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Ongoing Events

Scott High School  
Class of 1969

We are planning a great event Aug. 9, 10, and 11, 2019 for our 50th class reunion. Please contact Evelyn Wilson and Mary Lockett with your email or home information. Evelyns number is 419-490-6851 and Mary is 419-536-9544. Come on Bulldogs we need your info. Looking forward to hearing from you.

The Toledo Base Submarine Veterans  
Monthly Meetings

The second Tuesday of the month at The Genesis Village Events Center 2429 South Reynolds Road Toledo Ohio at 18:00 hours (6 PM). Our next meeting will be on Tuesday July 9, 2019. For further information you may contact our Base Commander Michael Meehan at 505-554-8636 or at wingsfaninnm@gmail.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.

Every 1st and 3rd Saturdays  
of the Month  
The Redeemed Christian Church of God  
Food Pantry, 10 AM to 12 PM  
2239 Cheyenne Blvd, Toledo OH 43614

Every Saturday  
Glass City Church of Christ  
Soup kitchen now open at 901 Hoag. Hours: 1:00-2:00pm every Saturday. We are reaching out to individuals and families in need of a free meal. Please see our Facebook page for menu items and any updates.

The Padua Center  
Summer Camps  
Hurry the camps fill up fast...Free with \$10.00 registration for the first 20 registered! Fee for camps: \$25 per week. Elementary school age children.  
Camps run from 10:00-2:00 Tutoring (9:00-10:00)  
Free Breakfast at 8:30, Free Lunch  
\$10 Fee for each child  
Tutoring sessions each morning from 9:00-10:00  
July 8-12 - Peace Makers Shark Tank  
July 15-19 Emerginig Young Ladies and Grooming Great Gentlemen  
Sign up on line at: www.paduacenter.org  
For information call Brookelyn Phillips - Educational Leader 419-241-6465 or Sister Virginia Welsh, Excutive Director, 419-460-3071

Now-August 9th  
Toledo Zoo  
Summer Safari Camps  
Go wild this summer vacation at Summer Safari Camps sponsored by Toby & Sue Cardone. The Zoo offers wild opportunities for campers ages four through 15. Separate fee, pre-registration required. Member discounts apply. For more information, including schedule, themes and pricing, visit toledozoo.org/camps.

June 28th Thru July 4th  
**Toledo's Fourth Festivites, Fireworks**  
The Toledo Mud Hens will kick off the multi-day celebration with a Military Appreciation themed game on Friday, June 28, with the team wearing special edition Toledo Stingers jerseys in honor of our local 180th Fighter Wing. World-class F1 powerboat racing returns to Toledo on June 29 at Rock the River Toledo at Promenade Park. Capping it off with the Fourth in the 419 fireworks display high above the Maumee River on July 4. Toledo's fireworks show beginning at 10 p.m. from International Park, aalong the Maumee River. The Heights at Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel will hold rooftop viewing parties and Imagination Station will offer a river front viewing party at the H2O Cafe patio. The event will be held, rain or shine. A full list of events can be found at www.fourthinthe419.com.

June 30th  
Calvary Missionary Baptist Church  
The Lion of Judiah Victor Choir  
Will celebrate their choirs anniversary on Sunday, at 4pm 702 Collingwood Blvd. Under the Direction of our Minister of Music Bro. Brian Thomas. Theme: I Will Bless The Lord at All Times, His Praises Shall Continually be in my Mouth. Psalm 34-1. There will be guess from around the city. Please come and enjoy this program with us. Sister Hallie McKinney - Program Chair -Person, Sister Ann Walker - Co-Program Chair-Person, Sister Betty Houston - President, Bro. Brian Thomas -

Minster of Music. Rev. Floyd Smith Jr. - Pastor, and Pat McFarland - Administrative Assistant.  
June 30th  
St. Stephen A.M.E. Church  
Annual Pew Rally  
Sunday, at 3:00 PM, 812 City Park. Please join us for this inspirational program.

July 5, 2019  
Girls Knight Out @ the Mall (GKO)  
by Warren Woodberry,  
Is not the Handmaid's Tale for a solution to the concerns of women all over the world. The play brings to life Pandora, Lillith and Eve who are all condemned by many religions for bringing evil to the world. "Not so" says the three ladies as they proceed to prove that God made no mistake in creating women, regardless of what misogynistic men said thousands of years ago and still practice in the 21st century. Pity poor Adam of the Christian Bible as he must defend the concept that all women are evil. But before eventually appearing on Broadway, the play Girl's Knight Out @ the Mall, opens at the Maumee Theater, July 5th starting at 6pm. Tickets are \$15 but there is limited seating. Email: forwearestangers@yahoo.com

July 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27  
Toledo Zoo  
Snooze at the Zoo  
Spending the night at the Zoo is a wildly good time for families, groups and schools. During the overnight adventure guests make enrichment for our animals, tour the Zoo, meet animals up close and enjoy delicious meals. Each Snooze lasts from 6:30 p.m. - 10 a.m. the next day. Separate fee, pre-registration required. For more information, including pricing and available dates, visit toledozoo.org/snooze.

July 11th  
**Movie Nights In The Park**  
Join us at 7 p.m., Thursday, at Joe E. Brown Park, 150 West Oakland St., for a FREE movie night in the park - Black Panther. DJ Mpress will be spinning the hottest music before the movie and concessions. Entertainment starts at 7 p.m. The movie starts promptly at 9 p.m. The city of Toledo supports the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need a reasonable accommodation because of a disability to fully participate in this or any city program/event, please contact Joan Easler, city of Toledo ADA Administrator, Office of Diversity and Inclusion at 419-245-1059.

July 12th  
The Isaiah Thomas Giving Foundation  
Party For A Purpose Fundraiser  
This event is to help a local family that lost everything. We are asking for you to come out and party for the purpose of donating items for the family. Friday, 5pm - 9pm, Club Evolution 519 N. Reynolds Rd, Toledo, OH. We are inviting you out to party for the purpose of helping a family in need. We have learned that when you have a tragic event in your life, coming together with family, friends and strangers can make this tragic event not so bad. Come party with us! Bring your donations of any kind to help this family in need. Clothing, shoes, jackets, socks, blankets, bedding, kitchen items - the family literally lost everything.Help us, help them.

July 13th  
**Toledo Museum of Art Community Block Party**  
Free event to feature live music, food trucks and Jeep show  
Make plans to attend the Glass City's premier summer event when the Toledo Museum of Art (TMA)hosts its sixth annual community Block Party Saturday, July 13 from 6 to 10 p.m. The indoor and outdoor event has activities for all ages.

July 16th  
Toledo Zoo  
Garden Tour Series: Stop and Smell the Roses  
This tour of the Sarah A. Coley Rose Garden will focus on the cultural practices needed to keep hybrid tea roses, climbers and heirlooms vigorous and blooming all season long. Tour meets at Ziem's Conservatory at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday. Separate fee, pre-registration required. Member discounts apply. Rain or shine. Please visit toledozoo.org/gardentours.

July 20th  
Toledo Zoo  
YPAC Wild - Games  
Saturday, join Young Professionals for Animals and Conservation (YPAC) for a ful day of Zoo fun including animal interactions and games of giant Jenga and Connect Four. Children welcome. toledozoo.org/ypac

Upper Room  
Tabernacle CLG  
30th Church & Pastoral  
Anniversary Banquet



**Pastor Danny E. & First Lady Linda Ransey**  
Saturday, July 13, 2019 @ 5:00 P.M.  
"Growing Stronger, Growing Deeper, Reaching Higher"  
Guest Speaker: Pastor Lee Miller, Sr., Faith Harvest Church, MS  
Radisson Hotel at The University of Toledo  
3100 Glendale Ave., Toledo, OH 43614  
\$40.00 per person  
For tickets call or text (419) 450-8167 or (419) 260-1650

July 21st  
Toledo Zoo  
Sundae Funday supported by Shipt  
Sunday, Dip into a variety of ice cream stations featuring Dean's Country Fresh Ice Cream around the Zoo from 3pm-6pm., sprinkle in special activities and entertainment to top of the perfect Sundae Funday! Tickets are \$5 for Zoo members and \$6 for non-members, include 10 samplings and may be purchased online in advance or in person day of the event. toledozoo.org/sundae-funday

July 22nd  
Toledo Zoo  
ADA Day  
On Monday, celebrate the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), at the Zoo from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. while learning about services and products available to those with disabilities at the information fair organized in partnership with The Ability Center.

August 3rd Thru August 9th  
The 86th Session of National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses  
Will be held in Detroit, Michigan, Saturday - Friday. On Monday, August 5, 2019, at 7 p.m. at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center the City of Toledo has been asked to render a musical selections in memory of Rev. Dr. Derrick E. Roberts former Chairman of the Board of the NCGCC and founder/director of the Toledo Interfaith Mass Choir (formerly the Toledo Mass Choir). We are asking church members of the music ministries and/or groups that were a part of the music legacy of the late Rev. Dr. Derrick E. Roberts to share in this city-wide choir under the direction of Brother Brian K. Thomas. Rehearsals will be held Tuesdays during the month of July at 7 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church, 702 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, Ohio. The Toledo Interfaith Choir would be honored to have your ministry participate in this special tribute. Please contact Brother Larry A. Jones, (419) 241-7332, email: jones425@aol.com or Geraldine Scrutchins (419) 241-3330.



# Black women are incarcerated for the crime of poverty

By Oscar H. Blayton

It seems like every day we learn about another facet of the cruelty of the American criminal justice system. Ava DuVernay's blockbuster documentary on Netflix, *When They See Us*, has heightened the furor over the fact that, in America, law enforcement means "control" rather than "justice" for people of color. And while the story of how the American legal system failed the Central Park Five is horrific – and for some, hard to watch – it is only one of many chapters in the saga of how this country lashes people of color with judicial oppression. Just as we should not avert our eyes from the tragedy suffered by the Central Park Five, we should not avert our eyes from the plight of poor women of color who remain behind bars simply because they are poor. The nonprofit organization Prison Policy Initiative has reported that almost two out of every three women in jail have not been convicted of a crime. They are incarcerated awaiting resolution of their cases. The main reason for this startling fact is that many women are unable to raise the necessary funds for a cash bail. And this, simply put, is punishment for the "crime of poverty." The Prison Policy Initiative has reported that in 2015, the median income for Black women incarcerated prior to trial was \$9,083, while the typical amount of bail in those instances was \$10,000. It is obscene that too often bail is set at an amount greater than the annual income of a person facing a minor charge.

It is not uncommon for people of color to be sent to jail for not paying fines. And it is outrageous when those people are incarcerated for not paying fines and fees for violations that are not jailable offenses. The threat of incarceration and, ultimately, incarceration has been used by some cities and towns strapped for money to squeeze

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dollars out of the most vulnerable members of their communities. In 2015, CNN reported how the U.S. Justice Department revealed a pattern and practice of racial discrimination within Ferguson, Missouri, that targeted African American residents for tickets and fines. And when these tickets and fines went unpaid, those residents often went to jail. Not only is this practice a grave injustice, but it inflicts wounds upon our society. The New York Review of Books reports that eight out of 10 women in jail are mothers, and most of them are single parents. There should be no need to explain how parental incarceration impacts negatively on a child.

Studies by the Prison Policy Initiative have linked parental incarceration to that child's risk of violence and victimization, as well as chronic health problems. Incarceration can cause a woman to lose her job, lose her housing and even lose her child. Incarceration of the poor is a public policy that creates and maintains a cycle of poverty. It is well known that incarceration usually results in the loss of a job. It is less well known that incarceration often results in the loss of stable housing. In his 2016 book, *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, sociologist and Princeton University professor Matthew Desmond set out that, "Eviction is a cause, not just a condition, of poverty." And Princeton University's "Eviction Lab" published an online report in 2018 titled *Why Eviction Matters* stating that evictions "disproportionately affect low-income women, in particular women of color." Drilling down into this injustice, we find that, according to the Prison Policy Initiative, "[I]ncarcerated women are more likely than incarcerated men to be poor, single parents, primary caregivers, and to be victims of violence, abuse, and trauma." Because of policies being made by those who do not care about the plight of these victims of poverty, women now represent a higher proportion of the U.S. prison and jail populations than in the past. A May 2019 analysis of the Bureau of Justice Statistics data by essayists in the *New York Review of Books* reveals that in "1983, women made up just under 9 percent of people admitted to jail. By 2000, that share had grown to 15



percent; and in 2016, women comprised 23 percent of all admissions." Women of color work the hardest for the least amount of money, and because they have the least money, they are the most likely to be jailed for their poverty. When America looks in the mirror, we see we are a nation that not only jails the poor for being poor, but we jail the poorest of the poor. Is this who we want to be? Is this who we want our country to be? This nation was founded upon so many injustices, too many of which persist to this day. One of those is punishing the poor for being poor. Gone are the days of debtors' prisons, but imprisoning the poor is still with us. It is time to take a stand and demand that our lawmakers turn this practice into nothing more than a bad memory. Oscar H. Blayton is a former Marine Corps combat pilot and human rights activist who practices law in Virginia.



# Donald Trump Confuses Bluster With Strength on Trade

By Jesse Jackson

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - For Donald Trump, America First is increasingly translating into America alone. He apparently believes that the United States is so dominant that it needs no friends. Trump prefers to act alone, often on impulse, in conflicts across the globe. He views allies as a burden, international law as an affront. He claims that America is back, more respected than ever. In fact, it is becoming more isolated than ever. The New York Times reports that Trump was ready to impose tariffs on Australia recently, to counter a surge of aluminum imports to the United States, to all of 6 percent of total U.S. imports. Fierce opposition from the military and State Department led the White House to reconsider. Trump has launched a long overdue challenge to our trading relationship with China. Our trade deficits with China have been the largest between two countries in recorded history. The Chinese have been masterful mercantilists, manipulating their currency and conditions

to capture jobs, expand exports and build their industries. The U.S. — with our trade policies defined by global corporations and banks — has been willing to allow U.S. companies to ship jobs abroad to take advantage of suppressed labor and lax environmental and consumer standards, and then ship goods back to the U.S. Profit margins and CEO pay soared; workers and communities in the U.S. took it on the chin. The relationship had to change. Yet instead of enlisting allies in challenging the Chinese practices, Trump slapped tariffs on Canada and Mexico, on Europe, Japan and South Korea. He's on the verge of alienating Australia, which has been a staunch ally in relation to China. Instead of isolating China, he's isolating the United States. Now the Europeans are ignoring U.S. warnings about the Chinese high-tech company Huawei's 5G system. Trump trumpeted his NAFTA 2.0 agreement with Mexico and Canada as a great success. Yet, he suddenly threatened to slap escalating tariffs on Mexican imports unless that country cracks down on the people traveling from Central America to seek asylum in the U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), the chair of the Senate Finance Committee, warns this could torpedo any possibility of passing the treaty. Trump isn't just isolating the U.S., he's isolating himself. Trump moved to take the U.S. out of the Paris Climate Accord that includes virtually every country in the world. He's repudiated the Iran Nuclear Deal, spurning the pleas of our

allies to respect a treaty that ensures Iran cannot revive a nuclear weapons program. His bellicose bluster and military maneuvers against Iran have earned the rebuke of European allies warning against the threat of hostilities. Instead of removing us from the endless "stupid wars" that he campaigned against, he's gone all in with Saudi Arabia, sustaining troops in Afghanistan, Syria, escalating tensions with Iran, and vetoing the bipartisan congressional resolution seeking an end to our shameful complicity in the Saudi assault on Yemen. His solo act on North Korea blew up in his face in the failed summit leaving South Korea to pick up the pieces, if that's possible. He's ratcheted up the economic sanctions against Venezuela, adding to the miseries of the people there, while the regime-change efforts orchestrated by his aides violate both decency and international law. The United States is a powerful nation. Our economy represents about one-fourth of the global GDP. Our military is the strongest in the world. Our network of alliances is unrivaled. Our culture - movies, language, currency - spread across the world. But we are not an indispensable nation or all powerful. Acting sensibly with allies, we can have immense influence. Acting erratically alone, we make ourselves weaker, not stronger. Bluster is not strength. Isolation is not freedom. Lawless impulse is not strategy. Trump's posturing is making us weaker, not stronger.

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# Salacious FBI Information Again Attacks Character of MLK



By Barbara Reynolds

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - In 1970, only two years after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., his widow Coretta Scott King received the horrific news that haters had shot into her husband's crypt in Atlanta, using it for target practice. Though grieved by the news, she conceded it was an omen that even in his grave the assassination of Dr. King would continue by fabrications and vile assaults on her husband's character.

To her, the words, "you can kill the dream, but not the dreamer," were not just a catchy mantra. She used them to brace her for the backlash she feared would come.

The recent trove of salacious and ill-reported old rumors being brandied about by Pulitzer Prize winner David Garrow falls seamlessly into that anticipated outcome. Mrs. King who died in 2006 had often shared with me her distrust of Garrow because of his close ties to the F.B.I., an agency that has historically schemed to nullify black leaders and according to former

FBI agent Donald Wilson, agents cheered in the Atlanta bureau upon news of his death..

The controversial information was obtained from F.B.I. bugging of hotel visits as Dr. King traveled across the country. The newest scandalous claims, according to an FBI agent, place Dr. King in a hotel room when a minister friend of his, now deceased, raped a woman, and King "looked on, laughed and offered advice" and that he also fathered a child with a mistress.

The information Garrow reportedly uncovered was recently reported in Standpoint, a conservative British magazine along with an article labeling King a "sexual predator" and "the Harvey Weinstein of the civil rights movement." As the news reverberated in London, Keith Magee, a senior scholar at the University College London(UCL) expressed his outrage. "This is part of the right wing's offensive to dismantle and destroy everything revered by people of color. As President Trump visited London, certain people couldn't bear to see a Black man being more respected than Trump, so there was a move to destroy Dr. King's image."

Meanwhile several right wing news outlets are blowing up the fabricated scandal; in one instance calling for the dismantling of Dr. King's statue on the mall in the nation's capital. Clayborne Carson is King's biography and oversees the Dr. King records headquartered at Stanford University. He says he has seen the same information Garrow has but reached a different conclusion. "None of this is new. Garrow is talking about a recently added summary of a transcript of a 1964 recording from the Willard Hotel that others, including Mrs. King, have said they did not hear Martin's voice on in. The added summary was four layers removed from the actual recording. This supposedly new information comes from an anonymous source in a single paragraph in an F.B.I. report. You have to ask how could anyone

conclude King looked at a rape from an audio recording in a room where he was not present."

In my Coretta King memoir, "My Life, My Love, My Legacy, " she talked about this material mailed to her home on Nov. 2, 1964 that her sources later confirmed were dispatched by the F.B.I. "I set up our reel-to-reel recorder and listened. I have read scores of reports talking about the scurrilous activities of my husband but once again, there was nothing at all incriminating on the tape. It was a social event with people laughing and telling dirty jokes. But I did not hear Martin's voice on it, and there was nothing about sex or anything else resembling the lies J. Edgar and the F.B.I. were spreading." Although she and other aides dismissed the tape, she could not dismiss the poorly typed letter in the package, suggesting the information to be released to the press was so damaging King should commit suicide. It read: "King we've found you out... You are done for there is only one way out.. You have thirty- four days before you are exposed and publicly defamed." What should be made clear is the letter was sent 34 days before Martin was to receive the Nobel Peace Prize but was not opened until the couple returned from the Nobel ceremonies in Norway. Mrs. King said that Hoover hated Dr. King and was outraged that King was receiving the honor he felt he deserved. "Our source told us Hoover had ordered the doctored tape to be sent to me in the hopes I would divorce Martin, which would bring him down. Despite all the rumors, Martin and I did not take the bait."

Believing the FBI is a friend of Black people would require amnesia as the agency has historically worked to nullify and destroy Black leaders, author Anthony Summers says in his Hoover biography entitled "Official and Confidential."

The long list includes orchestrating the jailing and deportation of the fiery Jamaican leader Marcus Garvey, bugging and blackballing the great singer Paul Robeson, the ruthless assault



on the Black Panthers and the well-documented COINTELPRO, the FBI program waged in the 1960's to prevent the rise of a Black Messiah, generally thought to be Dr. King.

Over the years, Mrs. King has defended her husband's reputation attesting he was faithful to his marriage. Others, however, such as Carson, a historian, do not put King in a category of perfection. "There are no perfect men, but it is still wrong to use undocumented, tainted evidence to smear a man when history shows that many men with documented sordid private lives, still remain heroes."

While the scandal is brewing, the words of Mrs. King are worth remembering: They may kill the dreamer, but Dr. King's dream of diversity and justice will outlive his enemies.

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# A Moral Agenda

By Dr. E. Faye Williams, Esq.

(TriceEdneyWire.com) — A few days ago, I had the opportunity to participate in the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. Along with Jerry Paris (GM of WPFW-FM 89.3) and Rev. Graylan Hagler, I was invited to co-anchor the program carried by WPFW-FM radio. The campaign is based on fundamental rights that all human beings should enjoy. Rev. Dr. William Barber is the leader with the moral authority to conduct this action. At the meeting and March to the White House, Rev. Barber spoke to a large, enthusiastic and diverse crowd at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC.

Prior the meeting in Washington, the campaign had reached out to more than 30 states, meeting with thousands of people, witnessing the strength of their moral courage. The group collected testimonies from hundreds of poor people and chronicled their demands for a better society. They've witnessed the struggles of the poor and dispossessed.

It has been documented how the group came to the current point. Documentation reveals the evils of systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation, and the war economy and

militarism that are persistent, pervasive and perpetuated by a distorted moral narrative that must be challenged. It indicates that those who refuse to see these injustices and acknowledge the human and economic costs of inequality must be challenged. The action in Washington was a great step toward challenging these conditions. A moral agenda was issued and I will share just a sampling of the demands the group has adopted.

- 1 Full restoration and expansion of the Voting Rights Act, an end to racist gerrymandering and redistricting, early registration at age 17, automatic voting registration at the age of 18, early voting in every state, same-day registration, enactment of Election Day as a holiday with a verifiable paper record, as well the right to vote for currently and formerly incarcerated.
- 2 Statehood, voting rights and representation for the more than 690,000 people in Washington D.C.
- 3 Implementation of federal and state living wage laws that are commensurate for the 21st century economy, guaranteed annual incomes, full employment, right for all workers to form and join unions, end to anti-union and anti-workers' rights laws in states, equal pay wage and relief from wealth inequality.

- 4 End inequalities for black, brown and poor white people within the criminal justice system.
- 5 An immigration system that, instead of criminalizing people for trying to raise their families, prioritizes family reunification, keeps families together and allows us all to build thriving communities in the country we call home.
- 6 Particular attention be paid to data concerning First Nations, Native Americans, Alaskan Natives, LGBTQIA and disabled people regarding poverty.
- 7 Change in the current poverty standards to get an accurate assessment of who is poor — based on access to decent and adequate housing, education, health care, water, sanitation and public utilities, childcare, as well as income, savings and debt, and social welfare — and that's made widely available to all.

50 years after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the 1968 Poor People's Campaign declared "Silence is betrayal" the group's message is "We are coming together to break the silence about the interlocking evils of systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation, the war economy and our distorted moral narrative....if silence was betrayal in 1968, revival is necessary today. We've come to remind our nation what



(Dr. E. Faye Williams is President of the National Congress of Black Women.)

truths we hold to be self-evident and what values we hold dear. We draw on the histories of resistance... and the power of the blood that has been shed through generations of struggle. We loudly proclaim that we will move forward together, not one step back!" These declarations are something about which all of us should care about want to be involved. (See <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/demands> for more information.)



# Juneteenth celebrations still alive after 151 years



Washington Muhammad, left, organizer of the event, listens as Nate Hicks sings the “Black National Anthem.” Both, as well as everyone present, place a fist in the air, representing black power.



(Above and Below) Vendors filled the parking lot of the Frederick Douglass Community Center.




Proclamation, two years earlier, thereby freeing them from slavery. “Freedom Day,” and “Emancipation Day,” were names both recognizing June 19, 1865. But the name Juneteenth, which is a combination of June, and the date 19, has become the official name. The Community Solidarity Response Network, CSRN, continued the 151 year celebration on Saturday, June 22, in the parking lot of the Frederick Douglass Community Center, 1001 Indiana Ave. There, vendors, music, spoken word, and



As those in Texas did 151 years ago, after hearing about the Emancipation Proclamation, Amjad Doumani, and Ruth Leonard, began their celebration of Juneteenth with a dance.

the smell of food, filled the air. Various speakers briefly addressed those in attendance. At the end of the day, heading into the evening, a movie screen would be set up outdoors for everyone to see the first screening of, “Black Men Unfiltered;” a movie by Ruth Leonard of Toledo. Washington Muhammad, organizer of the event, told The Toledo Journal, “We don’t have to ask for permission to celebrate this day. It’s our opportunity to celebrate the freedom of our people, while freeing us from the shackles of today.” LLadheena Shabazz, was a vendor at the event. She said, “Juneteenth is history that’s not talked about, and so those of us who know about it, need to recognize it, and invite others to learn more about the day.” Besides being the creator of the film, Ms. Leonard is the secretary, and treasurer for CSRN. She said the day is to remember what African Americans endured, but it’s also about the continued freeing of the mind. She told those present that, the black dollar has to be recycled. “In other neighborhoods, their money stays within their community weeks, months, and even years; we have to do the same with our money.” Regarding the film, Ms. Leonard said issues such as vulnerability, relationships, emotions, and various types of evils black men face will be discussed in the movie. “After the viewing, I want people to go home and ask the questions addressed in the movie, and attempt to answer them, so we can begin to heal, and advance our community,” she said.





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By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN  
Journal Staff Writer

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# Why is the Insurance Industry Pushing Repeal of Discrimination Protection?



By Marc H. Morial  
(TriceEdneyWire.com) -  
“As long as the color of a man’s skin determines his choice of housing, no investment in the physical rebuilding of our cities will free the men and women living there. ... A nation that aspires to greatness

cannot be a divided nation—with whites and Negroes entrenched behind barriers of mutual suspicion and fear.” — President Lyndon B. Johnson, letter to Congress, April 1966  
Racial discrimination in housing harms not only families who struggle to find homes, but communities still plagued by segregation. Housing segregation reinforces racism and diminishes us as a nation.  
So why is the insurance industry fighting to tear down one of the most important tools we have for preventing discrimination? Under pressure from the insurance industry, the

Department of Housing and Urban Development is considering revising its regulation on “disparate impact” claims in the Fair Housing Act, the landmark legislation that bans housing discrimination on the basis of race and other factors. Other federal agencies are considering similar action.  
Under the concept of disparate impact, actions can amount to discrimination if they have an uneven effect even if that was not the intent. The Supreme Court affirmed the principle of disparate impact in its 2015 decision in Texas Department of Housing

and Community Affairs v. Inclusive Communities Project. Writing for the majority, Justice Anthony Kennedy said “recognition of disparate-impact liability under the FHA also plays a role in uncovering discriminatory intent: It permits plaintiffs to counteract unconscious prejudices and disguised animus that escape easy classification as disparate treatment.”  
That case revolved around the tax credits the federal government provides for developers who build low-income housing. The Inclusive Communities Project sued the Texas agency responsible for

administering these tax credits for allocating too many tax credits “in predominantly Black inner-city areas and too few in predominantly white suburban neighborhoods.” The policy effectively kept Black families out of predominantly white neighborhoods.  
But even though the disparate impact principle is settled law, the insurance industry continues to push the Trump Administration to challenge it. Economic justice is dependent upon fair housing. Moving from a high-poverty neighborhood to a low-poverty neighborhood

raised incomes, improved college attendance, and reduced teen-age pregnancy, a Harvard study found. Zip code is a better indicator of life expectancy than genetic code.  
To stand in the way of fair housing is to oppose racial equality itself. As a civil rights organization devoted to fair housing for more than 100 years, the National Urban League will not tolerate the erosion of the provisions of the Fair Housing Act, or the failure of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to fulfill its duty.

# Top Six Tips for Hurricane and Storm Readiness

Submitted

(StatePoint) June to November is known in many parts of the country as hurricane season. As a growing area of the U.S. becomes susceptible to the effects of tropical storms, tornadoes and hurricanes, it’s important to have a plan for your home and family.

To help you weather storms, the experts at Freddie Mac are offering the following tips:

- Your home should have an emergency supply kit stocked with water, flashlights, non-perishable food, first-aid supplies, batteries, a radio and several days’ worth of medication for every member of the family.
- Create a family emergency plan and make sure everyone knows what to do and when. If you have pets,

make sure that your plan accounts for them, too.

- Gather and protect important household documentation, including birth certificates, passports, marriage licenses, mortgage statements, deeds, insurance policies and medical files. These, along with valuables and family mementos, should be kept protected in a safety deposit box or fire- and water-proof safe. In the event of an emergency, have a plan to move these items to higher ground where they are less likely to sustain water damage.

- Check your area’s emergency management agency to know where to go in the event of a local area evacuation. Technology can help you stay informed, as well as assist you in connecting with friends and family. With the free

hurricane app from the American Red Cross, you can track weather and alert loved ones you are safe. Likewise, the free app from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) features numerous resources for preparing or dealing with a storm. To ensure these apps come in handy when they are needed most, keep your phone charged as long as your home has power. Having an external battery pack on-hand can be helpful as well, particularly if you need to evacuate.

- When severe weather is in the forecast, clear your home’s outdoor areas of loose furniture, lawn debris and other loose items and store these items securely. Maintain your gutters to help protect your home from undue damage during heavy rainfall.

- On of the best ways



to protect your home is by preparing windows and doors for the storm ahead. Installing hurricane-impact strength windows and applying hurricane film, which can be left on year-round, can

offer your family peace of mind, particularly if you have little time to prepare. More hurricane and storm tips and information can be found at [freddiemac.com/blog](http://freddiemac.com/blog). Unfortunately, no

one can stop a tropical storm or hurricane from happening, but before the next storm heads your way, you can take steps to help ensure your family and home are protected.

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# Local Sixth Grade Students Self-Publish Children’s Book



From left to right: Mearah McElya, Glenita Parcher (mother of Rosa), Rosa Parcher, Jack Lassman, and Clay Chiarelott.

By Leah Williams

Rosa Parcher and Jack Lassman were all smiles as they joined family, friends, and supporters on June 22 at Sanger Branch Library for a book signing event to celebrate the release of their self-published children’s book *Our Solar System: Pluto’s Jealousy*.

The children’s book,

which started as a solar system assignment in their 6th grade class at Maumee Valley Country Day School, was written and illustrated by both students. Rosa and Jack said that they were given a choice of options for a final project and chose to work together on a children’s book because they had similar ideas. “We both had an idea to

have Pluto cause the moon phases,” Jack Lassman said. “So we then kind of mixed our ideas together to come up with the book.” After presenting their children’s book in class, Rosa and Jack thought that was the end of their joint project until Rosa’s mother Glenita Parcher surprised them by publishing



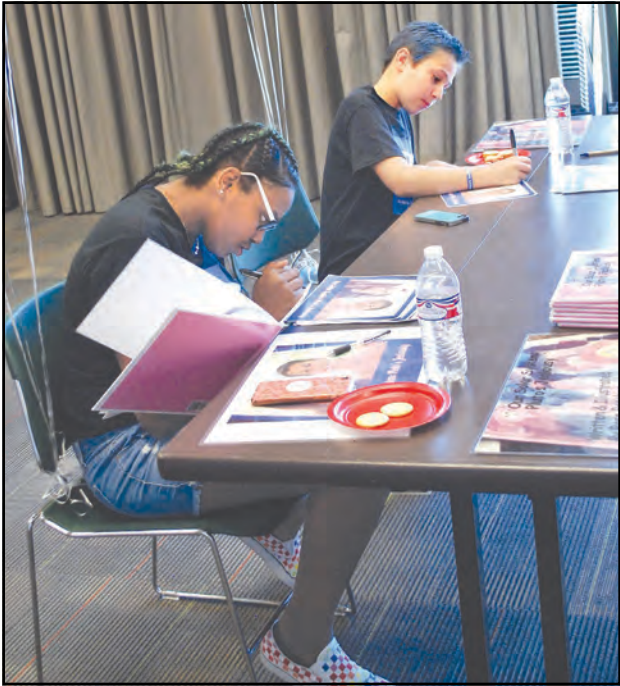
From left to right: Rosa Parcher, Head of Lower School Jamie Lassman (father of Jack), and Jack Lassman.

their book. “They didn’t know,” Mrs. Parcher said. “They were going to just throw the project aside since it was done, but I looked at it and thought ‘this is a book.’” Mrs. Parcher who is a student at the University of Toledo then enlisted the help of Clay Chiarelott, Writing Center Coordinator at the university, to self-publish the project.

“I helped with getting it to the published level. From a project to an actual printed book,” Mr. Chiarelott said. “Through a mutual friend, I heard Chamita was working on this project, and they thought maybe I could help. And so I did my best.”

Even though Rosa and Jack said they never expected to have a published book out of the class assignment, they were both glad that it happened and excited to have experienced the self-publishing process from start to finish.

Plans for a second book are already underway as well as a free workshop to help others who want to self-publish.



Authors Rosa Parcher, left, and Jack Lassman, right, sign books for their supporters.

When asked about their book’s appeal, Jack Lassman said, “It’s a visually fun book and a great way to sneakily teach your kids.” Co-author Rosa Parcher said, “I think [kids] are learning as they’re reading, and

they will stay interested in our characters.” Books will be available on Amazon the week of July 8. To purchase a book before then, contact Glenita Parcher at (419) 283-5752.

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# Seniors Should Beware of DNA Testing Scam

*Submitted*

COLUMBUS – In recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, which was earlier this month, the Ohio Department of Insurance and the Ohio Department of Aging are warning Ohioans of a new scam targeting seniors. Ohio consumers should be cautious of genetic testing firms visiting senior communities or making unsolicited phone calls and mailings related to DNA screenings.

“Scam artists are always looking for new ways to steal money or personal information,” said Governor Mike DeWine. “We want people to be careful and to know the signs of a possible scam.”

In the scheme, which has been reported in Ohio and other states, firms reportedly collect consumers’ personal information under the pretense of DNA testing to screen them for cancer, Alzheimer’s, or other life-threatening diseases. Victims are told that Medicare will cover the cost of their testing. However, Medicare provides limited coverage for DNA testing (which is why consumers should consult their health care providers). As part of the scam, consumers often are asked for their Medicare card number and Social Security number.

“We want Ohioans to be aware and cautious as they consider DNA screening services,” said Ohio Department of Insurance Director Jillian Froment. “Consumers should never share their personal information,

“Scammers and shady businesses target older adults to steal money, get personal information, or in this case, improperly access individuals’ insurance benefits. As older adults get wiser to common scams, scammers are doing more to try to win their trust. Guard your Medicare or other insurance card like you would a credit card. To a scammer, it is just as valuable.”

including Social Security number or Medicare card number, with anyone who reaches out unexpectedly. If you think you may be a victim of fraud or if you suspect potentially fraudulent activity, please contact us.”

“Scammers and shady businesses target older adults to steal money, get personal information, or in this case, improperly access individuals’ insurance benefits,” added Ohio Department of Aging Director Ursel McElroy. “As older adults get wiser to common scams, scammers

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# Apply for the Journalists in Aging Fellows Program; Deadline Is July 19

By BlackmansStreet.Today

The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Journalists in Aging Fellows Program is welcoming applications for its 10th cohort of reporters. The deadline is Friday, July 19.

Since its founding in 2010, this program has been responsible for nearly 700 news stories produced by 156 alumni. It has two goals: to educate journalists about issues in aging, better allowing them to spread a new awareness both to ethnic and general-audience populations; and to disseminate information about new scientific findings, policy debates, innovations, and evidence-based solutions.

The 2019 funders of the program include The Silver Century Foundation, The Retirement Research Foundation, The Commonwealth Fund, and The John A. Hartford Foundation.

“With the support of our funding partners, the program allows journalists to make invaluable connections to expert sources on aging, to each other, and to their communities,” said Todd Kluss, GSA’s director of communications. “GSA is proud to celebrate 10 years of fostering these connections, which are a key component of improving our lives as we age.”

Kluss co-directs the Journalists in Aging Fellows Program together with Paul

Kleyman, the founder and national coordinator of the program’s media partner, the Journalists Network on Generations.

“Our journalism fellows have generated a remarkable range of stories on topics such as combatting older adults’ hunger, reentry of older prisoners, and taboo subjects like dementia in many communities needing to know there’s help for families if only they will put aside their fears and seek it,” Kleyman said. “This program enables reporters to learn about the complex issues of aging and meet the expert sources who can inform their audiences.”

As in previous years, half of the fellows will be selected from general audience media and half from ethnic media outlets that serve communities within the U.S.

The program commences with the fellows’ participation in GSA’s Annual Scientific Meeting, which in 2019 will take place from November 13 to 17 in Austin, Texas with the theme of “Strength in Age: Harnessing the Power of Networks.”

On arriving in Austin, the fellows will participate in a daylong workshop before the GSA meeting begins. This session will showcase research highlights from the meeting and host discussions with veteran journalists on how to position aging stories in the current media environment.



The fellowship requires reporters to deliver two stories based on current aging research, including a major piece or series in the following months. All applications for the fellowship program will be reviewed by a selection committee of gerontologists and editorial professionals. The criteria will include clarity and originality of proposed in-depth story projects; quality of samples of published or produced work; and high-impact potential of proposals geographically and across different ethnic or racial populations. The 2019 application deadline is Friday, July 19.

Several previous fellows also will be eligible for support to attend the GSA meet-

ing to cover the newest developments in the field of aging. A continuously updated list of stories from the fellows is available at [www.geron.org/journalistfellows](http://www.geron.org/journalistfellows).

The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) is the nation’s oldest and largest interdisciplinary organization devoted to research, education, and practice in the field of aging. The principal mission of the Society and its 5,500+ members is to advance the study of aging and disseminate information among scientists, decision makers, and the general public. GSA’s structure also includes a policy institute, the National Academy on an Aging Society, and an educational organization, the Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education.

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**Prayer Breakfast**  
Date: Friday, July 19 2019  
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**Gospel Concert**  
Date: Friday, July 19 2019 | Time: 6:00 PM  
Location: Friendship Baptist Church - 5301 Nebraska Avenue  
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Featuring: Local Talent + The ZAPP Band + R&B Singer - Angela Windbush  
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one conducting DNA cheek swabs requests that you agree to be billed for services in the event Medicare does not pay. These types of “testers” may be committing Medicare fraud because they are attempting to bill Medicare for a procedure that has not been ordered by a health care provider.

What Should Medicare Recipients Know About Genetic Testing?

In order for the testing to be covered by Medicare, it must be medically necessary.

Consumers should always confirm that their test has been ordered by their doctor, that it’s covered by their plan, and that it’s medically necessary.

If you are interested in DNA screening, talk to your doctor and determine if it is right for you.

How Can I Protect Myself from This Type of Scam?

If you or a loved one is approached by someone claiming to offer genetic testing, do not give your personal information (like your Medicare or Social Security information) to them.

Theft of Medicare card numbers may be used to commit identity theft or fraud.

Instead of receiving a DNA screening unsolicited from a firm not affiliated with your health care provider, talk to your doctor first and determine if the test is necessary.

Some consumers have reported receiving DNA testing kits in the mail without requesting them. Consumers should not use these kits but should instead talk to their doctor first.

If you suspect wrongdoing or if you believe you have been victimized, call the Ohio Department of Insurance’s Fraud and Enforcement Hotline at 800-686-1527 or the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program at 800-686-1578.

Older Ohioans and their loved ones can learn more about scams and other forms of elder abuse and exploitation, along with ways to prevent and report them, on the Ohio Department of Aging’s website ([www.aging.ohio.gov/elder-abuse](http://www.aging.ohio.gov/elder-abuse)).



# Third Baptist Church hosts appreciation for Mothers Louise James and Ophelia Williams

## Two choir members retire



From left are, Mick Collins, choir director, Sarah Lee, past retired honoree, Mothers, Louise James, and Ophelia Williams, current retired honorees, and Frances McFarland, past retired honoree.

By Journal Staff Writer

Over 108 years of combined vocal experience between Mothers, Louise James, and Ophelia Williams, has officially ended for Third Baptist Church, 9775 Angola Rd, choir.

Sunday, June 23, at the church, both long standing vocalists hung up their choir robes, to sit amongst the parishioners they faced for many years.

Besides honoring

“It has been a wonderful 58 years, and I am going to miss it”

the two Mothers of the

church, the adult, men’s and youth choir were all honored, as they have been, for the past seven years, during Third Baptist Church Appreciation Day, with the theme,

“Singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

Started by Mick Collins, director of music, he told The Toledo Journal that, holding an appreciation celebration for the choir may not be considered the

norm, but he felt it was long overdue.

“I thought it would be a nice gesture for all the work that they do,” he said.

Each member of the three choirs received a gift, Mr. Collins said. But the focus of the day was directed on the two retirees.

Mother James said she has been singing in the choir for 50 years, and said it helped keep her young. But due to health related issues, she said it’s time for her to step aside.

“It’s time for me to step aside, and let the young folks take over,” she said. “I really appreciate the honor I’m receiving today, and the fact they said they’ll miss me,” Mother James said. Although she won’t be officially in the choir, Mother James said she knows she’ll feel as if she’s supposed to be singing with them.

“I won’t let my retirement stop me from singing amongst the congregation,” she added.

“I’m old, and can’t hit those high notes like I used to,” Mother Williams bluntly explained. “I will miss the structure of preparing, and singing, as well as just learning new songs,” she said.

“It has been a wonderful 58 years, and I am going to miss it,” Mother Williams said.

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# Birmingham Civil Rights Institute to honor black millionaire businessman A. G. Gaston

By Frederick Lowe

A. G. Gaston, the black millionaire who bailed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. out of jail.

A. G. Gaston, a black Birmingham millionaire, who is one of the most important heroes of the civil rights movement yet

one of the least known and unappreciated, will be honored at 3 p.m. June 30th at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute in

Birmingham, Alabama. The oening reception is titled “A. G. Gaston: The Man and His Legacy” and it will include

a book signing of “Black Titan: A. G. Gaston and the Making of a Black

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How to Speak His Love Language

By Felicia T. Simpson

According to Gary Chapman's book, The 5 Love Languages, there are five key emotional ways that couples speak and understand each other's love. Your man may have only one love language or several but the important thing is to identify what it is and speak it! Your relationship may be going downhill or not at its best like in the beginning possibly because you stop speaking his love language. Below are some practical ways that you can spice up your love life and speak his love language.

The Five Love Languages for Men

**Words of Affirmation.** Tell your man how much you appreciate him more often than not. Affirm to him daily that he is a vital part of your life. This can be done in a handwritten note, face to face, via text or a phone call in the middle of his day. Your man wants to know that he is an asset to you and/or your family, so tell him and show him consistently.

**Acts of Service.** Those manly chores around the house that you designate for him, help him do it. Fix his lunch for work or wake up early enough to cook him breakfast before you both start your busy day. Show that you care about your man by being of service to him. Put away that negative mindset of serving your man is wack or old ways of thinking and do something nice for him, instead. Don't let your independence be the downfall of your relationship because you're too independent to do something nice for your man.

**Receiving Gifts.** If your man loves gifts, give them to him. Now usually men have expensive habits just as much as us women. So you may have to save for a while to purchase some gifts but you can buy him gifts that don't cost much as well.

**Quality Time.** Put the phone and kids away and spend time with your man. Clear that boss chick calendar of yours and spend some real, uninterrupted time with your man. If you're like me, you may need to put your phone in another room to avoid the temptations of picking up your phone and tuning your man out. Sometimes men are ok with just the mere presence of their woman and consider that quality time. Others want to be fully engaging with their woman and



who on earth would argue against that? The next time you plan a to-do list, plan to spend time with your man also.

**Physical Touch.** Last but not least, ladies, your man of course enjoys the physical touch of his woman. Don't get complacent in the relationship and stop touching your man. Physical touch doesn't just mean intercourse, either. Gently hold his hand when you're at dinner or walking to the car. While giving him words of affirmation, ended it with a soft hug and kiss. Rub his back sometimes or his temples when he's had a rough day at work. Don't always be the receiver of physical touches.

Don't overthink it, and like Nike, just do it. You may have to go through a series of tests and trials until you find, what works for speaking your man's love language. Every man is different so there is no one formula designed to fit your man's wants and needs. As time changes so will your man so you may have to speak all of these love languages throughout the course of your relationship. Just be genuine in whatever you do and your man will truly appreciate the efforts.

What's your man love language(s)? What are some things that you do consistently to speak his love language(s)? Share your thoughts in the comments.

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What men fear the most?

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Commentary:

What do men fear the most? If you ask any man what it is he's afraid of, most of them would say... NOTHING! Men have been taught from birth to overlook their hurts and their fears and keep it moving. But today I am going to share with you three things men fear the most to help you to better understand them.

**Number 1):** Men are afraid of rejection. Rejection to a man is what kryptonite was to Superman. It will bring him to his knees, especially if rejected by somebody who has his heart. Ladies, remember every time you reject your man you're chipping away, piece by piece, at his heart, soul, and mind until eventually he won't be the same; he won't care, he won't recover; he won't come back to you. Is that what you were really trying to accomplish when you rejected him?

**Number 2):** Men are afraid of not making his mark in the world. Every man is born with gifts, goals, and dreams. Men are conditioned, groomed, and taught (more so than women) to be competitive and to be physical. For men it's all about



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keeping score in the competition of life At some point, every man questions his purpose in life and what legacy he can leave for his children and for the world. Making his mark in the world will be catapult his name to stardom for generations to come or if directed negatively he will fall short of the mark and the prize.

**Number 3):** Most men fear not being able to provide and protect themselves and their families. When it comes to being able to make money and hold his own, men are terrified. He knows that he has to work hard. Oftentimes, the odds are stacked against him. He often walks with a chip on his shoulders and a "game-face on" as a defense mechanism when, he feels that he in some way is a disappointment if he is unable to provide and protect.

My advice to any woman who loves and wants to continue to be with a man who is struggling with rejection, making his mark, and/or providing/protecting his family is; to give him all the support and love you can. Give him time. Show him other meaningful things he can accomplish to boost his self –worth. Allow him to contribute his strengths to the relationship.

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NASA Headquarters Street Renamed for 'Hidden Figures' Mathematicians

By Katherine Lewin,  
Special to The Informer via  
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Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson were Black female mathematicians at NASA, the U.S. space agency. They faced incredible adversity and defied racial segregation to play important roles in major missions to space.

The three women were celebrated and profiled in the 2016 book "Hidden Figures" by Margot Lee Shetterly and the subsequent film by the same name directed by Theodore Melfi.

The film starred Janelle Monáe, Taraji P. Henson and Octavia Spencer and received three Oscar nominations for showcasing the women's struggles to advance in their careers during the Jim Crow era. During the 1950s, mathematicians

were called "computers" and Black people were known as "colored computers." Black women were physically separated from their white colleagues even though they were calculating the same trajectories for missions involving the first Americans in space. Now, NASA has taken a further step and renamed the street in front of its D.C. headquarters Hidden Figures Way.

The moment was captured on video on June 12 and people on Twitter in D.C. are celebrating too with the hashtag #BlackScienceHistory. Shetterly, Sen. Ted Cruz, chairman of the Senate subcommittee on aviation and space, NASA administrator Jim Bridenstine, Christine Darden, one of NASA's human "computers" during the Apollo era and members of each woman's family were there to unveil the sign on E Street.



In February, NASA renamed a facility in Fairmont, West Virginia, after Johnson. She is now 100 years old. In 2015, former President

Barack Obama awarded her the presidential medal of freedom, America's highest civilian honor. Next month, NASA and the rest

of the U.S. will be celebrating next month's 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission and first moon landing. All 12 people who walked

on the moon were white American men. This article originally appeared in the Washington Informer.



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**July 3, 1775:** Prince Hall founded Africa Lodge No. 1. It was the first Black Lodge of Free Masons in the United States.

**July 4, 1827:** Slavery abolished in New York State.

**July 6, 1853:** William Wells Brown published Clotel, the first novel by a Black American.

**July 9, 1868:** 14th Amendment granting African Americans citizenship ratified (1868)

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**June 29, 1886:** James VanDerZee, photographer is born.

**July 9, 1893:** Daniel Hale Williams performed "world's first successful heart operation" at Chicago's Provident Hospital.

**July 8, 1914:** The famous jazz singer Billy Eckstine was born.

**July 7, 1915:** Margaret Walker, writer, born.

**June 30, 1917:** Lena Horne, Jazz singer born in Brooklyn, NY.

**June 27, 1939:** F.M. Jones patents ticket dispenser.

**July 2, 1943:** Lt. Charles B. Hall, became first Black pilot to shoot down Nazi plane.

**July 2, 1964:** Civil Rights Act signing

**July 2, 1964:** Dr. King attends the signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 at the White House, where the law was signed by U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson.

**June 30, 1974:** Alberta Williams King, mother of Dr. King, shot and killed playing organ in Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

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**July 5, 1975:** Arthur Ashe won the men's single championship at Wimbledon.

**June 26, 1993:** Roy Campanella, catcher for the Negro Leagues and the Los Angeles Dodgers, dies.

**July 2, 2014:** The 50th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is commemorated.

**In 1967, Robert H. Lawrence, Jr. became the first African-American to be trained as an astronaut.** He unfortunately died in a plane crash during flight training before he could be sent on his first space mission. Sixteen years later, Guion "Guy" Bluford carried on Lawrence's legacy by becoming the first Black man in space.

**Langston Hughes'** daddy discouraged him from being a writer and only agreed to pay for his college education if he studied engineering.

**Architect Paul Williams mastered the art of drawing upside down** so that he could sit across from - not next to - white clients who didn't want to sit side-by-side with a Black person.

**Barack Obama** is a lot of firsts, but he's also a Grammy award winner. His audio books, Dreams from My Father and The Audacity of Hope, won Best Spoken Word Album in 2008.

**Athletes John Carlos and Tommie Smith** made history - and headlines - when they raised their black-gloved fists on the awards stand at the 1968 Olympics. Both also wore Black socks and no shoes on the podium, representing Black poverty in America.

**After retiring from baseball, Jackie Robinson helped establish the African-American owned and controlled Freedom Bank.**

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# Start High girls track team make it to finals

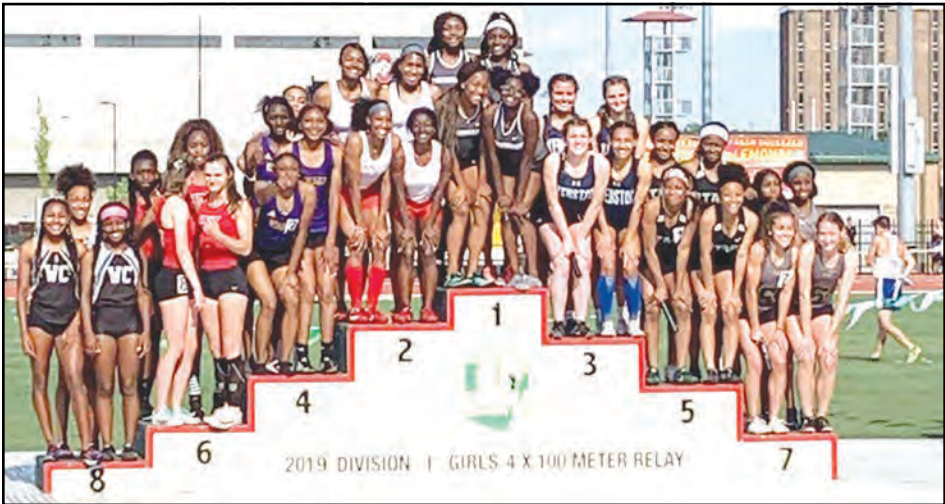


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Submitted By Mechelle Catlin  
The Start High school 4x100 relay team made it to the finals at the State, Division I

Track meet and placed 5th overall. The meet was held in Columbus at the Jessie Owens stadium on May 31st and June 1st. Despite

Friday night's rain and 2 hour delay, many teams in Ohio competed. There were several strong competitors such as LaKota East from the Cincinnati area and Reynoldsburg, near Columbus but the Start High school team placed! They were the only girls relay team from the Toledo area to place in the finals. The final eight teams recieved state championship medals The Start 4x100 relay team was also given a certificate for ranking 5th in all Ohio. This an outstanding accomplishment. They worked very hard this year and progressively improved their times throughout the year. In my opinion, the sport of Track and Field is not given enough coverage as a high school sport. Perhaps its because it's an "end of the year sport." Hopefully a story can be publish in your paper to congratulate and honor the great accomplishments of these young ladies!

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# Shaquille O'Neal Says He Wants to Buy Reebok

Shaquille O'Neal, a retired NBA champion turned sports commentator, says that he is very interested in buying out Reebok. Shaq was drafted by the Orlando Magic in 1992, and has since made more than \$300 million from his NBA salary and various endorsement deals.

As a long-time serial entrepreneur, Shaq has invested in several franchises and reportedly owns 155 Five Guys restaurants, 17 Auntie Anne's, 9 Papa John's, 40 24-hour fitness gyms, and 150 car washes. According to CNBC, he has also profited quite a bit from early investments in Google and Apple.

During a recent interview after candidly mentioning that he is a part of the investment group that just purchased Sports Illustrated, he also told CNBC that he would love to purchase Reebok.

## Why Reebok?

Shaq signed his first shoe deal with Reebok in 1992, which was worth \$15



million. He says though that Adidas, who currently owns Reebok, has "diluted [the brand] so much to where it's almost gone."

"If they don't want it, let me have it," Shaq said. "I want to bring them back to basketball and to fitness."

He added that Reebok struggles to compete with brands like Adidas and Under Armour, and he thinks he knows how to fix the problem.

If Reebok is up for sale, it would be costly - definitely a multi-billion deal even though their exact value today is unknown. But Shaq can easily afford it. According to Forbes, he himself is worth \$400 million and his portfolio is worth up to \$8 billion.

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# National Youth Sports Program



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**Dr. K with the 9- and 10- year old Group #1**

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*By Leah Williams*  
The National Youth Sports Program [NYSP] is celebrating 50 years of service to Toledo area youth this year. Created

to provide economically disadvantaged youth ages 9 to 16 with summer sports instruction and educational programs, NYSP has been hosted on the campus of The

University of Toledo [UT] since its inception in the late 1960s. Despite a loss of federal funding in 2003, UT and community partners have continued to fund a scaled-down version of the summer program. NYSP once boasted an enrollment of over 500 students annually; however, with the funding structure change, the program now seeks to enroll 150 students annually according to Project Administrator Dr. Ruthie Kucharewski. Despite this and other challenges, Dr. Kucharewski, or Dr. Kas she is affectionately known by the NYSP staff and students, explained why she believes the

program has thrived for so long in the Toledo community, “It’s got a fabulous reputation, and the University supports it fully - 100% all the way up to the President. That’s why it has staying power.” Dr. Kucharewski further stated that community support is crucial to the success of the program, “We are always looking for sponsors. We love partnerships. We are always looking for hometown heroes. We like to put good role models in front of the children.” In 2004, the University of Toledo’s National Youth Sports Program received the Silvio O. Conte Award of Excellence recognizing it as the best program in



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**Dr. K with the 9- and 10- year old Group #2**

the nation for 2004. Dr. Kucharewski and her staff continue to strive each day to maintain the level of excellence that not only resulted in such a prestigious recognition but also the support of a community for 50 years.

NYSP is still taking applications for this year’s summer program. Interested parents or community members are encouraged to contact program staff at (419) 530-2888 for more information.

## Birmingham Civil Rights Institute honors A. G. Gaston

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American Millionaire” by Carol Jenkins, the Emmy award-winning producer and television journalist. My parents grew up in Birmingham, where my older brother lives, and they told me about Mr.

Gaston. Years later, I read “Black Titan” and learned about the vital role he played in the Birmingham civil rights movement, including bailing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. out of jail. Their friendship in this instance did not stop

Gaston and King from nearly coming to blows over some dispute. Mr. Gaston built a \$40 million business empire that included a savings and loan bank, a business college, a construction company, a real estate business, a burial

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