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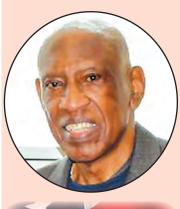
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Robinetta West hosts national fashion designer Eduard Davis



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Start High School's Decca II-Fashion Marketing Program Adviser Ms. Robinetta West (L) with (R) Fashion Designer Eduard Davis.

By Michael Daniels Joitnal Staff Reporter

Ms. Robinetta West , Start High School

Marketing Program adviser and teacher, invited former student and grad, Edu-

Decca

II-Fashion

ard Davis, to speak to her class on May 8, 2019.



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Decca students (front L-R) Anttwon Dondada, Anthony Cosby, and Jaslynn Harris (back (L-R) Kayaira Burroughs and Adriab Michael Jr., check out social media.

Mr. Davis was the perfect guest for the students. He talked to them about a career in the fashion industry and how he followed his dreams of being a fashion designer until one day he made it into a reality. Today he has his own successful company called

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Student achievements celebrated at 36th Annual Junior High Afro Ball viewed as a "Rites of Passage"



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The audience couldn't get enough of Michael Jackson Impersonator, Jackson Price at the 36 Annual Jr. High Afro Ball



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Fashion forward young ladies at the 36th annual Jr. High Afro Ball on Saturday, May 18 at the Seagate Convention Center.

Submitted

Nearly 1000 students throughout the Toledo Metropolitan Area and representing Toledo Public Schools, Charter, Parochial and other districts convened for the 36th annual Jr. High Afro Ball on Saturday, May 18 at the Seagate Convention Center.

Themed, "The Future Belongs to Those Who Prepare", the Ball is viewed as a "rites of passage" by the families of these 7th & 8th grades into a higher level of ma-

turity and personal responsibility. According to Elaine Page, Executive Director of Grace Community Center. This occasion is the first time many of these students have attended a formal event designed specifically for them alone. "The Ball celebrates the personal achievement of the students and is a celebratory send-off by their community into bright futures.

The Ball spearheaded 36 years ago by founding Director, Betty Amison has con-

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Black Women Dominate Miss USA Pageant



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Miss USA, Cheslie Kryst

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Correspondent @StacyBrownMedia

The recently crowned Miss USA, Cheslie Kryst said she'll never forget the time a judge at a law conference told her to wear a skirt instead of pants because judges prefer skirts.

The 27-year-old black lawyer, who earned a law degree and an MBA at Wake Forest University, had a message for that judge after she won the competition where the three finalists were all women of color.

"Glass ceilings can be broken wearing either a skirt or pants," Kryst

Alejandra Gonzalez of New Mexico was the first-runner up, and Oklahoma's Triana Browne the second-runner up during the competition in Reno, Nevada.

The winner and finalists, which also included another woman of color in the top 5, was also a not-so-subtle reminder and rebuke of President Donald Trump, who once owned the pageant but sold it after he ran for office in 2015 and after he famously disparaged immigrants and individuals of color.

Kryst's victory made history also because it ensures that for the first time Miss USA, Miss America and Miss Teen

USA are all black wom-

Kaliegh Garris of Connecticut was crowned Miss Teen USA 2019, while last fall, Nia Franklin of New York, won the Miss America title.

Kryst, who does pro bono work to reduce sentences for inmates, said she didn't feel nervous as she advanced through each round of the competition.

"I just kept hearing my name get called. All I could think was, 'This is really cool," she said.

It was also cool to send a message to the judge who tried to demean her years earlier.

According to NBC News, Kryst told reporters afterward she'll never forget being in law school at Wake Forest participating in a moot court competition in Louisiana

with a panel of judges who provided very little feedback to her and her partner.

"We stood there for 30 minutes after practicing for months and all you said was wear a skirt next time?" Kryst said.

"It was very frustrating. Don't tell females to wear different clothes while you give the men substantive feedback on their legal arguments," she said.

Kryst, who advances to the Miss Universe competition, said her interest in pageants began when she was 10 years old, watching her mother ride a horse-drawn carriage in a parade when she was named Mrs. North Carolina in 2002.

"It was a time in my life when I didn't know who I was and wasn't confident in myself. I was that little weird kid who had a unibrow and didn't have any friends. My hair was always pulled back. I thought, 'I want to be just like her," she said.

Kryst went on to compete in pageants in high

"I can't say pageants make you beautiful. I think they make your more confident in the person that you are," she

"I'm still that same weird kid. I still like reading books. And at the end of the day, I like to sit by myself in my house and just watch movies. But I think pageants taught me all that, and my mom was really the one who introduced me to that and drew me to pageantry," Kryst said.

Canada's Viola Desmond banknote wins awards while U.S. Harriet Tubman banknote proposal stagnates

By Rosemary Eng BlackmansStreet.Today

Canada can give the U.S. a lesson or two or three about how to use national currency to honor a civil rights heroine.

Nearly three years ago the Canadian government asked Canadians to suggest a person to feature on a new \$10 banknote and 26,300 suggestions were received. In short order the choice became Viola Desmond, a civil rights pioneer from Nova Scotia. In 1946 she was arrested for refusing to leave a whites-only seat in a movie theatre while waiting for her car to be repaired.

Last year the Desmond bill was released, and at the same time bumped up Canadian awareness of the obscure incident when Desmond, then 32, was jailed merely for sitting in the wrong theater seat.

Last month, the \$10 Desmond bill won the International Bank Note of the Year design award for 2018 among a field of international competitors.

All this happened while the idea of honoring Harriet Tubman, the former slave and abolitionist who helped hundreds of fugitive slaves escape to Canada along the Underground Railroad lay in the doldrums.

A U.S., bank note honoring Harriet Tubman still has not materalized

President Barack Obama in 2016 said Tubman would replace America's 7th President, Andrew Jackson on the US\$20 bill. Jackson's personal wealth is acknowledged to have been based on slave labor on his Tennessee cotton plantation.

Jackson lived from 1767 to 1845, and Tubman from 1820 to 1913. She escaped to freedom in 1849.

As America waited for imminent news on a new Tubman bill the New York Times reported last June that "Images of Tubman, which were featured prominently on the Treasury Department's website at the end the Obama administration, were removed when Mr. Trump's Treasury Department overhauled its website...."

It was reported last year when former White House adviser Omarosa Manigault Newman's book, "Unhinged: An Insider's Account of the Trump White House" was released that President Donald Trump said, "You want me to put that face (Tubman's) on the twenty dollar bill?"

Trump was reported to say that maybe Tubman could possibly be on the little used \$2 bill.

That was the last straw for Dano Wall and co-workers at a small New York design company which works with a laser cutter and 3D print-

Viola Desmond

Dano, 33, created a rubber stamp with the image of a young Tubman and aligned it with Jackson's eyes, nose and mouth on the \$20 bill so Tubman could overlay Jackson on the front of the \$20 bill.

He claims it's legal as long as the security features and denomination of the bill are not obscured and does not make the bill unfit for reissue. He savs he's used \$20 Tubman bills with no problems. So far he has sold about 500 Tubman stamps on Etsy for people to transform their own Jackson

The news about stalling on Tubman "made my blood boil," he said. Keeping up awareness of the promised Tubman bill "seemed like the right thing to do."









Coming Events/News

Drop Off Refuse and Recycling Event on Saturdays

Acceptable items include electronic waste, but no televisions, CRT monitors, or appliances; 10 tires, on or off the rim, but no commercial tires; documents; houseware goods; clothing; toys; bulky items, and refuse. Latex paint will be accepted for \$1 per gallon. Future Engage Toledo Drop Off Refuse and Recycling Events are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following dates:

June 8 at Waite High School, 301 Morrison Dr.
June 22 at Scott High School, 2400 Collingwood Blvd.
July 13 at Keyser Elementary School, 3900 Hill Ave.
July 20 at Manhattan Plaza, 525-701 East Manhattan Blvd.
Aug. 10 at DeVeaux School, 2620 West Sylvania Ave.
Aug. 24 at Longfellow Elementary School, 1955 West Laskey Rd.

Sept. 7 at Good Shepherd Church, 3934 West Laskey Rd. **Sept. 21** at Whitmer High School, 5601 Clegg Dr. Household hazardous waste will be accepted June 8, July 13, July 20, Sept. 7, and Sept. 21. For more information please call Engage Toledo at 419-936-2020 or visit www. toledo.oh.gov.

Attention:

Did you play boys basketball for St. Mary's Catholic School (Franklin & Page) during the Years of 1975 to 1985?? - Coaches were Jeff Culver, Bob Zitzelberger, Bill Perry, Jack McComis & Tony Wallace. Attempting to organize a reunion of the players. Interested?? Respond to: susan.perry4@rockets. utoledo.edu

Every Third Wednesday Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition and Social Justice Institute

Anyone interested in joining meet, at Kent Branch Library, 3101 Collingwood Blvd., from 9:15 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Every Saturday Glass City Church of Christ

Soup kitchen will reopen 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

June 3-7 Vacation Bible School

June 10-14 Safari Explorers: Plants, Earth, and Animals **June 17-21** Fitness Foodies-Discovering ways to live Healthy and Happy

June 24-28 Art is Magic: Express Yourself

July 1-5 No camps - enjoy the 4th

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

Easterseals Northern Ohio Offers Summer Speech Program

Easterseals Northern Ohio is pleased to announce its plans for a summer speech therapy program in Toledo. The program will offer services to children with speech and language disabilities or delays. In summer speech sessions, Easterseals helps clients maintain the level of ability they've worked all school year to obtain. In addition, they will evaluate and accept new clients, children birth to school-age, who can benefit from their services. One-on-one sessions are designed around the specific age and need of the child. Activities may include hands-on learning, language experiences and structured play. Sessions are typically a half hour and are held once a week, depending on the client's need. Easterseals offers a sliding fee scale and provides billing for many insurance plans, BCMH and Medicaid. For more information on the summer speech program, please call 1-888-325-8532.

May 22nd Toledo for CEDAW Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women

The event will be held at the Toledo Club from 12-1:30 p.m. Members of the CEDAW coalition, representing key local organizations, will present initial facts and findings about the status of women in our community. A proposed draft city ordinance will also be reviewed and audience input will be received. Community members and leaders interested in the May 22 forum or in information about supporting Toledo for CEDAW should contact Dr. Ardenia Jones Terry, ardenia.jonesterry@yahoo. com, Zonta Club of Toledo. Reservations can be made online at Toledo for CEDAW Facebook page or at https://toledoforcedaw.eventbrite.com/. Registration closes at 12 pm May 20.

May 22nd Thru May 24th First Missionary Baptist Church REVIVAL

Wednesday - Friday, 7:00 p.m. nightly, 10202 Angola Rd., Swanton, OH 43558. Gospel Speaker Apostle Marvin Crittenden, His Word Global Ministries. Pastor Jerome McCaster.

May 25th 2nd International Covenant Connection Regional Leadership Workshop End Time Christian Fellowship

On Saturday, from 10:00 am-1:00pm, located at 2902 Auburn Avenue, Toledo, OH 43606. The theme is "Kingdom Living and Leadership". In addition, there will be an informal panel discussion on relevant issues facing the church today. Bishop James M. Williams Sr. is the Host and Facilitator; pastor Edward Turner is the Co-Host and Co-Facilitator. It's impportant if you plan on attending to call (419) 787-7466.

May 25th

NHA's Sister Care Series with Ms. Sybrina Fulton As part of NHA's Sister Care Series, Ms. Sybrina Fulton will be the keynote speaker at the Seagate Cener on Saturday. The speaking engaement titled "Saving Our Sons, Saving Our Lives" is set to begin at 1:00 pm with a Q&A session immediately following. To register for this free event, go to www.nhainc.org/sybrina-fulton. If you are a parent or guardian that has lost a child to violence please

make sukre to indicate that on the registration form by

checking the approriate box or call 419-783-7883 x 216.

May 25th City of Toledo and Lucas County 2019 Memorial Day Parade

The annual parade will kick-off at 10 a.m. on Saturday, and will make its way through downtown to the review stand in front of One Government Center. The annual Memorial Day Service immediately will follow the parade on the lawn of the Civic Center Mall.

May 30th Monroe Street Neighborhood Center Free Wig Workshop

Learn useful techniques and tips to rock your favorite faux tresses and how to take care of them. Thursday 12:30 pm - 2 pm. B.Y.O.W. Bring your own Wig, small mirror, and your styling tools (brush, comb etc...) Monroe Street Neighborhood Center, 3613 Monroe Street. Donations accepted to benefit programming at the Monroe Street Neighborhood Center.

June 3rd Thru June 7th United Missionary Baptist Church FREE: Vacation Bible School

Monday Thru Friday, 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. FREE lite dinner served nightly 5:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. United Missionary Baptist Church, 2705 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio 43606.

June 9th Impact Toledo, Inc. 4th Annual ISP

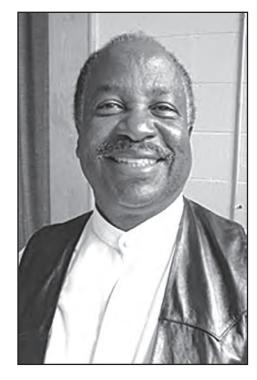
Sunday 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Joe E. Brown Park, 150 W. Oakland St., Toledo, OH 43608, USA. Come join Impact Toledo, Inc., Educate and Exercise! Summer Program! There will be games, prizes, and special guest speakers. Come and have some fun in the sun in the newly renovated Joe E. Brown Park. Each child will receive an Impact Toledo Inc., drawstring bag. SEE YOU AT THE PARK!!! Register Now impacttoledo@gmail.com.

June 23rd 17th Annual Kilometers for Kidneys

The Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio is moving the location of the walk to: Owens Communiity College. Amazing prizes for \$100 + pledges! Get ready for a ROARING good time with FOOD, GAMES and ENTERTAINMENT for all ages! Sunday - Registration at 12 p.m. - Walk begins at 1 p.m. *1st 20 patients to arrive at KFNWO table receive a \$25 Marathon Gas card*. For information on sponsorship opportunities, donation options, or any other information/questions please all 419-329-2196 or e-mail: events@kfnwo.org



Another Letter to Andy... now a white teenager.



Lafe Tolliver, Attorney

Dear Andy:

How are you doing? I hope all is well with you and your family in Dunkirk Michigan. The last time I wrote to you was when there was a lot of killings of black males by white policemen.

You were trying to understand or get a grip on what was going on in this country and you reached out to me to write my opinion of what this society was doing to make it so difficult for black males to thrive and prosper.

I wrote to you my opinions and you were kind enough to respond back. Now, I believe that what is currently happening in this country is directly related to the election of Donald Trump as president; and requires that I update my previous letters to you.

So, here goes.

If you have been listening to the news or watching the news, you have seen a plethora of incidents in which or by which President Trump has engaged in ghastly racial behavior that he apparently relishes in doing; and, he engages in a pattern of speech that is populated by outright lies or half-truths and vitriolic name calling.

It appears that his "base" of voters revel in his racist antics and they support him in his undertakings even though President Trump has amply demonstrated that he is totally clueless as to how government operates and how foreign affairs are conducted.

He has a pronounced aversion to telling the truth and seemingly revels in denigrating people of color and constantly is in awe of what the world terms as autocrats or dictators. Not good for an American president to idolize those leaders who oppress and kill their citizens and deny them basic human rights.

But, despite having people around him who are of sound credentials and astute in foreign affairs, President Trump stylizes himself as a "stable genius" and that, "he alone can solve all

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Working for the collective good of the country is a noble task and not everyone is suited for it. I believe you are admirably suited as being a young person who has a firm inner moral compass that will not lead you into hypocrisy or mortal turpitude for your only selfish gain.

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of our problems." Only fools and narcissists engage in such loose and dangerous thinking.

Andy, you asked me the last time we spoke as to how could so many people follow such a person when they have access to sources that would inform them that President Trump lies are open and notorious.

Andy, once you realize and understand that people vote their fears in the hopes that a savior will save them from themselves because their fears oftentimes drains them of the capacity to

think logically and act fairly, people like Trump can gain a mass following with empty rhetoric and hollow promises.

Andy, when a person can create a "monster" and then tells you that the "monster" is coming your way and your only hope is to throw your allegiances to a loud talking bigot, you take your chances and fall into line.

That is what the GOP has done with Trump. They are fearful of this bully and his tweet machine and they give him lip service of fealty despite the grave damage he is doing to the national fabric of civic unity and cordial relations.

A person like Trump does not want to engage in acts of compassion or empathy or personal sacrifice because he has been taught, wrongly so, that such characteristics demonstrates weakness; and Trump wants to be portrayed as a tough guy...almost like a mob figure who takes no prisoner and who will wipe out an opposing family on a mere whim.

Regrettably, President Trump has now surrounded himself with sycophants who are so morally pliable that they have been molded to do his will and not work for the good of the commonweal.

Andy, I would be less than honest if I did not tell you that so much of the voter base who voter for an apparent "strong leader" as opposed to a woman being president (Hilary Clinton), did so due to the stroking of the fears that America is slowly becoming a nation of minorities and the current hegemony of white males being the sole driver of power and perks in this country is slowly coming to an end.

That is one reason I believe why Trump is quickly filling up any and all federal judgeships with white males. For it is in the courts of these federal judges, who are appointed for life, that Trump and his anxious white males can make their stand and maintain a stranglehold on any laws that Congress may pass.

Andy, you seem to be a guy with his head screwed on right, so, be sure to read commentary from both sides of the political aisle so that you are not bamboozled by hijinks regardless of the speaker's party affiliation.

Sharing power and perks with other Americans who are not white is not a death knell to any white person. It simply means that a more equitable distribution of wealth and benefits will be passed around the table without one person or a small cabal of persons eating ninety nine percent of the economic pie!



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Andy, do not believe that cruel hype. America has enough for everyone who wants to share and not hoard and who want to smile and not frown at each other.

Working for the collective good of the country is a noble task and not everyone is suited for it. I believe you are admirably suited as being a young person who has a firm inner moral compass that will not lead you into hypocrisy or mortal turpitude for your only selfish gain.

I hope I am not wrong about you!

Well, Andy, write me when you can. I listen to your podcast whenever I can and I am encouraged that you are maturing into a person that I could fondly wrap my arms around your shoulders and smile into the camera and say, "Hey everybody, this is Andy and he is my good friend!"

All the best! Lafe Tolliver, Attorney comments to: tolliver@juno.com

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65 years after Brown v. Board of Education, we risk going backward



By Jesse Jackson, Sr. From the Chicago Sun-Times

Last week marked the 65th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education, the unanimous supreme court

decision that outlawed apartheid in America, declaring segregated schools "inherently unequal" and unconstitutional.

Today, the common sense of the Brown decision is under attack. For nearly three decades, our schools have been re-segregating, reversing the progress made under Brown, reflecting the deep racial and economic segregation of our communities. Worse, several of Donald Trump's nominees to the federal courts refuse even to endorse Brown as unassailable law. As the United States grows more diverse, we run the risk of becoming more separate and more unequal.

The decision in Brown was and is compelling. Racially segregated schools were and are inherently separate and unequal. They also were and are unequal in resources. In affluent, largely white suburbs, public schools are new and modern,

with advanced facilities and courses and good teachers. In low-income, minority neighborhoods, schools tend to be old and dilapidated, with less experienced teachers, fewer resouirces and fewer advanced courses.

Research shows that integration works. Segregation injures the chances for achievement, college success, long-term employment and income of students of color. Integratin raises those chances with no detriment to white students. Indeed, the experience of going to a diverse school better prepares students of all races for the world they will enter.

With neighborhoods largely segregated - a legacy of racially restrictive laws and covenants, of bank and real estate red lining and more - integration of public schools inev-

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CFPB Denies Duty to Enforce Military Lending Act Despite Support from DOD and Congress



By Charlene Crowell Wire Columnist

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - America's 1.29 million member-strong, all-volunteer military includes men and women from all 50 states, according to the U.S. Council on Foreign Relations. Regardless of race or ethnicity, each made a choice and swore an oath to protect our nation. Together, they wear our nation's uniforms and carry our flag on assignments and deployments in times of both peace and war.

I'd like to believe that our entire nation respects and appreciates their sacrificing service that takes them away from families, our stateside, and deployments. Further, while these brave men and women protect us, the nation should also protect them – including the clutches of predatory lending.

It was that kind of perspective that led to strong bipartisan enactment in 2006 of the Military Lending Act (MLA), a reform that was strongly supported by the Department of Defense DOD. At the time, DOD warned how severe financial stress diminished "military readiness". Years later with the creation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), MLA enforcement was assigned to the new agency along with other laws, and MLA was

updated to include the phrase, "shall be enforced by the CFPB". That kind of language eliminates discretion or interpretation, thereby ensuring appropriate actions when warranted.

For years, CFPB's enforcement levied fines against businesses that broke consumer finance laws and made consumers financially whole with proportional restitution. From July 2011 through September 2017, CFPB's Office of Servicemember Affairs delivered \$130 million of financial relief as a result of actions taken on 91,482 military complaints filed. In just one lending area – payday loans -- CFPB projected that servicemembers saved \$35 million every year as a result of MLA rules.

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Justification for continued aggressive enforcement is attested to in CF-PB's own reports. From 2016 to 2017, CFPB recorded a 47% increase in the number of servicemember complaints. The following year, 2017 to 2018, the number of complaints were still rising at 12%.

According to the Pentagon, military members can and do lose security clearances and/or less than satisfactory discharges each year. Every dis-



charged soldier's separation costs the government an estimated \$58,000.

Despite this abundance of complaints and warranted enforcement, CFPB's first Trump-appointed leader, Mick Mulvaney as Acting CFPB Director, turned an about face on our military families by halting its use of its supervisory powers to fulfill its mandate of MLA enforcement.

CFPB's new Director Kathleen Kraninger made it clear that she supports the same policies and practices begun under her predecessor in a March 8 letter to Ranking Members of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, Further in a recent Capitol Hill hearing, Director Kraninger went even further, advising, as reported by POLITICO, Director Kraninger went even further, claiming that Congress via legislation should provide CFPB with appropriate authority.

Confused? You're not alone.

Last October, a bipartisan group of 33 states attorneys general (AGs) wrote then Acting CFPB Director Mulvaney following his announcement that the Bureau would no longer ensure that lenders would comply with MLA as part of its supervisory examinations.

"We are perplexed by reports indicating that the CFPB has determined that it needs further statutory authority in order to conduct examinations for MLA violations," wrote the AGs. "We are disappointed to learn that CFPB did not consult the Defense Department in developing its new examination policy, even though Congress specified that the Defense Department – not the CFPB – is the primary federal agency responsible for interpreting the MLA."

The officials signing the letter to Mulvaney represent states as far west as Alaska and Hawaii, to as far east as Massachusetts and New York, and southward to Mississippi and North Carolina. Together, these state officers understood and embraced that when it comes to consumer finance, predatory lenders make no partisan distinction.

"There's no utility in arguing the fine questionable difference between enforcement and supervision," said Scott Astrada, the Center for Responsible Lending's Federal Advocacy Director. "The bottom line is that consumers – especially those serving in the military – need their government's protection against those who would exploit their personal finances and at the same time, jeopardize their military service and careers. Our nation should protect them with just as much dedication as they give to protect all of us."

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65 years after Brown v. Board of Education

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itably required businig. Busing, of course, is routiine across America, a service to parents. But opponents of integration used "forced busing" to rouse fears and hatred. The question was never about busing, it was about where the bus delivered the students.

When the federal courts, packed by judges appointed by Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, retreated from desegregation orders, the schools began to re-segregate. Now, as Rep. Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (D-VA), chair of the House Committee on Education and Labor concludes: "After four decades without federal support for desegregation, we are right back where we started, "with schools that are increasingly separate and unequal.

A recent report, "Harming our Common Future, America's Segregated Schools 65 Years After Brown, "by the UCLA Civil Rights Project and the Pennsylvania State University Center for Education and Civil Rights, detailed the bleak reality. As the Washington Post's Valerie Strauss summarizes, "Over the past three decades, black students have been increasingly segregated in intensely segregated schools (defined as 90 to 100 percent nonwhite). "by 2016, 40 percent of all black students were in segregated schools.

The worst states? The "blue" states of New York, California, Illinois and Maryland, with New York the



most segregated for blacks and California the most segregated for Latinos.

This is't just an urban problem: our suburbs are increasingly divided by race, with African American suburban students attending schools that are three-fourths nonwhite, and white students in the same suburbs going to schools that are, on average, two-thirds white.

Charter schools - increasingly a profit-making venture rather than an educational one - are even more segregated than traditional public schools.

Schools are segregated because our neighborhoods are segregated. Without residential integration and without metropolitan-wide integration policies, segregation will intensify, even as the country grows more diverse. Yet requirements that communities pursue residential integration remain unenforced and programs to subsidize scattered affordable housing are weak at heat

Now 65 years later, we face a stark choice: the promise of Brown or a country torn apart by racial tensions. Sadly, as Sherrilyn Ifill, president of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education fund, reports, Donald Trump's nominees to the federal bench increasingly refuse to endorse Brown v. Board as unassailable law. the Republican Senate is about to confirm three of these judges to lifetime apopointments. Like the Voting Rights Act, gutted by five right-wing justices in the Shelby case, Brown v. Board of Education itself may be at risk.

Sixty-five years later, with our country more divrse than ever, we must once again decide if we will be one nation, with liberty and justice for all. That cannot be left to right-wing judges or timorous politicians. It is time once more for citizens of conscience to call this nation back to its better angels.

Vikki Howell-Jackson Celebrates her 50th Birthday



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By Michael Daniel Journal Staff Reporter and By Lisa Howell

If you've seen the Wiz or the Wizard of Oz you are familiar with the phrase, 'There's no place like home.' This was apparently the case for Vikki PHOTO CREDIT / TOLEDO JOURNAL

Birthday girl Vikki Howell-Jackson (seated R), holding a picture of her deceased bother and her son Johnathan Jackson (seated L) celebrates her 50th birthday with the rest of her family (standing L-R) Amber Jackson, Stephanie Smith, Daryle Johnson, Lisa Howell, Tony Johnson, Anthony Johnson, and Donna Johnson at the Aria Banquet Hall.

my family and friends who have come from near and far for this special occasion. We plan to eat, drink, dance and have one big

The second youngest of five children, three boys, and two girls, Mrs. Howell Jackson was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio into a very close-knit family. When she was one years old she got a really big surprise for her birthday.

Her baby sister Lisa Howell was born on the exact same day as her birthday, May 3rd an event that created a lifelong bond between the two forever. Needless to say, they never forget each other birthday. "She was my first birthday present," said Mrs. Howell-Jackson. This natural bound between them was reinforced even more by the fact that they were the two youngest siblings in a house with three older brothers. They were stuck together like glue, even until this very day. When Ms. Howell-Jackfield until her brother Juan "Boo" Howell took ill and she moved to Louisville, Kentucky, to see after him. She took turns caring for him with the rest of the family until he passed away on June 26, 2015. This was a sad event for her and the rest of the family as well. At Mrs. Howell-Jackson's 50th

worked in the medical

birthday there was a reserved seat for their brother at the head table. Here the family placed a picture of their deceased brother with the slogan, 'Gone but not forgotten, place below his picture.

About her 50th birthday party, Mrs. Howell-Jackson said, "I'd really like to thank everyone who came out to celebrate with me, especially my best friend Robin Allen. We've been through thick and thin together. I'd also like to give a big shout out to my baby sister, Lisa Howell and tell her I love her."

"To the younger people I say put God first in your life



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"Gone But Not Forgotten,' Vikki Howell-Jackson with a picture of her deceased brother, Juan "Boe" Howell, at her 50th birthday party.

Howell-Jackson who currently resides in Louisville, Kentucky, she headed all the way home to celebrate this golden milestone in her life, her 50th birthday. She said, "I'm truly blessed to be here today with

son was of legal age she meet and married a guy in the military and they moved away. Unfortunately, that didn't last forever and they got a divorce and she moved back to Toledo, Back in Toledo, she

and try to live to fifty and beyond because a lot of people don't live that long," she said.

At the age of fifty, Mrs. Howell-Jackson who has two sons is a proud grandmother of four.



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Viola Davis Reveals Diabetes Diagnosis

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Correspondent @StacyBrownMedia

Academy Award winner Viola Davis has opened up about her prediabetes diagnosis, sharing that she comes from a family with a history of type 2 diabetes.

"I'm one of 84 million American adults living with prediabetes and I'm sharing my story for the first time in an effort to inspire others to take action against the type 2 diabetes epidemic," Davis said in a statement after narrating "A Touch of Sugar," a new documentary about type 2 diabetes epidemic in America. Davis received her diagnosis despite having experienced no symptoms, she said.

"None whatsoever. I felt totally healthy and able ... I went in for a hormone test, and my doctor took an A1C test," Davis said of the blood test that takes the average of your blood sugar levels for the past two to three months and is used to diagnose type 1 and type 2 diabetes.

Diabetes is a disease that occurs when your blood glucose (also called blood sugar) is too high, according to the National Institutes of Health.

There are 30 million Americans with type 2 diabetes and 84 million with prediabetes

Blood glucose is the body's main source of energy. Insulin, a hormone made by the pancreas, helps glucose get into your cells to be used for energy.

In type 2 diabetes, your body doesn't make enough insulin or doesn't use insulin well. Too much glucose then



stays in your blood, and not enough reaches your cells.

Over time, too much glucose in your blood can cause health problems, such as heart disease, nerve damage, eye problems, and kidney disease.

Among the most recent reports, a study published by MedScaperevealed that 13.3 percent of all African Americans have diabetes and blacks are 1.8 times as likely to have diabetes compared to non-His-

panic whites.
Davis, who has
won an Academy Award, an
Emmy and a
Tony, said she
hopes her new
documentary
will shed light
on the stigma
around the dia-

betes and also help others be more productive about their health.

"My sisters are both struggling with type 2 diabetes and my aunt also died from complications of the disease," Davis said.

"Growing up, we just said they had 'the sugar' which didn't sound that concerning. But, when you look at the facts, there's nothing harmless about diabetes – it's a chronic disease that needs to be taken seriously if we're going to get it under control," she said.

Davis joined forces with the pharmaceutical company Merckto narrate "A Touch of Sugar," which also depicts how the disease affects all communities.

The film reportedly is part of a larger initiative led by Merck called "America's Diabetes Challenge: Get to Your Goals."

"A Touch of Sugar" debuted at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York last month.

"There are 30 million Americans with type 2 diabetes and 84 million with prediabetes. There are 324 million people in this country, so that's half the population right there," Davis said.

"I think this documentary is really wonderful because it's confronting the stigma around diabetes, and it's giving a voice to something that has been voiceless for way too long and that's why the numbers are too high," she said.



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volunteers, dedicated employees, employers, educators, mentors, advocates, caregivers and more, they offer insight and experience that benefit the entire community. We must celebrate and recognize their impact each and every day especially during the month of May which is Older Americans Month. The 2019 theme, Connect, Create, Contribute, encourages older adults

Connect with friends, family, and services that support participation.

and their communities to:

- Create by engaging in activities that promote learning, health, and personal enrichment.
- Contribute time, talent, and life experience to benefit others.

Older Ohioans deserve the very best support and in his budget proposal, Governor Mike DeWine is ensuring the departments of Aging and Insurance protect and assist older Ohioans. From our offered services to the information we provide, we are always ready to lend a trustworthy hand to older Ohioans.

The Department of Ag-

ing offers a range of save nearly \$36 million programs designed to help older Ohioans and family members, neighbors and friends who care for them. Health and wellness programs like HEALTHY U Ohio and the STEADY U Ohio falls prevention initiative help individuals make informed decisions about their health and safety. Home and community-based supports, like home-delivered meals, transportation programs, the PASSPORT Medicaid home care waiver and more, help older adults remain active and independent in their communities for longer. When care is needed, the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman advocates for consumers. and the National Family Caregiver Support Program and other programs provide resources and assistance. Visit www.aging.ohio.gov for more information and resources.

The Department of Insurance's Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OS-HIIP) is the lead Medicare educational and enrollment assistance program in the state. Medicare experts help older Ohioans become familiar with the different benefits, coverage options, financial assistance offerings, and key deadlines that they will encounter. Last year, OSHIIP helped Ohioans

for Medicare consumers by aligning them with the coverage most suitable for their needs.

May is also the time when OSHIIP's popular statewide Welcome to Medicare events are in full swing. Geared to those approaching the age of 65 and transitioning into Medicare, older Ohioans can learn about their Medicare and prescription drug coverage options during face-toface sessions with OS-HIIP's Medicare experts through June. A listing of the events as well as Welcome to Medicare webinars are available at www.insurance.ohio. gov. OSHIIP staff also can be reached at 1-800-686-1578 for those who want unbiased answers to their Medicare questions.

Both agencies work with the state's 12 area agencies on aging to make their services and resources available to you. Call 1-866-243-5678 to be connected to the agency serving your community.

The dedicated employees of our agencies are proud to serve older Ohioans and it is an honor to celebrate Older Americans Month. We urge all Ohioans to become familiar with the resources provided by the Departments of Aging and Insurance and to take advantage of them.

Social Security announces top 10 baby names

By Erin Thompson Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Toledo, OH

Each May, Social Security releases the top 10 baby names of the previous year. We are the leading source popular America's names because almost every newborn gets a Social Security number at birth. In a way, your name is your first "personal" information — a piece of identification that you have for the rest of your life. Having a Social Security number provides the foundation for vital benefits to that child if they need them in the future and when they retire. Saving early is key to having enough money to live on in retirement.

Because we're living longer, healthier lives, we can expect to spend more time in retirement than our parents and grandparents did. Achieving the dream of a secure, comfortable retirement is much easier when you plan your finances. The three major elements of your retirement portfolio are pensions, savings and investments, and Social Security benefits. We can help you plan for retirement with our online resources at https://www.socialsecurity. gov/planners/retire.

Your benefits are based on your entire earnings history. We calculate your monthly benefit amount based on your highest 35 years of earnings. To learn more

and other important retirement information, check out our Retirement Checklist at https://www.socialsecurity. gov/pubs/EN-05-10377.pdf. This publication is easy to download, save, and share. As you can see, a name and Social Security number provide an important first connection to potential future benefits. Are you curious where your own name appears in the baby names line-up? You can look up the top names throughout history at https://www.socialsecurity.gov/oact/babynames. And be sure to go there to check out the latest top 10 baby names when we release them in May.

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Local Scott High seniors receive scholarships from Ben E. Williams Academic Scholarship Program



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Pictured from left to right: Dr. Carnel Smith (Principal), Jeremyah Belcher, Yai'zierra Jelks, and Coach Ben E. Williams.

By Leah Williams

Ben E. Williams Youth Services Incorporated [BWYS] is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to helping youth in our community make quality decisions that will affect their lives in a positive manner. Since our establishment in 1998, we have formed partnerships with several Toledo City Government agencies, local businesses, concerned citizens, and other youth-serving agencies in order to benefit the youth in the Central City area.

The Ben E. Williams Academic Scholarship Program has been in existence since 1998 and awarded over \$20,000 in academic scholarships to nearly 100 high school seniors in Toledo public, private, and parochial schools. We are so pleased to announce our 2019 recipients - Scott H.S. seniors Jeremyah Belcher and Yai'zierra Jelks. Both students will receive a \$500 scholarship to assist with their college education. Jeremyah Belcher will be attending Owens Community College and Yai'zierra Jelks will be attending The University of Toledo.

Scott High School Principal Dr. Carnel Smith and School Counselor Mr.

Michael Mercurio selected the scholarship recipients based on criteria provided by our organization, which included the following:

- Must be a graduating senior (2019) of Scott High School
- Have earned a 2.5 or better cumulative GPA
- Consistently demonstrate high quality character and a commitment to community service
- Be accepted to and attending a college or university in the summer/fall of 2019

from our scholarship presentation this morning in the Scott High School Media Center.

Robinetta West hosts Eduard Davis



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Start High School's Decca II-Fashion Marketing Program Adviser Ms. Robinetta West (L) shows one of the 'Urban Legend by Eduard,' Men's Premium T-shirt with (R) Fashion Designer Eduard Davis.

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'Urban Legend by Eduard,' featuring his Men's Premium T-shirt and sneaker Collection.

Mr. Davis said, "As far back as I can remember, I always wanted to be in fashion. When I was a kid I got a summer job with one of the cities youth program cutting grass. I took the money I earned that summer and for the first time, I bought my own school clothes. This is what really got me into fashion, because I could pick and chose what I wanted to wear and how

I wanted to wear it, I had a knack for it. I believe everyone has a God-given gift and I believe that recognizing fashion is my gift."

Moving on to his senior year at Rogers High School, Eduard was not going to graduate, so he transferred to Start High School, which had a Skills Center so he could study Fashion Merchandising. Even though he was technically a senior, he started in the junior class because the Fashion Merchandising program was a two-year program. There he flourished and graduated at the top of his class with several awards in fashion design and marketing.

After high school, he attended the University of Toledo and graduated with a BS in Business Marketing and AA in Social Work with a minor in Psychology. Following college, he enlisted in the US Army and served overseas for three years and received an honorable discharge.

With fashion still on his mind, he stayed in Europe and attended the American College of London and studied Fashion Merchandising.

In 1997 he was offered a



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Fashion Designer and Entrepreneur Eduard Davis (center) with Decca students displays his Men's Premium T-shirts and sneaker Collection for students at Start High School.

Design and Merchandising position with Mauri U, SA, an exotic skin footwear company based on Milan, Italy. Four years later he meant and began working for Karl Kani of Karl Kani Enterprises in Los Angeles as his new Director of Marketing and Sales.

Referring to Karl Kani Mr. Davis said, "I call him the Godfather of urban fashion. He's been a mentor, a friend and someone, who I can call anytime, and ask any kind of Question. He was the first black designer that my generation looks up to, all the other designers who came later either worked for him or learned from him."

"Karl Kani started me with my brand," said Mr. Davis. "While I was working for him, one day he said to me, "You should start your own clothing brand," and he told me he would

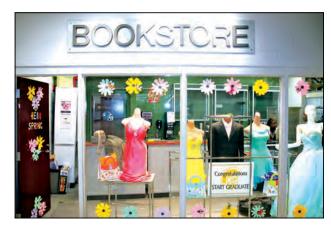


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Start High School's Decca II-Fashion Marketing students operate the Start High School Decca

help me. "He gave me the game and the knowledge, he's a business genius."

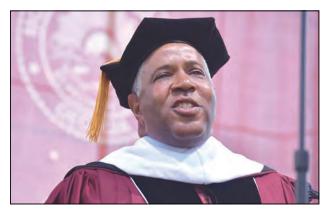
Mr. Davis got his company started by going door to door and meeting with retailers with samples of his line of clothing, a method that has worked very well for him and he still does it today. As for advertising, "I advertise on social media only be-

cause it's more effective and it's free," said Mr. Davis

As for Ms. West, Decca II-Fashion Marketing class, it was a day of learning and inspiration about the true world of fashion marketing.

In Toledo, you can find the 'Urban Legend by Eduard,' at the New York Collection

Billionaire to Pay off Student Loans for all 400 - 2019 Graduates of Morehouse



SUBMITTED Billionaire Robert F. Smith

By Frederick H Lowe

Special to the Trice Edney News Wire from North-StarNewsToday.com (TriceEdneyWire.com)

Black billionaire Robert F. Smith has awarded the class of 2019 at Morehouse College for Men a gift graduating seniors and their parents won't ever forget.

Smith, founder, and chair of Vista Equity Partners and a philanthropist announced on Sunday that he would pay off student loan debt for all of the 400 2019 graduates, which is estimated to be \$40 million.

"My family is going to create a grant to eliminate your student loans," Smith told seniors during Morehouse's 135th Commencement address. "You great Morehouse men are bound by only the limits of your conviction and your own creativity." After he made the announcement, students

chanted "MVP."

Morehouse College

Morehouse College was founded in 1867 in the basement of Springfield Baptist Church in Augusta, Georgia. The school moved to Atlanta in 1885. Well-known graduates include filmmaker and actor Spike Lee, actor Samuel L. Jackson, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Forbes estimates that Vista has assets of \$5 billion, making Smith the wealthiest African-American man in

the U.S. Along with Warren Buffet and Bill and Melinda Gates, Smith is part of a group of American billionaires committed to dispersing their wealth to improve the lives of others. Smith urged graduates to help oth-

Smith's decision to pay off the student loan debt followed his earlier announcement that he would donate \$1.5 million to Morehouse.

36th Annual Junior High Afro Ball



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(Back L-R)TPS Superintendent/CEO Dr. Romules Durant and Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszwkiewicz came out and showed their support for the students at the 36th Annual Jr. High Afro Ball, shown here with (front L-R) V.I.P. Students Marionna Duhart, Angel Daniels, Angelo Daniels, Elaine Page, Ex. Director of Grace Community Center, and Jay Shavers: Grace Community Center Youth Director

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tinued to evolve as a tool to lift up and celebrate student achievement according to the current director, Elaine Page. The Principal's Choice/VIP Program was developed to showcase 7th & 8th-grade students who best exemplify the theme of Ball. Here each school principal is able to nominate 2 students to



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Hip Hop Lady Rapper Atarah from Toledo Early College does her thing at the Junior High Afro Ball.

participate in a year-long mentoring program to further develop their leadership skills. This year 66 students were nominated from 33 area schools. Students were honored at a banquet with their parents and principals held earlier in the week at Scott High School where Dr. Carnel Smith was the keynote speaker. The banquet was sponsored by Winterfield Venture Academv. These students were also recognized at the Ball with VIP seating and special

The night's festivities also included five teen performances including female rapper "Atarah", Michael Jackson Impersonator Jackson Price, Royalty Dance Team, Famed Studio Dance Team and Singer "Dat Boi Chris". "We are intentional about showcasing the amazing talent of our young people, who aspire to develop themselves, in the performing arts. What better stage to hone their skills but at the largest teen empowerment event in Ohio" We are also honored to have the Mayor here to interact with our young people and to support the important work we do



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The Royalty Dance Team cut a rug at the 36th Annual Junior Ball.

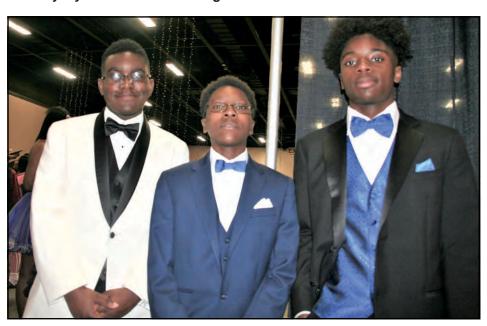


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Jamal Patrick, Donye Davis, and Daryion Lewis from Pickett School at the 36th annual Jr. High Afro Ball on Saturday, May 18 at the Seagate Convention Center

with youth in our community. We are also honored for the presence of Dr. Durant who is an amazing partner in helping to strengthen our Principal's Choice/VIP Program.

The night of elegance ended with each student being given a gift bag, which contained a Libbey glass engraved with, "The future belongs to those who prepare" Ms. Page stated, "We so appreciate the support of Libbey Inc and Custom Deco Inc for partnering with us to provide this visual reminder of their great potential and



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Area Junior High teens dresses their best and happy to be at the 36th annual Jr. High Afro Ball on Saturday, May 18 at the Seagate Convention Center.

the Grace Community Center's commitment in helping

them to reach their goals.

Black TV shows get the boot



By Defender News Service

The 2018-2019 TV season won't be ending until this August, but the major broadcast networks have already decided on the future of many of their comedy and drama shows.

Some of your favorite shows with Black leads are getting the boot. We've rounded several shows we that are ending this year.

Empire (Fox)

Lethal Weapon (Fox)

Happy Together (CBS)

> Star (Fox) Seasons: 3

Fam (CBS) Seasons: 1

The Fix (ABC) Seasons: 2

Detroiters (Comedy Central) Seasons: 2

> Marlon (NBC) Seasons: 2

This article originally appeared in the Defender News Network.

Power(Starz) Seasons: 6

Seasons: 5

Seasons: 3

Seasons: 1

Ask Felicia

3 Tips to Help You **Get Over an Ex**

"Jessica James, aspiring NYC playwright, struggling to get over a recent breakup. She sees a light at the end of the tunnel when she meets the recently divorced Boone. Together, they discover how to make it through the tough times while realizing they like each other—a lot." - Synopsis from

By Felicia T. Simpson Last night I was scrolling through Netflix trying to find something to watch until I fell asleep which, I thought, was fastly approaching. I came across The Incredible Jessica James movie and got a two for one deal while watching this movie. First, obviously I

could relate to being a brokenhearted woman and second, the main character Jessica, is a playwright who aspires to work amongst the greats in the industry (I won't be a spoiler and tell you the rest of the storyline) but... ...I kept thinking, OMG if this ain't my life on my laptop screen!?!?!

I've gone through enough breakups to know that these three tips I have for you, will work if you're trying to move on with your life. Don't worry, I've used all three of these tips, and have also suffered from emotional meltdowns sometimes as well because I still had some unconscious thoughts about my ex's as Jessica has in the movie. But overall, and in time, all wounds will heal.

UNFOLLOW, DELETE, social media

you over 20 years ago and y'all are friends on social media. If you're still heartbroken over that breakup, STOP READING THIS POST AND GO SEEK COUNSELING! This is for that most recent breakup with a person who you were in love with and thought you would spend the rest of your life with. If that describes you, you may continue reading.....

Once you click on unfollow, now you have the great task of removing any painful memories of you and your ex. Which means cleaning up your timeline by deleting the million photos you posted and clean out the picture frames, favorite clothes and other miscellaneous items from your house/apartment that reminds you of your ex. If you were engaged, give the ring back! Don't torture yourself sis with the should've, would've, could've that will come along if you keep that



ring. If this is too painful to do alone, buy some wine and take-out and invite your bff's over. They probably never liked the guy anyway and probably happy to help you BLOCK him from your life.

2.) You need a support system

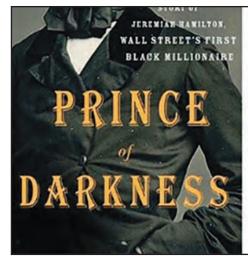
Find a trusted friend or create a support system that you can be honest and vulnerable with, and be honest about your thoughts and feelings. We all need someone that will remind us of how AMAZING we are and in those drunken moments when we want to drunk text or call our ex, that friend, throws our phone across the room (hopefully you have insurance) or hides it from us until the next morning, when we have sobered up enough. That's real squad goals!

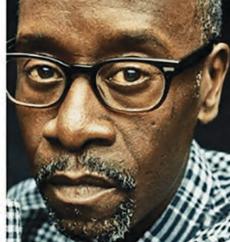
During a breakup, is not the time to BLOCK, etc., your ex from ALL be alone. Sure, have your brief time alone to gather your thoughts, pick Now, I'm not talking about your ex yourself up off the floor after a night of from high school that broke up with crying but eventually, you must return to reality and deal with the healing process. Which leads me to my final

3.) Get out of the house and go do something!

You might not want to hear this but, your ex has moved on and so should you. Have a girls night out, go for a walk, go to that restaurant that you've always wanted to go to but you were too busy Netflix and chilling with your ex-bae. Just do something! Don't just lay around the house, crying and eating ice cream all day, listening to sad music or watching movies that remind you of your ex. I have done that too many times, and it never turns out good for me emotionally. Get back to work, or working on that project that you put to the side, volunteer at an after school program or homeless shelter. Again, just do something to help you get over the blues of a breakup.

Don Cheadle to Produce and Star in Movie About the First **Black Millionaire**





After his latest stint in Avengers: Endgame, actor Don Cheadle is set to star in a movie that he will produce himself. The movie, which is entitled Prince of Darkness, will the inspiring story of the first Black millionaire, Jeremiah G. Hamilton.

Cheadle will teaming up once again with Steven Baigelman, who co-wrote the Miles Ahead screenplay with him in 2015. This time, Baigelman will write the script for the movie adapted from Shane White's book Prince of Darkness: The Story of Jeremiah G. Hamilton, Wall Street's First Black Millionaire which won the 2015 Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Best Book Prize. Hamilton, who escaped from Haiti 1828, became a successful Wall Street financier in less than a decade. He worked white people business world, married a white woman, bought a mansion in rural New Jersey, and owned railroad stock on

trains he was not legally allowed to even ride. He reportedly accumulated about \$2 million until his death in 1875. Hamilton became the richest Black man in the U.S. as he braved the norm during that time. The inspiring story that will be adapted to film is expected to bring more awareness about his life and how became known as the Prince of Darkness. For more updates about Don Cheadle and his upcoming film, follow him on Instagram and Twitter

Knock Knock. Don't Open That Door. Spiritually Speaking

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It's been some time entrepreneur and the ago, but I heard one owner/publisher of the of the most powerful sayings a friend of mine used to often say right Washington, Publisher of before he was about to

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A word from C. BROWN and

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Mr. Brown: What is an autopsy and what purpose does it serve? My brother died suddenly and the police would not let me call a funeral home

to remove his body they insisted that the coroner would be coming to

make the removal and perform an autopsy. Do I have a right to stop that

Dear Gregory: An autopsy is a thorough examination of the body

externally and by internal means which will entail making incisions to access certain cavities such as the head, thoracic, chest, abdominal and

iliac regions, not to be exclusive. Biopsies are done for tissue samples

for more finite examination along with toxicology, testing for foregin

substances in the body. The purpose is to find the exact cause of death.

It will determine if the cause was natural, homicide (at the hands of

another person), accidental or suicide. The coroner in most communities

is an elected official by the peole who would normally qualify as a trained

physician with an abundant knowlege of the living entity of the human

body to the course of expiration. You do not have any rights as to the

procedure if the death occurs within a period of time that the death

cannot be certainly ascertained as to the manner and why. The autopsy

procedure can be ORDERED by the coroner even if a person is under

the care of a physician. It also serves as evidentiary testimony in the

courts when necessary. It will increase the time involved in preparing the

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repair. PS: To the readers of this column, our intentions are to answer

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your questions as best we can and not be graphic in the natural state.

procedure? Will it make the funeral more costly?

Gregory B.

be installed as the new pastor of his own church. "When Satan knocks at the door, let Jesus answer it."

Maybe you had to be there, but I still find thought behind this saying absolutely awesome. I try to imagine actually being able to do this. Can you imagine if you really could? I mean what the sinful suggestions would be, the weaknesses of flesh and spirit.

The reality would be that you would see the devil coming from miles away and no matter how slick or innocent the approach, you could never be fooled again. Would you really do as Jesus did in the desert? Would you renounce the promise of riches, fame and power? For you,

would it be as easy as, "Away from me Satan!" Matthew 4:10

According to scripture, after three times, the devil left and the angels came to attend to Jesus and soon thereafter He began to preach.

In today's world, I'm simply asking if you knew where damnation was coming from, would you still live a damned life? The real question I'm asking is, do you know Jesus well enough to ask Him to answer your front most of us will never

When life and the devil deal you a bad hand, can you get the Lord to sit at the table and play it for you? Is your relationship to the Almighty current enough, casual enough, familiar and habitual enough to take His presence in your life

for granted? In times of great anxiety, do you need to whisper to God

to take over or, are you screaming at the top of your lungs hoping He'll hear your plight? I don't get the impression that Jesus

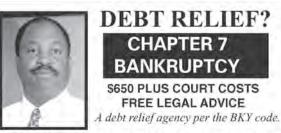
was screaming at the devil in the desert trying to keep His courage up in the face of temptation — the likes of which see, let alone experience firsthand. At every turn, it was the devil who was way out of his league because when he came calling, Jesus merely let His father answer the door.

"Man does not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord...Do not put the Lord your God to the test...Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only." Matthew 4:4-11.

I can only imagine, because I'm not there yet (I'm working on it), what it's like to be able to call upon Jesus so regularly that His presence in my daily life is second nature. I must admit that there are times when I recognize that the turmoil in my life has been or is being manufactured by pure evil. That recognition allows me the privilege to simply tell the devil to back up because I don't really have time.

lf you get perspective, it's okay to ask Jesus to handle the situation because vour time is better spent trying to do the work He would be proud of. When you're that busy, I truly believe Jesus doesn't mind getting the door.

May God bless and keep you always.

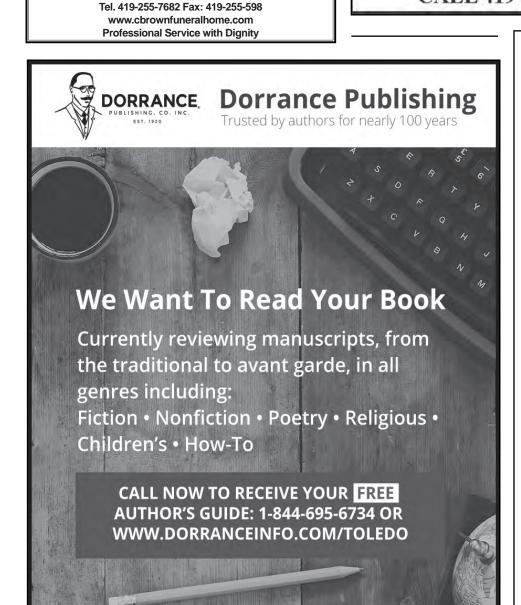


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May 28, 1814: Daniel Reaves Goodloe emancipationish, born.

May 22, 1863: War Department established Bureau of Colored Troops and launched aggressive campaign for recruitment of Black soldiers.

May 23, 1871: L. Bell patents locomotive smoke stack.

May 27, 1898: Victoria E. Matthews, educator, born.

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BLACK HISTORY FACTS

Davis, Born, Washington DC, educator

May 25, 1943: Henrietta Bradberry patents Bed Rack.

May 28, 1951: King, Jr. graduates from Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania with a bachelor of divinity degree.

May 31, 1955: Supreme Court ordered school integration "with all deliberate speed."

May 29, 1956: Bus boycott began in Tallahassee, Florida.

May 28, 1960: Dr. King is acquitted by an all-white jury of the tax-evasion charge in Montgomery, Ala.

May 26, 1961: Freedom Ride Coordinating Committee is established in Atanta, GA.

May 25, 2008: A daughter is born to Martin Luther King III and his wife, Arndrea. They name her Yolanda after his late sister.

BLACK HISTORY FACTS

- **1. Phillis Wheatley** was only 12 when she became the first female African American author published.
- **2. Martin Luther King, Jr.** improvised the most iconic part of his "I Have a Dream" speech.
- **3. Hattie McDanie**l, the first African American to win an Oscar, wasn't allowed to attend Gone With the Wind's national premiere.
- **4. Josephine Baker** was a spy for the French during WWII.
- 5. The ban on interracial marriage in the U.S. was overturned because of one couple in 1967.
- 6. **Martin Luther King Jr.** was assassinated on Maya Angelou's 40th birthday.
- 7. On March 2, 1955, fifteen-year-old Claudette Colvin was riding home on a city bus after a long day at school. A white passenger boarded, and the bus driver ordered Claudette to give up her seat. Claudette refused. Colvin was arrested for her civil disobedience and briefly put in jail. Colvin was one of four plaintiffs in the landmark Browder v. Gayle case of 1956, which ruled that the segregation laws of Montgomery and Alabama state were unconstitutional

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SPECIAL NOTICE

In collaboration, the Lucas County Probate Court and the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County (MHRSB) are seeking an experienced consultant to assess the current Guardianship service needs in Lucas County, review the existing Guardianship operations utilized in comparably sized Ohio counties, and make a recommendation for the most appropriate course of action to pursue for the provision of Guardianship Services based on the review and assessment. Proposals are to be delivered no later than 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on June 21, 2019. All should be submitted questions crs@lcmhrsb.oh.gov. Details regarding the project deliverables and submission criteria are located on the MHRSB's website: http://www.lcmhrsb.oh.gov/ publicnotice/.

Walter S. McAfee is the African American mathematician and physicist first calculated the speed of the moon. On January 10, 1946 a radar pulse was transmitted towards the moon. Two and a half seconds later they received a faint signal, proving that transmissions from earth could cross the vast distances of outer space.

In 1900, James Weldon Johnson wrote with his brother the song "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" on the occasion of Lincoln's birthday. The song became immensely popular in the black community and became known as the "Negro National Anthem."

Jesse Owens broke 4 world records in one afternoon at the Big Ten Championships on May 25, 1935; a year later, he upstaged Adolf Hitler by winning 4 golds (100m, 200m, 4x100m relay and long jump) at the 1936 Olmpics in Berlin.

In 1972 President Nixon named Benjamin Hooks, a lawyer and Baptist minister from Memphis, to the Federal Communications Commission, making him its first black member. From 1977 to 1993 he was the executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Brig. Gen. Sherian Grace Cadoria was the highest ranking African American woman officer ever in the U.S. Armed Forces when she retired in November 1990.

FAMOUS BLACK QUOTES

"I am America. I am the part you won't recognize. But get used to me. Black, confident, cocky; my name, not yours; my religion, not yours; my goals, my own; get used to me."

Muhammad Ali The Greatest (1975)

"Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave, I am the dream and the hope of the slave. I rise I rise I rise." Maya Angelou "Still I rise," And Still I Rise (1978)

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Arthur Ashe

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Ray Charles

"You have to believe in yourself when no one else does — that makes you a winner right there."

Venus Williams

"There is no negro problem. The problem is whether the American people have loyalty enough, honor enough, patriotism enough, to live up to their own constitution...."

Frederick Douglass

"You can be up to your boobies in white satin, with gardenias in your hair and no sugar cane for miles, but you can still be working on a plantation." Billie Holiday

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By Erin Thompson Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Toledo, OH

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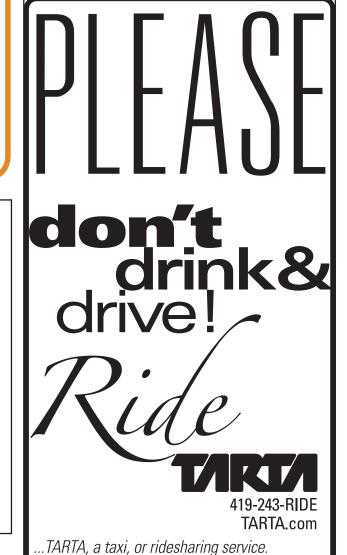
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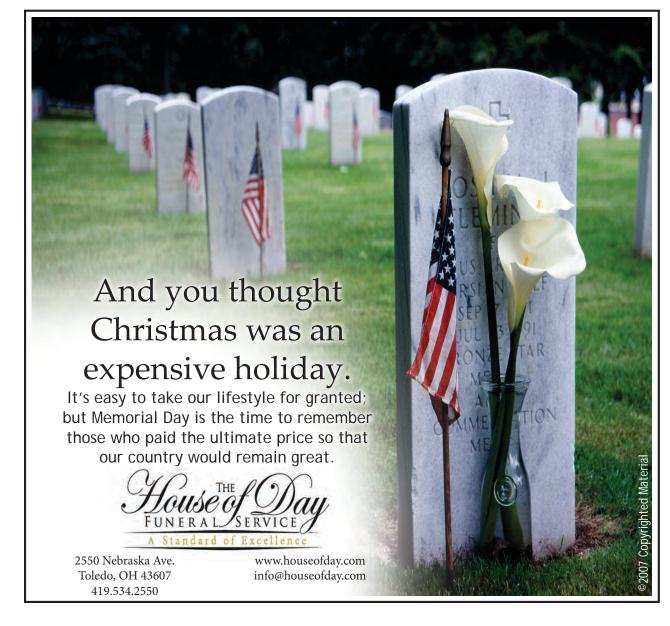
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Byron Allen Expands Empire with Purchase of Fox Regional Sports Networks

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"I've always thought of business as a contact sport. I'm not going to play just in the Negro Leagues. I'm always going to play in the global leagues," said Byron Allen.

One year ago, Byron Allen made a historic purchase of The Weather Channel for \$300 million along with The Weather Channel's streaming service, Local Now.

However, the businessman, comedian, and executive, was just getting started.

A week ago, it was announced that Allen joined the Sinclair Broadcast Group as a minority investor in its purchase of 21 Fox regional sports networks from Walt Disney Company.

"With that purchase

[The Weather Channel], we were able to break the color barrier as the first general market cable network ever owned by an African American," Allen said in a recent interview published in Black Enterprise Magazine.

As a result of the \$10.6 billion acquisition deal, Allen's company, Entertainment Studios, announced that it will buy four local stations from Bayou City Broadcasting for \$165 million, according to Variety.

Black Enterprise reported that the acquisition gives Allen ownership of CBS affiliate station WEVV, NBC affiliate KLAF, and Fox affiliates WEEV and KADN.

"This is a very exciting transaction for Sinclair to be able to acquire highly complementary assets," said Chris Ripley, president and CEO of Sinclair, in the statement.

"While consumer viewing habits have shifted, the tradition of watching live sports and news remains ingrained in our culture," Ripley said.

To acquire the sports networks, Sinclair reportedly formed an indirect subsidiary called Diamond Sports

Group L.L.C. with Allen, who will operate as an equity and content partner in Diamond.

The deal is expected to be completed by February 2020.

The Sinclair Broadcast Group Inc. reportedly outbid a collection of other high-profile bidders, including O'Shea "Ice Cube" Jackson Sr. who tried to buy the RSNs through his 3-on-3 basketball league, Big3, with the backing of Magic Johnson, LL Cool J, and Serena Williams.

In a statement, Allen



praised Bayou City owner DuJuan McCoy in announcing the new deal

"DuJuan McCoy is an outstanding broadcaster and he has done a phenomenal job of assembling a strong management team to operate these network affiliate stations," Allen said.

"This is another milestone for our company, as we have now agreed to purchase our very first broadcast television stations and continue to look for other opportunities to grow our global media company through strategic acquisitions," he said.

Allen's new purchase marks an expansion for Entertainment Studios, which already operates nine cable channels and serves nearly 160 million subscribers.

The company has

a film production and distribution arm as well.

"I've always thought of business as a contact sport. I'm not going to play just in the Negro Leagues. I'm always going to play in the global leagues," Allen said.

"And I want kids who look like me to not put themselves in a box. I want them to see what I do as a beacon," he said.

Tips to Keep Kids Safe From Hot Car Deaths

(StatePoint) Fifty-two children died in hot cars nationwide in 2018 of pediatric vehicular heatstroke -- more than any other year on record in the past 20 years. Experts say that these tragic deaths are entirely preventable.

"Even one child dying in a hot car is too many," says Amy Artuso, senior program manager of advocacy at the National Safety Council (NSC), a nonprofit organization whose mission is to eliminate preventable deaths at work, in homes, in communities and on the road. "The good news is that parents and caregivers can act immediately to end these preventable deaths."

June is National Safety Month and an excellent opportunity to review the facts and learn more about keeping kids safe.

Understanding the Causes

According to NSC and noheatstroke.org, there are three primary circumstances resulting in deaths of children in hot cars. Knowing what they are can help you avoid them.

- 1. A caregiver forgetting a child in a vehicle: Leaving a child behind in a parked vehicle is an oftenoverlooked consequence of distracted driving. NSC advises parents and caregivers to avoid distractions -- such as cell phone use -- when driving and parking, in order to reduce the risk of forgetting a child in the car. A routine that helps you remember to check for your child in the backseat can help, too. Place a purse, briefcase or even a left shoe in the backseat to force you to take one last look before walking away.
- 2. The child gaining access to the vehicle: Keep car doors locked so children cannot gain access, and teach them that cars are not play areas. Children should never be able to access a vehicle on their own.
- 3. Someone knowingly leaving a child in the vehicle: There is no safe amount of time to leave a child in a vehicle, even if you are just running a quick errand. Even on mild or cloudy days, temperatures inside vehicles can reach life-threatening levels. Leaving windows slightly open doesn't help. Children should never be left unattended in a vehicle.

Educate Yourself

Acquaint yourself and anyone who cares for your

child with free resources providing vital information about vehicular heatstroke. For example, NSC recently released "Children in Hot Cars," an online training course providing information about why cars heat up so quickly, why children in particular can succumb to increasing temperatures in cars, and what parents, caregivers and others can do to prevent these needless deaths. The course is interactive, free and can be completed in 15 minutes

or less, with a certificate of completion available at the end. It can be found at nsc.org/hotcars. For more information about pediatric vehicular heatstroke, visit noheatstroke.org.

Hot car deaths have claimed the lives of children in almost all states in the U.S. However, these deaths are preventable. Learn more about the causes to help keep your family and loved ones safe.



The Untold Story of the All-Black Army Unit That Protected Hawaii During World War II



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During World War II, the 369th Infantry Regiment made up entirely of Black male soldiers was stationed in Hawaii. Dubbed the "Harlem Hellfighters" by their German adversaries during World War I, they were known for their toughness

in battle, having never lost a man to capture while also never losing a trench or foot of ground to enemy forces. During World War I, the 369th served under the French army where they earned the prestigious Croix de Guerre medal. While the 369th garnered con-

siderable attention for their remarkable performance in that war, very little is known about the unit in subsequent wars.

In fact, during the World War II era, the 369th Antiaircraft Artillery Regiment was stationed on the U.S. West Coast and in Hawaii as well, supporting the U.S. armed services through defense and tactical operations in New Guinea and Southwest Asia more generally. In addition to their military performance, the Regiment earned a reputation as a group that often stood up to racist behavior from their white peers.

While stationed in Hawaii, African Americans from other units took to impersonating the 369th when out on the town, knowing they would receive more respect if associated with the Harlem Hellfighters. After the war ended, the troops did not come home together as a unit, but were sent home in small groups. Consequently, the troops were not recognized this time around for their brave efforts, as they had been after WWI.

In an attempt to recognize the efforts of the 369th during World War II, as well as highlight the growing and respected Black middle-class in Harlem, the men of the 369th created their own parade and veterans association. The parade celebrated the pride the city of Harlem felt for their African American unit that fought for their country, as well as showcasing those serving as civil servants more generally as teachers, postal workers, and police officers, to bring honor to their com-

Social Security supports military members



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turning to active duty or performing other work. Wounded military service members can also receive expedited processing of their Social Security disability claims. For example, Social Security will expedite disability claims filed by veterans who have a 100 percent

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ily members of military personnel, including dependent children, and, in some cases, spouses, may be eligible to receive Social Security benefits. You can get answers to commonly asked questions and find useful information about the application process at www.socialsecurity. gov/woundedwarriors.

Service members can also receive Social Security in addition to military retirement benefits. The good news is that your military retirement benefit generally does not reduce your Social Security retirement benefit. Learn more about Social Security retirement benefits at www. socialsecurity.gov/retirement. You may also want to visit the Military Service page of our Retirement Planner, available www.socialsecurity. gov/planners/retire/veterans.html.

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