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Fifteen honored as 2020 Women Warriors



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Submitted

In 2019, Dr. Tracee Perryman, was blessed with the vision to create an annual convening of Women Warriors during Women's History Month. In a society that often restricts opportunities for Women of Color to shine, "I look for ways to encourage Women of Color to create their own platforms," she explained.

Dr. Perryman brought the idea to Mrs. Willetta Perryman, the Chief Operating Officer for Center of Hope Family Services. She selected the venue, and put every detail in place to create a warm, welcoming, beautiful experience for every lady.

Women were carefully selected who are living and creating the change they want to see. They had to be women with open minds, open hearts, and inclusive spirits, so that the work that they do can bloom and spread.

"Each year, we look forward to the authentic conversations, laughter, and encouragement that provides the water of life to our dreams, aspirations, and future endeavors," said Dr. Perryman.

The following women participated and honored as Women Warriors 2020:

- Sheena Barnes, TPS Board of Education/Executive Director of Equality Toledo
- Brigitte Burnett, Owner, Choice Productions LLC/Former 13abc and BCAN Reporter/Host
- Terrie Cook, M.Ed, Owner & Personal Stylist, Simply D'Vine Boutique
- Catherine Crosby, Chief of Staff, City of Toledo
- Beatrice Daniels, Educator and Grief Coach/Facilitator, A Journey Through Healing
- Theresa Gabriel, Former Toledo City Councilman, TPS Foundation Board of Directors
- Jean Holden-Hannah, Vocalist, Vocal instructor, YWCA Milestones Recipient
- Lisa Holden, Educator, Springfield Local Schools
- Jeanette Martin, ELEVATE Classroom Aide, Entrepreneur, Headwrap Specialist
- Dr. Staci Perryman-Clark, Associate Professor of English, Western Michigan University
- Dr. Tracee Perryman, CEO Center of Hope Family Services
- Willetta Perryman, Chief Operating Officer, Center of Hope Family Services Inc
- Tia Tucker, Director, Academic Support Services, University of Toledo

- Erika White, Health and Wellness Expert/President CWA Local 4319
- JacQui Wilson, Community Development Mortgage Loan Originator, State Bank

The event consisted of informal sharing, with a group affirmation led by Dr. Perryman. Each woman was also asked to share, with the larger group, their name, affiliations, and reasons for supporting Women Warriors 2020. As the ladies dined to jazz music, each of these powerful, accomplished women provided five words of wisdom to emerging leaders on video. Video highlights are available on Center of Hope Family Services' youtube page. The accompanying music, written by Dr. Tracee Perryman and produced by Marcus Devine.

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L to R: Dr. Tracee Perryman, Brigitte Burnett



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L to R: Lisa Holden, Jean Holden-Hannah, Theresa M. Gabriel



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29-Year Old California Mayor to Give His City’s Residents \$500 a Month to Help With COVID-19 Lockdown



Michael Tubbs, the 29-year old mayor of Stockton, California

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(Black News) - Stockton, CA — Amidst the coronavirus pandemic, Michael Tubbs, the 29-year old mayor of Stockton, California, plans to give all the residents in his city \$500 a month in hopes to assist those affected.

“I’m happy that our federal government has shown a willingness to understand... that during times of crisis, the best thing you can do is to give folks cash to navigate through,” Tubbs told Huffington Post. “It has to last at least as long as the crisis.”

Even prior to the outbreak, Tubbs has been an advocate of universal base income. Since February last year, he started distributing \$500 monthly stipends to 125 low-income residents in the city (or those below the city’s median income line or \$46,000 annually).

Tubbs says the program aims to help lift families out of poverty. Based on the results recorded from Stockton, the \$500 stipend was used for essentials such as food and utility bills, which showed that low-income families still prioritize their basic needs.

While the coronavirus outbreak caused further economic collapse which affected mostly low-income residents, Tubbs believes that it is not only during this crisis that the no-strings-attached cash handouts must be distributed. Tubbs claims that it should be a permanent program in the government.

“Even before this catastrophic disruption, a lot of folks were living in economic crisis,” said Tubbs, “and our economy was not working for the vast majority of people. It behooves all of us to ensure that everyone at least has an income floor.”

Protect Yourself Against Coronavirus Scams

By SHERROD BROWN
Senator for Ohio

Reports across the country have shown that coronavirus scams are on the rise, and I want you to have the best information. These scammers prey especially on older Ohioans but have even targeted small business owners.

Scammers have appeared selling fake vaccinations and testing kits; offering delivery of sanitation supplies; impersonating the Social Security Administration (SSA) or the Internal Revenue Service (IRS); and many more. They occur online, on the phone, and in person.

Scammers are also targeting stimulus payments from the CARES Act. Remember: the government will not call you asking for Paypal information, or your Social Security, credit card, or bank account numbers.

I’m taking this matter very seriously. On Friday, I joined 33 senators in urging the FTC to protect

seniors from coronavirus-related scams. We asked the FTC to tell us what steps it will take to better protect seniors, how it plans to coordinate with other federal agencies and what resources it needs to better protect Ohioans.

Tips for Avoiding Scams

Here are some important tips from the FTC:

Hang up on robocalls and don’t press any buttons. Scammers are pitching everything from fake coronavirus treatments to work-at-home schemes. The recording might tell you to press a button to be removed from their call list, but it might lead to more robocalls.

Ignore online offers for vaccinations and home test kits. Scammers are trying to get you to buy products that aren’t proved to treat or prevent COVID-19.

Fact-check your information. Scammers, but also well-meaning people, share information that isn’t verified. Before you pass on any messages, contact trusted sources.

Do your homework when it comes to donations,

especially with charities or crowdfunding sites. Investigate charities before you donate and don’t let anyone rush you into giving money.

At this time of heightened public fears, it’s important to remain vigilant and follow the Federal Trade Commission’s (FTC) tips for avoiding coronavirus scams. To report a scam to the FTC, go to ftc.gov/complaint.

I’ll keep working with my colleagues in Congress to push federal agencies and the White House to do more to protect all Ohioans during this pandemic. You should be focused on the health and safety of you and your loved ones, not worried about a scammer going after your hard-earned money.

TPS opens student assistance hotline

By CANDICE L. HARRISON, MA
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Based on the order from Governor DeWine, Toledo Public Schools will be closed until at least May 1, 2020 due to restrictions related to the COVID-19 crisis. We know that many families are feeling overwhelmed. To offer assistance, beginning today- Monday, April 6, TPS will have specialists available through a Student Assistance Hotline. They will be able to provide help with a variety of topics, including schoolwork, school-related technology challenges, mental health concerns and special education issues.

The district will have teachers, technology instructors, counselors and psychologists to assist with any questions regarding student educational needs during the extended closure. While these calls cannot replace the face-to-face support students normally receive, it is our hope this hotline will assist parents with remote education.

HOTLINE INFORMATION:

Began April 6, 2020

Available Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

For internet access follow this link: https://tps.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/V_0JSNICw16UZSudD

If you do not have computer access, please call 419-671-0001

To help staff better direct your call, families should complete the survey or call our operators at 419-671-0001. When the survey has been completed, an educator will respond. There may be a delay in the beginning of the process as numbers of users are unknown at this time. We will do our best to complete all calls within 24 hours.



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As a result of the Coronavirus, we're living in a, somewhat, quarantined environment that consists of loss of jobs, and social distancing. How are you and your family coping with the circumstances?




Jerrie Conner
Insurance Agent

I'm blessed to have a job that's considered essential. But I am worried about leaving the house, and contracting the virus, and bringing it back home to my family. But one of the ways my family and I are dealing with everything is by playing games, taking walks in the park, and they still get homework from school to help occupy their time. I pretty much just go to work the grocery store, check on my parents, and come home. I'm just happy we still have our health at this time.




Antwon Taylor
Factory Worker

Fortunately, I'm still employed. But we're working a lot of hours at this time, because soon, hours will be cut; so both of those factors are, and will take a toll on me. Everything else is really hard adjusting to. I'm eating more fast food because I don't feel safe going into, and staying for long times, at the grocery store. It's just really hard dealing with; especially knowing the entire situation is none of our fault.




Joseph Pickett
Retailer/Property Management

As of now, I'm coping well. I'm following the guidelines of social distancing, and wearing face covering, and protective gloves. I'm also fortunate to still be employed. I fact, my employer has instituted a system in which management take turns rotating, while at the office; this way, we maintain social distancing. When I shop, I usually try to get enough food that will last me for 10 days.



Leo Davis
Printer

So far, everything is going good. I'm still working, which is definitely good, since so many people have been laid off. And when you have a house, there are always things to do to occupy my time. Sometimes, I come to the park to exercise. Overall, nothing in my life has changed. But I have noticed some of the products in the stores are outdated, so I ask everyone to make sure you check the dates on your food before purchasing. I believe the high demand for food is causing grocers to sell, or keep outdated products on the shelves longer.



Marjorie Harris
Teacher

Things aren't bad for me. My kids are grown, so I don't have to worry about taking care of little ones. I'm still working as a teacher, it's just everything is done online. I still grade papers, and prepare homework assignments. But not having face to face interaction with the kids, does pose another challenge when it comes to helping them with their work. Also, before the shutdown of businesses, I used to love shopping at thrift stores; but that's no more. Another way I keep busy is by making face masks for anyone who needs them.

Ongoing Events

Utoledo informational coronavirus website
You can find updates here: www.utoledo.edu/depts/infectioncontrol/coronavirus.html

Grace Community Center Food Pantry
In an effort to continue to serve our community during these trying times.....Grace Community Center has expanded its Food Pantry operations. The hours of service are M-F, 10 am – 3 pm. Children may also receive grab & go lunches from the hours of 11 -1 M-F. Eligible Seniors in need of food assistance please call for delivery options at 419-248-2467. Elaine Page, Executive Director, Grace Community Center, 406 W. Delaware.

Extended Due Dates for Courthouse Fines, Fees and Costs
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 Now 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

Senior Centers Closed
At the advice of the local health commissioners, the folowing senior centers are 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 place 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. 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. The Agency has also been exploring ways to support the needs of homebound older adults in need of groceries, medications, incontinence supplies and other items necessary to promote independence and safety during this coronavirus pandemic.

11th 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 will be sent in the mail:

- April 8-16 - A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
- April 20-27 - A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

Sisters In Power Fundraiser/Donation Drive
Several programs and services for the community and its all free by ways of donations and fundraisers that are conducted throughout the year. A supply drive or diaper drive is needed to support some of these outreach programs. Donations that are needed for 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.

****CANCELLED****
Every Third Wednesday
Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition and Social Justice Institute Meetings
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
Hosts "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.

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CORRECTION
In our April 1, 2020 – April 7, 2020 Issue of The Toledo Journal, the front page article, 'AOoA continues guidance and services during CROVID-19 Crisis', was written by Leah Williams, Journal Staff Writer.

Billions for Boeing, Pennies for the People



By Julianne Malveaux
Wire Columnist

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - The development of the \$2.2 trillion stimulus package was extremely flawed, The Republican bullies in the Senate, led by Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, wrote the bill with absolutely no Democratic input, then suggested that Democrats amend their legislation. The first draft of the bill, unsurprisingly, was a goody grab for corporations with much less for individuals. Initially, the Republican Senate would have given Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin a slush fund of \$500 billion to assist troubled industries with absolutely no oversight. The last version of the bill does include both monitoring and an inspector general to look for fraud and abuse. Republicans would have doled the money out to their cronies. But the Dems, led by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, stood their ground. The stimulus legislation is better than the 2008-2009 bailout legislation; it is gratifying to see that the Senate rose above partisanship to get this done.

Republicans even conceded that Mr. Trump, his grafter family, other cabinet heads and senior leaders, along with their families, cannot benefit from this stimulus legislation. It is unfathomable that this provision has to be put in writing, but 45, a hotel owner, pushed hard for hotels and cruise ships to get bailout benefits, but some in Congress have apparently peeped 45's hole card. It takes extreme hubris for our nation's chief executive officer, who has used



the United States Treasury as a piggy bank, to be as self-serving as 45 is. Good for Democrats for recognizing the pattern of double-dealings makes it clear that written prohibition of these shady practices is necessary

Michigan Congressman Justin Amash, an independent who used to be Republican, tweeted, "This bipartisan deal is a raw deal for the people. It does far too little for those who need the most help while providing hundreds of billions in corporate welfare, massively growing government, inhibiting economic adaptation, and widening the gap between the rich and the poor." The legislation (which still must be approved by the House before it goes to the President) is likely to be hundreds, if not thousands, of pages long. And it's got lots of fine print. For example, \$17 billion in loan funds are set aside for "businesses deemed critical to maintaining national security. While Boeing isn't mentioned by name, the Washington Post quoted a confidential source who says this money is partly set aside for Boeing.

This is the same Boeing that manufactured faulty, crashing planes. And they've imperiously said they will take assistance only on their terms. Some think the federal government should take an equity stake in companies that get bailout funds. Boeing's CEO said he wasn't interested in such a deal. If the feds wanted to play hardball, they'd force Boeing into bankruptcy, since bankruptcy doesn't mean the cessation of operations, it means the restructuring of debt.

Meanwhile, there's no helpful fine print for ordinary people. Sure, people will get \$1200 checks, plus \$500 per child. That's better than nothing, but compared to Boeing's billions, it's pennies. The ability to get unemployment insurance for extra weeks will also be helpful for those who lose their jobs. More food stamp funds will be available. But there is some confusion over whether gig works will get the benefit. Instead, it seems that those who have good jobs will get great benefits, while those who have part-time jobs, gig jobs, or are unemployed won't get

much. As Congressman Amash says, this stimulus package will widen the wealth gap.

Inequality is at the very foundation of our economic system, so it isn't surprising that the coronavirus stimulus package reflects the biases that are hard-wired into our system. We need committed, vocal, progressive members of Congress (Maxine Waters, Barbara Lee, Ayana Pressly, Bobby Scott, AOC, and others) to shine a bright light on this inequality, and to either modify the legislation or develop legislation to address some of these inequalities.

On March 23, Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-NY) introduced HR 6379, the Take Responsibility for Workers and Families Act, that provides protections for workers and families mostly because the stimulus package does not. And there is a rush to pass the stimulus quickly as more and more people are out of work.

Stimulate the economy if you will, but don't ignore the people on the bottom. If we are injecting \$2.2 trillion into our lagging economy, make sure that some of it trickles down the poor.

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Setting the Record Straight



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(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Every time I hear Donald Trump blame President Barack Obama for everything bad, while he takes credit for everything good, I want to scream, but instead, I thought I would do a bit of research. As my friend Dick Gregory would remind me, "Write and speak so your grandmother can understand you." Let me give that a try.

Before President Obama and his team left the White House, they took the time to brief Trump's team on everything—including handling pandemics. After all, they had successfully taken us through Ebola. Here's what I found. Officials took the time to brief Trump's incoming administration on a scenario remarkably like the one we are facing now about a possible pandemic. Trump's team was told about potential challenges. Among them were shortages of ventilators, anti-viral drugs and other medical essentials.

The Obama team pressed the importance of pandemic preparedness to the persons who would come into the job once the Obama team left the administration. How did the Trump team show their appreciation? They dismantled the National Security Council section that would have helped them in handling a global pandemic such as the one we

are facing. How did Trump respond to a question about this? "I don't know anything about it" and called the reporter's question "nasty."

The story doesn't end here. Trump's administration eliminated a key American public health position in China intended to help detect disease outbreaks in China. Had Dr. Linda Quick remained in China, she might have been able to give the administration an early warning. She is not being allowed to speak to the public on the issue about what she knew and when did she know it. She might have been able to tell the appropriate persons about the emergence of the virus in China late last year. Now, Trump finds every way he can to blame China for not having the information our then public health person in China could have warned us. This man takes

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Panic buying adds additional stress in COVID-19 pandemic

You don't need a year's supply of toilet paper

By Merdies Hayes,
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Panic buying has been rife around the globe in wake of the coronavirus pandemic. Customers have been stockpiling goods like hand sanitizer, bottled water, canned goods, paper towels and toilet paper.

The trend has seen stores in some nations ration products. The U.K. is limiting sales of hand hygiene products. Australians have seen restrictions on paper goods. Americans now have to wake before dawn to purchase cases of bottled water, which are now limited to two per customer.

America not alone in frenzy

America isn't alone in experiencing empty shelves. Mass demand for rice and noodles in Singapore prompted Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong to assure the public that there was enough to go around. In Auckland, New Zealand, supermarket spending shot up 40 percent in about 72 hours. Shoppers in Malaysia wanting to pad their "pandemic pantries" have driven an 800-percent increase in weekly hand sanitizer sales. All of these places have confirmed cases of coronavirus.

Psychologists explain this phenomenon as "retail therapy," defined as when, where and what we buy to better manage our emotional state. Experts suggest that the answer may lie in a fear of the unknown and believing that dramatic events warrant a dramatic response — even though in this case, the best response is something as mundane as washing your hands for 20 seconds.

In some ways, the trend of panic buying is a way for people to take back control in uncertain times. Many psychologists have suggested that panic buying can be understood as playing to our three fundamental psychology needs in (1) autonomy—as in the need for control; (2) relatedness—better defined as "we shopping," rather than "me shopping," and (3) competence—whereby a level of accomplishment is achieved and making a purchase gives people a sense that they are "smart shoppers."

Conflicting messages add to uncertainty

In the U.S., people initially received conflicting messages from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and President Donald Trump. It was no surprise that people were worried when one organization says the matter is urgent, and another says it's under control. With the virus present in all 50



states, and daily life has been altered from coast to coast, an unexpected "fear contagion" has taken hold.

Often in times of uncertainty, people can enter a "panic zone" that makes them irrational and—in rare cases—borderline neurotic. In other disaster conditions like an earthquake, tornado or hurricane, people tend to prepare because they know how many supplies they will need. It's hard to do that with a virus that scientists around the world are still learning about.

Peter Noel Murray, a New York-based member of the American Psychological Association and the Society for Consumer Psychology, is uncertain that persons in authority have the power to calm the panic-buying trend.

"On the emotional side, the answer is self-affirmation," he said. "In our minds, we know one day we are going to be dead, and the mind deals with it through [seeking] control." He said there is an "over-estimation" of fear and people's minds need to respond to those kinds of feelings.

A need for 'self-affirmation'

"The need for self-affirmation is triggered and that drives us to do unreasonable things like buying a year's worth of toilet paper," Murray explained. "It overwhelms the knowledge that we don't need to be doing that."

There is a difference in disaster panic and general panic. Toilet paper has become the symbol of the latter. For instance, weather forecasters are able to predict with much greater certainty that a hurricane is barreling toward a certain region. They can provide more information about a cluster of tornadoes about to come your way (though warning times are uncertain at best). With an earthquake, of course, there is little way of predicting that. In these cases, you know it is going to happen and you usually know ahead of time

that the emergency will last a couple of days. You're able to prepare yourself by being somewhat rational with what you buy.

In public health issues we have no idea about the duration and or intensity. Therefore, the messages we receive daily may encourage some to go into panic mode and purchase far more than needed because it's often the only way to maintain a sense of control.

But why purchase huge amounts of toilet paper? Dr. Dimitrios Tsivrikos, an expert in consumer and behavioral science at the University College London, has for the past few months witnessed this phenomenon and offered an unexpected assessment:

"Because toilet paper has a longer shelf-life than many food items," he said. "And it's prominently featured in aisles and is big in size. We're psychologically drawn to purchasing it in times of crisis. It's in big colorful packages; the bigger they are, the more important we think they are."

Take precautions, but don't panic

While the threat is very real and all precautions should be taken to stay healthy, some shoppers may overestimate the risks of dying from coronavirus. Katharina Wittgens, a psychologist with the behavioral strategy agency Innovation Bubble, suggests that shoppers are creating too much anxiety in themselves, which is never good during either clear or uncertain circumstances.

"Far more people die in car accidents or household accidents per year, but we don't panic in the morning before we go to work about these things," Wittgens said. "It's hard to convince our brains of facts, hence why statistics often don't work." Wittgens said the surge in panic buying will probably decline after a month when people have had time to think more rationally.

"When we stand in front of empty shelves, people fear that stocks will run out, so they buy far more than they need," she said. "This becomes dangerous as some goods such as soap, medicines and sanitizers become unavailable for those in immediate need." And because it is more obvious when the paper goods aisle is empty—compared to smaller items—this can also lead to craze over the item intensifying.

There have been plenty of examples of price gouging in response to the coronavirus pandemic. There have been reports of a 20-pack of face masks costing more than \$100 on e-commerce sites like eBay and Esty. These prices have caused companies to put measures in place to stop speculators from taking advantage of a spike in demand. This month, for example, Amazon announced it removed more than a million basic-needs products for misleading claims and price gouging.

Face masks won't stop infection

The U.S. government has recommended people stop buying face masks, not only because surgical masks aren't sufficient protection from coronavirus, but because there may not be enough for healthcare professionals who need them to do their jobs.

Americans have witnessed this type of irrational behavior before. In 1962 during the Cuban missile crisis, when nuclear war seemed imminent, American families filled their basements with enough canned food and bottled water to survive an atomic blast. Then there was Y2K at the turn of the millennium. There were widespread fears of a catastrophic glitch when computers' internal clock reset to "00" for the year 2000. It was believed that the glitch could crash global markets or send missiles flying across the globe. People just didn't hoard nonperishables and bottled water, but lots of money: In 1999, the U.S. Treasury was ordered to print an extra \$50 billion in the expectation that people would withdraw and stockpile cash.

A better plan than panic buying would be to be prepared year-round for a possible emergency or crisis. It's also worth keeping everyone else's needs in mind as these types of events unfold. Stock up on what you and your family need and no more. Avoid the urge to hoard enough supplies to fill a doomsday bunker.

"Anxiety needs to be acknowledged and managed," Wittgens said. "We do not want complacency, but high levels of anxiety are not useful to prepare [or] prevent catching it."

Setting the Record Straight

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the responsibility for nothing. He's been in his job as President for over 30 months—but his go to excuse is to blame President Obama!

At this time, Trump doesn't seem to care about the tragedy that the delayed information about COVAD-19 is causing is getting people back to work. His responses are in direct conflict with what health experts are advising since there is no concrete information on containment of the virus. We already see that when several Asian nations tried that approach, they experienced a resurgence of the virus; but, Trump wants to open up

our country by Easter no matter what! While he interferes with what medical experts are saying, he wants to have the country and the economy "raring to go by Easter!" Further, he says, "It's (the country) is not built to shut down. Our people are full of vim and vigor and energy. They don't want to be locked in a house or an apartment or some space."

Something is wrong with our laws about presidents when they can be recorded with over 16,000 lies in less than one term in office and still be in office with no consequences! How can a sane person lead the American people to believe that even as the vi-

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This is a time many of us wish we could just skip ahead to November, vote and bring sanity back to our country! In the meantime, continue exercising care by listening to the health experts, washing your hands frequently, practicing social distancing, being kind and helpful to others and praying that you aren't guilty of being the cause of spreading the virus.

(Dr. E. Faye Williams is President of the National Congress of Black Women and host of "Wake Up and Stay Woke" on WPFW-FM 89.3.)

Grace Community Center staff ‘the essentials’ in the war against Covid-19



Angel Griffin watches, as Pecola Williams, loads a food box into her vehicle. Ms. Griffin, who is on disability, said she has experienced food shortage. “I’m so thankful for what Grace is doing.”

By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN
Journal Staff Writer

I order to stop the spread of Covid-19, more popularly known as, the Coronavirus, Mike DeWine, Governor of Ohio, issued a “Stay at Home” order which went into effect on March 23, 2020, and was recently extended on April 6 until May 1.

Businesses and organizations that weren’t essential in helping maintain life, or at keep the economy flowing, were ordered to close. Gyms, libraries, schools, malls, as well as, indoor dining at restaurants, all had to close their doors. Grocery stores were overrun by people who removed everything from the shelves, including toilet paper, leaving no sign of those items ever existing.

One population of people most vulnerable to contracting Covid-19

are seniors. Many them were either afraid to leave their homes, because they didn’t want to be infected by the disease, or had no way to get to the stores, to compete with the hoard of people trying to buy everything in sight, had no transportation.

Grace Community Center, 406 W. Delaware, under the leadership of Elaine Page, executive director, and in partnership with Toledo Public Schools, and Connecting Kids to Meals, began to mount up an offensive plan to not only help those seniors, but children, and anyone in need.

“We served as a food pantry two days a week, prior to the outbreak of the Coronavirus,” she told The Toledo Journal. “But now, we distribute food five days a week in order to meet people’s needs,” Ms. Page said.

An average of 50 cases of food a day is distributed to families, who consist of five to six people, on average, per



Wearing face masks, and gloves, are some of the staff of Grace Community Center. From left are, Preston Ingram, Andy Gary, Jay Shavers, youth and facility director, and Elaine Page, executive director.

day, she said. The staff, who wear face masks, and protective gloves, even load up a van to distribute to elderly people in the area, who can’t leave their homes.

“People have forgotten that many seniors can’t leave their home, because they’re one of the main populations of people most at risk of catching the virus. Also, many of them don’t have anyone to help them, and that’s where we come in,” Ms. Page explained.

She also pointed out that since the schools are closed, many children can no longer count on the breakfast and lunch they were receiving from school.

“We also have grab, and go meals for children 18 and under, to make sure they don’t go hungry,” Ms. Page said.

She relayed a recent encounter with a parent that brought tears to her eyes. “We’ve had parents, and children express fear about not having food. A mother and her seven children, all stair

step, were recently here. The mom said all she wanted was to make sure her children had something to eat; she wasn’t even concerned about herself. I was so moved to tears that I wanted to just hug her, but I couldn’t, because of social distancing. I told her, she can eat too, and not to worry.”

Ms. Page wants businesses or individuals to know that they are in need of funds to continue to meet the high demand of keeping people fed. Anyone wishing to make a monetary contribution to the Grace Community Center can visit ggctoledo.org or call 419.248.2467.

Any senior in need of food delivery can call 419.248.2467.

Food is distributed Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Children, 18 and under, can also get a grab and go meal Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. until 1p.m.

Ohio Primary Voting Information

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Our senators also helped address Ohio’s Primary Election. As you know, Ohioans were not able to vote in-person on Primary Election Day (March 17), due to Coronavirus concerns. So our legislators have extended mail-in absentee voting to April 28th.

Ohio just extended mail-in absentee voting to April 28th. What does that mean?

- Anyone who is registered to vote in

Ohio (who has not already voted) can request an absentee ballot and mail it in.

- Ballots must be postmarked by April 27th. So you need to request your absentee ballot ASAP.
- HOW TO request an absentee ballot:
 - 1.) Fill out the request form, print it, sign it, and mail it to your County Board of Elections at <https://bit.ly/3buH8T0>
 - Find your County Board of Elections

at <https://bit.ly/2UscC6A>.

- Don’t have a printer? Call your County Board of Elections. Ask how you can request an absentee ballot.
- 2.) Your County Board of Elections will mail you a ballot.
- 3.) When you receive your ballot in the mail, fill it out and mail it back to your County Board of Elections.
- There will be NO in-person voting for most Ohioans (BUT Ohioans with disabilities or special circumstances

can vote in-person **on April 28th** at their County Board of Elections.).

- If you already voted, you’re good. Your vote will still count.
- **NOTE:** When the absentee request form asks for the date of the Primary Election, write March 17, 2020.
- Technically, Ohio’s Primary Election Day did not change. They just extended absentee voting.
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Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union providing loan assistance for small businesses during shut down

Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union, 1441 Dorr, at Detroit, have started taking loan applications. To date, they have assisted, at least 50+, small Toledo business owners, during this coronavirus pandemic.

Beauty shops, barber shops and day care centers, just to name a few, are seeking \$25,000 loans, according to Ms. Suzette Cowell, Toledo Urban CEO.

She has suggested that, these businesses, call other people to let them know about the available loans.

Last week, Governor Mike DeWine, declared the state of Ohio a disaster area. He ordered the closing of all, but essential businesses, that included many small business owners.

As a result, the SBA office in Cleveland, OH, began to offer loans, for up to two million, to small businesses (500 employees or less) hurt by the virus. Repayment is up to 30 years with a 3.75% fixed rate. Non-profits at 2.75%.

These loans can be used for everyday expenses, not for expansion or new equipment.

To contact Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union call (419) 244-8876 and ask for Zahra.

Congress Rejects Reversal of Student Loan Forgiveness Rule

For-profit colleges Termed the “Coronavirus of Higher Ed”



By Charlene Crowell
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - While much of the nation grapples with multiple adjustments attributed to the coronavirus pandemic, a rare bipartisan effort in recent days united lawmakers to reject an ill-advised Department of Education push against financial fairness for student borrowers. The lawmakers' efforts were to allow a 2016 rule to stand unchanged.

Without the March 11th vote, borrowers of student loans taken out after July 1st would have little ability to secure discharge of these loans if incurred at fraudulent, mostly for-profit institutions. Hundreds of thousands of students are already deeply in debt for educations whose benefits never materialized due to misrepresentations like job placement rates, graduate incomes, and

the ability to transfer credits earned.

Passing the upper chamber on a 53-41 roll call vote, 10 Republican members representing 9 states joined their Democratic colleagues to preserve the federal student loan rule known as the Borrower Defense to Repayment (BD).

“We need a policy in place that will allow defrauded students the chance to have their loan debt forgiven,” noted Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski, “while protecting good colleges and taxpayers.”

“These for-profit colleges are the coronavirus of higher education,” remarked Illinois’ Senator Dick Durbin, who is leading his chamber’s efforts to halt DeVos’ rule.

Echoing similar sentiments was New York’s Senator Chuck Schumer.

“With this vote, the message to the Trump administration and the predatory institutions Secretary DeVos is propping up is clear: you can’t cheat students and get away with it,” said Schumer.

Originally adopted by the Obama Administration, the rule was estimated to help relieve \$17 billion in federal loans for defrauded college borrowers. This sector has

been characterized by its high tuition costs, as well as its targeting of distinct demographic groups -- students of color, veterans, and low-incomes – that together led to large numbers of vulnerable students incurring unaffordable debt through a combination of private and federal loans to financially support the artificially high cost of their studies.

Many of the colleges that defrauded borrowers closed abruptly under the weight of investigations and sanctions - Corinthian Colleges, ITT Tech and Art Institutes. Other career colleges continue operating but with scant accountability from the Trump Administration and the Department of Education.

With few students actually graduating from largely for-profit career and technical institutions, debts incurred could not be repaid on the low earnings and lack of marketable skills and knowledge. According to a report by the nonprofit Institute for College Access & Success (TICAS), 53% of defrauded students’ debt would be forgiven under Obama-era rules. That number falls to just 3% under DeVos’ rewrite.

By its own estimates



the Education Department expects that next year – 2021 -- approximately 200,000 students will experience similar misconduct.

Even so, the Department of Education’s 2019 BD version anticipates only 3 cents of every loan dollar would be cancelled for defrauded students, and the institutions would repay a penny for documented misconduct. Additionally, the opportunity for loan discharge for groups of borrowers experiencing widespread mistreatment would end. If allowed to take effect, the DeVos version would require each student to individually apply and prove their claim – despite evidence of systemic or widespread mistreatment.

Other key changes identified jointly by TI-

With both chambers of Congress having voted to preserve the 2016 BD rule, the next step is presidential action. Should President Trump sign the measure, he would reject Secretary DeVos’ rule in favor of students and taxpayers. If he vetoes the resolution, Congress will face a pivotal decision on whether to override that veto.

For Ashley Harrington, Federal Advocacy Director with the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL), preserving the BD rule is not Congress’ only obligation to higher education.

“We commend the bi-partisan members from both chambers for overturning a rule that would have allowed students and taxpayers to be ripped off by for-profit colleges. We also encourage Congress to advance a comprehensive reauthorization of the Higher Education Act that holds true to its original values by opening the doors of higher education to low-income students and students of color,” said Harrington.

“We need a higher education system that is truly affordable, reducing the need for students to borrow for college, and provides a pathway out of student debt and into economic security.”

Seaman James Redmond on the USS Farragut (DDG 99)



Submitted By: Megan Brown
Navy Office of Community Outreach, Media Outreach Department

Seaman James Redmond stands the signalman watch on the guided-missile destroyer USS Farragut (DDG 99) during a replenishment-at-sea with the fast combat support ship USNS Supply (T-AOE 6), not pictured. Farragut is part of the Har-

ry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group and is deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations in support of naval operations to ensure maritime stability and security in the Central Region, connecting the Mediterranean and Pacific through the western Indian Ocean and three strategic choke points. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jack D. Aistrup)

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African American Scientist Breaks Ground in Cancer Research

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Dr. Hadiyah-Nicole
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The technology used by Dr. Green, who received a \$1.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to expand her nanoparticle cancer treatment research, doesn't require chemotherapy, radiation, or surgery.

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She spent more than seven years developing a way to target cancer cells - not the healthy cells around them.

Dr. Green's technology uses an FDA-approved drug containing nanoparticles and injects it into a cancer patient, which then causes the patient's tumor to glow under imaging equipment. The laser activates the nanoparticles by heating them.

“ *Because of their need to work together and their inability to work apart, I can ensure that the treatment is only happening to the cancer cells we target and identify* ”

"They are not toxic, so without the laser, they won't kill anything, and the laser by itself is harmless, so without the particles, it won't hurt anything," Dr. Green told AL.com in Alabama. "Because of their need to work together and their inability to work apart, I can ensure that the treatment is only happening to the cancer cells we target and identify."

The news outlet noted that, while Dr. Green isn't the first to think of using lasers and nanoparticles to treat cancer, she's been able to work the bugs out of parts of the technology that have been problematic.

Those bugs include nanoparticle delivery and being able to see success in mice.

"As a physicist I've created a physical treatment that is not specific to the biology of the cancer," Dr. Green stated. "It's a platform technology. It's not cancer type-specific, though it can treat cancer specifically. That's a concept my friends who are biologists struggle with."

For Dr. Green, the mission is also personal. Her interest in cancer treatment began as she witnessed the demise of her aunt, Ora Lee, who had cancer, and her uncle, General Lee Smith, who also was diagnosed with the disease and experienced the adverse side effects of chemotherapy treatment.

Dr. Green started the Ora Lee Smith Cancer Research Foundation in honor of her aunt, who served as her legal guardian. "When Auntie announced that she had cancer and would rather die than experience the harsh side effects of chemotherapy and radiation treatments, I knew there had to be a better way," Dr. Green stated on the foundation's website.

"The purpose of the Ora Lee Smith Cancer Research Foundation is to support the research that Auntie inspired in hopes that one day no one else will have to opt-out of treatment to avoid the side effects of today's cancer treatment."

Further, Dr. Green stated that the mission is to "change the way cancer is treated and reduce human suffering by providing cancer care that is accessible, affordable, and effective."

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The Scientist Behind the Ebola Cure is Black

Ebola can no longer be called an incurable disease thanks to Dr. Jean-Jacques Muyembe, a virologist from Congo who was the first scientist to discover the deadly virus in 1976. Since then, he tirelessly worked and researched for more than 40 years to find a cure!

To develop the cure, Dr. Muyembe's research and findings were used to experiment with four drugs for the first ever multi-drug randomized trial for Ebola patients. The drugs used were ZMapp, Remdesivir, mAb114 and REGN-EB3. Clinical trials were performed on 499 infected participants, and the results showed that patients treated with REGN-EB3 and mAb114 had better chances of survival than

the other treatments. In fact, the two drugs are proven to attack the Ebola virus with antibodies that neutralize the impact on human cells

With these results, The Guardian reports that the World Health Organization (WHO) announced in August 2019 that 90% of Ebola patients can be treated and completely cured, but only if they are treated immediately after being infected.

An Ebola outbreak can still happen, but with the new cure, scientists and doctors are better equipped to stop these outbreaks from turning into major epidemics - both regionally and nationally.

Dr. Muyembe, who received his PhD in virology from the University of

Leuven (Belgium), says that his first advancements towards developing a cure for Ebola began in the early 2000s with the use of antibodies as the basis for therapeutic medicines. He collected blood from several Ebola survivors, and gave it to eight patients who were still infected with the virus. Seven of those patients recovered, suggesting that the antibodies in convalescent blood acted as a protection.

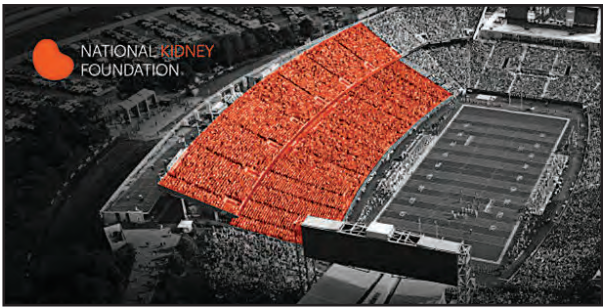
In 2019, he received a prestigious award from Japanese Emperor Naruhito "for his research to confront Ebola and other deadly viruses and efforts to train legions of disease-fighters." This award included a monetary prize of almost \$1 million USD.

You Could Be Part Of The 33 Percent

(NAPSI)—Look around the next time you're in a crowd. One-third of everyone in there with you is at risk of developing dangerous kidney disease.

Kidney Disease Facts
In the United States, 37 million adults are estimated to have chronic kidney disease—and more than 90% aren't aware of it. Often there are no symptoms; they won't find out until their kidney's fail. Kidneys are vital organs—as important as your heart, liver or lungs—that work 24/7 to clean toxins from your body. No one can live without functioning kidneys. When kidneys fail, only immediate dialysis or a transplant can save you.

A Solution
The National Kidney Foundation (NKF)—the largest, most comprehensive, and longstanding patient-centric organization dedicated to the awareness, prevention, and treatment of kidney disease in the U.S.—wants to change the odds. Every adult in the United States needs to know the risk and can find out with a simple, one-minute online quiz rolled out for National Kidney Month in March



that can let you know if you're in the 33 percent—and what to do about it.

"We have a public health crisis that needs to be addressed by all Americans," said NKF CEO and kidney transplant recipient Kevin Longino. "We will never give up trying to find ways to reach people, slow or stop the progression of this disease and lessen the burden for patients. Early testing and interventions are the key."

What To Watch For
Risk factors for kidney disease are:

- High blood pressure
- Heart disease
- Diabetes
- Obesity
- A family history of kidney disease.

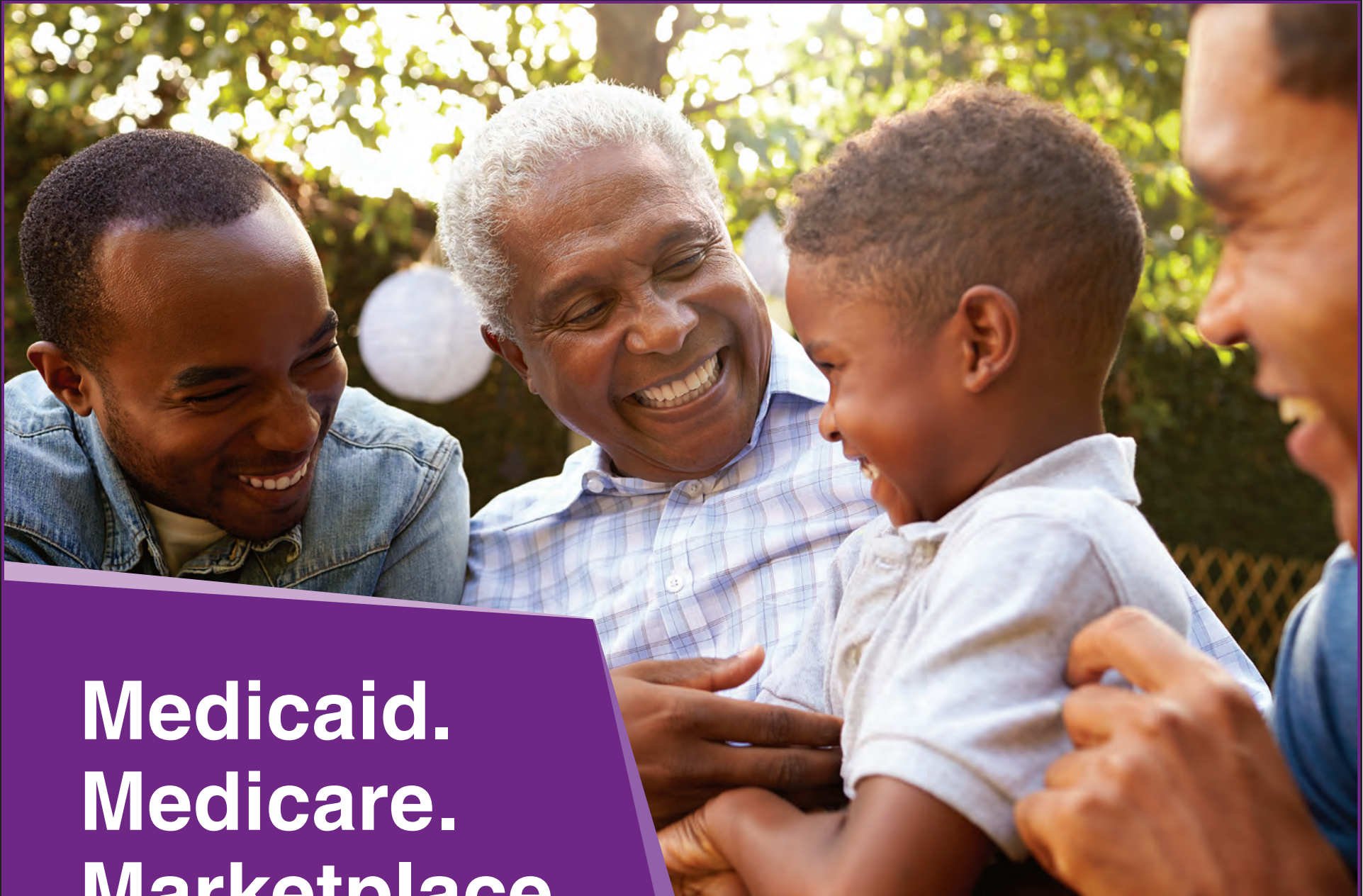
What To Do
If you have one or more of these factors, you should to go to MinuteForYourKidneys.org to find

out what to do next and how to talk to your doctor about it.

Life-threatening kidney disease can strike anyone, young or old, and has many causes, but early intervention can make a difference. Lifestyle changes and a healthy diet can sometimes slow the progression of the disease when caught in the early stages, and sometimes can stop kidney failure.

The first step to preventing kidney failure is knowing your risk, then getting tested. Two simple tests, one blood and one urine, can let your doctor know how your kidneys are doing. It's easy to get tested yet the results can save your life.

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COVID-19 and Black People



By: OLIVER T. BROOKS, MD
President of the National Medical Association

(BlackPressUSA & NNPA) - It is oft stated in the Black community: "when the country gets a cold, we get pneumonia."

The genesis of this saying is unclear, but the inference is not, nor is it inaccurate. Black people suffer more from adverse medical conditions, with poorer outcomes. COVID-19, the disease process caused by infection from the pandemic virus SARS-CoV-2 will likely demonstrate its accuracy. We also are starting from behind being poorer and with less access to basic resources. Pneumonia is more likely than just a cold.

At present the CDC has noted that those with chronic lung disease, moderate to severe asthma, serious heart conditions, those immunocompromised

including cancer treatment, severely obese, diabetic, with renal failure, or liver disease are at higher risk for severe illness. That warning should be clearly heard by the African American community. We are 2.2 times more likely to have diabetes, 20% more likely to have high blood pressure, and 30% more likely to be obese. The incidence of COPD (lung disease) in our women is 34% higher than in White women. Bottom line, if we acquire the virus, bad things are more likely to happen. That's pass number one.

Let us layer onto that more baggage. It is now known that the social determinants of health (SDoH) play as important a role in a person's health as genetics or medical treatment. There are, broadly, six SDoH categories: economic stability, physical environment, education, food community and social content and health care systems. Blacks are adversely affected in this arena. For example, with poorer housing we cannot generally socially isolate at home each in a different wing of the house; we may have 6 people in a 2-bedroom

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apartment. Searching for healthy food or using the bus to get to work (if you have a job and going to work), puts one at higher risk of acquiring the infection. Add the health risk factors above and we see a potential recipe for disaster.

I will separate one out the above noted SDoHs: economic stability, (or lack thereof). Quoting from a Brookings Institute study, "at \$171,000, the net worth of a typical white family is nearly ten times greater than that of a Black family in 2016. Gaps in wealth between Black and White households reveal the effects of accumulated inequality and discrimination, as well as differences in power and opportunity that can be traced back to this nation's inception.

The Black-White wealth gap reflects a society that has not and does not afford equality of opportunity to all its citizens." Allow an addendum; The Black-White HEALTH gap reflects a society that has not and does not afford equality of opportunity to all its citizens.

So how will we know if this is borne out in the COVID-19 pandemic? Only by data, and this we do not have, nor a plan for to get it. Democratic lawmakers noted an apparent lack of racial data that they say is needed to monitor and address disparities in the national response to the coronavirus outbreak. In a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, two lawmakers said comprehensive demographic data on people who are tested or treated for the virus that causes COVID-19 does not exist. U.S. cities with large black and brown populations such as Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee and New Orleans have emerged as hot spots of the coronavirus outbreak. "This lack of information will exacerbate existing health disparities and result in the loss of lives in vulnerable communities," the letter warned.

So here we are. Blacks are at higher risk of complications from COVID-19. Blacks are theoretically more prone to acquire COVID-19, and if we are disproportionately affected, we don't even know. Where does all of this leave us? With pneumonia.

Top 11 Misconceptions Many African Americans Have About Coronavirus

Submitted

Nationwide — Coronavirus, also known scientifically as COVID-19, has been a global nightmare. One by one, the virus has infiltrated nearly every country and about 10% of those who have contracted the virus have died.

Sadly, there are many African Americans who still don't fully understand what the virus is, and how to prevent it.

Here are the top 10 most common misconceptions that many in the Black community have:

#1 – Black People Can't Get It: This is simply not true. To date, at least three African American NBA players have contracted the virus. In addition, several African nations including Rwanda, Nigeria, and Kenya have all reported individuals who have tested positive for the viral. Therefore, Black people are not immune to the virus.

#2 – Vodka Kills the Virus: Most vodka brands are only 40 percent alcohol, and that is not high enough to effectively kill microbes. The CDC recommends using

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#3 – You Need Health Insurance to Be Tested: Definitely not true. The U.S. government has mandated free testing to all individuals who have the symptoms of Coronavirus. All hospitals are required to comply, but not all hospitals may have enough test kits. In addition, there may be a long waiting line to get tested.

#3 – You Should Call 911 If You Have the Symptoms: Unless you are suffering from an immediate life-threatening emergency, you should not call 911. You should, however, call your doctor and/or visit your local hospital's emergency room if you are not feeling well. Those who have questions or confusion about the virus can also visit [CoronaVirusHelpline.org](https://www.coronavirushelpline.org) or call the toll-free Coronavirus Helpline at (888) 581-5029 for more information.

#4 – The Flu is More Dangerous: This also is not true. Although it is true that last year more than 60,000 people died from the flu. The Coronavirus has been proven to be more contagious, more deadly, and also more misunderstand. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), less than 1% of people who typically contract the flu die from it, but so far, about 3.4% of those who have contracted Coronavirus have died.

#6 – You Must Have Multiple Symptoms: This also is not correct. Many individuals who have tested positive for the Coronavirus have only been found to have just one of the major symptoms. According to the Washington State Dept of Health, those symptoms are shortness of breath, cough OR fever.

#7 – Only Elderly People Die From It: While it is true that people age 60 and over are more likely to contract and die from the virus, younger people must also exercise plenty of caution. The truth is that many patients that are age 22-59 are also being affected. South Korea reported 2,718 cases among patients under the age of 30.

#8 – All Chinese People Have the Coronavirus: Again, not true. It is true that the virus originated in China, but this does not mean that all Chinese people are infected nor does it justify any type of racial discrimination against people from China or Chinese-owned businesses. Remember that many Chinese Americans have never even been to China.

#9 – There is a Cure: Currently, there is no cure or medical treatment available for those who contract the virus. Depending on the location, if a person tests positive for the virus, he or she will be quarantined and/or sent home and encouraged to self-quarantine. Drinking plenty of water, eating healthy foods with high nutrients, and taking immune-building vitamins are encouraged.

#10 – You Should Stock Up on Water and Toilet Tissue: No government agency has ever made this suggestion. This is a panic reaction from the general population. The truth is that by being inside a grocery store or big box retailer trying to hoard items like this, you are only increasing the chances of being exposed to someone who could be infected and may not even know it.

#11 – All Travel Has Been Banned: As of March 16, 2020, no type of domestic travel has been restricted. However, the U.S. government has initiated several international travel bans to many countries in Asia and Europe. Most of these travel bans, however, do not affect American citizens but affect non-U.S. citizens.

Those with more questions about the virus are encouraged to visit [CoronaVirusHelpline.org](https://www.coronavirushelpline.org) or call the National Coronavirus Helpline at (888) 581-5029 for more information.

Understanding Parkinson's

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(NAPSI)—60,000 people are newly diagnosed with Parkinson's disease (PD) each year. Nearly fifty percent of those newly diagnosed with Parkinson's and their care partners leave the doctor's office following a diagnosis without educational resources or information on what the future holds.

The Parkinson's Foundation aims to connect with those newly diagnosed with PD earlier and more frequently to provide ongoing support throughout their entire



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journey with the disease. Newly Diagnosed: Building a Better Life with Parkinson's Disease, is a new program designed to arm people who are newly diagnosed with the knowledge, tools and resources they need to navigate life with the disease.

The Parkinson's Foundation also offers educational programs that focus on care and research; digital resources; topical podcasts; and an online community to connect with others living with the disease and care partners and be part of a network of support.

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, you are not alone. Call the toll-free Parkinson's Foundation Helpline at 1-800-4PD-INFO (473-4636) or email Helpline@Parkinson.org. Order your free Newly Diagnosed kit today at [Parkinson.org/NewlyDiagnosed](https://www.Parkinson.org/NewlyDiagnosed).

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IN MEMORIAM: African Americans Who Have Died of COVID-19

By LAUREN VICTORIA BURKE
NNPA Newswire Contributor

The inaccurate internet memes and false online conspiracies that “Blacks can’t get coronavirus” are contrary to reality. African Americans are not immune to COVID-19.

On April 2, the Pentagon was looking to provide civilian institutions with more body bags after it was reported that over 1,000 people were reported to have died of COVID-19 in one day, April 1st, in the U.S. It was the highest number of deaths in one day. The total number of deaths in the U.S. as of April 1 was 4,841 with 214,461 total cases at a rate of 25,000 new cases per day. African Americans have not been immune from the statistics or the fatalities.

Jazz musician Wallace Roney, 59, died of COVID-19 on March 31 in Patterson, NJ. Roney was a trumpet player and a Grammy-award winning artist mentored by Miles Davis.

Michigan has been hit particularly hard by the COVID-19 virus. A Flint, Mich. Bishop and pastor in the area both died after recently falling ill after contracting the coronavirus. Bishop Robert Smith Sr., 83, and Pastor Kevelin

Jones Sr., 72, with the Bountiful Love Ministries Church of God in Flint, both had their lives cut short by COVID-19. Both died on March 26.

Activist Marlowe Stoudamire, 43, of Detroit died on March 24 from complications related to COVID-19. He was a prominent member of the Detroit community. His friends and family reported that Stoudamire had no underlying health issues.

Also, in Michigan, an African American father and son died after being infected by the coronavirus. Freddie Brown Jr, 57, and Freddie Brown III, 20, died on March 24 and March 29th. Both resided in Flint, Michigan.

Dezann Romain, 36, died of COVID-19 on March 23. Romain “ran a school for young people who fared better in a smaller setting; she was the first school employee in New York City to die of the coronavirus” as reported by the New York Times. Romain was respected by her students who struggled in a regular high school setting.

Bassey Offiong, a college student at Western Michigan University, died due to coronavirus on March 28.

Offiong studied engineering and was scheduled to graduate in May. His sister, Asari Offiong, told reporters that her brother was turned away multiple times for COVID-19 testing when he attempted to get tested in and around Kalamazoo.

NBC employee Larry Edgeworth, 61, died on March 19. Several NBC and MSNBC anchors paid tribute to him on the air and tweeting photos on location with him after word of his passing became public. Edgeworth was survived by his wife and two children.

Bronx, New York nurse Freda Ocran, 50, died of COVID-19 on March 29. Ocran was the head nurse of Jacobi Medical Center’s psychiatric unit in the Bronx. She pushed for more coronavirus testing before dying of the illness. “She had concerns, especially with working with patients and other staff and how long

it was taking to be tested,” said Kwame Ocran, of his mother to the NY Post.

Another hospital worker, Priscilla Carrow, 65, died on March 30, 2020. Carrow worked as the coordinating manager at Elmhurst Hospital in Queens, NY. She was also the director of community relations with the New York Senate and an active member of her Queens, NY community.

On April 1, the Federal Emergency Management Agency requested 100,000 body bags from the Defense Department. The Pentagon is looking into purchasing more.



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Jazz Musician Wallace Roney, 59

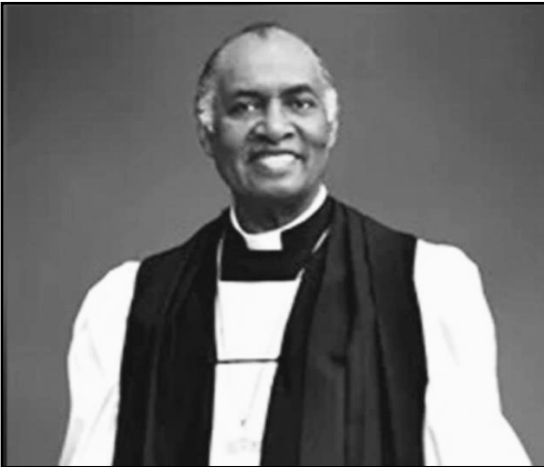


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Bishop Robert Smith Sr., 83

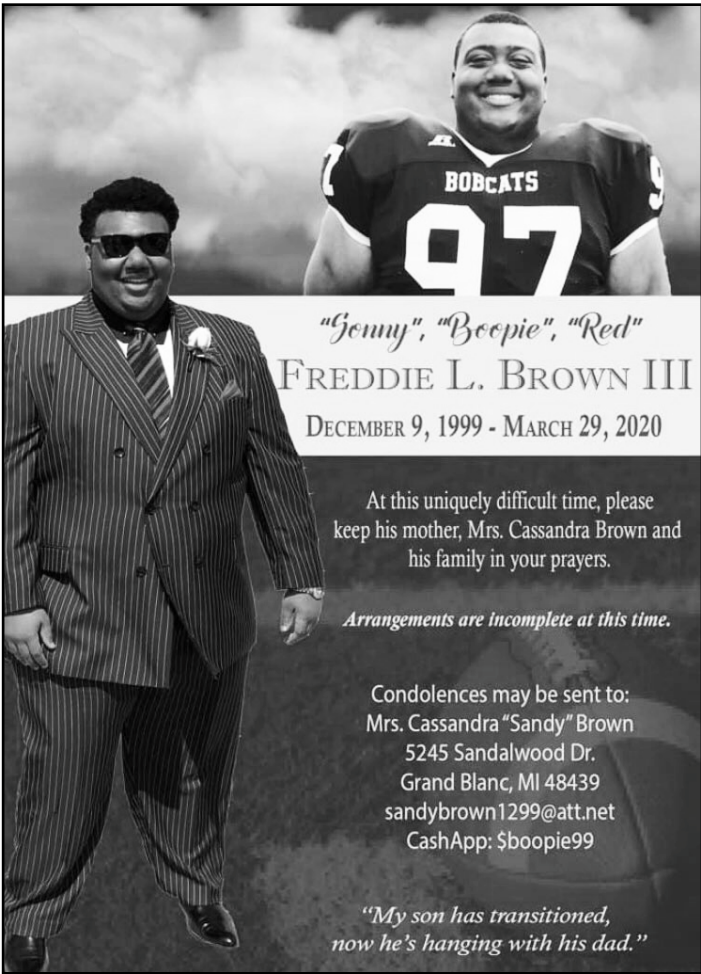


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Singer, Bill Withers dies at 81

Submitted

(BlackmansStreet) - Genius singer and songwriter Bill Withers who wrote a string of hits has died March 30 of heart complications; his family announced. He was 81.

“We are devastated by the loss of our beloved, devoted husband and father. A solitary man with a heart driven to connect to the world at large, with his poetry and music, he spoke honestly to people connected to each other,”



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the family statement read.

His songs included “Lean On Me,” “Just the Two of Us,” “Ain’t No Sunshine,” “Grandma’s Hands,” and “Lovely Day”, which was is the most beautiful piece of poetry there ever was. He won three Grammy Awards and was nominated for four.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia and children, Todd and Kori.

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- April 8, 1938:** African American Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton is born.
- April 9, 1898:** Paul Robeson, civil rights activists, actor, singer and scholar is born.
- April 10, 1968:** Congress passes the Fair Housing Act.
- April 11, 1908:** Jane M. Bolin, first African American woman to be appointed a judge, is born.
- April 12, 1940:** Musician Herbie Hancock is born.
- April 13, 1906:** African American Anthropologist Ellen Irene Diggs is born.
- April 14, 1865:** President Abraham Lincoln is fatally shot by John Wilkes Booth.
- April 10, 1854:** Hallie Quinn Brown, women's rights activist, born.
- April 14, 1865:** Abraham Lincoln assassinated in Washington, D.C.
- April 13, 1907:** Harlem Hospital opens in New York City
- April 14, 1915:** James Hutton Brew, "Pioneer of West African Journalism," dies.
- April 9, 1950:** Juanita Hall becomes the first African American to win a Tony award for her role as Bloody Mary in the musical South Pacific.
- April 11, 1966:** Emmett Ashford became the first Black major league umpire.
- April 8, 1968:** Coretta Scott King leads Memorial March in Memphis, Tenn., with sanitation workers.
- April 9, 1968:** Hundreds of thousands of people attend funeral services for Dr. King in Atlanta, Ga.
- April 8, 1974:** Henry ("Hank") Aaron broke Babe Ruth's major league baseball record, by hitting his 715th home run in a game at Atlanta stadium.
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SOCIAL SECURITY UPDATES



Statement from Social Security Commissioner Andrew Saul about COVID-19 Economic Impact Payments for Beneficiaries

"I want to provide an update to people who receive benefits from the Social Security Administration. The Department of the Treasury (Treasury) announced on April 1 that Social Security beneficiaries who are not typically required to file tax returns will not need to file an abbreviated tax return to receive an economic impact payment. The IRS will use the information on the Form SSA-1099 to generate \$1,200 economic impact payments to Social Security beneficiaries who did not file tax returns in 2018 or 2019.

Treasury, not Social Security, will make automatic payments to Social Security beneficiaries. Beneficiaries will receive these payments by direct deposit or by paper check, just as they would normally receive their Social Security benefits.

For updates from the IRS, visit www.irs.gov/coronavirus.

Note for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Recipients:

We are working closely with Treasury to address outstanding questions about our SSI recipients in an attempt to make the issuance of economic impact payments as quick and efficient as possible. We realize people are concerned, and the IRS will provide additional information at www.irs.gov/coronavirus when available. Please note that we will not consider economic impact payments as income for SSI recipients, and the payments are excluded from resources for 12 months.

Metroparks Toledo Statement
Metroparks Toledo clarified its position regarding access points to the Maumee River. Scott J. Savage, president, Board of Park Commissioners, and Dave Zenk, executive director of Metroparks Toledo, released the following statement:

Metroparks has worked with other jurisdictions and public health officials to reduce crowding and encourage social distancing at all parks. Park law enforcement is on site every day to ensure compliance with the state mandates. Park visitors have responded with responsible behaviors that demonstrate their commitment to the health of others.

Governor Mike DeWine recently clarified that fishing is permitted under the Stay at Home Order if proper social distancing is practiced.

Metroparks continues to be vigilant, and we ask for the public's ongoing cooperation to keep our parks open in accordance with the current state order.

There are access points to Maumee River fishing in multiple jurisdictions, including Side Cut Metropark. Because of parking restrictions implemented by the City of Maumee, access to Side Cut will be limited. The park remains open, including parking locations at the Fallen Timbers Monument and Wayne Street entrance to the park. We encourage all visitors to continue using the parks while complying with social distancing and other public health guidelines.

For information on COVID-19, please visit www.LucasCountyHealth.com. The 24/7 Lucas County Community COVID-19 Call Line Numbers are: 419 251-4000 (English only) and 419-291-5355 (multilingual). The public is asked to call 419-213-4161, press 4, and leave a message to report COVID-19 related concerns such as non-essential businesses operating, essential businesses not adhering to guidelines, or crowds gathering.

The Ohio Department of Health website is www.Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov and the Ohio Department of Health hotline is 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

COMING EVENTS

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Now - Until Further Notice
WGTE Public Media Home Learning
 WGTE Public Media in collaboration with all of the Ohio Public Broadcasting stations announces AT Home Learning, at 7:00 a.m. WGTE change its programming to educational programming to help students ranging from high school to early learners. This programming is designed for students who may not have computer and online access. This new programming will be available until schools resume. For more information contact Theresa A. Bush, Marketing Communications Manager at theresa_bush@wgte.org.

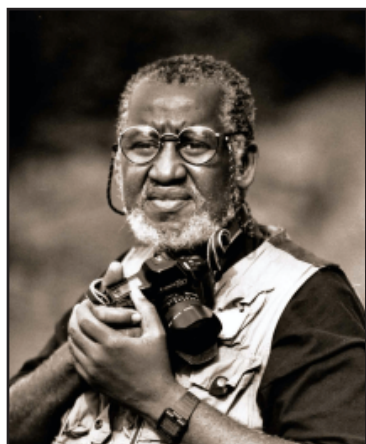
April 10th
Cancellation Good Friday Stations of the Cross
 The annual Good Friday Social Justice Stations of the Cross are canceled for this year. Thanks to all of you who were planning to take part in the April 10 event. We hope we will be able to pray around the courthouse together again in 2021. Peace and all good, Toledo Chapter Association of U.S. Catholic Priests Social Justice Subcommittee: Fr. John Blaser, 419-344-1295, lormanj@gmail.com St. Paul's Lutheran Church: Rev. Pete Bowmer, 419-243-4214, pastor.pete@stpaulstoledo.org

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.

June 7th
The Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church Will Be Celebrating The 55th Pastoral Apprecia-

Library of Congress buys the collection of Shawn Walker and the Kamoinge Workshop

by BlackmansStreet.Today



The Library of Congress has purchased the archives of Shawn Walker, including his collection of photos, ephemera, and audio recordings, representing the influential Kamoinge Workshop based in Harlem.

The materials will join the Library's other

important collections of photography by African Americans, including Gordon Parks, Robert McNeill, Roland Freeman, Dawoud Bey, and Roy DeCarava, Walker's mentor.

The Kamoinge Workshop, which was founded in 1963 in New York City, is a collective of leading African American photographers, including Anthony Barboza, Louis Draper, Adger Cowans, Albert Fenner, Ray Francis, Toni Parks, Herb Robinson, Beuford Smith, and Ming Smith.

The Kamoinge was founded in response to the racial discrimination of black photographers by the mainstream press.

Kamoinge in Gikuyu, the language of the Kikuyu people of Kenya, means a group of people acting and working together.

Walker, a founding member, is Kamoinge's archivist. The archive contains nearly 100,000 photographs, negatives and transparencies depicting life in Harlem beginning from 1963 to the present.

The Kamoinge collection, donated by Walker, consists of nearly 2,500 prints by Barboza, Smith, Draper, and others.

Walker's photographs include daily life, city streets, parades and celebrations, poverty, drug use and policing.

He has photographed black political leaders, including Rev. Jesse Jackson, former New York City Mayor David Dinkins, and the Honorable Elijah Muhammad of the Nation of Islam, Academy Award winner Spike Lee and Nobel prize-winning author Toni Morrison.

He has also photographed across the United States and throughout the world, including Cuba, Guyana, Nigeria, Senegal, and Mexico.

"I have tried to document the world around me, particularly the African American community, especially in Harlem from an honest perspective so that our history is not lost," Walker said.

The Shawn Walker Photography Archive will become part of the Prints and Photographs collection at the Library of Congress, the world's largest library. After the collection is further organized it will be available for research.



#QuarantineAndChill: Things to Do During the Covid-19 Crisis



By Nsenga K. Burton, Ph.D.,
NNPA Newswire Culture and
Entertainment Editor

Covid-19, Coronavirus or "Rona" as some are calling it has changed the way society typically functions. Some cities have imposed mandatory quarantines while others are encouraging self-control and self-quarantining. Many are complying with official requests for social distancing and eliminating contact with those outside of the household.

Folks are trying to manage how to teach their children at home and fulfill employment obligations while not losing their minds during this new normal marked by disappointments like canceled proms and graduations, rogue relatives refusing to follow the rules and constant news coverage of those who are sick and have passed away.

Despite these challenges there is a silver lining. Just when you were lamenting over failing to follow through on giving up social media for Lent, lots of people are coming together on social media to offer wonderful activities for those at home. Check out a few below:

Free Celebrity Performances on Instagram:

Celebrities are offering outstanding free programming. John Legend was joined by model and partner Chrissy Teigen for a COVID-19 benefit concert from his living room that played on Instagram. If you didn't catch John Legend, musical acts as diverse as Luke Bryan, JoJo, Miley Cyrus, D-Nice and Common are offering online concerts via Instagram. All you need is an Instagram account to watch and you're good to go.

If those folks don't do it for you, then check out NPR's Tiny Desk Concerts series, intimate video performances, recorded live at the desk of "All Songs Considered," host Bob Boilen. Rising rap star Chika's performance just dropped and

shows her skills and playful side. Other popular performances include The Roots featuring trombonist Jeff Bradshaw and Bilal, Rev. Sekou and The Seal Breakers, Lizzo, Christian Scott aTunde Adjuah and Omara Portuondo.

Speaking of Instagram, can you say Debbie Allen? The iconic dancer, choreographer and director offered up a free dance class this past Wednesday to lift the spirits of those feeling isolated during the crisis. Thousands checked in and had a blast based on the comments.

Not to worry, if you missed it, she's offering the dance class every Wednesday at 1 p.m. PST during the COVID-19 crisis. How much would it normally cost to take a dance class from Debbie Allen? Who knows but now you can dance with Allen for free and in the comfort of your home. Allen is also offering a kids class Saturday on Instagram at 11 a.m. PST so set your reminder!

Things for the Kids

If the Debbie Allen kids dance class is not for you, then check out some of the following things your kids might enjoy. Many zoos and museums are putting exhibits online during the COVID-19 crisis. The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens is livestreaming several animals and exhibits on their Facebook page.

Cosmickids.com offers yoga, programming and lesson plans to teach yoga and mindfulness to children. Although, the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture is closed due to coronavirus, they have an app that features highlighted objects from their collection, multimedia and augmented reality and stories exploring their 12 inaugural exhibitions.

If arts and crafts are your thing, Michaels has lots of do-it-yourself projects for children that are easily made with materials around the house. If you're jonesing for the touch and feel of cotton, then you can

order online and pick-up curbside at participating Michaels stores.

Now is a wonderful time to breakout the boardgames like Sorry, Monopoly, Life, Clue, Jenga, Escape Room in a Box and Black Card Revoked, which not only entertain kids of all ages but also offer fun for adults. Not to fret adults, there's also Spades Plus (virtual), virtual Chess games, Words with Friends and several online Tonk and Bid Whist sites, so you can get back to making blind bids and running Bostons on folks in no time at all.

For parents who have slacked off on watching media with their kids, now is the perfect time to practice media literacy by sitting down and playing video games with your kids so you can see what they're doing and talk about it in a critically engaged, and fun way. You may just understand why you should think thrice before allowing your kids to play Grand Theft Auto or World of Warcraft.

You can also show them some of your favorite video games which parents may discover they like just as much. Finally, for those who are having anxiety over teaching their younger children academic lessons, check out ABCMouse.com which is offering a free 30-day trial. It's where learning and fun meet online.

Binge-A-Thons

COVID-19 has created the perfect opportunity to binge on television series and film genres that you love. Blaxploitation films are often available On Demand for free via your cable provider. Choose your favorite director like Spike Lee, Gina Prince Bythewood, Ryan Coogler, John Singleton or Ava Duvernay and watch their films until your heart is content. You might also like TV shows from the 1970s and 1980s, many of which are also available On Demand.

If you want to Netflix and chill, check out outstanding programming you may not have had an opportunity to watch yet like Raising Dion, Dear White People (season 3), Dolemite Is My Name, Jezebel and Queen Sono. Netflix's highly anticipated series Self-Made: Inspired by the Life of Madame C.J. Walker comes out Friday, March 20, 2020. "Inspired" by the life of Madame C.J. Walker, the first self-made woman millionaire, the series stars Academy award-winner Octavia Butler, Blair Underwood, Tiffany Haddish, Carmen Ejogo, Garrett Morris and Kevin Carroll.

If you're tired of "Netflix and chilling," then check

out Lena Waithe's new series Twenties, season 2 of Boomerang or Tyler Perry's show Sistas on BET. For the black foodies out there, watch Kardea Brown make Gullah inspired recipes on Delicious Miss Brown (Food Network) or Caribbean Pot (Black Life TV) featuring the food of Chef Phil La Rosa.

After eating that delicious food, get up and get moving to the plethora of free workout videos available on YouTube. Follow your favorite YouTube fitness stars Jenelle Salazar (@getbodiedbyJ), Lita Lewis (@followthelita) for workout routines for various fitness levels. You may now have time to finally try Zumba or subscribe to a fitness site like Daily Burn which is offering a 60-day free trial.

Once you collapse on the couch after working out, there are also many web series to watch. Giants follows the lives of three young people chasing their dreams and struggling with various issues of romance, identity and mental health as they come into adulthood. Giants is now an award-winning television series on Cleo TV.

Pillow Talk makes you think and feel and The Punanny Diaries, which is an oldie but a goodie, makes you chuckle and thank God you are no longer in your twenties.

TV One's Unsung series always satisfies dropping tea about entertainers you grew up with in the 1990s. Don't forget to watch HBO's Watchmen, which will not be coming back for Season 2 as of now, so watch it while you can, or forever hold your peace.

As the kids would say, COVID-19 is gonna COVID-19, so we may as well make the best of our time #AloneTogether. Outside of holidays, when do folks really have this much potential time to spend together?

Keep thoughts of isolation at bay by reconnecting with friends and loved ones and making use of what's available in real time and online. #QuarantineAndChill and enjoy the time you have with those you love.

This article was written by Nsenga K Burton, Ph.D., founder & editor-in-chief of The Burton Wire. An expert in intersectionality and media industries, Dr. Burton is also a professor of film and television at Emory University and co-editor of the book, Black Women's Mental Health: Balancing Strength and Vulnerability. Follow her on Twitter @Ntellectual or @TheBurtonWire.

Maumee Closes River Access Points

Submitted

The City of Maumee is closing all access points to the Maumee River, effective immediately. Maumee mayor Richard Carr made the announcement on the City of Maumee Facebook page. Mayor Carr also said the city will be placing no parking signs on the streets in the immediate vicinity of the river.

“The COVID-19 crisis places in danger all health care workers, police officer, paramedics/ EMT’s, and all whose jobs put them in contact with the public,” Mayor Carr said. “It is for the safety of our residents and all who serve us that we are enforcing this policy.”

See pg 13 for more information on the Toledo Metroparks.



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Hints To Help You Stay On The Road To Safe Driving

Story continued from the April 1-7 TJ publication.

Pay attention to changes and warnings:

- Have friends or family members expressed worries about your driving?
- Have you ever gotten lost on familiar routes or forgotten how to get to familiar destinations?
- Has a police officer pulled you over to warn you about your driving?
- Have you been ticketed for your driving, had a near miss, or a crash in the last three years?
- Has your healthcare provider warned you to restrict or stop driving?

Consider Getting a Professional Driving Assessment

If you’ve experienced driving problems like these or are worried about your ability to be a safe driver, consider getting a professional assessment of your skills.

Occupational therapists trained as driving rehabilitation specialists can evaluate your driving skills and strengths, as well as any physical, visual,

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Driving rehabilitation specialists are trained to evaluate older drivers for:

- Muscle strength, flexibility, and range of motion
- Coordination and reaction time
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- Ability to drive with special devices that adapt your vehicle to your needs.

The specialist may recommend ways for you to drive more safely after the evaluation. Suggestions may include getting special equipment for your car or helping you sharpen your skills.

If you’re not sure how to find a driving rehabilitation specialist, you can talk to your healthcare provider or ask the American Occupational Therapy Association for a directory.

For more safe driving resources for older adults and caregivers, visit the AGS’s public education website, <https://www.healthinaging.org/driving-safety>.

TARTA Employee Exhibits Symptoms Leading to COVID-19 Presumptive Positive

Submitted

An employee of TARTA has exhibited symptoms indicative of COVID-19 according to that individual’s doctor. This individual serves in an internal staff position and does not interact with the public. Immediate action was taken, including the employee being directed to self-quarantine, analysis

of any coworker(s) who may have been in less than six feet of contact for more than 10 minutes, and enhanced disinfectant of work areas with CDC approved cleaning agents.

All TARTA staff are strongly encouraged not to report to work if they are, or suspect to be, sick. Riders are to take essential trips only on TARTA and

TARPS, and advised not to ride the bus if they are, or suspect to be, sick.

TARTA is closely monitoring this situation with the staff member and Toledo-Lucas County Health Department. For more information on TARTA’s efforts related to COVID-19 and links to critical resources visit <http://tarta.com/tarta-response-to-coronavirus>

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