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Scott High School launches preemptive Strikes to prepare students for college *Stimulated by the Pete Kaden's Foundation*

By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN
Journal Staff Writer

On March 10, the second floor hallway of Scott High School, 2400 Collingwood Blvd, was converted into a gauntlet of colleges, and trade schools. One by one, seniors at the school, as well as, their parents, walked down

ledo Journal that the event was organized on the heels of the all the seniors receiving full rides to college, or a trade school, from the Pete Kaden's Foundation. But the charitable contribution didn't stop at the seniors. Mr. Kaden would pay for higher education of one parent, of the graduat-



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Unique Jones and her son Kevin expressed excitement about the opportunity, as well as the event.

this gauntlet, receiving information about each school, such as the deadlines to apply, and courses offered. In addition, a college counselor addressed the students on their transition into the college life.

Dr. Carnel Smith, principal, told The To-

ing senior.

"We want to make sure the students are prepared for college life," Dr. Smith said.

He added that since the seniors received the scholarships, a firestorm of hope, and possibilities have grown tremendously at the



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Arlanda Thompson, and her son Xavier, are taking advantage of the opportunity to attend college for free. Xavier will be majoring in biology, while Ms. Thompson will major in medical administration.



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Avionna Burwell, left, and Djeana Roddy, right, gather information from the 16 schools represented.

school. "Our last school meeting was filled with parents, and students; it had never been that large in the past," Dr.

Smith said.

Trevor Kynard, who will be majoring in criminal justice, looked at the contribution from the Pete Kaden's Foundation as an opportunity to help his family. Aaliyah Armstrong said, "The free ride to college will help take a lot of stress off my mom."

AriAnna Robinson, will be majoring in nursing. She saw her mother struggle to put her brother through college. "Now, she doesn't have to struggle helping me get through college," she said.

Djeana Roddy plans on attending Central State Uni-

versity, majoring in psychology. "I'm very excited, and so grateful," she said. "Not only am I going to college, my mother said she would also take advantage of the opportunity," Djeana added.

Xavier Thompson has ambitions of becoming a scientist. He plans on majoring in biology to help fulfill that dream. His mom Arlanda, who was at the event, with him, will be going to college as well.

"This is a golden opportunity that I plan on taking full advantage of," she said. Ms. Thompson said she would attend Owens College majoring in medical administration.



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Keith Jones, college counselor, explains to the students how to transition into college life.



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Dr. Carnel Smith explains to students, and parents the importance of the evening.

Idris Elba tests positive for CROVID-19



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This Jan. 21, 2018 file photo shows actor-director Idris Elba at the Music Lodge during the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

By SUBMITTED

"This morning I tested positive for Covid 19. I feel ok, I have no symptoms so far but have been isolated since I found out about my possible exposure to the virus. Stay home people and be pragmatic. I will keep you updated on how I'm doing No panic." Like Hanks, Elba seems to be in relatively good spirits and doing fine, despite having the

virus. But still, this is pretty shocking to hear and only goes to show just how quickly COVID-19 is spreading and that it's now beginning to impact some of the biggest celebrities on the planet. Meaning no one is safe from this thing. Thankfully, at 47 years-old, Elba isn't quite in the age range where Coronavirus can do the most damage, as it tends to be more harmful for those

who are 60 and older. But still, it's not fun to have it regardless of your age and this should serve as yet another wake up call to start taking all the precautions you can to stop the spread of COVID-19 and get things under control. We wish Idris Elba all the best and will be sure to let you know as soon as he's got another update for us.

Coronavirus Updates from Ohio Health Dept.

By GRETCHEN DEBACKER
Joint Information Center, Public Information Liaison

Toledo-Lucas County Health Department Commissioner Eric Zgodzinski and Medical Director Dr. Jason Smith held a press conference Monday, March 16, and provided the following updates.

- We have created a source for all local COVID-19 information at lucascountyhealth.com. You can also find reliable information on the City of Toledo and Lucas County Official websites.
- The Center for Disease Control has issued new guidance on mass gatherings and now recommends events with 50 or more people, should be canceled or rescheduled. As mentioned several times, we discourage people from gathering in large crowds and encourage the use of social distancing.
- Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced yesterday that the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has issued a Director's Order closing all Ohio bars and restaurants to in-house patrons. Restaurants with take-out and delivery options will still be able to operate those services, even as their dining rooms are temporarily closed. These establishments have been issued guidance from TLCHD encouraging social distancing, proper hand hygiene, covering cough/sneeze, and for those who feel sick, to please stay home. For additional information on the restaurants and social distancing, please visit the Health Department's webpage.

- Effective immediately and until further notice, operations will be suspended for the Lucas County Outdoor Refreshment Areas, including Downtown Toledo, Sylvania, and the Village on Adams.
- The Governor has also ordered the following areas to close: fitness centers/gyms, public recreation centers, bowling alleys, indoor water parks and trampoline parks, and movie theaters.
- Drive-thru COVID testing will be available for eligible Lucas County residents, starting tomorrow morning. If you are sick and feel you need to be tested, call either nurse hotline to be screened. If you meet the testing criteria you will then receive a call from the Health Department, providing further guidance. Testing will only be performed on those who have been screened and scheduled. Those who have not been scheduled, will not be tested. Testing will take place at the Toledo Botanical Gardens and those who are scheduled to use the Bancroft street entrance.
- The Governor did confirm, in-person voting, has been suspended. Community leaders who are involved with election operations, will speak more in- depth tomorrow.



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Utoledo Informational Coronavirus Website
I wanted to share with you a link to The University of Toledo's website where we are providing our University community with the latest guidance, information and resources about the 2019 novel coronavirus, now known as COVID-19. You can find updates here: <https://www.utoledo.edu/depts/infectioncontrol/coronavirus.html>

The Toledo Municipal Court Extended Due Dates for Fines, Fees and Costs
On Monday, March 9, 2020, Governor DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-01D declaring a state of emergency. In order to maintain the safety of court staff and citizens appearing before the Court, The Toledo Municipal Court is implementing efforts in social distancing. As part of these efforts, fines, fees and costs that are due between March 11, 2020 and June 1, 2020 shall be continued an additional 90 days from the original due date. In the event that a due date falls on a holiday or weekend, the due date shall be continued to the next business day. For information on a particular case, check the Clerk of Court's website at <https://www.tmc-clark.com>. The Clerk is in the process of updating due dates. If your date has not been updated, please continue to check the website for the next 24 hours. Contact: Lisa Falgiano, Court Administrator, Toledo Municipal Court, 419-245-1949 lisa.falgiano@tmcourt.org

Library to Close Locations for Coronavirus Prevention
In evaluating information that indicates that aggressive early social distancing can stop the coronavirus from exponentially spreading, Library leadership is making the difficult decision to close all locations and Mobile Services to the public began on Sunday, March 15 - with the last day of service to the public was Saturday, March 14.
During this situation, the Library's online services are also available for cardholders, including our vast collection of digital materials such as eBooks, eMagazines, downloadable audiobooks and streaming movies, music and television shows, as well as research tools for online learning. Additionally, voting on Election Day at Heatherdowns, Kent, Locke, Mott, Oregon, Point Place, Reynolds Corners, Sanger, Washington and Waterville will continue as these are not mass gatherings.
The Library's leadership team will continue to monitor the situation and respond accordingly. Follow the Library on social media (Facebook, Twitter) and check the website for the latest updates.

Area Office on Aging Senior Center Closures
At the advice of the local health commissioners, the following senior centers are being closed to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus:

- Lucas County senior centers
- Sandusky County senior centers
- Williams County senior centers
- Wood County senior centers

The closure of the 12 Lucas County senior centers took effect on Monday, March 16th. The AOoA/Toledo Police Department's Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol Program has also cancelled all home visits. These precautionary steps are being taken since older adults are most vulnerable to contacting serious complications from the coronavirus. Older adults with chronic medical problems are twice as likely to have serious complications from COVID-19. The Area Office on Aging is recommending that all senior centers contact their participants and determine if anyone needs home-delivered meals, medical or personal supplies or any assistance during the period of closure. Additionally, the Area Office on Aging is recommending that a core team remain accessible to older adults and caregivers as needs arise.

Eleventh Annual Toledo Sister Cities International Festival POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER
Jim Hartung, President, Toledo Sister Cities International Board of Trustees, has announced that the Eleventh Annual International Festival which was scheduled to take place Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 11 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Toledo SeaGate Center, 401 Jefferson St., Toledo has been postponed until September 12 due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Toledo and Lucas County 2020 Census
The 2020 Census is nearly here and it is EXTREMELY important to Toledo and Lucas County. Review the dates here and remember to Be Counted Toledo!
WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL

- Now - March 20 - An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)
- Now - March 24 - A reminder letter. (If you haven't responded yet.)
- March 26 - April 3 - A reminder postcard.
- April 8-16 - A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
- April 20-27 - A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

Sisters In PowerFundraiser/Donation Drive
We have several programs and services that serves the community and its all free to the community by ways of donations and fundraisers that we have throughout the year. We would like for any and all organizations to consider having a supply drive or diaper drive within their company or organization to support some of our outreach programs. Donations that Are Needed For Sisters In Power: Children's clothing in any size, Baby diapers in size newborn to size 6 for Diaper Pantry, School Supplies, Printer Ink for Epson-212, and Gift Cards to Michael's. More information 419-984-2799.

Every Saturday
Glass City Church of Christ Free Meal
Soup kitchen now open at 901 Hoag. Hours: 1:00-2:00 pm 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.

Every 3rd Saturday
River of Life Church - "The Storehouse"
Free food distribution from 11:00am to 1:00pm, 3611 Upton Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43613. Ephesians 6:7 - NLT - "Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people."

Fridays Now - April 3, 2020 - CANCELLED
Donnelly Neighborhood Center Most Blessed Sacrament Toledo Lenten Fish Fries

March. 19th
Monroe Street Neighborhood Center Free Gele (Head Wrapping) Workshop
Join us and learn head wrapping techniques and styles during this workshop! Thursday, at noon. B.Y.O.W. Bring your own Wrap and small mirror (material size needed is a 45 inch square, long scarf or pashmina). Monroe Street Neighborhood Center 3613 Monroe Street. Donations accepted to benefit programming at the Monroe Street Neighborhood Center.

March 20th, & 21st
Take a Trip to The Moon in Lourdes University's Appold Planetarium
Calling all astronauts! Take a virtual trip to our closest neighbor in space with Field Trip to the Moon, shown at Lourdes University's Appold Planetarium. Feel the ground shake beneath you as you experience a thrilling NASA rocket launch, and orbit the Earth to get an astronaut's view of a sunrise in space. Like NASA's astronauts, you will come face-to-face with the challenges and excitement of traveling through space to land on the Moon. Showing at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 and for Lourdes students presenting their student ID. Shows at the Appold Planetarium are limited to 50 and often sell out. For more information or to purchase tickets contact Dr. Laura Megeath, Appold Planetarium Coordinator, email planetarium@lourdes.edu or call at 419-517-8897.

March 21st
Books 4 Buddies
3rd Annual Youth Global Perspectives
Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Toledo Lucas County Public Library 1320 West Sylvania Avenue (Corner of Willys Parkway and Sylvania Avenue). Refreshments & Prizes. Featuring International ACES High School Students, Books 4 Buddies Ambassadors and City Youth coming together to share cultures, ideas and experiences. Limited seating, to reserve a seat please call: 1-866-944-1119. For more info on ACES Call 419-450-0631 or visit explorettheworld.org

March 22nd.
Calvary Missionary Baptist Church Pastor Floyd Smith 31st Anniversary!
Calvary Missionary Baptist Church @ 702 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, Ohio will be hosting our Pastor Floyd Smith Jr. 31st Pastoral Anniversary on the following date:
March 22, 2020; Rev. James Willis Sr. and St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church @ 4:00 pm. We're asking all those who can come out and help Calvary celebrate our Pastor's 31st Pastoral Anniversary. What you will need for the following weeks will be here for your soul.

March 22nd
Shooting with the Stars unites celebrities and Special Olympics athletes
Celebrities from the greater Toledo area will be joining athletes from Lucas County Specail Olympics in what promises to be one of the most fun basketball games of the year. Tipoff will be Sunday, March 22, 2:00 p.m., at the Russell J. Ebeid Recreation Center on the Lourdes University campus. The game will consist of Special Olympics athletes playing with local celebrities in a unified basketball game. Admission is \$2 or a donation at the door. All proceeds will benefit Lucas County Special Olympics. Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and competition in a variety of sports for all children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community. For more information contact: Kelley Watson at 419-380-5109, Lon Mitchell at 419-380-4048.

March 26th & March 27th
Trinity Faith Tabernacle
Will be having a Women's Conference Thursday - Friday nightly at 7 p.m. Sunday Morning service will be at 11:30 a.m., 1302 N. Huron St., Toledo, OH 43604. Services are free and open to the public.

March 28th
Dramatically Inspired Works
Presents Teenspiration Workshop. Learn more about the Theater, with hands on activities. Sessions include: Acting, Stage Design, Voice, Music, and more. Teens that participate in the workshop have the opportunity to participate in Dramatically Inspired Works 2020 Production. Saturday, 9:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M., 2340 N. Holland Sylvania Rd., Toledo, OH 43615 (St. Mark). Advance Registration at: www.dramaticallyinspiredworks.org, dramaticallyinspiredworks@gmail.com, or call 800-851-9908.

April 5th
The Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church 55th Pastoral Appreciation & 70th Wedding Anniversary
Rev. Dr. John E. & First Lady Mother Bernice Roberts Sunday at 10:50 AM and 3:30 PM. Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. John Williams, Pastor will be our afternoon guests. Please come help us celebrate the angel the Lord has given us!

May 8th
AOoA and Toledo Public Schools' Senior Prom
Tickets Go On Sale Today. 7th Annual Senior Prom. Please join us on Friday, at 5:30 p.m - 8:00 p.m., at The Premier 4480 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, OH 43614. Join us for a roaring good time, 2020 Senior Prom \$10 Admit One.

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Anti-Lynching Bill Introduced



By Dr. E. Faye Williams
Wire Writer

I don't think anyone would argue that America has a tragic history of lynching, and as much as some would like to think, that part of America's history is not so long ago. As a matter of fact, some of us would argue that the potential for lynching is still with us.

In 2005 Dick Gregory, Mark Planning, Janet Langhart-Cohen and I began a project to change the names of despicable racists on buildings who had the stain of lynching on their hands and their calendars. We began with U.S. Senate Buildings. To be exact, we chose the Russell Building named for Senator Richard Russell of Georgia. Senator Russell was a founder and leader of the conservative caucus. He served in the U.S. Senate for almost 40 years. He led Southern opposition to the Civil Rights Movement.

We thought that our country had become more enlightened and once learning who Russell actually was, removing his name would be a breeze. Well, it wasn't. Some of our most beloved Senators thought it would be a bad idea with the most often cited reason that if we removed Russell's name, what would stop the removal of names of people we supported from other buildings.

Convinced that we were not even going to get more enlightened Senators to support the removal, Louisi-



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Sen. Cory Booker (left) and Sen. Kamala Harris (right) spearhead historic anti-lynching legislation last month.

ana Senator Mary Landrieu and Virginia Senator George Allen offered an option that would seek to have the U.S. Senate finally apologize for lynching. We agreed to support that effort. For a long time, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Planning, Ms. Langhart-Cohen and I walked from office to office encouraging Senators to vote for what finally became S.Res.39 apologizing for Senate inaction that could have saved countless lives. It wasn't easy because several Senators opposed the Resolution.

Among those who supported the Resolution by agreeing to be Sponsors were Senators Joe Biden, George Allen, Mary Landrieu, Chuck Hagel, John McCain, Diane Feinstein, Patrick Leahy, Barack Obama, Ted Kennedy and others. Lynching was listed in the Resolution as "the ultimate expression of racism in the United States following Reconstruction." It apologizes to the victims

of lynching and the descendants of those victims for the failure of the Senate to enact anti-lynching legislation—nothing more; yet, there were Senators who voted against the Resolution. We weren't even asking to make lynching a crime at that time!

Well, a few days ago, Congressman Bobby Rush (IL) did take the next step and got that bill through the House 15 years later to make lynching a crime! It's shocking that it took so long to do that, but even more shocking is the fact that Congressmen Louie Gohmert (TX), Thomas Massie (KY), Ted Yoho (FL) and Justin Amash (MI) voted against the bill! The presidency of Donald Trump is charged with carrying out laws Congress decides and the men I have just named are responsible for making the laws! I have to wonder if their constituents will in good conscience send them back to Washing-

ton or will they vote "NO" on them?

For over 150 years an anti-lynching bill failed in the Senate even though the House and several Presidents had supported anti-lynching measures. Does this sound like the current Senate that refused to convict Donald Trump even though the House had proven without a doubt that Trump was guilty of the charges against him? Congressman Rush decided the time had come to make lynching a crime so he introduced HB 35—named for Emmett Till.

If Trump's behavior and lynching human beings are not crimes, we are a shameless nation and have no right to tell another nation what decency is. Now, let's see what the current Senate will do about lynching.

(Dr. E. Faye Williams is National President of the National Congress of Black Women. She hosts "Wake Up and Stay Woke" on WPFW-FM 89.3 in Washington, DC.)

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Hair Discrimination is Alive and Well

By Julianne Malveaux
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Andrew Johnson, a high school wrestler, was forced to submit to the humiliating act of having his dreadlocks shorn or have his New Jersey team forfeit their match to the opposing team. A gleeful white woman seemed too pleased to invade the young man's person, and his team won, but at

what price? When this happened in December of 2018, there was a national outcry, and the referee was suspended.

A year later, DeAndre Arnold, a senior at Barbers Hill High School in Mont Belvieu, Texas, was told that he would not be able to graduate unless he cut his hair. He's been growing his dreads for more than five years, often wearing them in a bun so that they did not violate the school rule that hair could not touch the collar. This is part of a pattern of policing Black hair in our nation's high schools and workplaces. And these dress codes are an attack on Black people, designed by white people and for white people. Hostility toward natural hair, locs and twists is really unvarnished hostility toward Blackness and its manifestation. It is an insistence that Black people conform to Eurocentric norms.

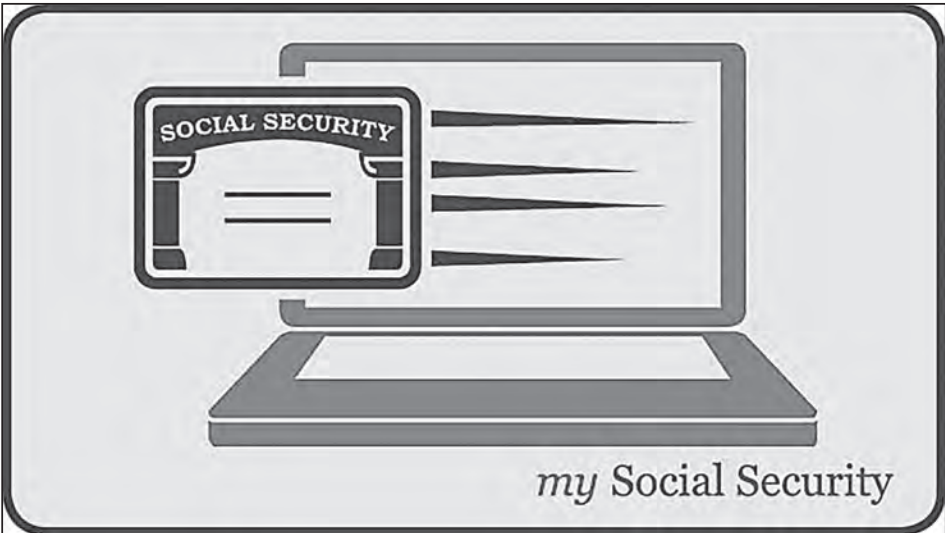
Andrew Johnson and DeAndre Arnold made headlines, but many cases do not. Often, the "code" is subtle, and the backlash painful and

undeniable, but never spoken. So many women are told that their hair is "too wild" or "ungroomed", as if bone straight hair is the only way to wear it. And perhaps it is not said so much as hinted. And Black women (and men) have the choice of playing the game or stalling their careers. This doesn't happen so much on the coasts, in California, New York and the District of Columbia. But it happens enough that activists have worked to outlaw hair discrimination.

On July 3, 2019, California became the first in the nation to outlaw discriminating against natural hair. The CROWN Act, or Create a Respectful and Open Workplace for Natural Hair was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom. A few days later, New York State passed a similar law, as did New Jersey. A few cities and counties, like Cincinnati, OH and Montgomery County, Maryland, have also followed suit. A dozen or so other states and municipalities have explored, and even in-

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Change Social Security



By Dr. Glenn Mollette
Wire Columnist

How many individuals will make \$137,700 in 2020? This is the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax for this year. This increase will impact about 12 percent of the 171 million workers who are covered under Social Security. People who make over \$137,700 are not subject to Social Security tax this year. Last year it was a \$132,900. The vast majority of working Americans, approximately 90%, will never know a year of life that they are not paying Social Security taxes. People who make more are spared pay-

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ing the tax on income higher than the \$137,700 cap. There is also a limit on how much they can collect in monthly Social Security benefits which changes a bit each year. This year the max is \$3,011 each month if you wait until your full retirement age. The prediction is that Social Security will be out of money in 2035. Some argue that this won't happen. Some argue we need to increase the benefits age to 70 to secure continued funding. This simply means that millions of people who die young will never receive a cent of their Social Security benefits. There is also the argument that working people should start paying Social Security taxes on their benefits like health insurance and other fringe benefits. This would simply mean killing off what is left of the middle class and those barely making enough money now to survive. It's time for Congress and our President to raise the cap on income subject to Social Security tax. For the next five years it needs to be increased to a million a year. The argument against this is that those who pay more will have to be compensated more in their monthly earnings because they have paid so much more into the fund. Do people who collect a million dollars a year or even a half million need to receive Social security compensation? They do not. Warren Buffet, Bill Gates and President Trump and a multitude of others do not need a Social Security pension.



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The poor people of the country struggle as they look at their paychecks, decreased by tax dollars they need for the basic necessities of life. Congress doesn't worry about the impact that taxing the poor and the middle class has. Why is Congress so worried about taxing someone who makes a million dollars a year or more? Congress should also cut out having to pay tax on Social Security income received by people over 75. Give the elderly a break. This only amounts to less than 3% of Social Security receipts and elderly Americans could convert the small increase into groceries. If someone is paying social security tax on a million dollars a year, they are simply doing what 99% of all the other Americans are doing. The boost is income to the Social Security fund would strengthen the program and save Americans down the road from financial cuts that will only spiral them further into economic woes. Contact him at GMollette@aol.com. Learn more at www.glennmollette.com Like his facebook page at www.facebook.com/glennmollette

Hair Discrimination is Alive and Well

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troduced legislation that prohibits discrimination against those who wear natural hair, braids, locs, or twists. Despite legislation, hair discrimination is alive and well. The text of the California legislation explores the history of hair discrimination. It reads in part, “The history of our nation is riddled with laws and societal norms that equated ‘blackness,’ and the associated physical traits, for example, dark skin, kinky and curly hair to a badge of inferiority, sometimes subject to separate and unequal treatment.” The bill goes on to say, “Professionalism was, and still is, closely linked to European features and mannerisms, which entails that those who do not naturally fall into Eurocentric norms must alter their appearances, sometimes drastically and permanently, in order to be deemed professional.” The fact that a diversity of hairstyles needs to be addressed through legislation speaks to the intransigence of white supremacy, the need white supremacists have to require Black people to conform to

their standards. Even as the population of people of color grows in our nation, white supremacists are holding on, strong, to their racist norms. Some of them don't even think they are racists. They are, indeed, “nice” people. They speak of neatness, wildness and their own discomfort with “different” hair. They think that folks should go through having their hair fried to make other people comfortable. I really don't care how people wear their hair. It, truly, is a matter of choice. And hair does not have to be political. But hair choices must be respected and discrimination against natural hair, braids, twists, and locs cannot be tolerated. Intolerance about natural hair is an intolerance against Black people. It is, at best, unacceptable. Kudos to California State Senator Holly Mitchell for starting the ball rolling. Congratulations to those who worked with her to pass this important legislation. And shout out to the others who have embraced her legislation by introducing it in other states. Hair discrimination is not the most egregious injustice that Black people



experience, but it is an injustice nonetheless. Just ask DeAndre Arnold, who won't be able to march with his peer graduates because he wears dreads, or the wrestler, Andrew Johnson, whose locs were shorn because a racist referee had neither intelligence nor tolerance. Dr. Julianne Malveaux is an economist, author, media contributor and educator. Her latest project MALVEAUX! On UDCTV is available on youtube.com. For booking, wholesale inquiries or for more info visit www.juliannemalveaux.com

Millennial Couple Launches \$100 Million Dollar Affordable Housing Initiative

(Black News) - Atlanta, GA — Majesty and Elize are two career driven individuals who happened to match on a popular dating app. The pair quickly utilized Majesty's entrepreneurial prowess and Elize's marketing savvy to launch a successful real estate company. Within their first year of business, their company, INTL Realty Partners, cleared over \$1.5 million dollars in revenue. The now married couple focuses their efforts in property development by serving a greater purpose.

"I want to target metropolitan areas and improve the communities where African Americans reside. If we upgrade the environment, people will elevate their mindsets and make better decisions that serve their best interests," explained Majesty.

IMPROVING DISTRESSED AREAS

Majesty and Elize purchase property and work with local entities to place individuals in need of shelter in the homes. They also hire within the communities they service, creating labor jobs by recruiting individuals who are out of work, yet possess a tremendous amount of skill. This power couple takes pride in not

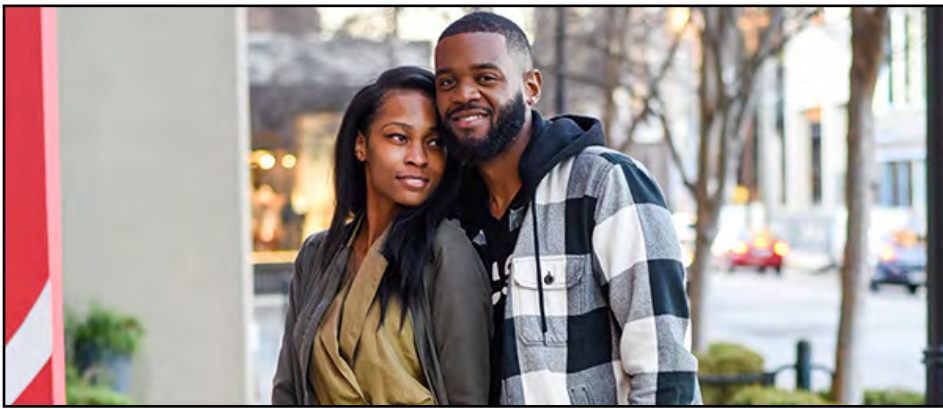


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only being able to change neighborhoods through redevelopment, but also the ability to offer opportunities for work experience, fair wages and great treatment in the workplace.

"We can be profitable while still helping as many people as possible. Everybody should play their part, help each other and benefit," explained Majesty. He believes some of the issues in poorer communities

stem from not owning enough land and property, and sees real estate as a major key for change.

Their goal is to inject \$100 million dollars into distressed areas to purchase run-down residences and transform them into affordable housing options; their company has already secured \$2 million in funding. Elize explained, "We want to eliminate vacant properties all over the nation by filling them with people who need a place to call home; that's why we launched this initiative. We are all a part of this journey so we're inviting the world to watch us as we traverse the ups and downs of running a business, maintaining a marriage, giving back to the community and improving the reality of others."

Toledo City Closings Effective March 18

By **IGNAZIO MESSINA**
City of Toledo, Communications Director

In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, all City of Toledo points of access for customer service will be closed and all city-owned community centers and park shelter houses will be closed for non-essential services effective March 18, Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz said in an announcement on Tuesday, March 17.

"The city and the county are collaboratively taking a common-sense approach to prevent the spread of Coronavirus in our community," Mayor Kapszukiewicz said. "We are focused on delivering the essential services – police, fire, water, sewer services, and trash collection. We ask that everyone limit trips to One Government Center or other government offices and instead contact us by phone, email, or through our websites. Toledo and Lucas County continue to operate as we work through this crisis and we will persevere in the face of this adversity."

All city offices at One Government Center will be closed to the public. Engage Toledo remains open 24 hours a day to take calls and can be reached at 419-936-2020.

The customer service points of access that will be closed include:

- Toledo Public Utilities Customer Walk-in Center at 420 Madison Ave. to pay water bills



- City Finance Department at One Government Center to pay city taxes;
- Building Inspections Division office at One Government Center; Toledo Police offices to file reports
- Toledo Fire & Rescue Department fire inspection office at One Government Center
- Any other locations the public has typically interacted with city personnel

Toledo Public Utilities

Customers are encouraged to pay water bills online at toledo.oh.gov/services/public-utilities/utilities-administration/online-billing/.

Toledo Public Utilities can be reached from Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 419-245-1800 or by email at DPUcustomerservice@toledo.oh.gov. All late fees for water bills have been suspended.

City Taxes

Information on how to pay city taxes online can be found at taxconnect.toledo.oh.gov/taxconnect/.

Building Inspections

Anyone who needs to file a permit or schedule an inspection should visit www.toledo.oh.gov/permits or call 419-245-1220.

Toledo Police and Toledo Fire & Rescue Department

They will continue to respond to 911 calls for emergency services and will maintain code enforcement and inspection services.

"If you do call 911 for any reason, please let the 911 call taker know if you are experiencing any flu-like symptoms. Using the 911 system for only true emergent situations helps us lessen the exposure rate for firefighters, police officers, EMS personnel, and healthcare workers who continue to be on the front lines."

Smoke Alarms

Those in need of a smoke alarm should contact the American Red Cross at 844-207-4509.

Closed Police Stations


In order to keep the public safe and further attempt to mitigate the spread of the virus throughout the police stations, the following police buildings and sub-stations will be restricted to the public:

- Toledo Police Safety Building, 525 North Erie St.
- Scott Park District Police Station, 2301 Nebraska Ave.
- D. Michael Collins Northwest Neighborhood Station, 2330 West Sylvania Ave.
- Ottawa Park Substation, 2145 North Cove Blvd.

Closed Community Centers

- The city-owned community centers that will be closed for nonessential services include:
- East Toledo Family Center

- Aurora Gonzales Community and Family Resource Center
- Sofia Quintero Art and Culture Center
- Friendship Park Community Center
- Frederick Douglass Community Center
- Toledo Police Athletic League Building
- Closed Senior Centers**
- City-owned senior centers – including:
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Coronavirus Epidemic: What are Viruses Anyway?



By Glenn Ellis
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - During the current coronavirus epidemic, the CDC recommends that we wash our hands long enough to sing Happy Birthday two times.

But, were they talking about the traditional version or the Stevie Wonder version? Every Black person I know now, and every birthday celebration I've been a part of, for years, sings the Stevie Wonder version. The lack of clarity on this by the CDC lets me know that there is a need for different sets of information needed for different communities and cultures (according to their needs and interests) in communicating and providing information during this current epidemic.

According to the Na-

tional Assessment of Adult Literacy, only 12 percent of adults in the United States have a high level of health literacy, according to the National Assessment of Adult Literacy. In other words, nearly nine out of 10 adults lack the skills needed to fully manage their health care and prevent disease. Public health officials and the medical community assume patients understand and can manage their own health care. If a patient doesn't have the literacy skills necessary to comprehend basic words, it is unlikely that he or she will be able to engage with their care, which is typically made up of complex directions and complicated terminology.

That means that only a good day, most of have no idea what the basics are for being health; not mention understanding strains of viruses, transmission, and vaccine development, incubation, etc.

Wouldn't you think that at some point in this current coronavirus crisis, government or public health officials would have provided us with a basic understanding of exactly what viruses are; how they work; and why they are so potentially deadly?

Let me give it a try... A virus is a tiny, infectious particle that can reproduce only by infecting a host cell. Viruses "commandeer" the host cell and use its resources to make more viruses, basically reprogramming it to become a virus factory.

Viruses prey upon all living organisms, turning them into virus Xerox machines.

Unlike a bacterium or a cell of an animal, a virus lacks the ability to replicate on its own. A virus does contain some genetic information critical for making copies of itself, but it can't get the job done without the help of a cell's "duplicating" equipment, borrowing enzymes and other molecules to create even more virus.

Even though the smallest viruses are only about one-millionth of an inch long, they live up to their Latin namesake - poison. They are capable of infecting and hijacking a human body, creating health hazards as minor as the common flu and as disastrous as the AIDS epidemic.

Now, let's tackle one of the basic questions many people have. How many different viruses are there on planet Earth?

Seems like every time we turn around, there's a "new" virus circulating around the globe. Scientist then start scrambling to identify it and find a treatment and/or vaccine for it. Invariably, this leads to everything from outright fear to conspiracy theories! In the absence for more (and sometimes different) messaging to targeted populations, controlling the spread of the virus and protecting people will continue to be an uphill climb.

Let me just remind some and inform others; there are far more viruses on this planet than there are people! You can't see them or feel them, but millions of airborne viruses are wafting around you each day, and billions more microbial travelers are descending everywhere on Earth, after riding air currents around the world.

Think about this: Scientists estimate that there are roughly 1,031,103,110 viruses at any given moment on earth. If you were somehow able to wrangle up all 1,031,103,110 of these viruses and line them end-to-end, your virus column would extend

nearly 200200200 light years into space. To put it another way, there are over ten million times more viruses on Earth than there are stars in the entire universe.

We didn't always have the need as a society to be reminded of such fundamental hygiene practices. I remember as a kid, coming in the house after playing outside with my friends. The very first thing I would hear would be, "wash your hands". Hygiene and family/community protection were second nature. Without any empirical data, I have to wonder if there is a connection between the loss of this general consciousness in our communities and the increase in both the rise of drug resistant bacteria and the rise of deadly viruses.

At the end of the day, with proper information delivered to respective communities based on their unique needs and abilities, we will find out that the basic behaviors needed to stay healthy, in general, are the same behaviors we should all be adopting in the face of any viral epidemic, including coronavirus.

Washing your hands; Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth; stay home if you are sick: we all know the advice on protecting ourselves from the coronavirus.

Oh yeah, you only need to wash your hands long enough to sing the Stevie Wonder version of Happy Birthday once!

Remember, I'm not a doctor. I just sound like one.

Take good care of yourself and live the best life possible!

The information included in this column is for educational purposes only. I do not dispense medical advice or prescribe the use of any technique as a replacement form of treatment for physical, mental or medical problems by your doctor either directly or indirectly.

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Spiritually Speaking...

“Daddy Do I Have to?”

By JAMES A. WASHINGTON Jr.
Publisher Dallas Weekly Newspaper

There is a question I've been mulling over and if you don't mind, I'd like your input. Does one follow the Word of God because you know you should or, because you have to?

I mean is the faith walk a walk of need or one of sincere desire?

You see, scripture is full of rules. The rules of the Old Testament and the laws of Moses give way to the parables of Jesus and the new covenant of the New Testament.

The question is, do we attempt to abide by the precepts of the New Testament out of fear of punishment or loss of reward, or, do we follow a path of righteousness (rules) because we genuinely love the Lord so much, we just want to please Him?

If you think about it, your and my spiritual freedom has been blood bought and arguably remains the most significant event in documented history. In the grand scheme of things, the Word became flesh in order for us to reclaim eternal life, that life Adam rejected with but one bite of one piece of forbidden fruit. Jesus' sacrifice, by design, was an act of love so great that humankind will forever be the beneficiary.

So, in order to claim freedom, a simple act of belief is required; a simple act of faith that demonstrates you understand this really was a sacrifice made by the Son of God.

From there, do we follow the teachings of Christ Jesus begrudgingly, because if we don't, we'll



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burn in hell or, do we rejoice in the knowledge that someone loved us so deeply that living according to His guiding principle becomes a real desire to please? This sort of behavior is easily understood not to be a purposeless “have to,” but rather a sincere “want to.”

The Christian experience should not be confused with a view of a lifestyle restricted by arbitrary rules requiring one to deny life's pleasures. Rather, the Christian experience should be viewed as a

lifestyle filled with all that life has to offer and then some.

That's right, more not less. I believe it all starts with knowing. The kind of knowing that sees right from wrong and gives you insight into choosing right over wrong.

This brings me back to the question at hand. Are you behaving in a manner dictated by a set of pre-determined rules, or are you living a life based in principle, purpose, conviction and yes, love? One is hard. One is relatively easy. I live the way I live because if I don't, I'll be punished vs. I live the way that I live because I believe it's right and I want to. The former is like going to a job you hate but you have to because you need the money. Where is the joy in that?

I'm sure there are those of you who are much more mature in the faith than I am and can explain this better. But I am starting to see a path that looks pretty good to me. The more I try to understand the teachings of Christ, His life and His sacrifice, the more I understand just how much He and His Daddy think of me. That's a heaven of a thought and one that should be embraced.

The point is life should be a labor of love and not a labor of necessity. The more you understand the Word of God, the more you understand it to be worthy, not demanding, of your praise.

I guess what I'm asking you is at what point does the Light go on and the questions get answered? At what point do you live free of all the rules?

May God bless and keep you always.

Celebration of Life
for Gavella Moye
Thompson



Sunrise December 11, 1933
Sunset February 14, 2020

Gavella “Gay” Moye Thompson was born December 11, 1933 to the union of late Jeppie and Earsie Moye in Evergreen Alabama. She departed this life February 14, 2020 in her home surrounded by loved ones.

Gavella attended the Conecuh County High School in the Evergreen, Alabama.

Gavella accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior as a Youth uniting with the Nazarene Missionary Baptist Church, Evergreen, Alabama. Upon moving to Toledo, in the 1950's, she united with the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.

She worked in domestic services for many years. Her favorite hobbies were fishing, gardening and cooking. Her most favorite thing was celebrating with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father Jeppie, her mother Earsie, two brothers, Edward Moye and Charles Moye S. Four sisters, Euvie Rankin, Allie B. Gray, Arnold Mae Coleman, and Irene Moye.

She leaves to cherish her memory, Brother, Lawrence Moye, Sisters, Betty Thomas, Lois Hawkins. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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Toledo Public Schools

Dear TPS Families

Following the mandate of Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine, Toledo Public Schools are closed for three weeks, that was effective on Monday, March 16. It has been determined that closing schools will be an effective way to disrupt widespread infection of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

• During the mandated closure period, all schools will be open at least two days per week, for two-hour blocks, for students and families to come in and pick up curriculum. The schools will determine the days and times and you will receive an All Call on Monday, March 16, with those details.

• For additional questions, please call 419-671-0001 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Current information about closings, meals, student assignments, etc., will be available to callers.

We know this is an alarming situation for everyone. We have developed this update to provide as much practical information as possible as we navigate this unprecedented situation. Please know we understand how extremely difficult our closing will be on our students and families and we are doing everything in our power to make sure you have resources while the district is closed.

What provisions are being made for students to continue to receive free breakfast and lunch each day?

• The buildings will be open for meal distribution from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. In order to prepare enough meals each day, parents and guardians will need to call The United Way of Greater Toledo's 2-1-1 line at least 48 hours to confirm the dates for breakfast and/or lunch for their student(s)

• Starting Wednesday, March 18, the following schools will be open for TPS students to pick-up 'grab and go' breakfast and lunches:

- Bowsher High School - 2200 Arlington - Attendance Office Entrance
- Jones Leadership Academy - 430 Nebraska - Main Entrance
- Rogers High School - 222 McTigue - Main Entrance
- Scott High School - 2400 Collingwood - Attendance Office Entrance
- Start High School - 2010 Tremainsville - Cafeteria Door Entrance
- TTA/DeVilbiss High School - 3301 Upton - Main Entrance
- Waite High School - 301 Morrison - Career Center Entrance
- Woodward High School - 701 E. Central - Main Entrance
- Other locations may be added

Are there any resources available to help me talk to my child about this pandemic? There are great resources provided by the National Association of School Psychologists for talking with your children. You can access those through this link: <https://www.nasponline.org/>

Will closing schools impact TPS spring break? No. The Toledo Public Schools spring break will not be impacted.

We will continue to stay in conversations with federal, state and local officials, as well as our community partners, and updates will be provided to families through all-calls, posts to social media and the district's website.

25 Free Educational Websites for Kids

By AMBER
Former preschool teacher turned homeschooling mom, and owner of www.fromabcstoacts.com

Whether you've been teaching your children at home for a while now or you've just found yourself unintentionally homeschooling with all of the recent school closures, having a list of fun and educational websites bookmarked that will not only keep your

kids engaged but learning at the same time can be a lifesaver.

Now, there are thousands of free educational websites out there, of course, and we've shared some of our favorites before with this list of 45+ free educational websites for kids, but we're finding new ones every day and so we felt that sharing our newest list of favorites was definitely in order.

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www.explore.org/livecams
- **Virtual Musical Instruments**
www.virtualmusicalinstruments.com/
- **Funbrain Jr.**
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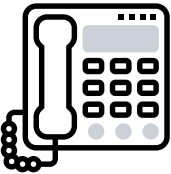


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- **Typing Club**
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- **Squiggle Park**
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- **History for Kids**
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- **National Constitution Center**
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- **A Book in Time**
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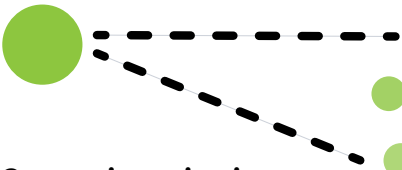
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March 30, 1870: the ratification of the 15th Amendment secured voting rights for all male U.S.

March 26, 1872: Thomas J. Martin patents the fire extinguisher.

March 18, 1877: President Hayes appointed Frederick Douglass Marshal of District of Columbia.

March 22, 1882: African American Shakespearean actor Morgan Smith dies in Sheffield, England.

March 29, 1898: Ballow, W.J. Patents Combined hatrack and table.

March 31, 1927: Cesar Chavez born in San Luis, Ariz

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BLACK HISTORY

March 28, 1963: The King's fourth child, Bernice Albertine, born in Atlanta, Ga. (1963)

March 21, 1965: The Selma-to-Montgomery March sets off again. Protected by federal troops and lead by Dr. King, about 3, 200 marchers set out from Selma. By the time they reach the capitol in Montgomery four days later they are 25,000-strong

March 25, 1965: Selma March completed.

March 25, 1967: Dr. King attacks the U.S. government's Vietnam policy in a speech at the Chicago Coliseum.

March 28, 1968: Dr. King leads 6,000 protesters on a march through downtown Memphis, Tenn., in support of striking sanitation workers.

March 31, 1980: Death of Jesse Owens (66), who won four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics, 1936.

March 28, 1984: Benjamin Mays, President of Morehouse College, dies..

March 23, 1985: Patricia Harris, cabinet member and ambassador, dies.

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Bessie Coleman - was the first African American woman to become a pilot. She was born in Atlanta, Texas, in 1892. She grew fascinated with the returning World War 1 pilots' stories and went to France in 1920 to pursue her dream of getting into aviation. She was awarded her pilot's license in June 1921.

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Robin Harper's Painting "Jump Rope"

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Art that once graced Johnson Publishing Co. sold for \$2.7 million at auction

by BlackmansStreet.Today

Beautiful paintings by black artists that one graced the walls of Johnson Publishing Co., former owner of Ebony and Jet magazines, were sold at auction Friday by Swann Galleries, fetching higher prices than expected.

Many of the artists' works had been undervalued for the decades and systematically overlooked because black artists had been pushed to the margins of the art world.

Swann, which is based in New York, reported 100 percent of the 87 lots found buyers, racking up sales of \$2.7 million, more than double the expected highest estimate.

Fifty-one of the 85 lots on sale set new auction records for artists, including those by Carrie Mae

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Weems, Richard Mayhew and Lois Mailou Jones.

The collection included sculptures, paintings and drawings that were housed in Johnson Publishing headquarters, which opened in Chicago in 1971.

Carrie Mae Weems's photographic series Untitled, comprised of seven chromogenic prints, sold for \$305,000, more than double its \$150,000 high estimate.

Barbara Johnson Zuber's Jump Rope sold for \$87,000 against a high estimate of \$1,500. Zuber, who died in 2019 at 93, was the first black woman to graduate with a bachelor's degree from Yale University.

Robin Harper's portrait of Jack Johnson, the first black man to win



Robin Harper's portrait of Jack Johnson

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the world heavyweight championship, sold for \$185,000, 35 times its high estimate. The painting graced the Ebony magazine's cover in March 1978. The issue was dedicated to heavyweight champions. Harper now goes by the name Kwasi Seitu Asantua,

Richard Mayhew's Departure sold for \$233,000, three times its high estimate, and Elizabeth Catlett's cast bronze Sister sold for \$175,000. Lois Mailou Jones's Ba-

zar Du Quai, Port Au Prince, Haiti, sold for \$75,000, a record for the artist at an auction, Swann said.

Henry Ossawa Tanner's Moonrise by Kasbah sold for \$365,000, the second highest price at auction and much higher than the \$250,000 high estimate.

This auction follows one last summer in which a consortium of foundations paid \$30 million for Johnson Publishing Company's photo archives.

From the Desk of Felicia

Lessons Learned from My Past



I used to think that my breakups were the worst experiences in life that I could ever imagine. This went on for years until about five years ago when I decided to shift my mindset about how I viewed breakups. Yes, breakups are sometimes horrific and heartbreaking, but it's not the end of the world, trust me. Once you look at the overall relationship after a breakup, I'm sure that you can point out some very key lessons that you learned and that's exactly what I do.

For starters, I've learned from previous relationships to not force anything that is no longer worth it or healthy for me. I used to work overtime trying to stay in relationships that I knew were toxic or just wasn't meant to last. I've begged men to stay in a relationship with me, let's say after they cheated on me..... crazy right? RIGHT! The more this happened, I became physically sick to my stomach and decided to practice the best self-care that I knew how: LOVE MYSELF FIRST.

How you allow people to treat you from the start of a relationship or at the first incident dictates how they will continue to treat you. Instead of setting boundaries in the beginning, I would allow things to be swept under the rug and of course, things festered into a gigantic snowball by the end of the relationship. So I've learned to use the "See something, say something" mantra in my relationships. If I see that something isn't right or makes me feel uncomfortable, I address it as soon as possible. When you overlook things that your partner does to hurt, harm or disrespect you, it doesn't change for the better, it gets worse.

I stop expecting more from my partners and I learned to watch their actions closely verse what their mouth said to me. Expectations are great but they can lead you down a lonely road. I don't have any grand expectations for any partner that I first meet. I see the person for who they are and let them change or seek change in their own time. You can want all great things for a person or partner, but it won't happen unless they want it for themselves. Really watch your partner's actions verse what they are saying to you. I've learned that a person that I'm in a relationship with, will tell me what I want to hear just to move on from the topic of discussion and had no intentions of fulfilling their promises.

Val James, first African American in NHL speaks in Toledo to kids, parents



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Val James, standing center with young hockey players from Toledo Ice Crew Hockey Club. Kneeling on the far left is Mike Mankowski, director of the club, and the person who spearheaded the event.



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Val James played for the Toronto Maple Leafs during the 1986-87 season.



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Mr. James speaking about his experience in hockey with members of the Toledo Ice Hockey Club.

By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN
Journal Staff Writer

In 1977, Val James was drafted into the National Hockey League, NHL, by the Detroit Red Wings, making him the first African American to play in the league. During his tenure, Mr. James experienced an onslaught of verbal racial attacks by fans of opposing teams.

On Sunday, March 8, he addressed, approximately, 25 area children, who are a part of the Toledo Ice Crew Hockey Club, and their parents at the Ottawa Park Ice Rink, 2200 W. Bancroft. Mike Mankowski, director of the club, spearheaded the event.

He told The Toledo Journal that he wanted to host a different event for the kids and their parents. "I thought bringing Mr. James to Toledo would be a good idea.

Mr. James told his audience he got started late in hockey. "My father gave me my first pair of ice shoes at the age of 13. He also worked at

a hockey rink which I would practice skating every night; from 7 p.m. until 1 a.m.," he said.

At the age of 16, he left home to pursue his dream to be a hockey player in Canada. Mr. James said he had the support of his father, but people started calling me names, I would use that as fuel to become a better player; so I'm telling you all to do the same. Don't get angry; get better," Mr. James said.

Afterwards, he took questions from the audience. "How many fights



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Mr. James autographed the hockey puck of nine year old Kellan Ferguson.

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his mother vehemently disagreed.

He would later be drafted by the Detroit Redwings, making him the first African American to play for the league. James would refrain from going into detail about the language he heard, and the obstacles he experienced, to his young audience. But he did tell them that he used the name calling as fuel to make him a better scorer or defensive man.

"I'm telling all of y'all to do what I did. When did you get into," and "How many games were you kicked out of," were just two of the questions his young audience asked him.

Yearly, the Toledo Ice Crew Hockey Club teaches the game of hockey to Toledo youth. From approximately, mid-October, until mid-March, children get to use uniforms, skates, sticks, and ice time, free of charge.

For more information, visit toledoicecrew.com.