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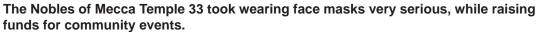
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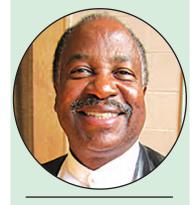


PHOTO CREDIT / TOLEDO JOURNAL From left are, Earl Stevens, past potentate, Jamar Hardiman, Illustrious Potentate, and Joe Phelps.



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#### LIFESTYLES/NEWS **Back 2 Life Deliverance Center hosts** give-a-away



RELIGION John Lewis, an **American Hero** and Moral Leader

# Mecca Temple 33 won't let Covid-19 Stop efforts at bettering the community

By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN Journal Staff Writer

The Nobles and Daughters of Mecca Temple 33, 1343 Avondale decided not to let the Covid-19 pandemic stop them from continuing their charitable throughout contributions Toledo. So, on Saturday, July 18, they held a fundraiser, and voter regisistration drive, both

a live DJ.

Jamar Hardiman, Illustrious Potentate, told The Toledo Journal that they had to cancel their Shrine Day, which is held in early July, due to the Coronavirus. Besides being a day in which they feed the community, Shrine Day is when the organization gives away bikes to area children. With uncertainty in the air,

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accompanied by the music of regarding another statewide shutdown, Mr. Hardiman said, "Mecca Temple 33 is trying to get a jump on their fundraisers that go towards school supply giveaways, free haircuts, and scholarships to college, just to name a few."

Further, he said that, they were trying to registar as many people to vote in order to get more people involved in the political system to make

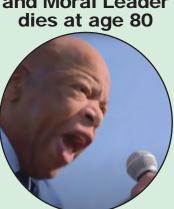
changes for the better; locally and nationally.

Mr. Hardiman said that, even though the upcoming school year will be different than typical, he said they still planned on having a book bag, and school supply giveaway in early August.

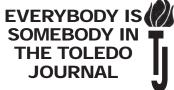
Finishing out the day, he celebrated his 48th birthday amongst his friends.













Helping Nick Fitzgerald to register to vote are, front to back, Charlene Miller, Diane Johnson, Illustrious Potentate, day. Jamar Hardiman, and Tanya Roach.



PHOTO CREDIT / TOLEDO JOURNAL Good food, and good company was also part of the day.

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The book bag committee and DJ Darris Mosley, left, plan for their upcoming event.

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Some of the Nobles enjoy each other's company on a hot

## **Inside News**

## **2020 Census Statistics Vital to Public Programs Throughout NW Ohio**

#### Submitted By Jessica Johnson

Results from the 2020 Census will shape how billions of dollars in federal funds are allocated to communities for critical public services such as healthcare, education, infrastructure and public safety. Census statistics aren't just about which state or city has grown the most over the last 10 years. Statistics compiled from census responses help businesses, researchers and communities make decisions about funding for everything from school buildings and lunches and new bridges or roads, to fire departments, rural assistance programs and more. Knowing who lives throughout the nation means that communities can better support programs and services benefiting people aged 65 and older, lowincome people, veterans, children and newborns.

2020 Census statistics also help federal and local lawmakers allocate funding for the next 10 years for critical public services - including how to prepare for, respond to and

rebuild after disasters and crisis (such as COVID-19) for things such as unemployment insurance, emergency food assistance, shelter grants and assistance for needy temporary families.

Statistics provided by the 2020 Census helps in the allocation of federal funds for things such as:

- Unemployment insurance
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- · State Children's Health Insurance Program (SHIP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- School Breakfast Program
- · Head Start, nutrition assistance and the Children's Health Insurance Program, among many others.
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Community Development Block **Grant Entitlement Program**
- · Critical public services such as

emergency response, hospitals and healthcare, water and waste disposal systems for rural communities

- Business Rural Development Grants and Rural Development Housing Preservation Grants
- Transportation services including maintenance and construction of roads and bridges through the Highway Planning and Construction Program
- Federal Transit Capital Investment Grants that can be used for Water Pollution Control Grants as well as public transportation
- Emergency Watershed Protection Program, Hazardous Waste Management State Program Support and the Wildlife Restoration Program
- Critical public services including hospitals, schools, roads and bridges, which in turn generate opportunities for private sector businesses
- Health clinics or senior citizen centers

- · Home-delivered meals and job training for those 65+
- · Federal Pell Grants for college students, adult education grants and agriculture / science / engineering education
- Programs focused on school safety, mental health services and student wellness

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## **TARTA & TMACOG Seek Community Input**

By Laura Koprowski Chief Communications and Customer Experience Officer

The Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) and Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) are working together to update the

Locally Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan for the Toledo Urbanized Area, which includes all of Lucas County, and portions of Wood County and Monroe County, Michigan. The plan's purpose is to identify community resources for transportation, understand the gaps and unmet needs, and to develop

strategies to address those gaps and unmet needs.

Critical to identifying the goals and strategies of this transportation plan is community input. Currently a 10-minute survey is available online, https://www. surveymonkey.com/r/LOCHSTP, or by contacting Marissa Bechstein at 419.241.9155 ext. 1117 or bechstein@

tmacog.org. The survey is open until Aug. 14, 2020.

TARTA and TMACOG will also host a public meeting to discuss and seek input on the plan on Aug. 27, 2020 from 6p.m. to 7p.m. Meeting details will be shared at www.tarta.com.

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## Question of the Week

Being that sports is lucrative to the U.S. economy, as well as beneficial to the mental well-being of spectators, do you think athletes should be required to wear facemasks, to prevent the further spread of Covid-19? Do you think there will be any type of resistance from those athletes, and if so, why?



#### Brenda Coleman Retired

Yes, athletes should have to wear masks. The way the virus is spreading, I think it's better to be safe than sorry. There will definitely be resistance. I don't like wearing them, so I can only imagine the discomfort an athlete would have to go through.



#### Kayla Munson Server

I don't think they should have to wear masks because athletes will be getting their temperatures checked, and going through other screening methods prior to playing. Plus, some of them may have allergic reactions while wearing them. It's difficult for many of us to move about our everyday life, so I can imagine how hard it would be for them to play, while wearing a mask. But if they have to wear masks, I don't think there will be too much resistance because they'll want to protect their family, and themselves form the virus.



### Kei Furr

Teacher/Coach

I don't think they should have to wear facemasks because the evidence doesn't prove it will stop the spread of Covid-19. Even if athletes have to wear them, I don't think it'll be too much resistance because for the pros, they don't want to lose money, and for those still in high school, they wouldn't want to take a chance missing out on scholarships; because they refused to wear them, thus stopping them from playing.



## Carolyn Robinson

Yes, I think they should have to wear masks to protect themselves, and the fans. They will be some resistance, but the more conscientious amongst them, will comply.



#### Desiree Hartfield Retired

Yes, I think they should have to wear them to protect themselves, their family, and the fans. There will be resistance at first, because some simply wouldn't want to wear them.



#### Ericka Hartfield Production Operator

I think they should have to wear them to minimize exposing and spreading it amongst themselves, and the fans. I think, initially, some will resist, but will ultimately see how important it is.



#### Aaron McAllister Retired

This virus is no joke, and so athletes should be required to wear masks. I know there will be some resistance, especially amongst football players; because it would be extremely hard to run up and down a field wearing a face covering.

## **Ongoing Events**

#### Grace Community Center Free Food Pantry and Tasty Tuesdays

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. Tasty Tuesdays is July 21 and July 28 Free Fresh Produce Box from 10:30 am-4:30 pm. Elaine Page, Executive Director, Grace Community Center, 406 W. Delaware.

may vary weekly.

#### 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.

#### Kids This Summer Summer Park Programs

The City of Toledo is proud to partner with Athletes Global, a global organization dedicated to helping youth, families, and communities by teaching leadership skills through educational, fitness, and sports programs.

Zumba Kids classes are high energy dance parties that incorporate fitness in a natural way. Children of all shapes, sizes, and abilities are welcome! Ages 8-13. Free Registration Required: toledo.oh.gov/ zumba toledo.oh.gov/fun-fitness

- Wilson Park: July 29, Aug. 5 and 12, 10-11 a.m., 600 E. Oakland St., Toledo, OH
- Walbridge Park: July 17, and 24, 1:45-2:45 p.m., 2761 Broadway St., Toledo, OH
- Ottawa Park: July 30, Aug. 6 and 13, 11:15-12:15 p.m., 2200 Kenwood Blvd., Toledo, OH

Yoga classes improve balance, flexibility, and posture while increasing students focus, discipline and concentration. Leadership development and nutritional education included. Free Registration Required: toledo.oh.gov/yoga

- Walbridge Park: July 27, Aug. 3, and 10, 1:45-2:45 p.m. - 2761 Broadway St., Toledo, OH
- Savage Park: July 16, and 23, 12:30-1:30 p.m. -650 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH.

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Every Tuesday and Saturday Toledo Masjid Al-Isalm Through Tarbiyyatul Haqq Ministries Food Pantry Located at 722 E. Bancroft St., Toledo, OH 43608. Available Tues. 9-2 and Sat 11-3 every week. Free

#### **Senior Centers Still Closed**

At the advice of the local health commissioners, the following 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

#### Every Tuesday Monroe Street Neighborhood Center's Free Food Pantry

Open from 11:00am-1:00pm. Everyone is eligible to benefit from this service regardless of income or circumstance. No identification required, no appointments necessary. Protein, canned goods, fresh produce and baked goods are available. Items

- Navarre Park: July 15, and 22 11:15-12:15 p.m. 1001 White St., Toledo, OH
- Savage Park: July 31, Aug.7 and 14, 12:30-1:30 p.m. 650 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH

Practical self-defense combines MMA Bootcamp fitness, mental, physical stamina drawn from Boxing, Muay Thai, Grappling, BJJ, and Judo training for world-class mixed martial arts instruction. Free Registration Required: toledo.oh.gov/self-defense

- Wilson Park: July 21, 10-11 a.m. 600 E. Oakland St., Toledo, Ohio 43608
- Navarre Park: July 30, Aug. 6 and 13, 11:15-12:15 p.m. - 1001 White St., Toledo, Ohio 43605
- Ottawa Park: July 15, and 22, 11:15-12:15 p.m. -2200 Kenwood Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43606 Fun fitness focuses on overall health and activity, teaching kids to develop self confidence, learn body awareness and develop a life-long love of being active. Ages 8-13. Free Registration Required:

#### Engage Toledo Drop Off Refuse and Recycling

Acceptable items include electronic waste, but no televisions, CRT monitors, or appliances; 10 tires, on or off the rim, but no commercial tires; documents; houseware goods; clothing; toys; bulky items, and refuse. Latex paint will be accepted for \$1 per gallon. Representatives from the U.S. Census Bureau will also be present to inform residents about the importance of completing the census. Future Engage Toledo Drop Off Refuse and Recycling Events are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following dates:

- July 25 at Manhattan Plaza, 525-701 East Manhattan Blvd.
- Aug. 8 at Deveaux School, 2620 West Sylvania Ave.

For more information please call Engage Toledo at 419-936-2020 or visit www.toledo.oh.gov. Toledo at 419-936-2020 or visit www.toledo.oh.gov.

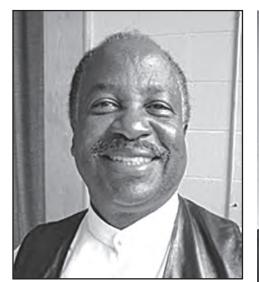
#### Now Thru Aug. 14th

**Free Summer Children Lunch Program** Food will be provided free to children Monday

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## **Editorial/News**

## The Political Nightmare In Toledo...



#### By Lafe Tolliver Attorney

It landed with a loud ringing and then an abrasive, "KA-THUMP!" I was told by a person known to me that four Black city council members were arrested via an FBI/informant sting operation.

Tyrone Riley, Gary Johnson, Yvonne Harper and Larry Sykes were arrested by the feds and subsequently bonded out by federal Judge, J. Helmick with a later court date to be disclosed.

As I was still trying to get the, "KA-THUMP" sound out of my head, I heard WTOL news about the incident and saw pictures of Yvonne Harper being arrested at her home on Franklin Ave.

Then, the next, "KA-THUMP" came rolling at me like a rumbling bowling ball and I was the nine pin in its way.

That "KA-THUMP" was the name of Attorney Keith Mitchell who was out of town at the time of the initial arrests but returned when he learned about his fellow council members being arrested and that this was not a cruel prank.

Atty. Mitchell reported to the authorities and was exonerated by Judge Helmick who accepted his rationale for a delay in his returning to Toledo... and no, he was not, as scurrilously reported, "on the lam."

Imagine, a fourth of city council being wiped out by a forty-one-page indictment and all at one time! Yowsa! Yowsa!

So, let go down the list of what this means, or does not mean; and what are some possible outcomes of this political travesty that has sat its large rear end on the City of Toledo like a large rear ended bird settling in on its nest of hatchlings.

ONE: Toss out the miscreants! This is an easy one to put out on blast.

Even though all the accused have the sacred right of being presumed innocent



Toledo City Council Members (L-R) Tyrone Riley, Gary Johnson, Yvonne Harper, and Larry Sykes were arrested on June 30 on counts of bribery and extortion.

Is it a sad day for Toledo? Sure. Such charges are not lightweight and any such proven conduct (again, it has got to be proven!) is a gaping wound for the local political scene and especially for the now greatly embarrassed Democrats.

until found guilty, violated or enraged citizens want immediate action against any public servant who is even remotely accused of such wretched wrongdoing while serving the public trust and feeding at the public trough.

Unless and until these council members voluntarily resign, they, according to the city charter, can remain place in and fulfill their councilmanic duties until otherwise removed by law or decree.

Will they suffer the ire and evil eye of their fellow council members? Sure

Because those who were not accused

are probably wondering: Were there any other past votes that these accused members voted on that were tainted by money improperly changing hands?

TWO: Let them serve until the cases are finalized and a legal judgement rendered. That is good and proper because they are given the benefit of the doubt and who knows, maybe the feds brought a bum case that may have some serious defects which could produce a judgement or result that no one could initially anticipated. The law can be that way: Quirky and nonsensical and full of surprises.

THREE: Scramble to find replacements for each accused council person for their respective districts; and start to both groom and fund that potential council candidate to take over at a moment's notice. Note: if a special election is required upon their removal, I doubt the city will spend the time and funds to do so but rather wait until the Fall elections and have those affected slots placed on the ballot.

FOUR: Do nothing. Simply weep and bemoan this set of presented allegations and let each charged council member wrestle with their own conscience and make their own decision (before the Fall election) as to whether or not and for the good of council, they stay or leave.

If you read the allegations and if you as-

sessed the monies that exchanged hands with the confidential sources, you must ask yourself: To taint and besmirch your name, reputation, standing in the community, your now shamed family members, your law schools, and your goodwill for a "few" dollars...was it worth it? Really? And why?

What is not good and what can be expected based upon prior federal indictments and convictions of similar charges in Toledo (i.e. Bob McCloskey's conviction in which he served 20 months in the slammer for bribe taking as a council member) is that if a plea deal is reached or an adverse jury verdict is reached, each person, so convicted, will be packing a toothbrush and going off to a federal pen.

Is it a sad day for Toledo? Sure. Such charges are not lightweight and any such proven conduct (again, it has got to be proven!) is a gaping wound for the local political scene and especially for the now greatly embarrassed Democrats.

This is the type of case that if the matter proceeds to a trial, you wish the presiding judge will allow TV cameras in the court room since it involves the welfare of the public.

My take on all of this? Simple: "Oh, how the mighty have fallen!"

Atty. Lafe Tolliver

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By Jesse Jackson Wire Writer (TriceEdneyWire.com) - The inspiring rise of a new generation protesting against racial injustice is driving a new era of change in America, like the generation that emerged 60 years ago to build the civil rights movement of that time.

July 16, 1960 is marked in my memory: that is the day I joined seven other friends to walk into the Whites-only Greenville Library, and to be arrested for violating the segregation laws. That was more than five years after the 1954 Brown v. Board Supreme Court decision that declared "separate but equal" — the lie that justified segregation — a violation of the U.S. Constitution.

Yet in Greenville, South Carolina, where I grew up, nothing had changed. We still lived in a segregated bubble. The public library, the buses, the schools, the pool — all were still segregated. There were no Black police officers, or firemen, no Black elected officials. Even the graveyard was segregated. Our options were limited. For example, graduating from high school, I could not even apply to Furman or to Clemson or to the University of South Carolina. I went to the University of Illinois on a football scholarship.

When I returned from Christmas vacation in 1959, I could not use the public library to do my assignments. The Blacks-only library did not have the book I needed; the White library did, but I could not walk in the door. I vowed that I would not accept that when I came home in the summer. Protests were beginning to spread, as a young generation decided to burst the bubble of segregation and claim their rights under the Constitution.

Students in Nashville and Greenscontinued on page 5

## CFPB Gives a Green Light to Predatory Payday Lenders: Ability-to-Repay Stripped from Regulation



By Charlene Crowell Wire Writer

As COVID-19 continues to wreak havoc throughout the country, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) recently took an ill-advised and untimely action. On July 7, the agency gutted its own 2017 payday rule that required lenders to first determine whether a consumer could afford to repay the high-cost loan.

This regulatory reversal represents a financial favor to payday and car-title lenders, and certain harm to consumers who are just a few hundred dollars short for their monthly expenses. In very real and measurable ways, the agency created to protect consumers gave a green light to predatory lenders to continue to prey upon the nation's poorest and most vulnerable consumers.

"There is never a good time to enable predatory loans carrying 400% interest rates," noted Mike Calhoun, President of the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL), "but this is the worst possible time. The pain caused by the CFPB gutting the payday rule will be felt most by those who can least afford it, including communities of color who are disproportionately targeted by payday lenders."

The CÓVID-19 pandemic has jeopardized the ability of people to safely go to work, altered how students try to continue their studies, and imposed grim realities in meeting life's most basic needs like food, shelter, and utilities. Consumers affected by job layoffs should also mark their calendars for July 31. On that day, the additional \$600 in monthly federal unemployment benefits through the CARES Act will expire. Additionally, renters who have managed to preserve their housing even when they could not pay, should also be mindful of whether eviction notices will come their way. Either of these circumstances carry the potential for America's most cash-strapped consumers to seek and become financially trapped in unaffordable predatory loans.

The lure of 'quick and easy' cash entraps an estimated 12 million American consumers each year. Instead of a short-term financial fix, most loans last several months or longer to fully repay. CRL research finds that the typical payday loans are in strings of 10 or more. Further, the amount of interest paid on the loan often exceeds the dollars originally borrowed.

Even with decades of consumer advocacy, triple-digit interest on payday loans remains legal in 34 states. In these locales, the profusion of payday and car-title stores located in Black and other communities of color increases the likelihood of consumers becoming financial prey that ensures lenders of an annual \$8 billion in fees alone. The growth in online lending increases access to these loans.

"By disproportionately locating storefronts in majority Black and Latino neighborhoods," observed Rachel Gittelman, Financial Services Outreach Manager with the Consumer Federation of America, "predatory payday lenders systematically target communities of color, further exacerbating the racial wealth gap."

Historically Blacks have been disproportionately affected by unemployment compared to other racial and ethnic groups. That trend continues to hold in the midst of the pandemic. As of early July, and according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 17.8 million people were unemployed. Black unemployment at 15.4%, was closely followed by that of Latinos at 14.5%. By comparison, only 10% of whites were unemployed. However, multiple news outlets report that the nation's total unemployed since the spring onset



## Cfpb Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

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#### of the pandemic is 30 million.

"The CFPB has no basis for gutting the heart of common-sense protections that merely required payday lenders to do what responsible lenders already do: ensure that the borrower has the ability to repay," noted Lauren Sanders, the National Consumer Law Center's Associate Director. "The evidence to support the debt trap of payday loans is overwhelming and the CFPB's flimsy excuses for repealing protections do not stand up."

Earlier this year, a poll conducted by Morning Consult and commissioned by CRL found strong and bipartisan support for a 36% rate cap on payday and installment loans. With a 70% national majority, voters supported the double-digit rate cap. On a state-by-state basis, voter support for a rate cap had a range of 64-73%. Further 62% of polled voters had an unfavorable view of payday lenders.

With nearly half of American adults living in households that have experienced a loss of income, and more than 40% of adults delaying medical care due to financial concerns, there is no justification for abandoning consumer financial protections.

If a 36% rate cap is good enough for the nation's military be protected from predatory lending – which is the law for service members under the federal Military Lending Act -- it is time to extend that same protection to the civilian population.

## A New Generation of Protest Holds Great Promise for America

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built. African-Americans be-



holds great promise for America. Despite its breadth and depth, it will face great resistance — and not simply from a Donald Trump desperate to discredit it for his political purposes. Entrenched interests will resist change. The movement is focused on reforming areas — criminal injustice, economic inequalities, basic economic and political rights — that threaten the privileged and the powerful. Yet what we learned 60 years ago is that when people move, change is possible. Then the powerful forces of segregation that seemed overwhelming could not withstand the moral force of a generation not willing to put up with glaring injustice silently. Now this generation has an opportunity to make America better, and the lives and options of millions are at stake in their struggle. This is a time for anyone with a conscience and a pulse to join this extraordinary movement.

boro and elsewhere were beginning the sit-ins. The July demonstration at the library was a turning point in my life, as demonstrations were for many across the South. We met with fierce resistance. We were denounced as outside agitators, tarred as socialists or communists, and suffered from violent opposition from private vigilantes and uniformed police officers.

But the movement kept building and would not go back. In 1964, we won the Public Accommodations Act, that declared an end to segregated public facilities. In 1965, we won the Voting Rights Act, propelled in part by the horrible spectacle of the police riot on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama. Personally,

I started working With Dr. King in 1965. The barriers that we struck down opened the way for a new South. Industries and modern companies like CNN would come to the South. As universities desegregated, so did athletic fields. Professional teams like the Atlanta Braves could be gan to win elections at the state, local and national level. We broke the chains of legal apartheid in the United States and transformed the country.

Yet, as we have witnessed time and again, we did not end racism in this country. We did not succeed in breaking the biased institutional structures that still enforce racial injustice — from red-lined neighborhoods to savagely unequal schools to wage and hiring discrimination to a

dangerously discriminatory criminal justice system. Dr. King's drive for economic equality as the next stage of the civil rights movement was cut short by his assassination.

Now a new generation is emerging to challenge these injustices. The demonstrations in the aftermath of George Floyd's murder have been the largest in our history. On opinion surveys, a stunning 15 million to 26 million Americans

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report that they have participated in demonstrations for Black lives in 2,500 places from small towns to big cities. Forty percent of the counties in the country have witnessed protests. White participation has far exceeded that in the first civil rights movement. And already politicians have begun to respond — reforming police practices, banning choke holds.

Mississippi legislators voted to retire the state flag with its Confederate battle emblem. This new generation of protest

## LifeStyles/News

## **Japanese celebrate Black Lives Matter** Look what the murder of George Floyd has manifested.

#### Submitted

(Blackman's Street Today) - Floyd's May 25 murder by a Minneapolis cop, has sparked protests, some- peaceful and others marred by violence-in this country and around the world. The most unlikely places where there have been BLM protests are Tokyo, Osaka, and Kansai, Japan.

Japan Times reported on a march in Tokyo on June 14. Another march was held in Osaka on June 7 and Kansai the same day.

Protestors held up "Black Lives Matter" and "I Can't Breathe" signs. The last sign was an apparent reference to Floyd uttered those words more than 20 times to Officer Derek Michael Chauvin as he pressed his knee into back of Floyd's neck as he lay face down on the ground, eventually killing him.



PHOTO CREDIT / SUBMITTED Ariana Miyamoto, the first Miss Universe of Japan of color.

Floyd called out for his deceased mother and his children. Chauvin told him if you can talk, you can breathe, which turns out not to be true. Chauvin, who has been fired, is charged with second-degree murder.

The murder of George Floyd, a person who was known to very few people a month ago, has led to soul searching in Japan, a homogenous country with an aging culture.

"We're marching to make ourselves known," said Jaime Smith, a representative of the Tokyo's march organizers, to Japan Times.

"We are adding in bits to our march about racism that exists in Japan."

Ariana Miyamoto, the first Miss

Universe of Japan of color.

Black Lives Matter noted the racially charged public criticisms of Ariana Miyamoto, a Black and Japanese woman who was the 2015 Miss Universe beauty pageant from Japan. Miyamoto's father is African American and her mother is Japanese. Like many mixed-race children, other students bullied her in school.

Not everyone wants to hear the Black Lives Matter message. A nationalist group set up a van near Shelby Station in Tokyo. The group chanted, "This is Japan" and "Get out of Japan."

Organizers of Black Lives Matter Tokyo are launching "RealTalk," a webinar focusing on racism and systemic injustice in the United States, Japan and around the world.

## **Outrage After Bill Gates' Wife Says Blacks Should Receive COVID-19 Vaccine First**

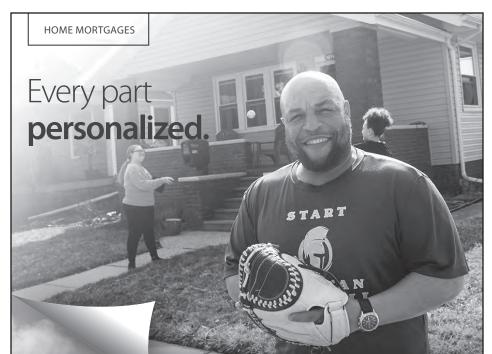
#### Submitted

As vaccine research for the virus becomes more and more progressive, some researchers are already trying to determine to whom the shots should be administered to first. Many have said key national security officials, highrisk individuals, and essential workers

#### should be prioritized.

That conversation, however, became controversial when Melinda Gates and others began suggesting that Black people and other people of color should also get the vaccine first.

"In the U.S., that would be Black people next, quite honestly, and many other people of color. They are





Melinda Gates, the wife of billionaire Bill Gates, has reportedly suggested in a recent interview with Time Magazine that Black and Latino people should be the first to get the COVID-19 vaccine once it becomes available.

having disproportionate effects from have jobs that require them to work COVID-19," Gates told Time. Next, she outside the home. Aside from having a disproportionate amount of COVID-19 said, would be people with underlying conditions, older people, and essential related cases, Black people are also more likely to contract and die from the virus.

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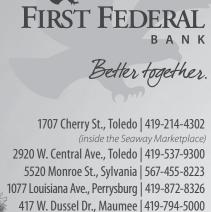
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workers.

It is true that studies show that Black people are more likely to have underlying health conditions and

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However, many African Americans, in particular, are very skeptical about

> vaccines since they have been used by the U.S. government in the past to knowingly inject them with diseases. One famous example in history is the Tuskegee Experiment, a clinical study carried out between 1932 and 1972, where thousands of African American men in Alabama with syphilis were experimented on. Years later, a settlement of \$10 million was awarded to the surviving participants.

## Back 2 Life Deliverance Center hosts regular give-a-away



Pastor Cranford helps Lynn Tribue sort through some of the clothes. She said, "I think it's beautiful the way they're helping people."



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Pastor Cranford said they had over 200 pairs of shoes.



PHOTO CREDIT / SUBMITTED Although still in the summer months, Pastor Cranford said this is the good time to start getting winter apparel.



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Pastor Andre Cranford, left, preaching the Word, followed by his wife, First Lady Stacey Cranford, and some of the members of Back 2 Life Deliverance Church.

#### By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN Journal Staff Writer

Televisions, dining room tables, and

various other items were a part of Back 2 Life Deliverance Center's giveaway. Held on July 18 & 19, on the corner of Detroit Ave. and Indiana, the event has been going on for 12 years throughout the city.

In addition, they gave away over 200 pairs of shoes, clothing, and other household and personal items. By the time the event started at 10 a.m., items such as televisions, and dining room tables were the first to go.

Stacey Cranford, First Lady, told The Toledo Journal that the hardships she, and her husband, Pastor Andre Cranford, experienced as children were motivating factors to creating the event.

While growing up, she said both experienced similar hardships. From living in numerous homes, to being homeless, and abused; all of which helped motivate them to want to help others, she said.

"People like to give their items to us, because they know we don't sell them," First Lady Cranford said. "In fact, we fill up U-Haul trucks, and still can't get everything from people wanting to give their items away."

"It's truly an amazing feeling," she said.

"Jesus gave us the opportunity to give to others, and that's what we're doing; giving to others."

First Lady Cranford added that so many churches always have their hands extended to the people for support. But the members of Back 2 Life Deliverance Center, prefers to extend their hands to help to others, she said.

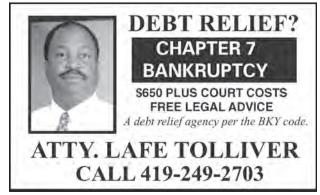
She added that during the winter months, they host the giveaway at the church, 1202 Waverly.

Pastor Cranford said, "The quarantine, during this pandemic, was a time people really needed help. That was a time to be busy doing God's work, spreading the Gospel, and helping others; that's what we did."

Besides holding giveaways throughout Toledo, they also host them in Detroit, Michigan.

First Lady Cranford said the next giveaway in Toledo will be the weekend of August 1-2, at the corner of Dorr and Smead.

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## Education/A'parently Noted Writer Confronts UK for Its Failure to Address Reparations

#### Submitted

Noted writer Afua Hirsch doesn't shy away from difficult questions and she recently posed one to a British cabinet minister.

"Why," she asked the minister, "has England never apologized for the transatlantic slave trade?" Britain, she reminded him, had trafficked more enslaved Africans than almost any other - at least 3 million on British ships. Yet the most the European country had to offer was "regret."

"It's a strange choice of words for playing a leading role in the greatest atrocity in human history," she said to herself.

He explained: The UK cannot apologize because it might make England

liable morally, ethically and legally. "In other words," she concluded, "Britain won't use the language of apology out of fear this might pave the way for reparations."

And so the debate about reparations has, conveniently, been branded extreme and unrealistic by those who don't want to pay them, Hirsch says pointedly. And when Prince Charles, heir to the throne, recently thanked members of the Caribbean community in Britain for their contributions to society, Hirsch rebuffed the thanks, saying what Britain owes is, in fact, a straight-up financial debt.

As the U.S. debate over reparations gathers steam, similar debates have been taking place on the European to challenge the shiftless

continent since the 18th century, she points out. Black people have stated the case in petitions, correspondences, pamphlets, public speeches, slave narratives and judicial claims - advocating in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

"As the French colonial writer Prince Marc Kojo Tovalou Houénou wrote of Benin, Black people 'cry 'Reparations!' without ceasing'. That this cry was deliberately ignored for so long in the past cannot logically form the basis of a denial in the present."

The Guardian article sparked over 1,000 letters starting with Mary Ruck of Manchester, who wrote:

"Afua Hirsch is right



#### A. Hirsch (left) at book event

response to the case for reparations. Her argument is fortified by the fact that within living memory Britain, as a colonial power, exploited the forced labor of those in captivity to gain economic advantage." Ruck was counsel

for Kenyans detained during the "Emergency" (also known as the Mau Mau Uprising) from 1952-1962. (Reparations in 2018 were denied because of the length of time elapsed and a three year time limit on such claims)



By Julianne Malveaux Wire Writer

## The Enemy Within

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - At least six Black children were killed during the Fourth of You Lie weekend. They weren't doing anything wrong, just attending a community picnic, or going to visit a grandmother, or riding in a car with her mom. One of the children, Secoriea Turner, 8, was an Atlantan, and the day after the killing, Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, emotionally addressed the killers, "You shot and killed a baby," she said.

"This random wild, wild West, shoot 'em up because you can, it has got to stop. It has to stop." She went on to say, "Enough is enough. You can't blame this on a police officer. You can't say this is about criminal justice reform. This is about some people carrying weapons who shot up a car with an 8-year-old baby in the car. For what?"

In Washington, D.C., 11-year-old Devon McNeal, ironically attending an antiviolence cookout organized by his mother, was shot in the head by a bullet. An 18-year old has been arrested, and there are to other suspects. In Atlanta, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco and New York, our children are being murdered. We can get thousands to the streets for a Black Lives Matter protest. How many can we get out for Natalia, 7, killed in Chicago, or Jace Young, 6, the San Franciscan who was killed attending a birthday party?

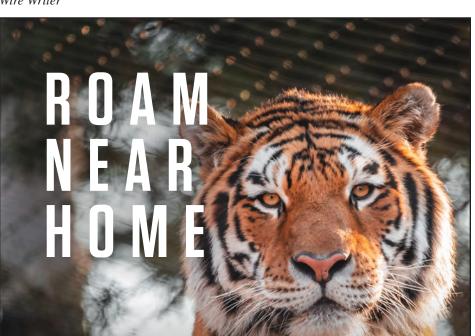
In 2019, 692 children (0-11) were killed or injured, up from 2014, when 603 were killed or wounded. The Gus Violence Archive, (gunviolencearchive. org), has been counting gun deaths since 2013, says there were 733 child deaths or injuries in 2017, the peak year since they began collecting the data. The murdered children are never the intended victims. Instead, somebody with more firepower than

Bottoms said, this is not about the police.

Conservatives are right to say we may lose fewer Black lives to police violence to street gun violence. It doesn't matter, because of every George Floyd, Tamir Rice, and Briana Taylor matters. To lose lives because of police indifference, racism, and evil must be resisted, and the Black Lives Matter Movement does that effectively. Black Lives Matter street signs in Washington, D.C., and New York speak to that.

Even as we resist police brutality, structural racism, and other inequities, we must fight the enemy within, the callous young men who engage in gunplay on public streets when anybody could be walking by. How to get through to them?

Cornel West once described these young men as nihilistic, believing that life has no intrinsic value, simply not caring about social norms and moral values. Anyone who would shoot a deadly weapon into a crowd has no regard for human life. And perhaps one could argue that these young men do not value human life because human life has not valued them. But I'm sick of making excuses for sociopaths, even as I understand the forces that created them. These shootings have to stop! I love looking at Black children, looking at their small, partly unformed faces, and wonder what kind of adult they will evolve into. Too many guntoting criminals ensure that some of our children won't have the opportunity to grow up. Class differences among African Americans mean that some fall asleep to the sounds of gunfire, while others know shooting from television. When we say t takes a village to raise a child, what happens to the villagers that would rob a child of life? We need to call these villains out. We need to ask their associates to call them out. Enough is enough. When you say Black Lives Matter, when you march and chant, think of 11-year Devon McNeil, 6-year Jace Young, eight-year Old Secoriea Turner, or seven-year-old Natalia Wallace. Their Black lives matter, too. What must we do to protect our children?



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sense, shoots into a crowd gathering, not caring who they hit. And they've been killing our children.

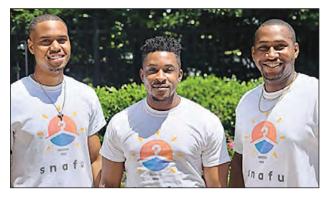
I could write dissertations about why angry and unemployed young men are running around with guns, settling scores, and securing reputations with no regard for others. But I'm sick of the sociological explanations and the excuses. I'm with Mayor Bottoms. Enough is enough.

How do we stop it, though? Devon McNeal's mother, Crystal, is an antiviolence activist. She organized her gathering to promote the end of violence. But she could not protect her baby boy since all the antiviolence talk in the world can't protect a child from a fool who is determined to use their weapon to rob, kill, or intimidate.

How do we dismantle the gun culture that dominates so many of our inner cities? Will it take new laws? Harsher penalties for illegal gun use? As Mayor

## **Education/Aparently**

3 Black Founders Launch Weather Wardrobe App to Help You Find the Perfect Outfit For Any Weather Condition



Nationwide — Unveiling Snafu, a hybrid weather app developed by three African American founders - Warren Connley, Schapiro, and Michael Kalu — that combines basic features of an ordinary weather app with a detailed report on what to wear for the day and the rest of the week. The app recommends beautiful design fashion outfits for any weather condition, relaunched to its already sizable growing audience. he first thing 80% of smartphone users do when they wake in the morning is check their mobile phones. Nearly every consumer has a morning ritual; some check the news, email, or social media. And, of course, we all check the weather.

The weather affects all of us. It's a conversation starter and it establishes a common ground between people. When the weather is beautiful, notifications from weather apps can help to plan out our day. When the weather turns nasty, severe weather alerts are a matter of safety needed to trust. In order to stand out in tries worldwide. We converted raw weather data into beautifully designed visuals coupled with designer and fashionable clothing brands that align outfits for any weather forecast. From casual to formal, this app displays wardrobe suggestions to our users looking for that perfect outfit," says the founders.

"This is an amazing app! I recommend it. It tells you the accurate weather and the perfect outfits for it, even the graphics are cute," says Bhawna Rohilla

In today's world, we've gotten used to seeing the weather change with little notice and sometimes no notice at all. From flash floods and hurricanes to knowing precisely how hot it is outside, having a good weather app on your side can make all the difference. A quick trip through the iOS App Store or Google Play will turn up several weather apps that offer everything from up-tothe-minute forecasts, radar-aided overviews, and extended looks at coming weather patterns but none compare

## 6-Year Old Girl Donates 5,000+ Books to Kids During Pandemic



Black News - New York, NY — Six-year-old Kelly Boston-Hill wanted to help other kids and do something a little different for her birthday. So, she hosted a "Contactless – Social Distancing" Book Drive to benefit a non-profit organization called The Book Fairies. Her efforts have been so successful that she has been able to collect and donate more than 5,000 books.

The organization has named her a Book Fairy Jr. and she has been named one of the Long Island Nets "Heroes of Long Island" for being so kind. Kelly launched Kelly's Doll House during the height of the Coronavirus pandemic to read to children that may not have access to books but may have access to video. Kelly has a passion for reading and releases book reviews and read-alongs on YouTube, Facebook and Instagram TV. During the New York COVID-19 shelter-in-place mandate by Governor Cuomo, Kelly watched The Book Fairies read along and with one shout out from the host, she instantly fell in love. Kelly expressed, "Coronavirus caravans are cool but I want kids to read and books are amazing." The Book Fairies launched Contactless Book Drives and Kelly knew The Book Fairies would be a perfect fit to celebrate her birthday with a purpose.

Eileen Minogue, Executive Director for The Book Fairies, had

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this to say about Kelly's drive: "On a yearly basis, The Book Fairies works so hard to open up access to books for kids and adults in need, distributing 2.3 million books since 2012. However, since COVID-19 has hit, the requests for books have increased as so many of the most vulnerable have been left in the dark without access to books. It is absolutely amazing and inspiring, how six-year-old Kelly has selflessly and generously given up her birthday gifts for children who are less fortunate. She is leading by example and we are so grateful to her and her family for their support in helping us to continue giving the gift of reading. Because it starts with a book!"

Kelly's Doll House collected over 3,000+ books within four hours that will be donated to local schools and community-based organizations in New York City and Long Island. The 3,000+ books were delivered via a drop off social distancing event on Saturday, June 27th and is the biggest collected drive during COVID-19 that The Book Fairies experienced, all coordinated by a five-year old, now six-year old girl. Special guest appearances were seen by Todd Jones "The Donutologist" - Cuzin's Duzin; Collette V. Smith, the NFL's 1st African American Female Football Coach and the New York Jets 1st Female Football

Coach in franchise history; New York State Assemblywoman Taylor Darling (18th District); Dr. Michele C. Reed – "The Fit Doc"; and Celebrity DJ Ms. Chu.

Family, friends, and neighbors from New York City (Queens/ Brooklyn), Long Island, and across the nation answered the call to gather old/used or new books for children and adults to help Kelly's Doll House increase literacy. Additional contributors to Kelly's Doll House Book Drive include Queens Courier. Tenenbaum Law P.C., Walter The Vault, The Fit Doc Wellness Group, and Vera Moore Cosmetics. Kelly's Doll House also received support from members of several organizations including ESOTA Dance School, Epsilon Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., The Greater Queens and Eastern Shore Chapters of The Links, Inc., Jack and Jill of America Nassau County Chapter, Girl Scouts of America, Inc. Daisy Troop #1277, Brooklyn-Long Island Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Diner en Blanc Long Island, and The Fit Doc Wellness Group.

For more information about Kelly's Doll House, visit KellysDoll-House.com

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## **Healthy Awareness**

## Get Ready: 10 Tips To Help Home And Business Owners Prepare Ahead Of Storms, Hurricanes And Floods

Get your outdoor equipment ready now to be safe and prepared when bad weather hits.

(NAPSI)-The preparations you make now, ahead of storms, floods or hurricanes, can help you recover faster and stay safe during cleanup. The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), an international trade association representing manufacturers and suppliers of power equipment, small engines and battery power, utility and personal transport vehicles, and golf cars, reminds home and business owners to get ready before a storm strikes and make preparations now.

"Weather can be unpredictable, so it's important to always keep your equipment in working order, to have the right fuel on hand and to know where your safety gear is. This is doubly true during storm season, as the weather can change quickly," said Kris Kiser, president and CEO of OPEI. "You also want to know how to use your equipment safely and use caution when cleaning up."

These tips can help homeowners and businesses plan ahead for storm cleanup:

•Take stock of your outdoor power equipment. Make sure it's in good working order. If needed, take the equipment to an authorized service center for maintenance or repair. If you need to buy a new piece of equipment, get it before the storm and learn how to use it.

•Find your safety gear. Avoid the scramble for sturdy shoes, safety goggles, hard hats, reflective clothing and work gloves, which should be stored in an accessible area with your equipment.

•Review the owner's manuals. Read product manuals to ensure you know how to operate your equipment safely.

•Have the right fuel on hand. Fuel stations may be closed after a storm. Store your fuel in an approved container. Use the type of fuel recommended by the equipment manufacturer. It's illegal to use any fuel with more than 10% ethanol in outdoor power equipment (for more information on proper fueling visit www. LookBeforeYouPump.com).

•Charge batteries. Collect the batteries for your outdoor power equipment and fully charge them ahead of the storm.

•Use safety precautions. Be aware of fundamental dangers that can occur. For instance, chainsaw kickback may happen when the moving chain at the tip of the guide bar touches an object or when the wood closes in and pinches the saw chain in the cut. Always stand with your weight on both feet, and adjust your stance so

you're angled away from the blade. Hold the chainsaw with both hands. Never over-reach or cut anything above your shoulder height. Have a planned retreat path if something falls.

•Ensure portable generators have plenty of ventilation. Generators should never be used in an enclosed area or inside a home or garage, even if the windows or doors are open. Place the generator outside and away from windows, doors and vents that could allow carbon monoxide inside. Keep the generator dry. Do not use it in rainy or wet conditions. Before refueling, turn the generator off and let it cool down.

•Drive Utility Type Vehicles (UTVs) with caution. Keep the vehicle stable and drive slowly. Do not turn the vehicle mid-slope or while on a hill.

•Be aware of others. Keep bystanders, children and animals out of your work area. Don't let other people near outdoor power equipment when starting or using it.

•Pay attention to your health. Storm cleanup can be taxing on the body and the spirit. Don't operate power equipment when you're fatigued. Drink plenty of water and take regular breaks.

Keep this advice in mind and you may be better prepared to weather any storm.





Submitted: Ellis brings "a unique skill set to interact in the public sector," says Dr. Rueben C. Warren, the Director of the National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care. "He has a voice in the public domain that few have. His experience, voice, and expertise are tremendously needed, and we are just honored to have him join us."

In this role, Ellis will be tasked with conducting research, community engagement, co-authoring peer-reviewed publications, assisting in the design of bioethics projects, and representing the National Bioethics Center on regional, national and global platforms.

The Bioethics Visiting Scholars program was created Warren, the Director of the National Bioethics Center since 2009. "I established a special group of scholars from around the world to address fundamental bioethics and public health ethics issues that impact on the people we serve," says Warren.

Éllis is a medical ethicist, researcher, author, lecturer and President of Strategies for Well-Being, LLC., a global consultancy that specializes in health education, equity, disparities, advocacy, policy and communication. His life's work centers on the ethical protection of rights for patients in health care and participants in clinical research -- especially African Americans and other historically underserved populations.

This is an incredible honor," says Ellis. "There couldn't be a better time or a better place for me to continue to do the work to which I have committed my life. Much of the study of bioethics is an outgrowth of the atrocities that were committed by the U.S. Public Health Service Syphilis Study, many years ago. And many of the national conversations that we are having right now -- such as the racial disparities in the COVID-19 pandemic, mass incarceration, and, the use of violence and force by police officers -- all share the same central themes of eradicating racial inequities and establishing so-

cial justice for African Americans, that have echoed for over 400 years."

The Philadelphia-based Ellis is a native of Birmingham, Alabama and did his pre-med undergraduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania. His post-undergraduate education continued with at St. Joseph's University, becoming a Certified Health Care Ethicist (CHCE). Ellis completed his Master of Public Health studies at the University of Liverpool and specialized in bioethics, and recently, a Fellow in Research Bioethics at the Harvard Medical School Center for Bioethics 2018-2019.

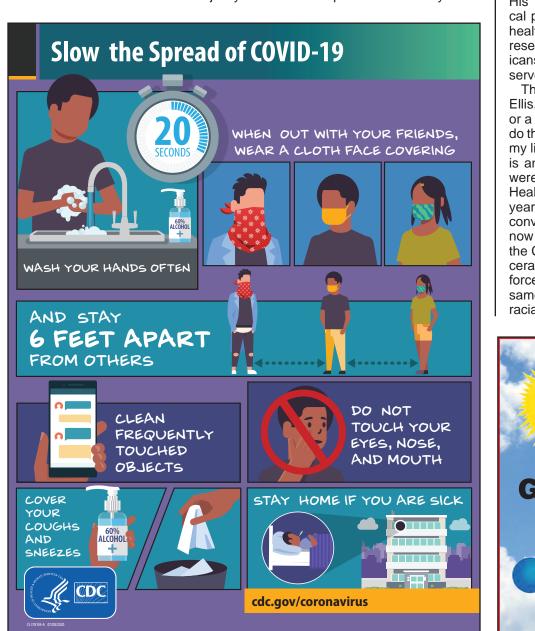
Along with being the author of Which Doctor? (2006) and Information in the Best Medicine (2012), Ellis has authored or co-authored papers in the American Journal of Public Health, American Journal of Academic Medicine, the Journal of Philosophy and Ethics and the Journal of Healthcare, Science and the Humanities. He contributed textbook chapters in The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Family Studies and The Healthcare Nonprofit: Keys to Effective Management.

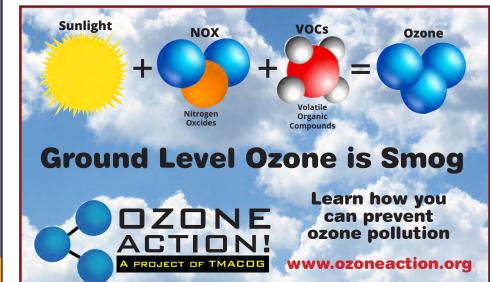
In addition to a weekly, nationally syndicated health column through Trice Edney News Wire, he hosts health and medical radio programs in Philadelphia, and, contributes to news and medical segments on radio and television, in Philadelphia; Washington, DC; Los Angeles; Boston; New York; Chicago; and Birmingham.

Ellis has presented at scientific, academic and health conferences across the United States, as well as Belgium, Canada, Cuba, Germany, Italy, Kenya, the Netherlands, South Africa and Ukraine. Ellis has lectured or presented on bioethics dozens of times in Cuba since 2005. He has also served on the institutional review boards and hospital ethic committees in Philadelphia-area hospitals and health systems over a 15-year period.

Among Ellis' public recognitions for his work are, Paul Robeson Health and Wellness Award; Auburn University Distinction Award in Mass Media; Philadelphia Association of Black Journalist Community Impact Award; and Pennsylvania NAACP Award for Health and Medicine.

"Accepting this appointment is the culmination of a path that was set for me by my ancestors to do this work," Ellis says. "Through this appointment, and with the support of Dr. Warren and the National Bioethics Center, I feel confident in my ability to advance the advocacy for the issues affecting Black people through my work. I'm grateful to be able to have the training, the education and the experience to make a difference."





## **IN MEMORIAM: Legendary Civil Rights Icon C.T. Vivian Dies at 95**

By Stacy M. Brown NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent

The Rev. C.T. Vivian, the legendary civil rights activist who marched alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has died. Rev. Vivian was 95.

Vivian's daughter, Denise Morse, confirmed her father's death and Atlanta's NBC told affiliate WXIA that he was "one of the most wonderful men who ever walked the earth."

Vivian reportedly suffered a stroke earlier this year, but his family said he died of natural causes.

"He has always been one of the people who had the most insight, wisdom, integrity, and dedication," said former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, a contemporary of Vivian who also worked alongside King.

"The Reverend Dr. C.T.



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C.T. Vivian addressing the annual convention of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History in Atlanta, September 27, 2015.

Vivian was one of my strongest mentors in the Civil Rights Movement," National Newspaper Publishers Association President Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., stated.

"Rev. Vivian, like Martin Luther King, Jr, and Joseph Lowery was a visionary theologian, genius, and a leading force in the tactical and strategic planning of effective nonviolent civil disobedience demonstrations, C.T. has

passed the eternal baton to a new generation of civil rights agitators and organizers. "

In a statement emailed to BlackPressUSA, the NBA's Atlanta Hawks expressed their condolences.

"The Atlanta Hawks organization is deeply saddened by the passing of Civil Rights Movement leader, minister, and author, Dr. Cordy Tindell "C.T." Vivian. The City of Atlanta and the

entire world has lost a distinguished icon whose leadership pushed the United States to greater justice and racial equality for African Americans," team officials wrote in the email.

"To inspire the next generation, Vivian founded the C.T. Vivian Leadership Institute in Atlanta, with the intent to create a model of leadership culture in the city that would be dedicated to the development and sustainability of our communities."

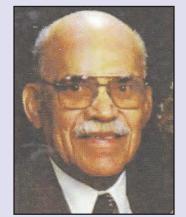
They continued:

"Vivian also started Basic Diversity, one of the nation's first diversity consulting firms, now led by his son, Al, who has been a great partner to our organization. We are grateful for Dr. Vivian's many years of devotion to Atlanta and thankful

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## **In Memory Of** William Orville Ross Jr.

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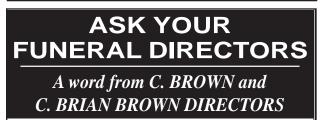


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There's no problem too big And no question too small, Just ask God in faith And He'll answer them all Not always at once, So be patient and wait, For "God never comes Too soon or too late" So trust in His wisdom And believe in His word, For no prayer's unanswered And no prayer unheard.

William Orville Ross Jr., age 96 passed away peacefully at his home July 4, 2020. He was born on September 22, 1923 in Richmond, Indiana. William served honorably in the United States Army in Europe during World War II. He retired from Wright Patterson Air Force base as a locksmith, but continued his own locksmith business for a few more years. William also enjoyed golfing with his friends and was a trustee at his church, First Baptist Church in Yellow Springs. William is survived by his wife of 74+ years, Thelma; daughter, Marsha (Cornelius); brother, Federico (Miriam); 3 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his son, William O. Ross III. Services were held at First Baptist Church in Yellow Springs and burial at Glen Forest Cemetery with military honors. Memorial contributions may be made to Crossroads Hospice in William's honor. Condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting www.jacksonlytle.com



Dear Mr. Brown: My mother, who's a widow, has been admitted to a care facility. She is also receiving a certain federal medical assistance. My family is being told we have to reduce mother's assets down to no more than \$1500.00 and her insurance policies will have to be cashed in and the money turned over for her medical care. Thus does not sit well with my family due to the sweat and labor her and dad went through to gain their home and raise money for their family. Is it true she has to give away everything they earned over the years? Emma

## **IN MEMORIAM: John** Lewis, an American **Hero and Moral** Leader Dies at 80



PHOTO CREDIT / SUBMITTED Lewis was an American Hero and Moral Leader Alongside Martin Luther King, Jr.

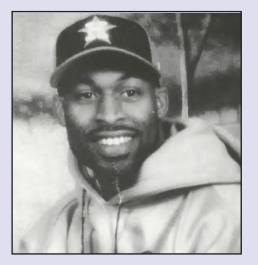
#### By Lauren Victoria Burke NNPA Newswire Correspondent

Born in 1940, John Lewis, the son of a sharecropper, helped to turning point in American and social cultural The footage history. from Selma shocked the nation and the world as Blacks in the United States struggles against government authority for basic rights and respect.

violent The confrontation led to the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which was signed by President Lyndon Johnson on August 6, 1965.

1965 Selma The march was led by John Lewis. Lewis was perhaps the last remaining voice of moral autnority from the civil rights era. Voting rights remains a challenge in the U.S. Lewis was on the front lines of that effort which was resisted by white racists in the South attempting to stifle Black voting power for decades. Lewis' efforts and the increase in Black voting registration of African Americans in the South changed U.S. politics forever. The power of Black voters was first seen nationally with the election of President Jimmy Carter in 1976. Lewis was chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

## Forever 44



## Wayne Lee

July 18, 1975 - January 13, 2020

It broke our hearts to lose Wayne, our family chain is broken, nothing seems the same. As God calls us one by one, our chain will link again.

Truly Loved & missed daily by his 7 children

lead America out of an era of racism. Through his activism and bravery, Lewis carried the moral authority that few other leaders in U.S. history could claim.

On July 17th he died in Atlanta on the same day that another civil rights legend, Rev. C.T. Vivian, passed away. Lewis was 80 years old. In December 2019, Lewis announced he had stage four pancreatic cancer.

The famous March 7, 1965 video of Lewis being attacked along with 600 other marchers by Alabama State troopers near the Edmund Pettus Bridge is an often reviewed

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His Mother & Cleo, Phil, Stephanie, Tierra & Mark



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## **Religion/Family**

## Excavation has begun on a possible mass graves of Blacks murdered in the Tulsa Massacre

#### Submitted

(Blackmans Today) The University of Oklahoma-Oklahoma Archaeological Survey on Monday began a test evacuation of a Tulsa cemetery to determine whether large numbers of human remains were dumped in a mass grave by whites following the 1921 massacre in which 300 black men, women and childen were murdered.

The test evacuation is part of a feasibility study to determine the presence or absence of human remains, nature of interments, and to obtain data to help inform future steps, including appropriate recovery efforts. The test evaluation will take three to six days to complete depending on the hot weather.

In March, the City of Tulsa with the Public Oversight Committee agreed to move forward with the excavation of the sexton section of the Oaklawn Cemetery, where the initial geophysical investigation identified an anomaly consistent with a mass grave.

In 1921, whites attacked the Greenwood District of Tulsa, which had been settled by Creek Freedmen, who were former Black slaves of Creek Indians and Blacks. The massacre began May 31 and ended June 1. White mobs murdered more than 300 of the mostly Black residents of the Greenwood District. Police arrested more than 6,000 Black residents but not one white man who participated in the massacre was taken into custody.



The 1921 massacre in Tulsa destroyed Greenwood, thriving black neighborhood.

"As a city, we are committed to exploring what happened in 1921 through collective and transparent process-filling gaps in our city's history and providing healing and justice to our community. In the past 99 years, no other government agency or government entity has moved this far into an investigation that will seek truth in what happened in 1921." said Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum.

A tribal monitor and a Public Oversight Committee will monitor the excavation. Three goals have been set: public oversight, historical context, and physical evidence.

## C.T. Vivian

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that we had the opportunity to honor and share his legacy with our fans. The entire Hawks organization extends its most sincere condolences to the grieving family."

Rev. Vivan was active in sit-in protests in Peoria, Illinois, in the 1940s, and met King during the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott - a demonstration spurred by Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat to a white rider. The 13-month mass protest drew international attention.

Rev. Vivian went on to become an active early member of the group that eventually became the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, according to his biography.

Christian Leadership Conference, an affiliate of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, according to the National Visionary Leadership Project. The group helped organize the city's first sit-ins and civil rights march.

By 1965 Rev. Vivian had become the director of national affiliates for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference when he led a group of people to register to vote in Selma, Alabama.

CNN memorialized Rev. Vivian, noting that, as the county Sheriff Jim Clark blocked the group, Vivian said in a fiery tone, "We will register to vote because as citizens of the United States we have the right to do it."

Clark responded by beating Vivian until blood dripped off his chin in front of rolling cameras. The images helped galvanize more comprehensive support for change.

## **John Lewis**

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(SNCC) in the 1960s. SNCC was one of six groups who organized the 1963 March on Washington and fought to end racial segregation in America. SNCC launched the Mississippi Freedom Summer campaign for voting rights. The effort was met with violence, murder but it resulted in some of the most historic and consequential changes in the law for human rights in America.

John Lewis was the last living speaker at the historic 1963 March on Washington. At 23, Lewis was the youngest speaker to stand behind the same podium Dr. Martin Luther King delivered his historic, "I Have a Dream" speech.

Lewis' speech was altered by Bayard Rustin, A. Philip Randolph and James Foreman because Lewis' original draft was critical of President Kennedy. Lewis was viewed as too radical by Randolph in particular and Lewis was critical of the civil rights bill he believed did not go far enough to protect African Americans against police brutality.

"It is true that we support the administration's civil rights bill," Lewis said to the crowd of thousands at the March on Washington.

support it with "We great reservations, however. Unless Title III is put in this bill, there is nothing to protect the young children and old women who must face police dogs and fire hoses in the South while they engage in peaceful demonstrations. In its present form, this bill will not protect the citizens of Danville, Virginia, who must live in constant fear of a police state. It will not protect the hundreds and thousands of people that have been arrested on trumped charges. What about the three young men, SNCC field secretaries in Americus, Georgia, who face the death penalty for engaging in peaceful protest?" the young Lewis said. In 1986, Lewis was elected to Congress where he became the conscience of the Congress who regularly delivered emotional speeches and moral authority on the House floor.

champion and challenge to conscience of the nation. Your visit with the newest voices for justice at the Black Lives Matter mural with Muriel Bowser was wonderful and iconic. Thank you for that final public statement in furtherance of a more perfect union."

On June 7, appearing thinner but remaining spirited, Lewis visited the street mural in large yellow letters that reads BLACK LIVES MATTER placed by the Mayor of the District of Columbia. The appearance would be one of his last in public.

After the death of George Floyd, Lewis said, "It was so painful, it made me cry. People now understand what the struggle was all about. It's another step down a very, very long road toward freedom, justice for all humankind."

"John Lewis was a titan of the civil rights movement whose goodness, faith and bravery transformed our nation. Every day of his life was dedicated to bringing freedom and justice to all," Pelosi wrote on social media on July 18.

"This is a horrible loss for the nation. Words do not seem to properly convey the loss. Serving with him in Congress has been an honor, and we will all miss him and his moral leadership at this time," wrote Education and Workforce Chairman Bobby Scott (D-VA) on twitter.

"We are deeply saddened by the passing of John Lewis. His life-long mission for justice, equality and freedom left a permanent impression on our nation and world. The NAACP extends our sincerest condolences to his family, and we send prayers of comfort and strength to all," declared the NAACP on social media. "It has been the honor of my life to serve you Congressman Lewis," wrote Michael Collins on facebook. Collins has served as Lewis' Chief of Staff since 1999. Lewis received every honorary degree and award imaginable from national and international organizations who recognized his moral authority and commitment to peace and nonviolence. In 2011, Lewis received the highest civilian honor in the U.S. from President Obama, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Like King, Vivian was committed to the belief that nonviolent protests could carry the day.

"Some thoughts on the Reverend C.T. Vivian, a pioneer who pulled America closer to our founding ideals and a friend I will miss greatly," Former President Barack Obama wrote in a statement. "We've lost a founder of modern America, a pioneer who shrunk the gap between reality and our constitutional ideals of equality and freedom."

Rev. Vivian was born in Boonville, Missouri, on July 30, 1924. He and his late wife, Octavia Geans Vivian, had six children.

With the help of his church, he enrolled in American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville in 1955.

That same year he and other ministers founded the Nashville

Vivian also created a college readiness program to help "take care of the kids that were kicked out of school simply because they protested racism."

"I admired him from and before I became a senator and got to know him as a source of wisdom, advice, and strength on my first presidential campaign," Obama stated.

"I'm only here to thank C.T. Vivian and all the heroes of the Civil Rights generation. Because of them, the idea of just, fair, inclusive, and generous America came closer into focus. The trails they blazed gave today's generation of activists and marchers a road map to tag in and finish the iourney."

U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), who announced Lewis' death, wrote, "Rep. John Lewis: hero,

Details of how Lewis will be honored will be revealed in the coming weeks.

## Entertainment/Advice

## Sandra J. Evers-Manly Elected to 2020 Class of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences

Submitted - (Los Angeles, CA) The Black Hollywood Education and Resource Center (BHERC) announced the election and invitation extended by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) to Sandra J. Evers-Manly, to join the 2020 class of new members. Ms. Evers-Manly joins the 2020 class that includes 819 new members.

As word of the announcement spread, it generated enormous excitement and a huge outpour of congratulatory sentiments for Ms. Evers-Manly.

"As a filmmaker who benefited from Sandra's support with an Oscar nomination, I'm elated to see she was recognized by the Academy for her contribution to the art of filmmaking through festivals, workshops and support of emerging filmmakers," stated David Massey, member of AMPAS and the chief champion of Ms. Evers-Manly's nomination.

With more than 25 years of experience in the film industry, Evers-Manly has made a lasting imprint on both the filmmaking community and the community at large. Her investment of time, talent, and money by developing and producing film projects, creating audience engagement, youth training in film and assisting both veteran and emerging filmmakers have made her an icon for support and excellence. Some of the accolades include:

"We eagerly welcome Sandra into the Academy. She has been an incredible advocate and voice for inclusion and change in Hollywood. Her imprint is on so many of our careers and we can't wait to feel her impact from the inside." Reggie Rock Bythewood, Director, "Biker Boys" & Gina Prince-Bythewood, Director "Love & Basketball"

"Executive producer Sandra Evers-Manly is a game changer. She has worked tirelessly to help promote diversity and positive images of ethnic minorities and women in film. Her groundbreaking BHERC S.E. Manly Film Festival has spawned a new generation of independent African American filmmakers. Her selection to the Motion Picture Academy is encouraging evidence of the Academy's commitment to create positive change in our industry." - William Allen Young, Actor-Director "Yes! Yes! Yes! I am so excited that this pioneer, this supporter, this producer, this keeper of our stories will be a member of the most prestigious club in the world! Congratulations! Your commitment and passion for filmmaking is second to none. I cannot think of anyone who deserves this privilege more than Sandra." elated Carmen Elly Wilkerson, Director. "The Academy is made better by your membership. I am humbled and honored to know you. Can't forget the support to me and my first film." Kelvin Garvanne, Public Policy Research Board of Commissioners "The Academy could not pick a better member! Congratulations!" Howard Hobson, CEO at Rattle Radio



"You helped me launch my career and have long been supporting Black and Women's voices with heart and passion through BHERC and the First Weekend Club! Thank you for supporting my first short film "Sweet Potato Ride" and a source of light, love, and strength to so many filmmakers! I am blessed to know you and so proud of you and happy for you!" Camille Tucker, Co-Writer The Clark Sisters: First Ladies of Gospel

"What a solid addition to the Academy! They are lucky to have your leadership, vision, creativity, and commitment. Beyond well deserved. Congrats on this new amplified journey of continued impact Sandra!" Melissa Minneci, Senior Manager, Academic Partnerships & Programs

"You have helped the known and unknown in Hollywood reach their goals of becoming writers, directors, producers, actors and executives at the tables so that our voices are heard, and our stories told from our lens. When Hollywood would not come to the aid of Black independent filmmakers, you stepped in and up as Executive Producer." Mary Jo Miller Associate Director, Digital Manufacturing and Distribution

"I was very pleased to see Sandra on the list. She has been running a showcase for Black filmmakers for a long time and I'm so happy she is being recognized." Brandon David Wilson, Genius Bastard

In 1995 Evers-Manly founded

tion which introduces the field of animation to youth.

Evers-Manly has executive produced five short films on the impact of gang violence through an initiative called "Fight Back With Films" to help bring awareness to the impact of Gang Violence. In addition, she was the executive producer of the Academy Award-nominated short film. Last Breeze of Summer. In 1998, she established "The First Weekend Club", a film club formed to support films that feature African Americans both in front of and behind the scenes. This Club attends the first weekend release of a movie, then, encourage other individuals and groups to spread the word and support the movies.

Ms. Evers-Manly served as President of the Beverly Hills/Hollywood NAACP for 12 years including overseeing the NAACP Image Awards, NAACP Theater Awards and reports on diversity in the film and television industry. She has provided testimony on Black images and employment of African Americans in the film and television industry to the US Civil Rights Commission, the Congressional Black Caucus, and the California Assembly.

One of the innovative programs she has created within BHERC is an "invitation only" initiative called "Films With A Purpose" (FWAP) which funds, and executive produces thought-provoking and socially responsible films that bring awareness to current such issues as bullying, aging out of foster care system, homelessness, and key historical events. Through this initiative, she has funded seven short films and eight documentaries as well assisted with partial funding for nine other films. In February 2020, Ever-Manly launched BHERC TV a leading world-wide provider of narrative and documentary short and feature films about the African American experience, as well as content from across the diaspora and diverse populations. Offering an affordable streaming entertainment service with paid memberships in over seven countries. BHERC - TV members enjoy a wide variety of genres and languages and may watch as much as they want, anytime, anywhere, on any internet-connected screen.

## From the Desk of Felicia

## Life After a Bad Breakup



Going through any breakup is not easy to do and sometimes even harder when you're going through a bad break-However, there's up. still life and opportunities for new beginnings after a bad breakup. Your bad breakup does NOT define who you are as a person and neither does it dictates who you will become after the healing process. After the dissolvement of any relationship, take some time and reflect on the lessons that you learned from it. There is a season from everything under the sun, including bad breakups.

As I write this article, my mind wants to think about any bad breakups I've had in the past and the memories are so short lived because I was surrounded by friends and family who helped me crawl through

Join an in person or online support group with people who have gone through what you've gone through. This is very helpful for persons who are not really close with their family or just don't want to discuss their private life with their family. You can read tons of articles written by profession-als and blogs by women who have gone through a bad breakup as well. The overall and consistent messaging for life after a bad breakup is simple, learn whatever lessons from that re-

lationship and move on with your life.

Don't sit mourning the loss of the relationship for too long. There's so much life ahead for you to live in but you can't if you're still sad, mad, angry and wanting to resurrect a dead end relationship. Get



If no one told you today, you are AMAZING! A bad breakup is not the end of your world, there's still life to be lived afterwards.

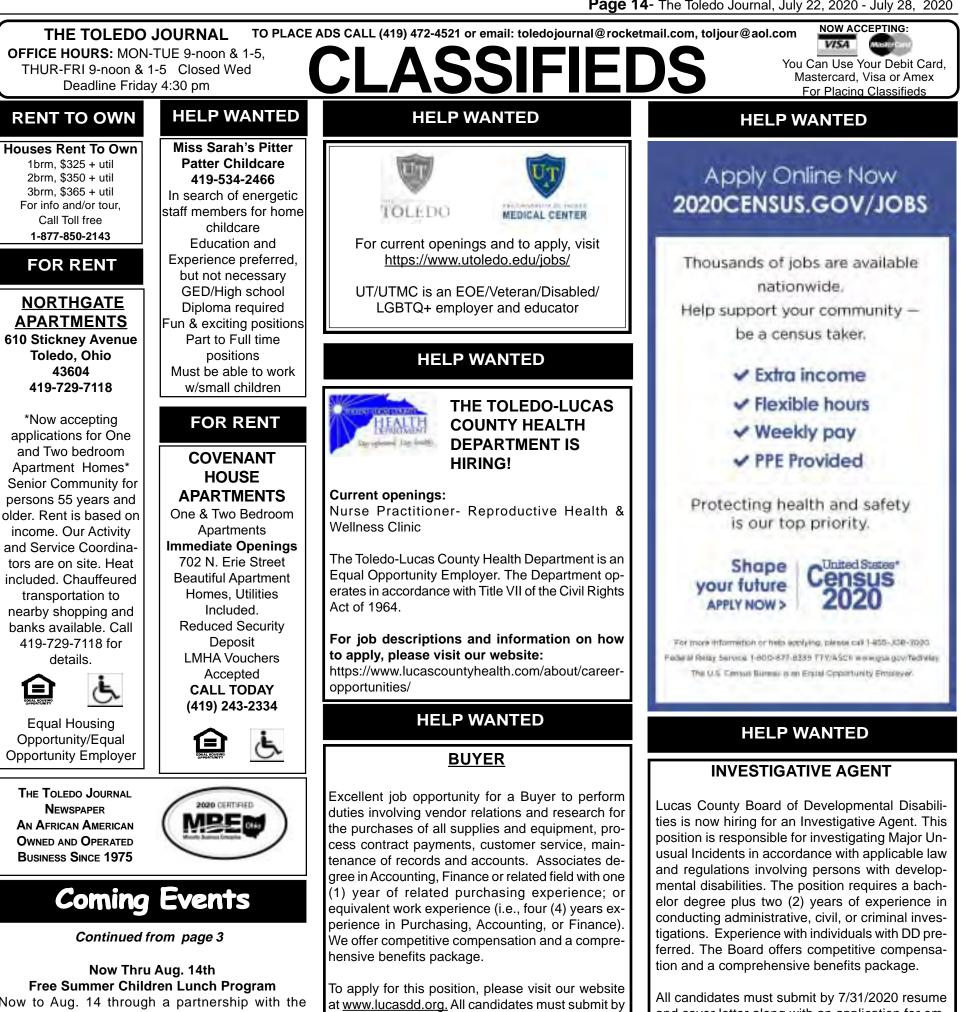
the Black Hollywood Education Resources Center (BHERC) — a nonprofit organization - that provides educational programs that advocate and empower African Americans in front of and behind the scenes. Programs include several film festivals to help promote, develop, and showcase emerging African American filmmakers including: Sistas are Doin' It For Themselves, now its 27th year showcasing Black female directors; the African American Film Marketplace and S.E. Manly Short Film Showcase, now in its 26th year; Reel Black Men, showcasing emerging Black male directors now in its 25th year; Doin It the independent Way, monthly film showcase; The Faith Base and Inspirational Film Festival featuring faith and inspirational films and the Diversity Youth Film Festival, dedicated to showcasing the film works of middle school and high school students along with Artistry in Mo-

For more information email bherc@bherc.org. #BHERC-StrongTogether

every moment. Make sure you have a support system to help you on those tough days or in those tough moments when you need them. Your support systems knows your worth, they typically have encountered some parts of your relationship and know exactly what you need to get back on track again in life. Life after a bad breakup means leaning into your support systems more without feeling any guilt or shame.

You are not the first person this has happened to. Regardless of the cause of the relationship, someone, somewhere has experienced either exactly the same thing or similar. up, get dressed and do the things that used to make you happy or find new things to make you happy. I can almost guarantee you without knowing your ex-partner, that they aren't sitting around feeling sad about the bad breakup, so why should you?

If no one told you today, you are AMAZING! A bad breakup is not the end of your world, there's still life to be lived afterwards. Mr./ Mrs. Right for YOU will now have the opportunity to come into your life but you have to get out there and be open to give and receive love again, at the right time.



Now to Aug. 14 through a partnership with the Children's Hunger Alliance for the City of Toledo's Children Feeding Program. (While supplies last. No need to pre-register.). Children's Hunger Alliance staff will be at the following parks, Monday through Friday:

Wilson Park, 600 East Oakland St., Toledo, Ohio 43608, underneath open air shelter, 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Navarre Park, 1001 White St., Toledo, Ohio 43605, pool house/parking lot, 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. Savage Park, 650 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43604, underneath open air shelter, 1:30p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Walbridge Park, 2761 Broadway, Toledo 43609, underneath open air shelter, 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Ottawa Park, 2200 Kenwood Blvd., Toledo 43606, underneath open air shelter, 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m.

### **BLACK HISTORY**

August 4, 1810: Robert Purvis, Abolitionist, born.

July 22, 1862: President Lincoln submitted draft of Emancipation Proclamation to his cabinet.

July 28, 1868: The 14th Amendment, making Blacks citizens was passed.

July 27, 1880: A.P. Abourne invented the process to refine coconut oil.

July 29, 1885: The First National Convention of Black

August 1, 1895: Renowed educator and former president of Morehouse College, Benjamin E. Mays was born.

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Women held in Boston, MA.

July 24, 1921: Bily Taylor, jazz musician, born

July 26, 1926: Carter G. Woodson awarded Spingarn Medal for "ten years devoted service in collecting and publishing the records of the Negro in America.'

August 30, 1930: Alfred Daniel Williams King, Dr. King's younger brother, born in Atlanta, Ga.

July 25, 1943: First warship named for a Black person, SS Leonard Roy Harmon was launched in Quincy, MA.

July 23, 1962: Jackie Robinson, baseball great was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

July 27, 1962: Dr. King is arrested in Albany, Ga., at a city hall prayer vigil and jailed on charges of failure to obey a police officer, obstructing the sidewalk and disorderly conduct.

July 26, 1967: Black leaders Dr. King, A. Philip Randolph, Roy Wilkins and Whitney young appeal for an end to the riots, "which hav proved ineffective and damaging to the civil rights causes and the entire nation."

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July 21, 1969: Alfred Daniel King, Dr. King's younger brother, is found drowned in his swimming pool in Atlanta, Ga.

July 31, 1969: National Guard mobilized in racial disturbances in Baton Rouge, Louisiana

July 30, 1970: Author, Louis Lomax, dies, the first African-American

August 3, 1970: Two thousnd delegates and observers attended Congress of African Peoples convention in Atlanta.

August 2, 1982: Jackie Robinson is honored by the U.S. Postal Service with a commemorative stamp.

## <u>Auto/Sports</u>

## **History in the Making! First Black Woman Athlete to Own a Sneaker Company**

#### Submitted

(Black News) - Santia Deck, founder of TRONUS, has become the first female athlete to own a sneaker company. She also made history earlier this year when she signed a multi-million dollar deal to play in the forthcoming Women's Football League Association (WFLA).

That first-ever contract of its size for a woman playing American-style football helped solidify her unique personal brand - part athletic powerhouse, part social media stunner, all confidence. Her "Queen of Abs" moniker has become more of a mantra.As an athlete, Santia uses every platform she can to encourage people, especially young women, to aspire to the highest of heights with an almost royal level of confidence. She developed her own tenacity after overcoming challenges like bullying and scoliosis. Now that regal spirit lends itself to TRONUS, which means throne... and the response has been auspicious!

Years of planning behind the scenes have gone into this moment

After representing major shoe



Santia Deck is the owner and founder of TRONUS, the first sneaker company owned by a black female athlete.

brands as an ambassador, Santia had a few design non- the industry standards. Santia decided she wanted her negotiables that kept bringing Wanting to get her first attempt register through July 19th. Preown shoe. At first, the goal was the project back to the drawing exactly right meant that Santia orders for the first shoe released just a signature design under board. For example, she wanted and her team ended up learning by TRONUS will also begin on an existing company. So she the shoe to be unique, fashion- a lot about the process and the that day. Customers can sign and her management brought forward in its design, and have industry. And so, the project up and get more information at on Jamien Sills, an experienced a lightweight feel and athleisure goal evolved from a shoe to a TronusOfficial.com

footwear designer as creative style that customers would want shoe empire! consultant.

and available for anyone to

to show off and collect not unlike The VIP membership is free

By the time the fool has learned the game, the players have dispersed. - African proverb

## **Dr. Carnel Smith Host 18th Annual Football** Camp-with a **MAJOR TWIST!** Free Football Camp For



Boys in 3rd - 8th Grade

By Dr. Carnel Smith Camp Host and Creator

The Dr. Carnel Smith is hosting his 18th annual free football camp for boys in third through eighth grades. However, this time there's a twist, it's virtual!

The camp will on football from offensive, defensive and kicking perspectives. Camp will also focus on social skills. In fact, participants are required complete to daily homework assignments based off the word of the day. "As a former football player and now mentor and high school

administrator, I believe that while athletics are important, the key to being a great athlete must include social skills and academics!"

There will be daily motivational speakers and participation will take place with the use of a tablet, laptop or cell phone in the comfort of the participants' home or the park while utilizing proper social distancing. When: Monday July 27th - Friday July 31st daily at 11:00 AM.

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