Principle:
Seventh principle is discipline. Discipline takes time and effort; it is a very powerful tool for those whom embrace discipline with love and desire.

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7 books that inspired the philosophy of Nipsey Hussle



By A.R. Shaw
Wire Writer

Nipsey Hussle often shared keen insight on entrepreneurship, self-awareness and societal issues through his music. An avid reader, many of the views Nipsey presented in his raps came from books that helped him to see the world differently.

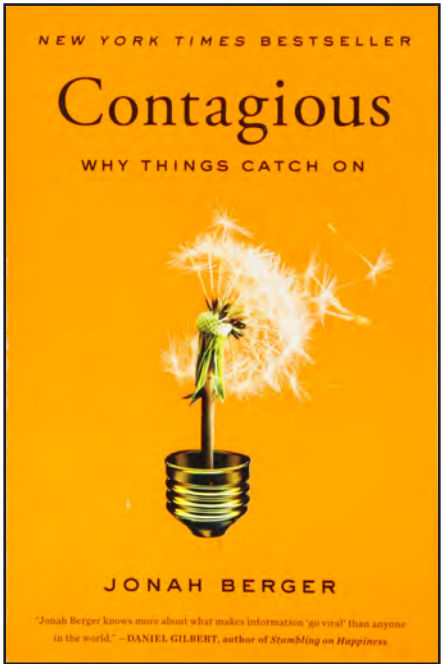
Here are seven books that guided the philosophy of Nipsey Hussle.

The Spook Who Sat By The Door

Written by Sam Greenlee in 1968, the fictional story follows Dan Freeman, the first Black CIA officer and former gang member in Chicago, as he learns the tactics of the CIA. Freeman later uses the skills that he learned at the CIA and goes to war against the American government. Mentioned on the song “Blue Laces 2,” Nipsey had plans of naming his last album after the book.

Message To The Blackman In America

Written by Elijah Muhammad in 1965, the book provides insight on how Black men can take steps toward self-improvement. T.I. revealed during an Instagram live chat on April 3, 2019, that Nipsey Hussle gave him the book.



Contagious
Written by Jonah Berger, Contagious provides marketing tips on how to make products more attractive to buyers. After reading the book, Nipsey came up with the idea to sell his Crenshaw mixtape for \$100 apiece. Inspired by Nipsey’s business acumen, Jay-Z bought 100 copies.

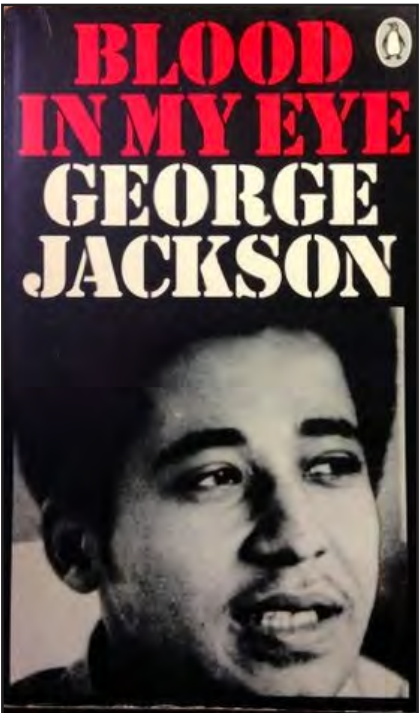
Three Magic Words: The Key

to Power, Peace and Plenty
Written by Uell Stanley Andersen, the book provides tools on how to tap into the power within. During a 2010 interview with Complex, Nipsey discussed the book and said, “It’s about the power of the mind. It’s about the projection of your thoughts into reality.”

The 22 Immutable Laws of Marketing

Written by Al Ries and Jack Trout, the book takes a look at rules within marketing that are essential to growth. Nipsey told Forbes that he was given the book by a friend and used some of the rules for his own journey in the music business.

Power vs. Force
Written by David R. Hawkins, the book delves into the impact of how and why choices are made. In a 2019 interview with Clash, Nipsey discussed the book and said, “There’s a chapter called the ‘Levels of Human Consciousness’ and what the whole premise is [is] that basically the power of frequency of your action is informed by the intention, and there’s a chart of all these different intentions that you can have.”



Blood In My Eye
Written by George L. Jackson months before he was killed in 1971 while doing time at San Quentin State Prison, the book tells the life story of Jackson, who served 11 years in prison for allegedly stealing \$70 from a gas station. Jackson would become an activist while in prison. Nipsey mentioned that he was inspired by the book during a 2010 interview with Complex. This article originally appeared in Rollingout.com.

Easter Joined by Easter Bunny at Media Day in Hometown Ahead of Sunday Holiday

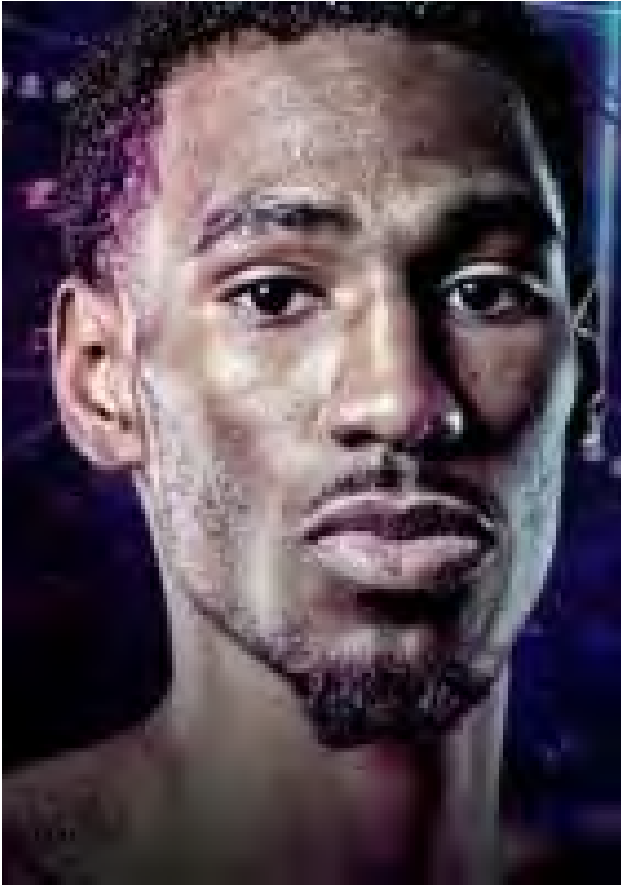
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TOLEDO, OHIO.- Former lightweight world champion Robert "E-Bunny" Easter Jr. hosted a media day in his hometown of Toledo, Ohio last Thursday and was joined by the Easter Bunny ahead of Sunday's holiday. Easter will face former two-division champion Rances Barthelemy for the vacant WBA Lightweight Title on Saturday, April 27.

Easter discussed his upcoming matchup before posing for pictures with the Easter Bunny. Here is what Easter had to say Thursday:

"I've put in a lot of hard work this training camp. We've been grinding every day. We went hard on the strength and conditioning, I've been swimming and doing everything possible to be in top shape.

"Most importantly me and my dad have been getting back on track. We had a little break after the last fight but now we've both got our timing down and ready for April 27.



Robert Easter Jr.

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“I’ve put in a lot of hard work this training camp. We’ve been grinding every day. We went hard on the strength and conditioning, I’ve been swimming and doing everything possible to be in top shape.”

"I train for every fight like it's a big fight. This time, it really is a big fight. I train hard for every fight, no exceptions.

"I expect Rances to come out and fight. He's an awkward, crafty fighter who likes to put up a fight. It's not really about what I expect from him though, it's about what I'm going to do in there. It's going to be my tempo.

"It's big for me to fight for a title and it's something I put myself in position for with the way I've always fought. If I don't get the knockout, I'm going to beat him down for 12 rounds.

"I've always been a tall guy for this division and I'm ready to show everyone that I'm still trouble for anyone out there.

"I got the 'Bunny' nickname from my dad. Because both of our last names are Easter, you just cut it down to E-Bunny and that's me. I'm excited to spend a little time not training on Easter Sunday with my family."



Robert Easter Jr. and the Easter bunny in Toledo.

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Color “Blindness” ... “I Don’t See Color...”

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What is the fallacy when someone says, “I don’t see color?” Immediately, when someone says this to me, a woman of color, two thoughts cross my mind. The first one is, “Is there some congenital abnormality that negates the ability to perceive colors?” The second, if more visceral: “If you don’t see color, does that render me invisible, unimportant, or not worthy to be seen?”

This statement prickles the hairs on the back of my neck. For, too often, these words are spoken by a white person to someone black or brown.

It almost fits into the trite utterance of “I have some (or a) black (or brown) friends,” or, another, “You are not like them.” So, if you do not see color, how do you know you have some friends of color or that I am not like the illusive “them,” presumably others of color?

Many of us have prejudices and/or stereotypes of those we view as “other” or ones different from ourselves in some way. It might be that culture, religious belief, ethnicity, gender, class, marital status, socio-economic status, or one or more of the -isms influence our perceptions. Some biases are so inculcated that, from infancy, we are programmed to have fears, stereotypes, and negative



views of those unlike ourselves.

One part of this kind of fallacious thinking may hinge on the fact that in order for some groups to feel righteous and superior, other groups must have to be viewed as dangerous and/or inferior.

Our perceptions of the value of ourselves and others often determine our treatment of and reactions toward those we view as less than or not as valued. Wars are fought over cultural and religious differences. Regardless of the injury, all people’s blood is red and all of us can hurt or grieve, regardless of color.

In the classrooms

across the United States, many children of color—and we all have a color—are castigated, segregated, and under-educated by least-qualified teachers who are sent in to work with children most needy.

As our schools become more multicultural, many of their teachers are becoming more monocultural and unprepared to acknowledge cultural differences, different styles of learning, or ways of showing respect and tolerance. The resulting revolving door of teachers who hone their craft on these children not like themselves often exacerbates the underachievement of students and the continual decline of the public-school system as we know it.

Until all of us are willing to forego our color and cultural blindness, we perpetuate students being placed on an assembly line to mediocrity, frustration, and wasted, unacknowledged potential. This, in no way applies to all teachers, for many teachers are diligent, dedicated, and hard-working people who care and who have students, many of whom, succeed in spite of the odds against them.

However, to “not see color” is, to a person of a different color, the height of insult from an arrogant, insecure, ignorant, condescending—even if unintentional—racist person!

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