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Juvenile Justice presented through a Different Lens

By MICHAEL DANIELS
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In order to enact a positive change in the African-American community, the African-American Legacy Project (AALP) collaborated with Toledo City Councilman Tyrone Riley, Esq. to present a town hall-style meeting on February 29th at Jerusalem Baptist Church entitled, 'Juvenile Justice: Through a Different Lens'.

The purpose of this program was to examine Toledo's Juvenile Justice system and how it affects our African-American youth in the city. To accomplish this goal the AALP invited four juvenile justice experts to sit in on a panel and talk about their own experience with the current system, and then answered questions from a community-based audience.

The panelists were Denise Navarre Cubbon: Lucas County Juvenile Court Judge, George Karl: Chief of Police, Larome Myrick: Ex. Director of Juvenile Correctional Services for the State Rhode Island, and Kamala London Newton: Professor of psychology at the University of Toledo.

This meeting was the third in series of such meeting this year sponsored by AALP. The first dealt with leadership in the African-American community and the second subject was on the youth.

Mr. Robert Smith who is the executive director of AALP said, "At these, what we call community engagement meetings, we are looking at the issues that the community has identified as critical, important and what our major problems are in the community."

He also explained, "Juvenile Justice is one of those problems. Too many of our children are being imprisoned, when in fact, the crime they allegedly committed does not warrant the punishment they receive."

Once a kid enters the prison system, they are marked for life. When they get out, they can't find a job, they can't vote anymore and there's nothing they can do. They are no longer a citizen, not to mention, in jail they learn things we rather they didn't learn. There is also the risk that, they will end up in jail again over and over. This is an issue we must address as



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Panelist Larome Myrick responds to a question from the audience during 'Juvenile Justice' Seminar.



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Audience member and Toledo Public School Asst. Principal John Preston ask a question to Robert Smith and the panel at the African American Legacy's 'Juvenile Justice' Seminar.

a community."

Mr. Smith said that, it is they desire to have another Juvenile Justice Seminar where they can examine and present to the community and civic leaders, the innovative and successful juvenile justice system they have in place in Rhode Island. Panelist Larome Myrick is a native of Rhode Island. That system offers other alternatives besides jail to juvenile offenders and is much more productive and fairer than our current system in Toledo.

Each panelist made presentations and then the moderator opened up the floor for a Q&A. Following the program city councilman Tyrone Riley said, "I think today's meeting is the

beginning of something big for us. We must address the administration of juvenile justice for our African-American youth. Our children are coming into contact with the juvenile justice system and we need to study that and find out why. There are old policies and procedures in place that are negatively impacting our children. We need to know if there a racial component to this and are their dispensaries within the law. If so, we need to examine these policies and procedures more closely so that we can correct them and the mistakes that have been made in the past."

Panelist Judge Denise Navarre Cubbon added, "The program today was

wonderful because the community members, who are interested enough in our Juvenile Justice system, came out today, and we were able to have a conversation about this problem. This conversation is very important because we can't help our children grow up in a positive manner without the community being a part of it. It's about us coming together and helping each other. I encourage anyone who wants to be a part of this reformation process of our juvenile justice system to call my court and set up an appointment with me. This is something I'm very serious about because it is only working together can we make a difference."



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Those participating in the African American Legacy Project's 'Juvenile Justice': Through a Different Lens' Seminar were (back L-R) Rev. Dr. Willie Perryman: Pastor Jerusalem Baptist Church, Bernadette Joy Graham: President of the AALP Board, Tyrone Riley: Toledo City Councilman/Esq, Ra'shya Ghee: Program Moderator, Robert Smith: Ex. Director of the African American Legacy Project, and (Front row L-R) Panelists Denise Navarre Cubbon: Lucas County Juvenile Court Judge, George Karl: Chief of Police, Larome Myrick: Ex. Director of Juvenile Correctional Services for the State Rhode Island, and Kamala London Newton: Professor of psychology at the University of Toledo.

Local Schools, Hospitals, Fire Departments and Others are Counting on You to Participate in the Census

How can you help your local schools, hospitals and roads, be sure your preferred public transportation system is available, and support funding for your local senior center – without even leaving home? By participating in the 2020 Census.

Since 1790, the U.S. Constitution has mandated a count of our population every 10 years. The results help to determine how billions of dollars in federal funding will reach states and communities each year. This funding helps to support our schools, fire departments, road and highway construction, and even our health care systems. The results also determine how many seats in Congress each state gets, and how our Congressional districts are drawn.



Regina Russell from the Area Office on Aging explained that Census workers “won’t ask for money, or even about how much money you make or have. They won’t ask for Social Security or credit card numbers, or about anything political. They are simply interested in counting the number of people living in the U.S.”

Letters inviting people to complete the Census form will begin arriving by mid-March, and the deadline to respond is July 31. You can respond online, by phone or by mail. Participation in the Census is required by federal law; if you don’t respond, a Census taker will visit your home to collect responses.

To learn more about the Census, call 800.923.8282.



A Price for Heat That’s Hard to Beat

Many of those age 60 and better who find themselves struggling to pay utility bills in the winter months may qualify for energy assistance.

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) can help single person households with an income of \$21,857 or a two-person household income of \$29,592. For households with more than two people living in the home, an additional \$7,735 should be added to the household income limit.

For many who

qualify, this benefit could reduce the energy bill by \$350.

This program has helped thousands of local older adults stay warm this winter. The deadline to apply for HEAP and the Winter Crisis Program is March 31st.

For additional information about HEAP, contact the Area Office on Aging at 419-382-0624 or visit AreaOfficeOnAging.com. Many older adults who are eligible for HEAP are also eligible for other programs that can save money on their prescriptions and food.



The Home Energy Assistance Program is a program that can help many older adults stay warm and save money during the winter. Older adults who qualify for this program may also qualify for other programs that can help save money on their prescription, health insurance, food and other utility costs. The Area Office on Aging helps connect older adults with these programs.

Ongoing Events

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>

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

Every 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.

Mar. 6th & 7th
The 5th Annual Maumee Film Festival
Tickets On Sale Now! The Maumee Uptown Business Association will present the 5th Annual Maumee Film Festival on Friday and Saturday at the Maumee Indoor Theater. Film Screenings will take place Friday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday starting at 11:00 a.m. Over 50 short films will be featured at this year's festival, including documentary, short narrative, science ficton and films created for the 48-Hour Film Challenge. Special Musical Performance: Telesonic 9000 will perform live on Friday evening. This film-concert combines original music with retro video clips to create a unique and immersive live experience. General admission tickets are \$8.00 for both Friday and Saturday screenings Tickets are on sale now at the Maumee Indoor Theater box office located at 601 Conant Street in Maumee or online using a credit card at www.maumeefilmfestival.com This film festival is not recommended for young viewers as some of the films contain strong language and have adult themes.

Mar. 8th, 15th. and 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 dates:
• March 8, 2020; Rev. Melvin Barnes and Greater Faith Fellowship Church @ 4:00 pm.
• March 15, 2020; Rev. Roger Carson and Southern Missionary Baptist Church @ 4:00 pm.
• 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.

Mar. 10th
The Toledo Base Submarine Veterans Monthly Meeting
The second Tuesday of the month at The Genesis Village Events Center 2429 S. Reynolds Road Toledo Ohio at 18:00 hours (6 PM). Our next meeting will be on Tuesday. For further information you can contact our base Commander John Fleitz at 419-868-6514 or at johnandmarcia13@bex.net.

Mar. 21st
Books 4 Buddies 3rd Annual Youth Global Perspectives Forum
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 28, 2020
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.

PLEASE HELP!
Looking for Birth Mother and/or family members of my adopted son - born December 2,1995 weighed 8lb. 11oz., now 24 years old. Was adopted from The Lutheran Children Services in Toledo, Ohio after birth.
Information about son's birth family:
Mother - African-American 6'3", 240lbs. (age 30 in 1995) black hair, medium brown complexion. High School graduate, some college, Executive Secretary/Word Processor. Had 6 other children - 2 boys and 4 girls. (approximate ages today boys 34 &35, and 4 girls 27, 29, 30 &31).
Birth Mother's family information:
Birth mother was raised by both parents. Her father and mother would be about 76/78 years old today if still living. Birth mother has 2 brothers, and 5 sisters (approximately ages today, brother's 60 &62, and sister's ages 48, 52,56,57,58). I thank you for any information that could help me locate my son's birth family. **Please call me at (216) 526-7301.**
God Bless, Adopted Mom

Mar. 22nd
Shooting with the Stars Unites Celebrities and Special Olympics Athletes
Celebrities from the greater Toledo area will be joining athletes from Lucas County Special 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

March 6-April 3, 2020
Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Toledo Lenten Fish Fries
Fridays Now - April 3, 2020 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. or until sold out. Donnelly Neighborhood Center Most Blessed Sacrament Campus, 4255 Belleville Road, Toledo, OH 43613. Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Toledo Lenten Fish Fries, March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3. ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT. Baked and Deep-Fried Alaskan Pollock Fries or Baked Potatoes, Salad, Homemade Coleslaw, Applesauce, Rolls, Desert and Beverage. Adults: \$10, Seniors:\$9, Children 6-12: \$8, Age 5 and under: free.

April 4, 2020
Greater St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church "Spring Into Fashions"
Greater St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church Adult Choir Presents Annual "Spring Into Fashions" - Style Show & Dinner held at the church, lower level Fellowship Hall, 416 Belmont Ave., on Saturday, April 4th, 2020. Time 5:00 pm. Amazing women, men & children models are preparing for the runway, along with an additional scene, offering distinguished Ministers & Pastors of the city to precede our Grand Fanale! Mr. C.J. Manning will accompany the event with his exquisite Gospel Jazz and Ms. Kelly Williams will set the mood with halarious Gospel Comedy. Vendors, Mime, prizes & more! Adult tickets \$20.00 - \$10 Ages 12 & under. Ticket Delivery Available for 2 or more. Reserve Table of 8 in Advance for stage-side seating. Contact Information, questions & concerns: 419-699-7330/ 419-461-1504. Emeritus Minister of Music, Bro. Johnnie Love. Pastor, Rev. Robert W. Lyons Sr.

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

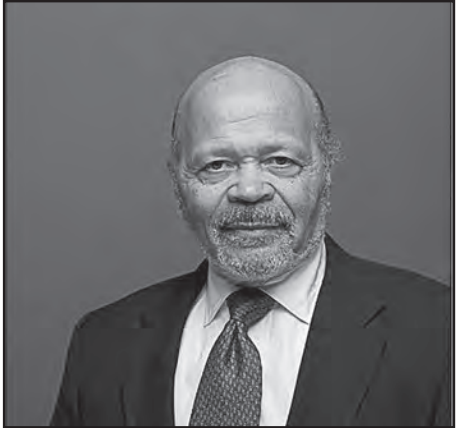
Tips to Shift to Daylight Saving Time



(StatePoint) - Spring is just around the corner, which means that so too is Daylight Saving Time (DST). While many people look forward to the start of DST all winter long seeing it as a marker of warmer, longer days ahead, making the actual shift is not always so simple for your body, mind or schedule.
Here are a few ways to "spring forward" with ease:
1. Expect mornings to be a bit touch and go for the first several days. You may be extra groggy as your body adjusts to the new schedule. Luckily, there are plenty of eye-opening ways to energize your morning, including getting some exercise (even if it's just a quick 5-10-minute routine), playing up-tempo music, hydrating and eating a healthful, protein-rich

breakfast. And of course, there is always coffee.
2. Likewise, it may take a few days before you start to feel sleepy at your typical bedtime. Create a wind-down routine in the evenings that will help relax you and get you primed to feel sleepy. This can include meditation, journaling and shutting down devices that emit blue light.
3. You'll already be losing an hour of the weekend when DST starts, so don't waste any time manually setting your watches and clocks forward. For those who prefer a simple timekeeping device this process can be simplified. For example, by linking the Casio Edifice EQB1000D-1A to a smartphone, you can get the correct time not only in your current location, but for over 300 cities around the world (making travel smooth sailing as well). The watch accounts for both time zone and daylight saving time status of your current location, giving you one less to-do on this already short weekend.
4. If you like to eat meals at a fixed time, you can adjust your schedule gradually over the space of four days by bumping meal times 15 minutes at a time in order to give your stomach a chance to catch up with the clock.
Don't let the transition to longer evenings create undue stress for you and your family. With some smart strategies, you can adjust to DST with ease.

THE EMPIRE HAS NO CLOTHES



By Oscar H. Blayton
Wire Writer

If your childhood memories are of the United States during the 1950s, you probably remember Hans Christian Andersen's tale, "The Emperor's New Clothes." In this Danish short story, a vain emperor is tricked into purchasing an invisible set of fine clothing that can be seen only by the virtuous. So impressed was the emperor with what he believed to be his new clothes, he donned them and paraded through the streets naked.

If you are a child of the '50s, you also grew up on a diet of Walt Disney's Davy Crockett, John Wayne's Western heroes and Joe McCarthy's anti-communist rants.

This was the time when the United States went from being "One nation with liberty and justice for all" to "One nation 'UNDER GOD' with liberty and justice for all," when Congress changed the wording of the Pledge of Allegiance to distinguish ourselves from the "god-less" Russians.

It was a time when little boys were encouraged to cheer as loudly for cowboys that slaughtered Indians as they did for Tarzan as he vanquished African savages.

By the time the "50s rolled around, America had defeated the Nazis, laid low imperial Japan and could do no wrong.

It was also a time when little girls were encouraged to prepare to marry the sons of these conquering heroes - and do little else.

Children of color stood on the sidelines watching this parade of American glory go marching by while being forced

to swallow our daily dose of humiliation. We knew that taxes were taken from our parents' hard-earned wages to build municipal swimming pools that we were forbidden to enjoy. We also watched our parents pay taxes to build grand public schools that we were not allowed to enter.

We knew that if you were Black, Latinx, Asian or from the First Nations, America wanted to crush you.

White kids didn't have to walk in our shoes, so most did not know how crippling it was to be hobbled by bigotry and racial hatred. Many believed that our inability to walk as they did was our fault, and dispositive proof of our laziness, stupidity and low morals.

In the years since America's "greatest generation" strutted home from World War II, the people of this nation have been fed a steady diet of lies telling us that the United States is clothed in "equal justice," the "rule of law" and "American exceptionalism." These lies became the norm because anyone who questioned them was accused of being unpatriotic, ungrateful or a communist.

White America did not bother to turn off their TVs, open their blinds and look out the windows of their split-level homes to see that beyond the boundaries of their segregated planned communities, people of color were being gunned down in the streets in the name of law enforcement. They did not see that the harsh drug laws landing darker youths in prisons were being bent or ignored when it came to their children. And they rolled their eyes at the news of corrupt politicians overseas, while ignoring the fact that American businesses and American foreign policies were doing the corrupting.

It's been a grand American parade these past several decades, full of loud noise, strutting heroes, shiny objects and a display of wealth. America proclaims it has become a global empire — something to admire and make your heart beat faster.

But America is not clothed in its imagined virtues at all. Like the naked emperor America has been conned into buying a lie, wrapped in the protection of fear. In Hans Christian Andersen's story, no one dared point out that the emperor



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or wore no clothes for fear of being accused of lacking virtue. Few Americans dare to point out our country's failings for fear of being branded unpatriotic – and we need look no further than former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick to see the reality of this danger.

This country is as vile, corrupt and disgusting as Donald Trump.

We are a nation full of bigots ruled by bigots – a country of greedy grasping materialists who would destroy the very planet on which we live for the sake of a few more shiny things. And we abuse and kill our fellow humans for these same reasons.

The world sees America for what it is – a naked Donald Trump strutting down Main Street to the beat of victorious music playing only in his head. And if we do not bring an end to this vile parade, we will deserve the condemnation that we receive.

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Kerner Report set standard for what a serious presidential candidate should champion

By Jesse Jackson
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - As the Democratic presidential primaries move onto Super Tuesday states, candidates turn their attention to people of color, and particularly African Americans.

Many candidates find their rhetoric contradicted by their record; their promises conflicting with their performances.

Donald Trump now seeks to woo black voters by taking credit for the economy, by touting the first steps in reducing mass incarceration, and by hyping so-called "opportunity zones."

His history — rising to prominence with the vile racist campaign about whether Barack Obama is American, embracing the Nazis at Charlottesville, dedicating his administration to erasing all things Obama, framing his political appeal on race bait politics — gives lie to his histrionics.

The same occurs on the Democratic side.

Pete Buttigieg always sounds good, but African American leaders in his town excoriate his record as mayor on race and policing. Amy Klobuchar runs as a moderate, but her brutal record as a prosecutor limits her appeal. Mike Bloomberg has the resources to flood the zone, but he too struggles to explain his harsh, racially biased stop-and-frisk policies as mayor of New York or his laughable embrace of right-wing

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Trump's 2021 Budget Reflects His Values



By Julianne Malveaux
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - If you tell me how you spend your money, I can tell you what your values are. You say you are a Christian but neither tithe nor have a church home. You say support civil rights but have no connection to a civil rights organization. You love your alma mater never contribute to the place.

Put your money where your mouth is. Budgets are reflections of values. Thus, I was unsurprised with the budget our forty-fifth President (also known as "Forty-five") proposed to Congress on February 10. His budget - cuts domestic programs, maintains defense spending and targets poor people. It cuts education, housing, and environmental protection. It would eliminate our art and cultural agencies, including the National Institute for the Arts, the National Institutes for Humanities, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Forty-five's hostility to poor people is reflected in reductions in Medicaid, food stamps, and the CHIP program, which provides health care for poor children. And while he is starving poor people, he insists on preserving the 2017 tax cuts that mostly benefitted the wealthy. I'm not surprised that "forty-five" maintains his hostility to the poor. We've seen this in the previous budgets that he's presented to Congress. He favors cuts in domestic spending, increases in military spending, a wall (which he has directed the Pentagon to fund), and indifference to the environment.

The budget shows contempt for the planet and its survival. 45 would cut

the Environmental Protection Agency's budget by more than a quarter, through the EPA budget, and even more with environmental initiatives that are embedded in other budgets. For example, with our crumbling infrastructure, the 45 budget cuts the Transportation Department by 13 percent, cutting highway infrastructure programs and transit grants. The Department of Interior is proposed to shoulder a 13 percent cut, reducing land acquisition, conservation, and assistance for Native American tribes.

This administration's hostility toward environmental protection is evidenced by the fact that Mandy Gunasekara, who spearheaded the rollback on President Obama's Clean Power Plan, is returning to the EPA as chief of staff this spring. She has advocated scaling back rules on greenhouse emissions and is credited with urging the President to leave the Paris accord.

Until 2017, the world has looked toward the United States for global leadership, but this most recent budget would reduce our involvement in world affairs. The State Department and USAID would be cut by \$12 billion, more than a fifth less than last year. Virtually everything in the USAID and State budgets is reduced, including humanitarian aid, contributions to international organizations, and cultural exchanges; only Ivanka Trump's Women's Global Development fund seems to have been protected, with its allocation doubling!

The Department of Veteran's Affairs is the only Cabinet agency that will experience a double-digit budget increase of 12 percent. After a series of scandals involving the delivery of health service to the nation's veterans, few would dispute the need for a stronger agency. But wonders if the \$12 billion increase in this agency's budget will improve efficiency, or



if it is merely pandering to veterans, a core part of the President's base.

NASA is another agency that gets a double-digit budget increase, partly to fund space exploration. The Defense Department budget remains relatively flat, with an increase at just one-tenth of one percent.

The budget is generous enough, however, to purchase new nuclear warheads and new missiles. It also will fund an arms race with China and Russia. What if just a tenth of the "defense" (I consider it an offense) budget were devoted to human needs? That would be \$70 billion to, perhaps, restore the \$9.5 billion Health and Human Services cut, restore the \$5.6 billion Department of Education cuts, to restore the \$1.3

billion cut to the Labor Department ("savings" will be realized by cutting unemployment insurance, and payment to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, among other programs/ That \$70 billion could also restore the

\$1.9 billion cut from the Agriculture Department.

I'm fantasizing, of course. Few in our warmongering nation would have the nerve to cut the defense budget. Predatory capitalism and the war-industrial complex will keep our "defense" department in business, with companies that manufacture nuclear warheads, missiles, and more, raking in record profits

This budget illustrates what this administration is all about. It is hostile to poor folks, to culture, to education, and to farmers. It is unwilling to spend money on international relations. It is willing to continue to reward the wealthy for just being wealthy. It reflects forty-five's values.

But there's good news. Congress has failed to pass forty-five's budget in the past, and they probably won't pass it this time either. With a Democratic majority in the House, human needs will likely have a higher priority. It won't cut State and USAID budgets. It's a good thing Congress has more of a conscience than the President does. But this budget is a wake-up call for those who want health care and also a second Trump term. The two are incompatible.

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Kerner Report set standard for what a serious presidential candidate should champion

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nutcase theories that somehow anti-redlining policies triggered the financial crisis.

Bloomberg is joined by Joe Biden on what seems like an endless apology tour.

African American voters are not easily fooled. They have a clear agenda. They suffer structural inequality — more unemployment than whites, lower wages, worse jobs, worse schools, inadequate health care, unaffordable housing, unsafe neighborhoods befouled by pollution and poisons, inadequate childcare, lack of recreational facilities, and the outrages of a criminal justice system that is structurally biased against them. They want what most Americans want, and they have a trained eye about politicians.

Notably absent from the debate is a leader prepared to be as bold and as serious about the challenges facing African Americans as the Kerner Commis-

sion was 22 years ago. The commission, chaired by Illinois Gov. Otto Kerner, was created by President Lyndon Johnson in the wake of the devastating urban riots of the late '60s. It included leaders from both major parties, as well as representatives of labor, the police, business and civil rights groups.

It became famous for its stark warning: "Our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white — separate and unequal."

Dr. Martin Luther King pronounced the report a "physician's warning of approaching death, with a prescription for life." In many ways, it was the last attempt to address honestly and seriously the structural inequalities that plague African Americans.

It told harsh truths: "What white Americans have never fully understood but what the Negro can never forget — is that white society is deeply implicated in the ghetto. White institutions created it, white

institutions maintain it, and white society condones it." It concluded that one main cause of the urban violence was white racism that left too many young African Americans without hope.

It offered not nostrums and pabulum but a serious agenda to redress the maladies: new jobs, new housing, an end to de facto segregation, integration of schools, day care for children, higher wages or income supplementation, greater services, and more diverse and sensitive police forces. It did not blink at the billions that this would cost, suggesting that the cost of not acting would be far greater.

The Kerner Report — and Johnson's War on Poverty — was lost in the jungles of Vietnam.

The costs of that misbegotten war — in money, in lives and agony, and in political upheaval — torpedoed any serious effort to address our problems at home.

What the Kerner Report did leave was

a marker: a measure of what it means to be serious in addressing the problems of our society.

Much has changed over the last half century, yet too much is the same. Affirmative action has opened closed doors for some people of color. America is more diverse, yet still deeply divided. De facto residential segregation has been largely sustained. Inequality has grown more extreme. Schools are even more divided by class and race. Affordable housing is even less available.

Structural racism still stains our criminal justice system. So, as the politicians come campaigning for African American votes, they will get a hearing.

We appreciate the attention and the gestures. But the Kerner Report set the standard for what a serious leader would champion.

We'll see who comes close — if anyone does — to accepting that challenge.

Bertha DeWalt Dances her 82nd Birthday Away

By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN
Journal Staff Writer

A degree in communications, and being awarded as the most conscientious student, as well as, a retiree of General Motors, after working over 25 years, can't eclipse the love for her family, and the love of dance, Pamela DeWalt, the only child of Bertha DeWalt, told The Toledo Journal describing her mom's character, at her mother's 82nd birthday. Born on February 18, the party was held at the Grenadier Club, 1343 Avondale, on Sunday, February 23.

Pamela DeWalt describes her mother as very family oriented and goal driven. "I remember growing up, while my mother was in college perusing a

degree in communications, she would never hesitate to ask for help while learning; she was never too big not to ask for help," she said. Ms. DeWalt said, that type of humility was a good example for her to emulate.

She also conveyed that her mother organized their family's first, family reunion in years. "My mom wanted

everyone to know each other, she worked hard to bring everyone together," she said.

Now her mother's primary care taken, Pamela considers it an honor to have the opportunity to care for her.

"It's a privilege to be caring for my mother. It also gives me the opportunity to form more memories," she stated.

Valerie Julion, the niece of Bertha DeWalt, helped organize the party. Originally, it was going to be a more intimate affair, but Ms. Julion said, that being her aunt was the matriarch of the family, a bigger celebration was more fitting.

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Ms. Julion said her aunt would always give the best advice. While laughing, she said, "My aunt wouldn't hesitate to talk about any topic, and I do mean any topic. She would talk about sex, or drugs, and the advice she gave was always good advice," Ms. Julion said.



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Doing one of the things she loved the most, Bertha DeWalt, shows that being 83 years old won't stop her from dancing.



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Pamela DeWalt, right, gets a dance in with her mother, Bertha DeWalt.



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Sitting center, Bertha DeWalt celebrates her 82nd birthday with family and friends.

Henry Johnson, Harlem Hell Fighter Remembered by Amazon Lodge 104

By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN
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During guard duty, in the dark of night during World War I, Henry Johnson, member of the famed, all African American military regiment, the 369th Infantry Regiment, better known as, the Harlem Hell Fighters, single handedly, fought off a German raiding

Although the brief synopsis seems pretty “cut and dry,” the obstacles Johnson faced prior to that night, and after, were extremely horrific. Tara Johnson, granddaughter, did convey her grandfather’s challenges during a Black History month program hosted by the Amazon Lodge 104, on Sunday, February 23, at Octagon #4, 638 University Ave.

Tara Johnson revealed to her audience that, America was so racist at the time, black soldiers weren’t allowed to train with real guns, but instead, used broomsticks as a simulation of a rifle. And even though the military consisted of all volunteers, no draft had been implemented; black soldiers were regulated to doing menial duties during the war, such as cleaning, and digging holes for urine, and feces disposal. In fact, she pointed out the 369th Infantry Regiment would be “given” to the French, by the United States Army, to serve under their command.

Ms. Johnson said after the war, black veterans were still treated harshly and unjustly by the military, the government, and white citizens. After a huge ticker tape parade, in Harlem, many of the black war veterans were lynched by white Americans.

Ms. Johnson said, despite so much injustice, her grandfather didn’t regret volunteering to fight in war. “He felt entitled to being a soldier, and a U.S. citizen. And even with all the obstacles, he had a sense of humor,” she said.

Before Henry Johnson’s death in 1929, he would be a strong advocate for the



Tara Johnson presents Charles Allen who, a WWII veteran, with the commemorative coin honoring the Harlem Hell Fighters.



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Tara Johnson shared information about her grandfather, Henry Johnson, as well as the obstacles he, and his fellow soldiers faced. Listening is Edward Felton, a Vietnam Veteran. He was moved to tears when Ms. Johnson presented him with the Medal of Honor, commemorative coin, that honored her father.

party, of 12, in hand to hand combat. Armed only with a knife, due to a malfunctioning rifle, Johnson killed most of the advancing enemy, who wounded his fellow soldier, Needham Roberts. Due to his bravery, that prevented, the potential demise of an entire regiment, Johnson became the first American citizen to be awarded France’s highest award for valor, the Croix de Guerre avec Palme.

She never met her grandfather, but her father, Major Herman Johnson, a member of the Tuskegee Airman, conveyed his story to her.

Edward Felton, junior warden at Amazon lodge 104, told The Toledo Journal the organization wanted people to know the contribution, as well as, the obstacles Henry Johnson had to face before, during, and after, America’s involvement in the world’s, first world war.




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Many of those in attendance, at the program, were unfamiliar with Henry Johnson’s story.

fair treatment of black veterans.

To ensure the memory of the Harlem Hell Fighters would never die, Ms. Johnson created a commemorative coin of the 369th Infantry Regiment.



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Imagine Madison Dedicates School Wing to Gospel Music Legend Bishop Rance Allen

By LEAH WILLIAMS
Journal Staff Writer

Imagine Madison Avenue School of the Arts dedicated a wing of its K-5 performing arts school in honor of gospel music legend Bishop Rance Allen. The dedication took place during the school's annual Black History Month celebration on February 28 in the school auditorium. Toledo city officials, clergy, and special guests joined the school administration and student body for the special program that included performances from students, faculty, and gospel artist Chris Byrd.

Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz and city council presented Bishop Allen with a resolution recognizing his stellar music career and numerous contributions as an international gospel music legend and minister of the gospel. In his remarks, the mayor said that it was important for the community to recognize the contributions of African-Americans from the past but also African-Americans who are still alive and making history.

"We can and should talk about Martin Luther King, Marcus Garvey, W.E.B. DuBois, Frederick Douglas, Harriet Tubman and through the line. And when we talk about Toledo, we should talk about Ella P. Stewart, Jack Ford, and Art Tatum. We should do that every year and



Principal Lindsay Day (left) and Parent Liaison Mark Williams (far right) present Bishop Allen with an official plaque from the school.

not stop," the mayor said. "But I might suggest that American history, Toledo history, black history can also be living history. There are those among us that we need to honor in real time including the gentleman that we are going to honor with a proclamation - Bishop Rance Allen."

Imagine school principal Lindsay Day emceed the program along with the

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school's parent liaison Mark Williams. Ms. Day said that it was important to the administrative team that their students see Bishop Allen as an example of what could be possible for themselves.

"The biggest thing for us is that we wanted students to see someone that was from the Toledo area that is 'quote unquote' a big deal

so that they know you may not be from the wealthiest families or you may not have all of the things that you think you need in life to be at the top but if you work hard, as Bishop Allen serves as an excellent example of that, you can do whatever you want to do," she said.

Bishop Allen attended the celebration with his wife Dr. Ellen Marie Allen as well as members from New Bethel Bountiful Blessings Ministries where he serves as senior pastor. Moved to both tears and laughter throughout the program, Bishop Allen was visibly overcome by emotion as his godson Bishop John Williams officiated the official dedication.

When asked to describe how it felt to be honored in such a way, Bishop Allen said, "You know I would've been happy if they'd let me write my name on the wall but they gave me a whole wing dedicated to me. You know I've always loved the city and always thought that God wanted me here for whatever reason. At this ripe old age of 71, I'm so thankful today I don't know what to do."

Along with the resolution from the city, Bishop Allen was presented with a special plaque from the school and a street sign to be mounted in the newly dedicated Bishop Rance Allen Student Arts Wing.



Students from the Imagine Madison Drum Corps perform during the Black History Month celebration.



The school choir sings the black national anthem 'Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing.'



Bishop Rance Allen alongside student Malcolm Davis who was one of the presenters during the event.



Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz speaks about the living African-American history makers all around us.



Bishop Rance Allen with wife Dr. Ellen Marie Allen and special friends laugh during the program.



Bishop John Williams lifts his hands as he performs the dedication.

Governor DeWine, Health Director Update COVID-19 Prevention and Preparedness Plan

Submitted

(CLEVELAND, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine was joined by Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, MD, MPH; Cuyahoga County Health Director Terry Allan, MPH; and MetroHealth President and CEO, Akram Boutros, M.D., FACHE today gave an update on the state's preparedness and education efforts to limit the potential spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). There are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ohio nor anyone currently under investigation for the virus.

"I want to be clear that the threat of Coronavirus in Ohio and the United States remains low," said Governor Mike DeWine, "but this could change, and we have to be prepared. I believe it is imperative that we are open with the public and are communicating information in real-time about the Coronavirus to both inform and educate our communities. We will communicate what we know, when we know it."

COVID-19 is a respiratory virus strain that has only spread in people since December 2019. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to consider the health risk from COVID-19 to be low among the general public in the U.S. However, COVID-19 continues to be an issue of concern internationally and there is potential for an eventual community person-to-person spread to occur in this country.

"Since the start of this outbreak, we've taken a proactive approach to prepare and carefully monitor potential cases and travelers about COVID-19 in Ohio," said Dr. Acton. "As the CDC advised, we need to be prepared for community spread of COVID-19. We are working to make sure our healthcare partners, first responders, state agencies, and local



health departments have the resources they need to respond."

Today Governor DeWine ordered the following action by state agencies:

- The Ohio Department of Transportation will post information from the Ohio Department of Health in all state rest areas on hand washing protocols including messages on Ohio Travel TV.
- The Departments of Rehabilitation and Corrections and Youth Services will increase frequency and use of disinfectant measures in all their state facilities to protect inmates, families, and staff.
- The Governor called on Ohio college and university leaders to urge every student and faculty member on their campuses who have not yet received a shot to get one at their health clinic immediately.
- The Governor is asking our col-

lege and university leaders to prohibit college travel to nations where the CDC has recommended no travel, such as China and South Korea.

- The Governor is asking college and universities to take appropriate action to accommodate students who are studying abroad and may need to come back to the United States.
- The Governor is asking the Ohio Department of Aging to continue working with local aging networks to identify the most vulnerable older adults with the highest needs to make sure that plans are in place to meet their needs - whether that is providing additional meals or additional medication or other personal

care needs.

- The Governor is asking local aging advocates across Ohio to go out into their communities to check on nursing care facilities to ensure that all illness prevention methods are in place.
- The State of Ohio will also be paying aggressive attention to common areas in state-owned buildings, including significantly increased cleaning frequency of these areas and hand sanitizer stations in common lobbies and hallways.

Governor DeWine announced that on Thursday of next week, the state will be convening a summit in Columbus for all of Ohio's local public health departments and health commissioners and staff that will include members of the Governor's Cabinet.

Symptoms of the COVID-19 in people who have been exposed can include fever, cough and shortness of breath. The symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure. Reported illnesses have ranged from people with little-to-no symptoms to people becoming severely ill and dying.

"As this situation evolves, we will continually update Ohioans through our website, odh.ohio.gov, our Facebook page and our Twitter account," said Dr. Acton. "It's important to remember that the most accurate and timely information regarding this outbreak is available through the Ohio Department of Health, as well as the CDC."

For information and updates related to COVID-19, visit the Ohio Department of Health website at www.odh.ohio.gov or coronavirus.ohio.gov

Toledo-Lucas County Health Department COVID 19 Coronavirus Update



As concerns for COVID 19 increase, please refer to the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department website and social media pages for updates.
Web page: www.lucascountyhealth.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/tlchd

Toledo-Lucas County Health Department is continuing to work with local hospitals, schools, and other stakeholders regarding protocol for informing public health about those who may have COVID 19. There are continuous efforts for emergency planning with the local EMA, Law Enforcement, First Responders and other entities.

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Brian A. Jackson, 61, died February 8, 2020. He was preceded in death by his parents Milton, Sr. and Rosie Jackson; son Anthony Jackson and 4 siblings. Survivors are: daughter, Kristal Williams; siblings: Virginia King, Darlene Driver, Milton, Jr., his twin Bruce (Marie) and Matthew Jackson, many other loving relatives and friends. Memorial Service 4PM Saturday March 7, 2020 at Glass City Church of Christ 901 Hoag. Thank you for your continue prayers and act of kindness.

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THE OBITUARY OF
DR. MARILYN IRENE HART
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Dr. Marilyn Irene Hart Stephens, 82, of Damascus, Maryland, passed from this life on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at Northampton Manor Health Care Center in Frederick, MD. Born on December 6, 1937, in Toledo, OH, she was the beloved daughter of Dr. Edward Elmer Hart and Ermenie (Meyers) Hart. Marilyn was preceded in death by her brothers: Dr. Edward Hart, Jr. and Courtney Hart. Marilyn graduated from the University of Toledo and obtained her doctorate degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN. She began her medical career at her father's former medical office on the corner of City Park and Wabash in Toledo, OH. Dr. Stephens' medical career involved working in the following cities in Pennsylvania; Huntingdon, State College, Philipsburg, and Indiana. Marilyn was a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the American Medical Association, the National Medical Association, the American Cancer Society, and the NAACP. She was a legacy member of the Study Hour Club. Marilyn was preceded in death by her husband: Donald E. Stephens, Sr. She is survived by her loving daughters, Julie M. Stephens-DeValle (Adam DeValle) of Damascus, MD and Rochelle Rodgers of Toledo, OH and sons Dr. Donald E. Stephens of Arizona and John L. W. Stephens of Frederick, MD and her sister, Rose Marie Parker of Toledo, OH. She is also survived by her cherished granddaughters Cheyenne Stephens, Nyah DeValle, and Amaris Rodgers, grandsons Colton and Caden DeValle, Richard Rodgers Jr. and Reed Julien Benson and numerous nieces and nephews that she loved dearly. A Catholic Mass will be held at St. Martin de Porres, 1119 West Bancroft St, Toledo, OH 43606 on Saturday the 7th of March at 11 am. A viewing will be held at 10 am prior to the service with her final resting place at Historic Woodlawn Cemetery in Toledo, OH. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or to St. Martin de Porres Church. Expressions of sympathy may be offered to the family at the House of Day, <https://www.houseofday.com/> in Toledo, OH.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." -John 16:33

Katherine
Johnson



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Katherine Johnson.
(BlackmansStreet.Today) - Katherine Johnson, who plotted and checked calculations on paper for Astronaut John Glenn's successful 1962 Earth orbit, died Monday. Mrs. Johnson was 101 years old. Glenn requested that Johnson specifically check and confirm trajectories and entry points the IBM computer had generated. Glenn did not trust computers and he asked Johnson to confirm the machine's finding. She spent a day and a half going over the numbers. "If she says the numbers are good... I'm ready to go," Glenn said. He orbited the Earth three times. Johnson also wrote the trajectory for Astronaut Alan Shepherd's flight into space in 1961. Shepherd was the first American to fly into space. Mrs. Johnson was "critical to the success of the early U.S. space programs," Bill Barry, NASA's chief historian, said in a 2017 interview for this obituary. "She had a singular intellect, curiosity, and skill set in mathematics that allowed her to make any contributions, each of which might be considered worthy of a single lifetime." A native of White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, Johnson, then Katherine Coleman, graduated from high school at 14 and West Virginia State University at 18. She attributed her success in math to her father who worked in the lumber industry. He could quickly calculate the number of boards a tree could produce. In 1953, Johnson was hired by NACA and, five years later, NACA became NASA, thanks to the 1958 Space Act. President Barack Obama awarded Johnson the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor, in 2015. Johnson's story was told in the 2017 film "Hidden Figures." She died at home in Newport News, Virginia.

"One can be the master of what one does, but never of what one feels." - Gustave Flaubert

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." - Helen Keller

“My Church, My Rock” Theme for Indiana Missionary Baptist Church’s 74th Anniversary Celebration



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Rev. Dr. John E. Roberts and First Lady Bernice Roberts.

By MICHAEL DANIELS
Journal Staff Writer

On Sunday afternoons of February 16, and on February 23, 2020, Indiana Missionary Baptist Church held its 74th Church Anniversary celebration, at the church, 640 Indiana Ave. This year’s anniversary theme was ‘My Church, My Rock’ from Matthew 16:18.

This year, for week one, the Rev. Dr. Jerry Boose of Second Baptist Church of Monclova, Ohio officiated the service. He and his members participated in the celebration. For the second week, Toledo’s Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church was the guest congregation and their pastor Rev. Dr. Willie Perryman officiated.

Both of these pastors share something in common as sons of Indiana. They both were members of the church, who were mentored into the ministry by the Reverend Dr. John E. Roberts, the current pastor of Baptist Missionary Church. Coming back to celebrate Indiana’s Church anniversary was also like a homecoming for the pastors.

Reverend Dr. Perryman said, “This anniversary is very special to me because I am a product of Indiana Baptist Church. I grew up here, I was Baptized here and saved here and under Pastor

Robert, I also started preaching here. To be able come back every year means a little bit more to me every year. I’ve been preaching and serving the Lord for 28 years and it all started here. It’s good to see family and so many familiar faces. However, I really miss our pastor not being able to be here with us today, but we all will continue to pray for him.”

On February 23, the second service started off on a high note as the Jerusalem’s Baptist Church Deacons, aka the male chorus, opened the service with some good old Baptist songs. This set the tone for the rest of the evening of worshipping and praising the Lord.

At the service Bro. Cecil and Sis. Joyce Parker were the Master and Mistress of Ceremony, and Trustee Robert and Mother Sheila Goree offered the Welcome. Bro. Keith Smith Jr. and Sis. Ny’asia Mathis did the Memorials. Associate Pastor William Smith introduced the speaker and Rev. Dr. Willie Perryman brought The Word of God. Trustee Robert and Sis. Letha Goree gave the Offering and Auxiliary

Reports. The Thanks and Recognition of Visitors was done by Deacon James L. Jones and Deaconess Sharon Jones, and final remarks and the Benediction was done by Rev. Dr. Willie Perryman.

Unfortunately, both Rev. Roberts and first lady, Bernice were unable to make it to the final anniversary service. They were not in attendance, but not forgotten. Several church members said, “Rev. Roberts and First Lady Bernice Roberts and their family are adored, and loved here by all of us here at this church. We appreciate the work they do and labor of love they do for the church and they do it all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. They



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Bro. Cecil and Sis. Joyce Parker was the Master and Mistress of Ceremony for Indiana’s 74th Anniversary celebration.



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Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church pastor, Reverend Dr. Willie Perryman officiated the second service for Indiana Missionary Baptist Church 74th Anniversary celebration.



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Members of the Indiana Missionary Baptist Church 74th Anniversary Committee was (L-R) Sis. Clara Brank, Deacon James L. Jones, Deaconess Sharon Jones, Trustee Robert, and Sis. Letha Goree, and Chairpersons Deacon Robert and Deaconess Jackie Jackson. Not Pictured Bro. Willie Purnell, Sis. Debra Hill, Marie Allie, and Brenda Cason.



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Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church choir sings ‘Get Your House in Order’ during Indiana’s 74th anniversary service.



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Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church Male Chorus (singing Deacons) (L-R) Ernie Carn, Joe Wright, Sammy L, Bills, Ulysses McKelvin, John Grey, Jerry Sander and Chester Carter opened the service and set the tone for rest of the evening.

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BLACK HISTORY

March 8, 1820: Harriet Tubman born in Dorchester County, Md.

March 6, 1857: Dred Scott decision by U.S. Supreme Court opened Northern territory to slavery and denied citizenship to American Blacks

March 4, 1897: Willie Covan, one of the first successful tap dancers is born.

March 7, 1965: Civil Rights March in Alabama

March 7, 1965: Some 600 activists marching for voting rights in Alabama head east out of Selma to Montgomery. After six blocks they meet state and local law enforcement officials at the Edmund Pettus Bridge who attack them with billy clubs and tear gas, driving them back into Selma. The day becomes known as “Bloody Sunday.”

March 9, 1965: Dr. King leads a “symbolic” march to the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala.

March 9, 1968: Dr. King holds press conference launching Poor People’s Campaign at Paschal’s Restaurant, Atlanta, Ga.

March 5, 1985: The Mary McLeod Bethune commemorative stamp is issued by the U.S. Postal Service.

March 10, 1989: Singer Doc Green of the Drifters dies.

March 8, 1993: Singer Billy Eckstine died in Pittsburgh at age 78.

March 9, 1997: Rap artist the Notorious B.I.G. is killed in a drive-by shooting in Los Angeles. He was 24.

July 2, 1777: Vermont was the first state to abolish slavery.

November 1, 1777: The African Free School of New York City was opened.

December 31, 1777: George Washington reversed previous policy and allowed the recruitment of blacks as soldiers. Some 5,000 would participate on the American side before the end of the Revolution.

April 12, 1787: Richard Allen and Absalom Jones organized the Free African Society, a mutual self-help group in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

July 13, 1787: The Continental Congress forbade slavery in the region northwest of the Ohio River by the Northwest Ordinance.

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The Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County (MHR SB) is seeking Lucas County Residents to participate in a short survey. Please take a few minutes to provide feedback for the development of our 3-year strategic plan that will be focused on the direction, impact, and responsiveness of MHR SB’s work in the communities we serve. Your candid feedback and insight will be used to develop the final strategic plan for the next three years. Complete the survey online in English or Spanish by visiting: docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfJN6abJNjNSqee_sHFZtFMX.../viewform Printable versions of the survey are available in Arabic, English, and Spanish on our website: \ www.lcmhrsb.oh.gov/publicnotice/ We appreciate your willingness to participate in this process and look forward to the honest feedback.

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SYSTEMS ANALYST LUCAS COUNTY

Lucas County Emergency Services 9-1-1 is accepting applications to fill the position of Systems Analyst position until filled. Additional information regarding the duties is available on the Lucas County web site (www.co.lucas.oh.us). Click on “Apply for a Job” and then select “Systems Analyst” from the list to read more or apply.

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August 30, 1797: A slave revolt near Richmond, Virginia, led by Gabriel Prosser and Jack Bowley, was first postponed and then betrayed. More than 40 blacks were eventually executed.

January 1, 1854: Ashmun Institute, the precursor of Lincoln University, was chartered at Oxford, Pennsylvania.

June 18, 1991: Wellington Webb was elected mayor of Denver, Colorado

FAMOUS QUOTES

“The whole world opened to me when I learned to read”.
Mary McLeod Bethune

“Whatever is bringing you down, get rid of it. Because you’ll find that when you’re free...your true self comes out”.
Tina Turner

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES/EMA DIRECTOR LUCAS COUNTY

Lucas County Emergency Services is accepting applications to fill the position of Deputy Director of Emergency Services/EMA Director until filled. Additional information regarding the duties is available on the Lucas County web site (www.co.lucas.oh.us). Click on “Apply for a Job” and then select “Deputy Director of Emergency Services/EMA Director” from the list to read more or apply.

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“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world”.
Harriet Tubman

Have a vision. Be demanding.
Colin Powell

Greatness occurs when your children love you, when your critics respect you and when you have peace of mind.
Quincy Jones

It’s not the load that breaks you down, it’s the way you carry it.
Lena Horne

You’re not obligated to win. You’re obligated to keep trying to do the best you can every day.

LEGAL NOTICE

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO, EASTERN DIVISION

In re: FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS CORP., et al.,
Debtors.

Chapter 11, Case No. 18-50757 (AMK)
(Jointly Administered)
Hon. Judge Alan M. Koschik

NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE DATE OF EIGHTH AMENDED JOINT PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OF FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS CORP. AND ITS DEBTOR AFFILIATES TO ALL CREDITORS, INTEREST HOLDERS, AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Confirmation of the Plan. On October 16, 2019, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division (the “Bankruptcy Court”), entered the *Order Confirming the Eighth Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of FirstEnergy Solutions Corp., et al., Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. 3283] (the “Confirmation Order”). Among other things, the Confirmation Order confirmed the *Eighth Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of FirstEnergy Solutions Corp., et al., Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. 3278] (as amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time, the “Plan”) as satisfying the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, thereby authorizing FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. and its debtor affiliates (collectively, the “Debtors”) to implement the Plan on the Effective Date.

2. Effective Date. The Effective Date of the Plan occurred on February 27, 2020. Each of the conditions precedent to consummation of the Plan enumerated in Article IX of the Plan have been satisfied or waived in accordance with the provisions of the Plan.

3. Releases, Exculpation and Indemnifications. Pursuant to the Confirmation Order, the settlement, release, injunction, exculpation and related provisions in Article VIII of the Plan are now in full effect.

4. Administrative Claims Bar Date. All requests for payment of an Administrative Claim (excluding Professional Fee Claims, any obligations arising in the ordinary course of the Debtors’ business with respect to post-petition accounts payable which by their terms become due and owing after the Effective Date, and any post-petition obligations owed to retail electricity customers or any employees, former employees, and retirees of the Debtors) that accrued on or before the Effective Date must be Filed and served on the Reorganized Debtors no later than March 30, 2020 (i.e., the first business day that is thirty (30) days after the Effective Date). Holders of Administrative Claims that are required to File and serve a request for payment of such Administrative Claims by the Administrative Claims Bar Date that do not File and serve such a request by the Administrative Claims Bar Date shall be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such Administrative Claims against the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or their respective property and such Administrative Claims shall be deemed forever discharged and released as of the Effective Date.

5. Professional Fee Claims. All final requests for Professional Fee Claims incurred during the period from the Petition Date through the Effective Date must be Filed and served on the Reorganized Debtors, the Committee and the United States Trustee no later than April 27, 2020 (i.e., the first business day that is sixty (60) days after the Effective Date). All such final requests will be subject to approval by the Bankruptcy Court after notice and a hearing in accordance with the procedures established by the Bankruptcy Code and prior orders of the Bankruptcy Court in the Chapter 11 Cases, including the Interim Compensation Order, and once approved by the Bankruptcy Court, paid promptly from the Professional Fee Escrow Account in its full Allowed amount. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, the provisions regarding the reimbursement of professional fees and expenses of the Supporting Creditors as set forth in the Process Support Agreement and of the Consenting Creditors as set forth in the Restructuring Support Agreement shall continue through the Effective Date and, for the avoidance of doubt, such professionals shall not be required to file any request for payment of such amounts pursuant to Article II.A.3 of the Plan or otherwise.

6. Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases Deemed Assumed. In accordance with Article V.A of the Plan, on the Effective Date, except as otherwise provided in the Plan, all Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases of the Debtors, not previously assumed or rejected pursuant to an order of the Bankruptcy Court, will be deemed to be Assumed Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases, in accordance with the provisions and requirements of sections 365 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code, other than those Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases that: (i) previously were assumed or rejected by the Debtors; (ii) are identified on the list of Rejected Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases filed with the Plan Supplement; (iii) are the subject of a motion to reject an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease that is pending on the Effective Date; or (iv) are subject to a motion to reject an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease pursuant to which the requested effective date of such rejection is on or after the Effective Date; *provided, however*, that to the extent an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease is among one or more Debtors and one or more FE Non-Debtor Parties, such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease is deemed rejected as of the Effective Date, unless such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease (a) has been previously assumed by the Debtors or (b) is identified on the list of Assumed Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases; and *provided, further, however*, to the extent that an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease is among one or more Debtors and one or more FE Non-Debtor Parties and any such Executory Contract is not an Insurance Policy or a Surety Indemnity Agreement, the Debtor will consult with the applicable FE Non-Debtor Party and obtain the consent of the applicable FE Non-Debtor Party before including such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease on the list of Assumed Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases. Entry of the Confirmation Order by the Bankruptcy Court shall constitute approval of such assumptions and, to the extent applicable, assignments of the Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, and the rejection of the Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases listed on the list of Rejected Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases filed with the Plan Supplement pursuant to sections 365(a) and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code, in each case effective as of the Effective Date.

7. Rejection Damages Claims. In accordance with Article V.B of the Plan, unless otherwise provided by a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, all Proofs of Claim with respect to Claims arising from the rejection of Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases, pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, if any, must be Filed and served upon the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, within 30 days after the later of: (i) notice of entry of an order of the Bankruptcy Court (including the Confirmation Order) approving such rejection; and (ii) the effective date of such rejection. **All counterparties to Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases identified on the list of Rejected Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases filed with the Plan Supplement, as amended, must file a Proof of Claim with respect to Claims arising from the rejection of Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases by March 30, 2020 (i.e., the first business day that is thirty (30) days after the Effective Date).** Any Claims arising from the rejection of an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease not Filed and served within such time will be automatically disallowed, forever barred from assertion, and shall not be enforceable against the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, the Estates, or their property without the need for objection by the Reorganized Debtors or further notice to, or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court or any other Entity, and any Claim arising out of the rejection of the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease shall be deemed fully satisfied, released, and discharged, notwithstanding anything in the Schedules or a Proof of Claim to the contrary.

8. Binding Nature of Plan and Confirmation Order. The Plan and the Confirmation Order are binding on the Debtors, their estates, any party seeking to act on behalf of, or in respect of, the Debtors or the Debtors’ estates, and any Holder of a Claim or Interest against the Debtors and such Holder’s respective successors or assigns, whether or not: (i) such Holder’s Claim or Interest is Impaired under the Plan; (ii) such Holder has accepted the Plan; (iii) such Holder failed to vote to accept or reject the Plan or voted to reject the Plan; (iv) such Holder is entitled to a distribution under the Plan; (v) such Holder will receive or retain any property or interests in property under the Plan; or (vi) such Holder has filed a Proof of Claim in the Chapter 11 Cases. You are encouraged to review the Plan and the Confirmation Order in their entirety.

9. Copies of Plan and Confirmation Order. Copies of the Plan and Confirmation Order may be examined by any party in interest during normal business hours at the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, 455 U.S. Courthouse, 2 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44308. You may also obtain copies of the Plan, Confirmation Order or of any documents filed in these chapter 11 cases for a fee via PACER at: <https://ecf.ohnb.uscourts.gov/> or free of charge on the case information website of the Debtors’ Claims and Noticing Agent, Prime Clerk LLC, at <https://cases.primeclerk.com/FES>.

Dated: February 27, 2020, Respectfully submitted, /s/ Bridget A. Franklin, BROUSE MCDOWELL LPA, Marc B. Merklin (0018195), Bridget A. Franklin (0083987), 388 South Main Street, Suite 500, Akron, OH 44311-4407, Telephone: (330) 535-5711, Facsimile: (330) 253-8601, mmerklin@brouse.com, bfranklin@brouse.com -and- AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP, Ira Dizengoff (admitted pro hac vice), Lisa Beckerman (admitted pro hac vice), Brad Kahn (admitted pro hac vice), One Bryant Park, New York, New York 10036, Telephone: (212) 872-1000, Facsimile: (212) 872-1002, idizengoff@akingump.com, lbeckerman@akingump.com, bkahn@akingump.com -and- Scott Alberino (admitted pro hac vice), Kate Doorley (admitted pro hac vice), 2001 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, Telephone: (202) 887-4000, Facsimile: (202) 887-4288 salberino@akingump.com, kdoorley@akingump.com, Counsel for Debtors and Debtors in Possession

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

2 Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, as applicable.

Marian Wright Edelman

“I don’t count my situps. I only start counting once it starts hurting.”
Muhammad Ali

“Cancer can take away all my physical abilities. It cannot touch my mind, it cannot touch my heart and it cannot touch my soul. And those three things are going to carry on forever.”
Jimmy Valvano

“I’ve failed over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.”
Michael Jordan

“The only way to prove you are a good sport is to lose.” **Ernie Banks**

“There may be people that have more talent than you, but there’s no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do.” **Derek Jeter**

Motown’s Celebrated Icons Started Churning Out Hits in 1965



Fifty-five years ago, music changed forever.

In 1965, pop music’s most celebrated and dynamic dynasty was born when five brothers from Gary, Indiana formed The Jackson 5.

With hits like “I’ll Be There,” “The Love You Save” and “I Want You Back,” the brothers Jackson took the world by storm. Their trailblazing act set the stage for music’s single most influential artist — the King of Pop: Michael Jackson.

While the Jackson 5 never won a Grammy, Michael would eventually dominate all awards and shatter every record known to music.

With hits too numerous to recite and including “Off the Wall,” “Thriller,” “Billie Jean,” “Bad,” and “Man in the Mirror,” Michael’s solo accomplishments remain unchallenged, for he was not only idolized by fans but considered a star among all other celebrities.

To put in perspective, the praise heaped upon Michael, think Beyoncé and add 100 times or more to that.

However, it should not

be mistaken, whatever the Jackson 5 — who were later rebranded as The Jacksons — lacked in awards, they more than made up for it in record sales and concert receipts.

As far as talent, it wasn’t all Michael.

On stage, Jackie, Jermaine, Tito, Marlon, and even Randy proved as talented as any pop star. That’s far from hyperbole. Anyone who shared the stage with Michael that often —and more than held their own — had to possess similar talent.

The only thing better than a Michael Jackson concert was a show featuring Michael AND his brothers.

“Nobody worked harder than Michael,” family patriarch, the late Joseph Jackson, once told this reporter. “But nobody except my boys could run with him,” Jackson stated.

Jermaine, perhaps the best-known group member not named Michael, also was ticketed for superstardom. It was no mistake that Jermaine was seen as the glue to hold the brothers together.

He also possessed a

string of hits including, “Let’s Get Serious,” “Dynamite,” and “When the Rain Begins to Fall.”

Tito would go on to front a Blues band, while Jackie found success producing other artists.

The Jackson Five earned induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1997, while Michael was inducted as a solo artist four years later.

Michael Jackson died in 2009, but his music continues to top the charts routinely.

Michael’s legacy has eclipsed Elvis Presley, John Lennon, and all other superstars. His estate continues to rake in hundreds of millions of dollars each year, and fans are as loyal as ever.

The Jacksons have since resumed touring, wowing a new generation of fans, and remains a top concert draw.

“There was always magic in Michael and something special in all of them,” Motown Records founder Berry Gordy stated.

Stated Motown Legend Stevie Wonder: “There will never be another Michael nor another Jackson Five.”

Woman Claims Rick James Raped her 41 Years Ago, Sues His Estate

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire
Senior Correspondent
@StacyBrownMedia

As a cultural icon, Rick James knew little boundaries.

Through song, video and concerts, Rick James left nothing to the imagination. He romanticized — and by all accounts experienced — sex, drugs, and rock and roll like no other. His virtues, habits and desires routinely were in your face — out in the open.

James peppered his songs with sexually suggestive lyrics like, “She’s a very kinky girl. The kind you don’t take home to mother,” and “she said she’d read a magazine that said I was a freak; you’ll never know now, little girl, unless you take a peek”



PHOTO CREDIT / SUBMITTED
Singer Rick James from a 1984 episode of Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous, Leach Entertainment Features / Wikimedia Commons

When he died more than 15 years ago, James could have no idea that years later, the #MeToo movement would shine a spotlight on celebrities and executives who have allegedly misused their fame, positions, and power to force women into unwanted sex.

In a new lawsuit filed against James’ estate in the Supreme Court of Erie County, New York, a woman alleges that the “Super Freak” singer raped her 41 years ago.

The unidentified woman, who said she was 15 at the time of the incident, is reportedly seeking \$50 million in damages from James’ estate.

She claims that in 1979 James visited the group home where she resided in Buffalo, New York, and raped her. “He grabbed my hair and pushed my head into the pillow,” the woman stated in court papers. “He told me to ‘shut up and quit moving or I’ll cut you.’”

The woman filed the suit under the Child Victims Act, a measure that supersedes any previous statute of limitations on sexual assault against minors.

James, who died in 2004, once served two years in prison for assaulting two women while binging on cocaine in the early 1990s.

The timing of the lawsuit has raised eyebrows because James has been dead for so long, and the alleged incident happened many decades earlier. It also has some questioning whether the #MeToo movement has gone too far.

“As a woman who is unfortunately also a member of the #MeToo movement, I do believe some people’s coping mechanisms are going too far,” stated Alexia Danielle Anast, a Las Vegas-based actress.

memory — bits and pieces of the trauma — and won’t have verbatim memory. This has been the biggest problem with the #MeToo movement — their rush to judgment mindset. The not considering how human memory works and the known fact that it’s fallible, along with the fact that the accused has an absolute right under the law to due process and the right to his day in court to contest controversial rape allegations.”

Others argue that it’s not just the famous who’ve fallen victim to the #MeToo movement.

“I teach leadership development programs at Fortune 500 companies, and I’m regularly approached by young males who now have women team members reporting to them,” stated author and trainer Steven Howard of the Caliente Leadership Company.

“These young men tell me that a lot of their own professional development mentoring they received from their previous bosses came on road trips, often in evening discussions in sports bars or hotel bars. However, when these young men travel today with their female colleagues or direct reports, they’re afraid to do the same kind of coaching and mentoring for fear of being falsely accused of a #MeToo situation,” Howard stated.

He continued:

“These men admit that they are cheating their female subordinates out of valuable professional development and mentoring time. Some even go as far as to refuse to stay in the same hotel as their female co-workers, even when traveling together on business. Others say they always take a separate elevator to their rooms when staying in the same hotel as female colleagues. As a result, some women professionals are not receiving the level of professional development they deserve because their male colleagues are afraid to have one-on-one conversations with them outside of the confines of the office.”

Psychologist Kahlil King, PhD(c) said in cases like James, the best she can explain it is that the alleged victim “didn’t step forward because she wasn’t ready yet, and that’s ok.”

“As long as women continue to have these horrific experiences, #MeToo should continue,” King stated.

“Many take issue with the timing that the accusers decide to tell their stories suggesting if it really happened, they would have said something immediately,” King noted.

“This could not be further from the truth. Psychological trauma is long-lasting and can take years to overcome or even to learn to live with it. Like grief, there’s no time like for ‘letting go,’ or ‘getting over it.’ And, for many, this never happens.”

’ estate.

14-Year Old Marsai Martin is the Youngest Black Executive Producer in Hollywood History

Submitted

Black News - Marsai Martin is a teen actress and singer best known for playing the role of Diane Johnson in the popular comedy series Black-ish. In 2019, at just 14-years old, she made history when she became the youngest Black executive producer in Hollywood history with the film Little.

Little is based on many original ideas from Marsai, but inspired by the movie Big, which she viewed for the first time at



the age of 10. She says it was one of her most favorite films growing up.

She comments, “After the Season 1 finale of Black-ish, we told Kenya Barris about it, and he called Will [Packer] and

said: ‘Yo, you know the girl who plays Diane on Black-ish? She has this dope idea!’”.

So, the idea materialized.

Little tells the story of a woman who, when the pressures of adulthood become too much to bear, gets the chance to relive the carefree life of her younger self.

The film, which had a production budget of \$20 million, went on to gross \$40.7 million in box offices in the U.S. and Canada, and \$48.8 million worldwide. Not too shabby!

First African-American Olympic Medal Winner

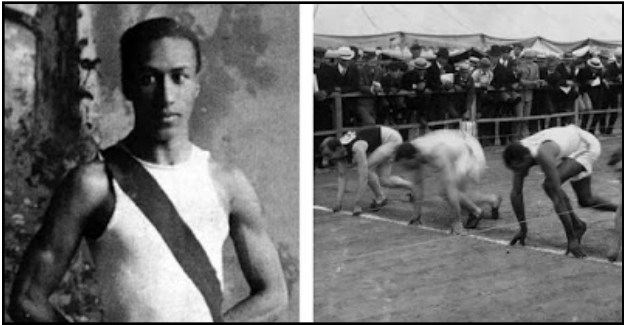


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In 1904, George Coleman Poage became the first African-American to ever win a medal at the Olympics. The Olympic games that year were held in St. Louis, Missouri, and Poage made history by winning two bronze medals in both the 200-yard and 400-yard hurdles.

(Black News) - Born in Hannibal, Missouri on November 6, 1880, Poage move to La Crosse, Wisconsin when he was 4-years old. As a teen, he attended La Crosse High School where he was considered to be a very promising athlete. He was also one of the school's most scholarly students, and even made history as the first African American to graduate as the class salutatorian.

Later he attended the University of Wisconsin and continued to make history when he became the first African American to be on the Badger track team. He excelled there as well both athletically and scholarly, and graduated in 1903 with a degree in History.

During times of nationwide segregation and an intense struggle for racial equality, Poage managed to qualify for the 1904 Summer Olympics with the

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sponsorship of The Milwaukee Athletic Club. After his success in the Olympic Games, he became a teacher in 1920. But when he later moved to Chicago, he was forced to work in a restaurant for four years because Black teachers were not allowed in the city at that

time. He later shifted gears, and became a postal clerk - a job he stayed with for nearly thirty years. He remained in Chicago until his death in 1962. He never married or had any children.

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From the desk of
MIKE BLOOMBERG

Dear Reader,

Thank you for taking the time to learn about The Greenwood Initiative.

As someone who has been very lucky in life, I often say my story would only have been possible in America – and that’s true. But I also know that because of the artificial barriers of discrimination, my story likely would have turned out very differently if I had been Black, and that more Black Americans of my generation would have ended up with far more wealth, had they been white.

Building Generational Wealth for Black Families is Critical. That’s why I launched The Greenwood Initiative in Tulsa last month. I visited the site of the Black Wall Street Massacre, where a white mob decimated the prosperous community of Greenwood. It is to the memory of the lost lives and promise of Greenwood that we’ve dedicated The Greenwood Initiative: a plan to address the systematic bias that has kept Black Americans from building wealth.

THE GREENWOOD PLAN WILL:

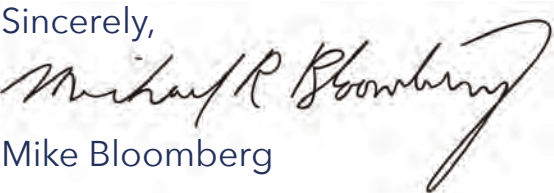
- Create 1 million new Black homeowners
- Double the number of new Black-owned businesses
- Invest \$70 billion in the country’s 100 most disadvantaged neighborhoods

Fixing the System for Black Families. When I was mayor of New York, I was proud to take on the systematic inequality that held back too many New Yorkers. **We increased education funding, built 650 new schools and raised Black graduation rates to record highs.** We led an ambitious effort to reduce poverty and managed the largest amount of affordable housing in the nation. And as President, I will work even more aggressively to combat inequality nationwide.

I understand that undoing generations of systematic discrimination won’t happen overnight, but we can make progress with a clear vision and a comprehensive plan. I’ve included a pamphlet along with this letter that lays out my plan. When I’m President, implementing The Greenwood Initiative will be a top priority.

Join me in ending the systemic inequality that has held Black Americans back for too long!

Sincerely,



Mike Bloomberg

