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Marching and dancing to music, Royalty Elite Prancing Dolls drew attention from everyone in the neighborhood.

Unity parade, rally encourages people to speak out against crime

By Jurry Taalib-Deen
Journal Staff Writer

A motorcade of mostly mothers, and little girls made their way through one central city neighborhood on Friday, August 28. Armed with signs that read, "Stop the violence," and other phrases that have become familiar due to crime, and police brutality, Mothers Outrage Against Drugs and Violence, and Royalty Elite Prancing Dolls, had a message somewhat different then the norm.

The motorcade started at St. Martin de Porres Church, 1119 Bancroft, and headed east on Horace St., then south on Waite, west on Woodruff, and finally north down Forrest St. returning to the church. The message was to appeal to mothers and grandmothers first, but to the general public, to report crime when witnessed, or to turn in



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Standing with some of the children at the unity rally are, from left Toni Tisdale, Sylvia Raymond, Katie Moline, Toledo City Councilwoman at large, and June Boyd, coordinator of Mothers Outrage Against Drugs and Violence.



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Niyah'Rayne Williams holds a sign that reads, "Please a truce to murder," while Kevon Davis signs read, "Stop the killings."

someone, who's involved in criminal activity, even if it be a family member, June Boyd, coordinator of Mothers Outrage Against Drugs and Violence, told The Toledo Journal.

"Enough is enough. Black lives matter, but we're killing ourselves," she said.

"We're encouraging everyone to speak up, especially mothers, and grandmothers. Even if it's a love one; you can call crime stopper anonymously," she said

Ms. Boyd emphasized that everyone needs to put the safety of the community first, and foremost, and protect the future of the children.

"With the organization, I started with my wife, Jessica Sanchez, we have children ranging from three to 18, and some of them have already had a traumatic experience with crime," Jasmin Mack, co-owner of Royalty elite Prancing Dolls said. "When they

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do experience such a tragedy, I tell them they can talk to me, and that they will heal, and get over it."

Katie Moline, candidate for Toledo City Council at Large, said she was in attendance because she wants to see an end to the killings.

"Crime is preventable, and we need to encourage everyone to take those preventable steps to ending crime, and killings," she said.

Ms. Moline stressed that if elected, she would make sure dollars go back into the neighborhoods that are most affected by

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Suzette R. Cowell appointed to Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority Board



Suzette R. Cowell

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As Founder and CEO/Treasurer of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union (TUFCU), In Toledo, Ohio, Suzette R. Cowell was appointed to the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority Board, effective now. There was a vacancy due to Dr. Sharon Gaber's departure. Ms. Cowell will complete the term which will expire on July 31, 2021.

Ms. Cowell, who has over 44 years of experience in the financial arena, started at First Federal Savings and Loan as a bank teller and to promoted to the position of Bank Manager over an 18-year tenure. Duties included Managing First Federal's Tax Compliance

Department and Customer Service Department. As a manager, was also responsible for processing customer loans. She then went on to work at the Toledo Police Credit Union as a loan officer.

As the CEO/Treasurer of TUFCU, she raised one million dollars to build a new credit union building at Door and Detroit avenues in Toledo, Ohio. Efforts have turned the institution from a deficit producing entity to a profitable institution, and instrumental in TUFCU having the fastest growing membership base in credit union history. She has been a staunch supporter of the 4,484-member community development institution. Ms. Cowell has spent the last 24 years of her career working to grow TUFCU, Toledo's first Community Development Credit Union (CDCU) in Northwest Ohio, into the \$10.1 million institution that it is.

During her tenure, as CEO/Treasurer, she developed and started the Second Chance Counseling program and initiated the first Volunteer Tax Program (VITA) between the IRS and Credit Unions Worldwide.

As a Rogers High School grad, Ms. Cowell's educational background includes the University of Toledo, Owens Community College, Southern New Hampshire University and has earned a Certificate of Community Development.

IN MEMORIAM: In a Shock to Many, Actor Chadwick Boseman Dies at 43



By Lauren Victoria Burke
NNPA Newswire

At only age 43, Chadwick Boseman, appeared to be at start of an acting career that was almost certain to eclipse many others. Boseman played several legendary figures in Black history including Jackie Robinson, James Brown and Thurgood Marshall.

But late on August 28, news that Chadwick Boseman had passed away from colon cancer was a shock to many. Boseman's death is one of a number in 2020 that mark a year overloaded in surprising news and shocking benchmarks.

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So far in 2020, John Lewis, Joseph Lowery, Earl Graves, Bill Withers and C.T. Vivian have passed away. But the death of Boseman

was a particular shock because of his age and the anticipation that he was destined to be one of the greatest actors of his generation.

In what may be his most famous role, Boseman played King T'Challa

in Black Panther. The film shattered box office records in Feb. 2018 and grossed over \$1.3 billion worldwide. Praise for his work has flooded in on social media.

"You never truly know what the people around you might be going through – treat them with kindness and cherish every minute you have together. RIP," wrote actress Halle Berry.

"Chadwick... ...no words to express my devastation of losing you. Your talent, your spirit, your heart, your authenticity... ...It was an honor working beside you, getting to know you... ...Rest well prince...May flights of angels sing thee to thy heavenly rest. I love you!" actress Viola Davis wrote.

"We are devastated by the tragic loss of Chadwick Boseman. His transcendent performance in "42" will stand the test of time and serve as a powerful vehicle to tell Jackie's story to audiences for generations to come," a message read from the twitter account of Major League Baseball.

"Such a brutal loss. RIP, Chadwick," wrote actor Ryan Reynolds on social media.

"The true power of Chadwick Boseman was bigger than anything we saw on screen. From the Black Panther to Jackie Robinson, he inspired generations and showed them they can be anything they want — even superheroes. Jill and I are praying for his loved ones at this difficult time," wrote former Vice President Joe Biden who is the Democratic nominee for President.

Boseman graduated from Howard University in 2000 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in directing.

Bozeman's last two films were 21 Bridges (2019) and Da 5 Bloods (2020). The actor was born in Anderson, South Carolina. Boseman is survived by his wife Taylor Simone Ledward.



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Chadwick Boseman as T'Challa in Marvel Studios' 'Black Panther.'

Census Takers to Start Follow Up With Nonresponding Households in Ohio

By: Carol Hector-Harris
Media Specialist

Census takers in Ohio began to follow up with households

that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census.

The current self-response rate in Ohio is 67.6%, including 52.2% who have responded

via the Internet. The Census Bureau will need to visit the remaining addresses to collect responses in person.

Households can still respond

now by completing and mailing back the paper questionnaire they received, by responding online at 2020census.gov, or by phone at 844-330-2020.

Households can also respond online or by phone in one of 13 languages and find assistance

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We want to know... What's bugging you?



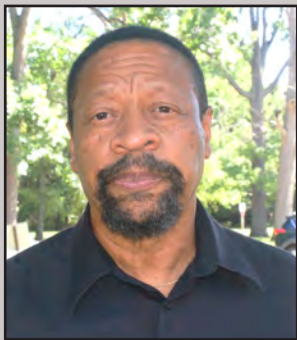
Shownquell Nellums
Janitor

What's bugging me is the lack of activities, or entertainment in Toledo; partly due to the coronavirus. But I've tried to use that as a plus to help motivate me to start my own business; a wellness center. Besides having entertaining events, we'll have discussions to help motivate people to resolve the problems that are plaguing our city, and help bring life back that was taken away by the virus.



Armone Bellmon
Contractor

What's bugging me are all the killings being committed by young people. Toledo never really had it this bad, because there used to be more parent interaction. So since the parents aren't involved, like they used to be, many of these young people are out here running around like a chicken with it's head cut off. So if they happen to get into an altercation, instead of just fighting, and that being the end of it, they have to get guns and kill each other.



Ray Wood
President of NAACP

What's bugging me is the fact that there's world wide support for Black Lives Matter in the fight against police brutality, but yet, the police haven't changed their tactics. It doesn't matter if they're being recorded, the police continue to brutalize and murder Black people. You would think that someone would be telling them that they need to stop because someone is always recording; but obviously, they aren't being told that. I don't believe that voting will make them stop. I believe in my heart of hearts, that they will not change.



Maurice McWilliams
Environmental Cleaner

What's bugging me is all the violence amongst young people. We need to get back to our roots of establishing boundaries that our young people couldn't cross. Now, without those boundaries, they have no forgiveness in their hearts. The young people need to be taught how to forgive.



Jamella Mebane
Student

What's bugging me is children aren't allowed to attend school because of the coronavirus, but when it comes to making sure we pay the government, we have to work and risk our safety. We move around every day in grocery stores, parks, and our jobs, possibly coming in contact with someone who has the virus, which we can give to our children. Yet, we can't send them to school. How everything is being handled doesn't make sense to me.

Ongoing Events

Donation Account Opened At Toledo Urban FCU To Assist The Family Of Justin Hughes

A donation account has been opened at Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union (TUFCU) where donation can be made "In Memory of Justin Hughes". Money collected will be given the family of Justin Hughes to assist with burial expenses.

Justin was just 15 years old when he was shot and killed while walking home from the Collingwood McDonalds on August 16, 2020. He was a sophomore at Jesup Wakeman Scott High School and was a member of the Football program.

Donations can be made through any TUFCU customer server teller at 1441 Door, Toledo Ohio 43607 or by calling the Credit Union at 419.255.8876.

Now Thru October - Every Tuesday "Tasty Tuesdays"

Back By Popular Demand, Grace Community Center Garden Cooperative Is Hosting "Tasty Tuesdays" Free Food Box & Produce, Chef-Prepared Delicious Food Samples. Face Mask/Social Distancing Required. Join us in the Garden 406 West Delaware, 419-248-2467, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Voter Registration, Census, COVIC-19 Testing Information, Free Masks, & Financial Literacy Information Available.. Partnering with Ohio Coalition-Black Empowerment, Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union and Health Partners of Western Ohio.

Every Tuesday and Saturday Toledo Masjid Al-Islam 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 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 may vary weekly.

Connecting Kids To Meals Continues To Feed Kids This Summer

Connecting Kids to Meals has been feeding hungry, at-risk kids for more than 17 years. Some of the truckstop partners where meals are served include schools, libraries, churches, community centers, parks, and other locations where children gather. Last year, about 540,000 nutritious meals were provided to kids during out-of-school time. To learn more, visit ConnectingKidsToMeals.org.

Now Thru Oct. 31st Toledo Black Artist Coalition Art in the Age of Solidarity Exhibition

The Toledo Black Artist Coalition is proud to present their first venture, bringing together working artists of diverse backgrounds to explore the meaning of solidarity. Launch: Art in the Age of Solidarity is asking the question; how can we maintain the building of cultural unity during this time of social turmoil? Today, people from all walks of society are threading together to create real change. This exhibition is a symbolic offering that looks deeper at our current state and attempts to visualize a new society and the existence of an undefended space..We want to thank Owens Community College for providing space and resources to continue this work of bringing new voices into the crucial conversation around race in America.

The Walter E. Turhune Gallery
30335 Oregon Rd, Perrysburg, OH 43551
Gallery hours - Monday-Friday - 10:00 - 4:30
Gallery Director - Shelby K. Stoots
shelby_stoots@owens.edu

Sept. 3rd Kwanzaa Park Neighbors' Hosting a Garden Party

The monthly on Thursday at 6:00 P.M in the Ujima Park and Garden, on the corner of Junction and Nebraska. The event will be outside, masks are required to be worn and social distancing will be maintained. The garden party will feature a time to share about the gardening projects and possible planning for the future. The community is welcome to attend and enjoy conversation and tour the Ujima Park and Garden. Regular meetings are held at the Padua Center at 1416 Nebraska Ave..But, all interested persons are welcome. For more information call the Padua Center at 419-241-6465


Sept. 4th University of Toledo Rocket Innovations Event User Experience For Innovators

Guest Speaker: Keith Instone - Founder of Dexterity User Experience Consulting at 11 am. Join us for this installation of Rocket Innovators as we talk with Keith Instone, founder of Dexterity User Experience Consulting. Keith will explain how you can base your business model on principles of human behavior, get unbiased feedback from potential customers on your idea, test your assumptions, and design interfaces that users love. This talk is focused on software-based startups, but physical product & non-tech entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs will also find this unique approach to problem-solving, helpful.

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;

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Black Babies In Grave Danger!



By Lafe Tolliver
Attorney

Do not believe me. Read it for yourself. Recently, CNN Health had a report dated August 18, 2020 in which it reported a finding from researchers from George Mason University in which it analyzed data of 1.8 million hospital births in Florida between 1992 and 2015.

The findings were breathtaking to say the least and were published in

The journal, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (PNAS) this past Monday.

Get ready to weep and howl: the finding indicated that when cared for by White physicians, Black newborns were about three times more likely to die in the hospital than White newborns.

These findings, the study suggest, appear more strongly in more complicated case and when hospitals deliver more Black newborns.

As a savings grace, the study also found that Black physicians outperform their White colleagues when caring for Black newborns.

Let that sink in for a moment!

A study found that Black newborns have a better chance of living when they are cared for by Black doctors and the White doctors do not do a favorable job in caring for Black newborns.

Imagine the concern and alarm such a finding will generate in hospitals across the nation when black parents go to the maternity ward to have a child delivered by a nigh all white medical team or staff or doctor.

What is it about a Black newborn

baby that, under the medical care of a White doctor, that child stands a lesser chance of survival than if that child was under similar newborn care by a Black doctor?

What is it that a Black newborn baby may trigger in an attending White doctor that can result in lesser professional care and concern than if that same child was under the watchful eye of a Black doctor?

Are we saying that to increase the likelihood of a Black newborn surviving, that greater concern and care should go into choosing a hospital where a Black physician has admitting privileges to so that the Black mother can rest assured that her child will not become a death statistic?

What preconceived notions, racist or otherwise, does a White doctor bring to the delivery room when he or she notices that the delivering Mother is nonwhite?

It is emotional trauma and the infliction of mental and emotional distress upon a Mother, who is non-white, for her to know that such a study exists.

What options does she have to increase the chances of her newborn making it out of the hospital alive?

Understand that the sample pool from which these findings were deduced, were one million eight hundred thousand births! Not a small sample by any means; and understandably, a sufficient sample by which to quiet any naysayers trying to discredit the quality of the data.

Such a block buster finding should put every hospital on speed dial that they have a Herculean job to do in order to allay the fears of Black Mothers that they are in safe hands; and that all measures are being done to insure that the child that they are about to deliver, will live.

Such a study calls into question the institutional racism of the medical profession wherein such a finding could be found to be credible that White doctors could be found to be a cause of Black babies dying at a higher rate than white babies.

And here is the critical touch point: Black babies survive at a higher rate when Black doctors oversee their delivery and care.

It is as if White doctors, at the beginning of life for Black babies are exhibiting those acts and thoughts that calculably lead to the death of Black babies and that Black doctors are



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the saviors of their own race when it comes to new Black bodies coming into the world.

Obviously, the medical profession and the hospitals should be charged with the immediate task of teaching implicit bias as a required classroom subject because it appears that White doctors are bringing into the delivery room, attitudes and perceptions about Black life that is harmful to the health of the Black baby at the time of his or her birth.

It is beyond comprehension that the mere fact that a Black mother goes to a white hospital, should even remotely have to concern herself with this now reported fact that White doctors can be a danger to her newborn, even being born or living out his or her first months of life.

What is it about a Black baby that would trigger negative thoughts in a White doctor that the new born he or she is about to deliver or perform post delivery care, does not deserve the right to live as equally as the White child delivered from a White Mother?

Are the seeds of black hate or disgust so embedded in certain white medical professionals that such a study would make such a finding that a Black doctor is your best bet to improve your odds of your black child being born and being born alive or surviving thereafter?

Such a finding raises the need for more funding for Black Doulas to be intimately engaged in the Black birthing process to ensure that black babies get to see the light of day.

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Get Your Ballot Now

By Julianne Malveaux
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - What would you do if somebody walked by your house and promised to rob it the next day? Most of us would take every precaution, checking the locks, the door, and the windows. Some of us might weapon up, making sure we could defend our homestead. Some might also reach out to law enforcement, sharing the threat

with them. Almost all of us would take the threat seriously and make the appropriate precautions to prevent our violation.

The 45th President of the United States has warned us that he plans to rob us. First, he placed one of his crooked cronies in charge of the postal service. Then he said that he would not fund the postal service to facilitate the timely processing of mail ballots. He has continuously associated mail voting with fraud, although nine states have had universal mail voting for years. And finally, he just put it out there, plain and simple. He thinks mail voting favors Democrats, and he doesn't want to do Democrats any favors. So instead, his postal chief is removing mailboxes and shutting down sorting machines. And now the USPS has warned election officials in most states that ballots mailed before election might not arrive in time to be counted.

The 45th President is setting up a situation where the November elec-

tion can be contested. He's doing it because he has already stacked the Supreme Court in his favor. He has no interest in maximizing the number of people voting but minimizing that number. He's not interested in democracy, but in dictatorship.

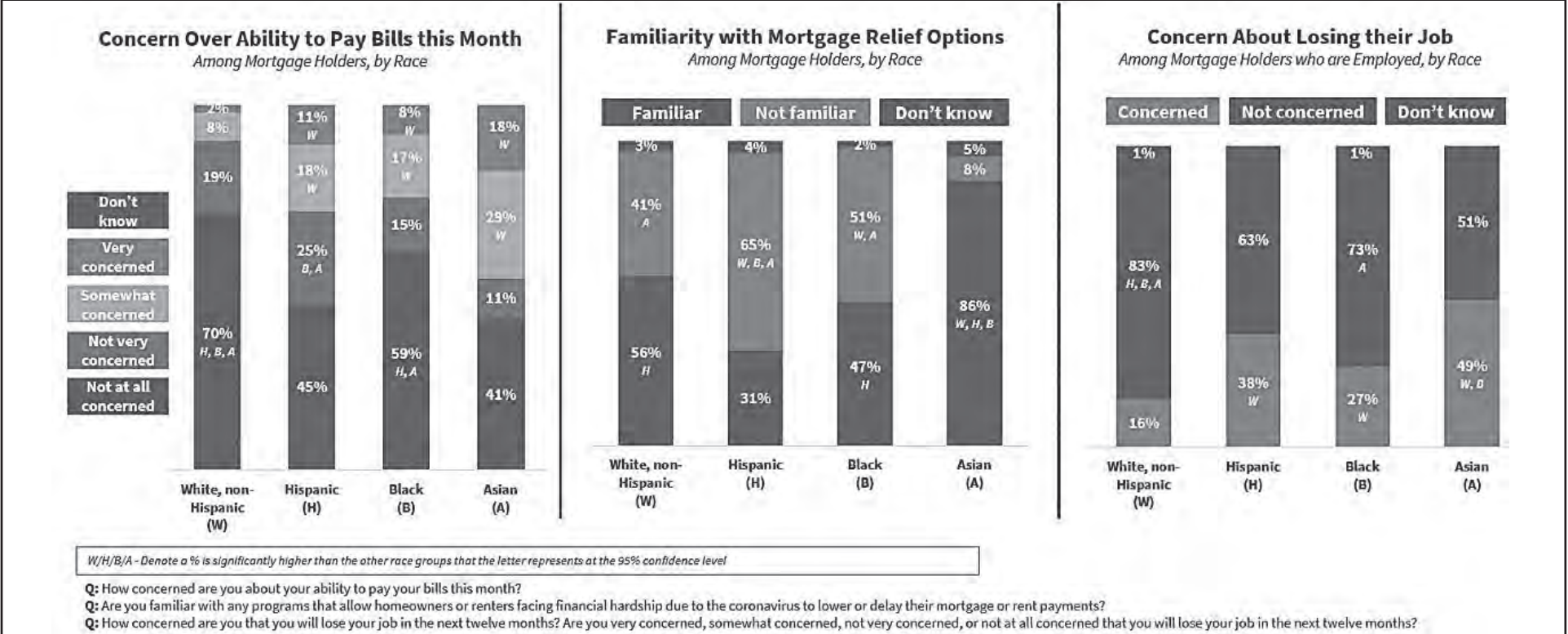
If someone told you they were planning to rob you, you'd take precautions. Trump has declared that he intends to steal this election. We can't let him do it. Not only must the Biden-Harris ticket beat him, but they must beat him like a drum, so decisively that there is no doubt that he has got to go.

Here's what you must do.

1. Voting procedures vary by city and state. Make sure you know the rules. Some places send all registered voters mail-in ballots, while others require you to request an absentee ballot. Find your local Bureau online, or call your favorite local elected to get the information.

2. Return your ballot in the shortly
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Federal Housing Assistance Falls Short of Meeting COVID-19 Needs



In the Days of COVID-19, Black Funerals May Leave More Trauma than Comfort

By: Jason James
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Edited By: Professor E. R. Shipp

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Evelyn Lorraine Miller, the 83-year-old “Madea of the family,” as her daughter calls her, never missed a family event, especially for her grandchildren. She saved the programs of each graduation or play. An entrepreneur who sold ices in her East Brooklyn neighborhood, she instilled in her family the importance of independence and self-reliance. Nicknamed “Ms. E” by her neighbors, Evelyn was as passionate about baking sweet potato pies as she was about her family. And she was as careful in making preparations for her funeral as she was in sewing clothes for herself and her neighbors. Six years ago, Ms. Miller and her daughter Caroline McMillan, a sergeant in the New York City Police Department, made arrangements with the Bell Funeral Home in Brooklyn. She handpicked a casket, the floral arrangement for the ceremony, and even the letters that would notify friends and family. But when the

with handles and a piece of paper on top that nagged at her daughter’s curiosity throughout the improvised service. When she investigated, she discovered that the slip of paper did not say anything like “Evelyn Lorraine Miller, loving mother, grandmother and pillar of her community.” It read: “Toxic: Biohazard.” The McMillans’ experience has become familiar to hundreds of thousands of families in the U.S. in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has killed more than 170,000 people nationally and more than 700,000 worldwide. As of Aug. 10, more than 5 million cases had been diagnosed in the United States. This has been particularly impactful on Black families for whom homegoing rituals are a prominent cultural and spiritual event. At the funeral for Rep. John Lewis



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Evelyn Lorraine Miller(Center), her Daughter, Caroline McMillan(Right), and grandchildren, including Brijhai McMillan (sitting in Evelyn’s lap in red).



PHOTO CREDIT / BRIJHAI MCMILLAN
Evelyn Miller with her Children, Caroline McMillan(Far left), Kirk Dennis(Left), Norman Dennis(Right), and Tony Dennis(Far Right).

end came on March 28, the cause of death was something no one had ever imagined: COVID-19. On that day in New York, there were 7,534 new cases of COVID-19 and 201 people died. Evelyn Miller’s family had to scramble to find a funeral home that would accept a COVID-19 victim. Mrs. Miller’s funeral took place on April 2 in the chapel of Harlem’s Unity Funeral Chapels, the funeral home whose claim to fame is that it handled the funeral of Malcom X in 1965 when no one else wanted to do so. It was far from the neighbors with whom she had lived in Brooklyn for more than 45 years. Only five people attended, including her daughter, Sgt. Caroline McMillan, and her granddaughter, Brijhai McMillan, a junior at Morgan State University. Evelyn Miller was sealed in a glorified pine box

in Atlanta last month, which followed six days of international mourning, the number of mourners permitted in the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church was limited and they were required to be socially distanced. Some messages were pre-recorded and everyone wore masks. “At a time where we would find comfort in embracing one another,

love compels us to socially distance from one another. But make no mistake, we are together in principle, even if not in proximity,” said Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock, the senior pastor at the church most famously led by Reverends Martin Luther King Sr. and Jr. The congressman was a long-time member of Ebenezer.

food. The gathering together continues in a church or mosque or other space where the person’s life is celebrated with an often-lengthy service involving sharing more stories, singing, reciting prayers and reading from sacred texts. That, too, has been cut back. “There’s definitely going to be some lingering trauma we’re going to have to deal with because people have had to deal with the guilt of not being able to be with people in their last days,” observes Dr. Jasmine Ward, a public health professional from Arlington, Texas, founder of Black Ladies in Public Health. “We start thinking of these people as just percentages; but, in reality, these are people’s lives. Every single day of the week we lose somebody; and as a country and a nation we haven’t been able to deal

“ The funeral process is a real act of closure for folks, so [this] is a real challenge. Generally, in the Black community funerals take place in the context of a church or a mosque or even a funeral home. But even in the funeral home they make it a religious process. ”

At Morgan State University in Baltimore recently, mourners gathered at the Murphy Fine Arts Center to bid farewell to Dr. Clara I. Adams, a former Vice President of Academic Affairs and Special Assistant to the President. It was a service dramatically scaled down from what one would expect from someone who had served Morgan for more than 60 years, touching the lives of thousands of students. It was a one-hour service and people were asked to wear masks and keep socially distant. Dr. Marco Merrick, an education and outreach specialist for the Maryland Commission of Civil Rights, is a musician who, alone or with his choirs, participates in dozens of funerals every year. “The funeral process is a real act of closure for folks, so [this] is a real challenge. Generally, in the Black community funerals take place in the context of a church or a mosque or even a funeral home. But even in the funeral home they make it a religious process.” The ritual of saying goodbye often begins in a hospital room with family and friends comforting their loved one in their last moments. That’s been curtailed in the wake of COVID-19. There is typically a wake where people gather, tell stories, and serve

with that.” Merrick has witnessed numerous funerals since the pandemic began and says they have been “unsettling for people who have a different expectation of what that should be in terms of the history of funerals.” Due to the protocols required because of COVID-19, all homegoing rituals have been altered, regardless of whether the virus was the cause of death. Dr. Simone Barrett discovered that after her mother, Shirley Barrett, died of breast cancer at the age of 84 in Baltimore on April 16. On that day eight people died of coronavirus in Maryland and 752 new cases were reported. There were approximately 35,000 coronavirus deaths in the U.S by then. “There was a noticeable lack of control compared to funerals I’d made arrangements for before,” Barrett said. They preferred to have the service at the church the family has long attended, Greater Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church in East Baltimore. But the church was closed because of COVID-19. Instead they held a service in the chapel in King Memorial Park cemetery. It took some negotiating with funeral directors so

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Black Funerals - More Trauma than Comfort

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Shirley Barrett(Right) with her Granddaughter, Isis(Left)

that more of the family and fewer staff from the funeral home would be present. "There was me, my sister Bonita, our cousin and her two

kids, a pastor who was a family friend and a few others," she said. "We all had the stance of, 'Why do you need to be in the room if it limits the amount

“ We have to be willing to hold onto those sacred rituals that make us who we are, even if they seem disconnected or improvised. ”

of family who can attend?’ And after some back and forth, they relented.” Still a few family members had to wait outside. Despite the difficulties, Barrett expressed gratitude. “We got to see her put in the mausoleum, so I’m thankful we could actually be there to say goodbye.” Some families don’t have the opportunity to attend funerals of their family members, even when they did not die of the virus. That was the case when Christian Marcel Shipp died in a car crash in Atlanta on May 31. A 25-year-old budding entrepreneur and 2018 Morehouse graduate who lived in Conyers, Georgia, he was laid to rest at a graveside service in Green Meadows Memorial Garden on June 5. On that day there were 752 new cases and 65 deaths in Georgia. By that time, there were approximately 1.8 million confirmed cases of COVID-19

and 108,790 deaths in the U.S. The service, held on a rainy Friday morning with mourners wearing masks and trying to stay socially distant, was live streamed over Vimeo. Back in Baltimore, Christian’s aunt, E.R. Shipp, a professor at Morgan State University, sat on a bench underneath a tree near a koi pond in a friend’s yard. What she did has become more common during the COVID-19 pandemic: She watched the funeral on her laptop. Despite the difficult circumstances, people are finding ways to make do. Caroline McMillan has not given up on the idea of a more appropriate homegoing for her mother. “I am the woman I am today because of the woman my mom was,” she said. As soon as it is safe for people to gather at cemeteries in larger numbers, she said, “we’re getting her a tombstone and

we’re going to go back and have a memorial for her.” Others have found ways to use technology as a means of grieving, sharing their experiences on social media, attending memorial services via Zoom, and creating their own memorials online. Ward, the Texas health care professional, and 12 of her colleagues created a website, United Memories, using over 500 names accumulated as they tried to track the impact of the virus by race and gender. They launched the site on April 18 as a virtual memorial for Black Americans who have died during the pandemic. The site’s home page features a scrolling collection of photos and a form that mourners can fill out to submit information to be added to the virtual memorial. The site also includes links to resources for people who are grieving, specifically links to organizations specializing in mental health in the Black community. Ward said, “We have to be willing to hold onto those sacred rituals that make us who we are, even if they seem disconnected or improvised.”

Unity parade & rally


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Royalty /elite Prancing Dolls prepare to march through the neighborhood encouraging people to stop the killings, and report crime. Standing right are the owners, holding a baby is Jessica Sanchez and her wife Jasminn Mack

crime. “I’ll make sure we invest in our neighborhoods, and stop the proliferation of crime and killings,” she said. Jayla Steward offered a different perspective on the rise of crime rate. “It’s not just the criminals committing violence; it’s also people with their Carry Conceal Weapons, CCW, permit that are a problem as well. Since some of them have their CCW, they’re quick to draw their gun in a situation, when it’s not even necessary,” she said. “Sometimes, I question if protesting is beneficial, because some people

get all worked up and angry over the killings and beatings, that they too, want to go do something wrong.” For more information on Mothers Outraged Against Drugs and Violence, call 419.984.0318.



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September is National Preparedness Month Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today.

Submitted

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is recognized annually in September to encourage family and community disaster planning not only for a month, but throughout the year. As our state and nation continue to respond to COVID-19, National Preparedness Month is an ideal time for Ohioans to ensure they are prepared for any disaster, including a pandemic.

This year's theme for NPM is: "Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today."

"Even while battling the coronavirus, Ohioans have dealt with other emergencies, including floods, tornadoes, and extreme heat," said Governor Mike DeWine. "Disasters can happen at any time, and National Preparedness Month is a good time to ensure you're ready to handle the next emergency."

"As the governor said, disasters don't pause because of the coronavirus," said Ohio Emergency Management Agency Executive Director Sima Merick. "We have to stay diligent. We have to stay prepared. We have to make plans to protect ourselves and loved ones from hazards and severe weather events that can impact our lives. Making and practicing your emergency plans, which includes having disaster supply kits for the home and car, are just a few things that we all can do to be safe and resilient."

In coordination with FEMA's Ready campaign, the Ohio EMA and ReadyOhio encourage households, county EMAs, businesses, schools, and places of worship to plan for emergencies by participating in the weekly themes for NPM 2020:

Week 1 (Aug. 31-Sept. 4): COVID-19 Safety & Preparedness Information

Week 2 (Sept. 7-11): Make an Emergency Plan

Week 3 (Sept. 14-18): Build a Kit

Week 4 (Sept. 21-25): Youth Emergency Preparedness

Throughout September, Ohio EMA will post emergency preparedness information on Facebook and Twitter that coincide with the NPM weekly themes.

Visit ReadyOhio for additional information on emergency safety and preparedness.

Census Takers to Start Follow Up

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in many more. Those who respond will not need to be visited to obtain their census response.

What Households Can Expect

The Census Bureau will provide face masks to census takers and requires that census takers wear a mask while conducting their work. They will follow CDC and local public health guidelines when they visit. Census takers must complete a virtual COVID-19 training on social distancing protocols and other health and safety guidance before beginning their work in neighborhoods.

Census takers are hired from local communities. All census takers speak English, and many are bilingual. If a census taker does not speak the householder's language, the household may request a return visit from a census taker who does. Census takers will also have materials on hand to help identify the household's language.

If no one is home when the census taker visits, the census taker will leave a notice of their visit with information about how to respond online, by phone or by mail. People are encouraged to cooperate with census takers and ensure that everyone who was living in their household as of April 1, 2020, is counted.

How to Identify Census Takers

Census takers can be easily identified by a valid government ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date on the badge. To confirm a census taker's identity, the public may contact the Philadelphia regional census center at 267-780-2600 to speak with a Census Bureau representative.

About the 2020 Census

The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. The goal of the 2020 Census is to count everyone who lives in the United States on April 1, 2020 (Census Day). Census statistics are used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and informs how billions of dollars in federal funds will be allocated by state, local and federal lawmakers annually for the next 10 years.

For more information, visit 2020census.gov.



Black Men Disproportionately Affected by Colon Cancer

Submitted

(American Cancer Society)

- Following the devastating news of the death of the world's beloved Black Panther, Chadwick Boseman, from colorectal cancer, many were left asking why – and how. What most don't know is that Chadwick Boseman sat at the intersection of where colorectal cancer rates are among the highest and rising the fastest. He was a young man. And he was a Black man. Colorectal cancer affects far too many in this country and disproportionately impacts the Black community, with among the highest rates of colorectal cancer of any racial/ethnic group in the U.S. African Americans are 20% more likely to get colorectal cancer and 40% more likely to die from it than other groups. Black men have the highest incidence rate.

In addition, rates of colorectal cancer in younger age groups is rising. In 2020, 12% of colorectal cancer cases will be diagnosed in people under 50 – about 18,000 cases. Since the mid-1980's adults age 20-39 have experienced the steepest increase in colorectal cancer rates.

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The American Cancer Society recommends that people with average risk begin regular screening at age 45. Those with higher risk should consider – with their physician – earlier screening. Higher risk factors include:

- family history of colorectal cancer or certain types of polyps
- personal history of colorectal cancer or certain types of polyps
- personal history of inflammatory bowel disease (ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease)
- known family history of a hereditary colorectal cancer syndrome such as familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP) or Lynch syndrome (also known as hereditary non-polyposis colon cancer or HNPCC)
- personal history of radiation to the abdomen (belly) or pelvic area to treat a prior cancer

"Colorectal cancer is the second deadliest cancer in the country," said Durado Brooks, M.D. vice president of prevention and early detection at the American Cancer Society. "This disease is ravaging the Black community and it is as important as ever that everyone has access to and is receiving the recommended screenings. Even during the coronavirus pandemic, necessary screening tests remain available to prevent the disease or find it at an early, more treatable stage."

Free Covid-19 testing in Toledo's central city attracts crowds



Maucicka McKinstry gets information from one of many people getting tested for Covid-19.



Registering and helping administer Covid-19 tests are, standing left to right, Maucicka McKinstry, Angela McKinstry, and Taneshia Slater. Sitting are Kevin Strong and Erica Basich.



Filling the parking lot of the Mott Branch Library, cars then extended out, and down Dorr St.

*By Jurry Taalib-Deen
Journal Staff Writer*

Bumper to bumper cars snaked their way out of the Mott Branch Library, 1010 Dorr St, and back out onto Dorr St. Occupants waited to receive a free Covid-19 test.

"I've been waiting awhile, but I don't mind because it's worth it," Cynthia Brock told The Toledo Journal as she sat in her car, with approximately 15 others before her.

"I've been more careful with whom I interact with, and I follow the guidelines of the CDC as much as possible. Sure the coronavirus has put a damper on my summer, but now is the time to make sure I'm healthy and stay healthy; that's the most important thing."

Sponsored by Strong Telemedicine, Primary Care Solutions of Ohio, Toledo Lucas county Health Department, Mott Branch Library, and a host of other entities, the testing was quickly administered to people while they sat in their cars. Others from the surrounding neighborhood walked up, and were tested; all of whom were spaced away from others.

Kevin Strong, president/CEO of Strong Telemedicine explained the steps to the screening. A car would pull up, and a screener would

approach the car and ask a series of questions, a couple of which included do you have a headache, and have you lost your taste.

Eventually, the person would receive a deep nasal swab that would ultimately be sent away to be tested. Mr. Strong said it's strongly recommended to go into a 48 hr. isolation, just in case testing positive.

He then emphasized that people aren't just rushed in, and out. Each one would talk to a doctor, via internet. He or she would ask each one how they're doing and if they've been experiencing any symptoms.

Mr. Strong spoke about reasons many African Americans may be contracting the virus at a higher rate than other populations.

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These Real-Life African Women Warriors Inspired the Black Panther Film

It's hard to not notice the similarities and the inspiration of the Dahomey Warriors that was used to create the fictional Dora Milaje Army featured in Marvel's Black Panther comic book series and movie franchise. On the coast of West Africa, the Dahomey Kingdom, in what is now modern-day Benin, was once home to the only appointed elite female warrior troop in history.

There are various myths about the creation of this army commonly known as the Dahomey Amazons. One of them is the oral legend, which states that the Dahomey Warriors were descendants of Queen Hangbe who was the twin sister of the King of Dahomey, Akaba. She was a warrior who led men and women in battle and it is believed that during her reign (which could have ranged from three months – to three years), she gradually established an all-female troop called the Dahomey Warriors.

Another myth surrounding the origins of



the Dahomey Warriors is that they were formed to protect their kingdom. The kingdom of Dahomey was outnumbered by their enemies and the rise of the European slave trade forced Kings of Dahomey to conscript women into the military

with their main objective to protect the King and their kingdom. At the end of the 19th century, however, the Dahomey kingdom found themselves fighting the French. Unfortunately, they eventually lost their battle to the

French, and nowadays very little is known of the survivors. Many sources claim that the last of the Dahomey Warriors, a woman named Nawi, was discovered living in a remote village but she died at the age of 100 in 1979.

Other sources suggest that the last of the Dahomey Warriors died in the 1940s. Either way, the Dahomey Warriors go down in history as strategic leaders, fearless warriors, ruthless soldiers, and respected protec-

tors. A French soldier once praised them as "warrioresses... [who] fight with extreme valor, always ahead of the other troops." He continued, "They are outstandingly brave... well trained for combat and very disciplined."

Singer Brandy Reveals She Once Contemplated Suicide



Nationwide — R&B superstar Brandy has recently opened up about her years-long battle with depression. She said that she once contemplated taking her own life after being involved in a car crash that killed another woman.

Brandy rose to fame during her teenage years when she starred on her own show and became the first Black woman to play Cinderella on screen. She initially felt "pure joy" but eventually felt trapped by her "perfect" public image.

In 2006, Brandy was involved in a car accident that killed a 38-year old woman. She settled out of court with the woman's family and was not criminally charged. But that and other painful events involving personal relationships led her to depression.

"I remember laying in bed super depressed," she recalled in an interview with People. "I [told] myself, 'So,

you're just going to go out like this? That's wack. You have a daughter. If you can't do it for yourself, do it for her because this is not the way to leave a mark in her life.'"

She was thankful for her now-18-year old daughter, Sy'rai, for bringing her light in her darkest years. She said, "If Sy'rai wasn't here, I wouldn't be either. The place that I was in, it just felt like I wasn't going to make it through."

Brandy, who is now 41-years old, recently released her new album B7 for the first time in over 8 years. She admitted that she hesitated to express her vulnerable side on the record at first.

"I was thinking, 'Did I go too deep? Did I go too far in what I was singing about?' But I didn't dwell on those thoughts," she said. "I'm in a place now where I can be proud of moving in the right direction."

Ask Rusty

What Will My Wife's Benefit Be If I Die?

Dear Rusty: I am 76 years old and began collecting Social Security when I retired at the age of 62. My wife also began collecting SS when she turned 62 based on my benefits. She did not work enough to qualify on her own for Social Security benefits. My question is, how much will my wife receive after my death? Will she receive what I receive now, or will it be a percentage of the total that we both receive? Or will it be based on just my benefits alone or some other formula? Signed: An Inquisitive Senior

Dear Inquisitive: Your wife's survivor benefit as your widow will be based upon your Social Security benefit alone. Usually a surviving spouse receives the same amount the deceased spouse was receiving at death, if that is more than the survivor is already receiving, and if the survivor has reached their full retirement age. However, in your case, if you should predecease your wife there's a special rule which may benefit her because you claimed your benefit at age 62.

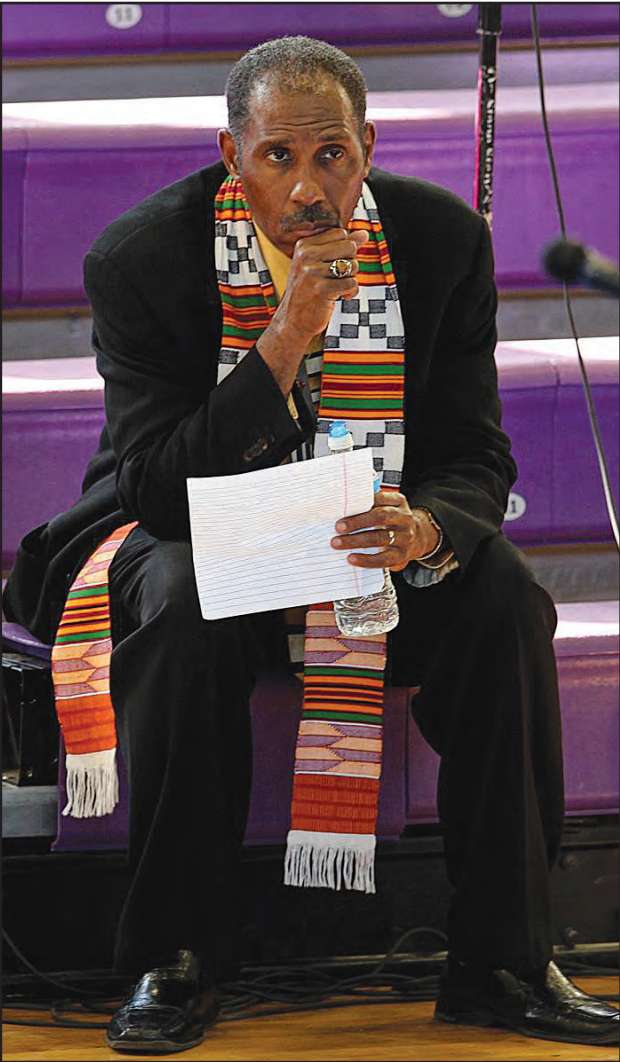
That rule says that because you claimed before your full retirement age (FRA), your wife's benefit as your survivor should be at least 82.5% of the benefit you were entitled to at your full retirement age (66), even though you actually claimed at age 62. And because your benefit was reduced by 25% when you took it at age 62, your wife's benefit as your widow may actually be more than you are receiving when you pass. This special rule

is known as the "widow limit," which stipulates that a surviving spouse is entitled to the greater of what the deceased was receiving while alive, or 82.5% of the deceased's "primary insurance amount" or "PIA," which is the amount due at full retirement age.

Here's an example: If your FRA benefit amount was \$1500/month, then your age 62 amount when you claimed was \$1125. But due to the special rule, your wife would get \$1238 (82.5% of \$1500) instead of the reduced \$1125 amount. Of course, this example doesn't reflect the COLA (cost of living) increases which would have been applied to your benefit over the years, but as your widow and because you claimed before your full retirement age, your wife would be entitled to at least 82.5% of your PIA if that is more than the actual amount you were receiving when you passed.

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Black students are also dying from COVID19



By Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu
Wire Writer

Why do so many Black students associate being smart with acting white? Why are 41 percent of Black students in special education, but only six percent in gifted & talented and advanced placement? Why is the NBA 75 percent black, but only 2 percent of the doctors are black? Are Black students more confident in sports than in science?

What has been the impact of racism on the black psyche? Are many Blacks suffering from Post-Traumatic Slavery Disorder? What exactly is meant by good hair and pretty eyes? What are four benefits of darker skin?

Why do Blacks only spend 3 percent of their income with black businesses? Why is white wealth 10 times greater than black wealth?

What months are white history taught? Black history? What has been the impact on Black youth starting their history in 1619 on a plantation? What can Blacks learn from the Jewish community and their mantra; Never Forget? We know 6 million Jews were killed. Do you know how many Blacks died during slavery?

I believe the best way to address the use of the N word is to ask our ancestors. If we asked Nat Turner or Harriet Tubman, what would be their response? If we asked John Lewis when he marched from Selma to Montgomery, what would have been his response? If we asked Frederick Douglass on July 4, 1860, what would have been his response?

Concerning reparations, why did the United States government pay Asians and Native Americans and not African Americans? What is the cost of 5 million Africans working from 1619 to 1865?

Black youth must be taught how to overcome racism. What drives racism? Fear of differences and power. People who are secure are comfortable with differences.

Power concedes nothing without a struggle. Whites have no problems having conferences on diversity, equity, race relations and multiculturalism. What they do not want to discuss is the equitable distribution of power.

I would encourage you to give all your students grades 3-5 and 6-12 COVID 1619. This will be the first generation that will not suffer from Post-Traumatic Slavery Disorder.



Meet the First Black Woman to Run For Vice President in the United States

Submitted

Charlotta Bass was a political activist and journalist who became the first African American woman to run for Vice President of the United States of America in 1952.

She began her career as a conservative Republican but her politics changed by the 1940s.

Then Bass became more progressive though she abandoned the Democratic party due to what she said was their inability to address the concerns of the rights of Black people and women. So Bass aligned with the Progressive Party. She first supported Henry Wallace in 1948 as the Progressive Party candidate.

Four years later, Bass was a nominee herself. "It is a great honor to be chosen as a pioneer. And a great responsibility. But I am strengthened by thousands on thousands of pioneers who stand by my side and look over my shoulder—those who have led the fight for freedom—those who led the fight for women's rights," Bass once said.

Though she knew her chances were slim, only receiving 140,000 votes, Bass was undeterred. However, despite this "defeat," Bass is just as much of a prominent figure in the historical context of Black women running for office as Fannie Lou Hamer and Shirley Chisholm.

First Black Man to Perform at the White House Was a Blind, Autistic Slave

Black News -Thomas Wiggins, nicknamed Blind Tom by his "handlers", was the first African American man to perform at the White House.

Wiggins was born blind and autistic on May 25, 1849. He was born into a dreadful institution of American slavery in the state of Georgia. As his owner could not exploit and benefit from Thomas' physical abilities, he took advantage of the talent that God gave to Thomas.

Having heard Thomas play the piano, General James Neil Bethune, Thomas' owner, allowed Thomas to have open access to the piano. Soon, Thomas was perfectly regurgitating classical piano compositions and even composing original pieces of his own. Unfortunately, Thomas was not able to develop and maintain social relationships. The autism made it difficult for the blind boy to communicate his emotions and needs.

Consequently, General James took full advantage of the opportunity to exploit and control Thomas' musical gift.

James Neil Bethune and Perry Oliver, handlers of Thomas, earned upwards of \$100,000 a year, which is the equivalent of \$1.5 million in today's society. Sadly, Thomas did not receive even one cent. Instead, Oliver likened Thomas to a circus act, pointing out that Thomas was a "freak." Some of the advertisements read, "From animal to artist." Oliver also referred to Thomas as a baboon, monkey, and gorilla.



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The Truth Sometimes is Black and White



By Keith Magee
Reverend and Professor

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Before I belong to a race, party, or gender, I belong to God. I believe that we're all made in the image of God. As a follower of Jesus, I'm committed to the greatest of his commandments: to love the Lord my God with all thy heart soul and mind, and to love my neighbor.

America has long suffered from the sin of racism. Race is a social construct that was designed to create powerlessness, division, and fear amongst those who had been enslaved and deemed soulless. Today, as the election approaches, we stand at what I hope will be a key turning point in history. In the midst of the terrible division, sickness, fear, and grief we have experienced in recent months, we have a real chance to unite all

America's people in the causes of civility, healing, hope, and justice. To do this, we must remove Trump from office.

On Wednesday, August 19, Kamala Harris, an American-born, Jamaican-Indian United States Senator, became the first woman of color to be the vice-presidential nominee to a major US political party. As we celebrate this important moment, let us also rejoice in the myriad things that make us all so different and yet all so alike, all so unique, and yet all God's children.

Although 60.3 percent of Americans are white, and 52.9 percent of

them are women, no white woman has ever been President. However, it is now crucial that white women are galvanized to vote overwhelmingly for a male Democrat to take that office and perhaps pass the mantle on to a Black woman (in what would be another historic first). I believe that, as running mates, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris embody the unity and solidarity we all long for. Women understand perhaps more than anyone our country's need for togetherness right now. But we have to ensure that all women feel part of our movement, and that must include white women.

I am a Black man for whom many pivotal moments in life have come through white women believing in me. Marie Bennett hired me, in spite of my dyslexia, to work on a project of federal significance. Caroline Cracraft, whom I adore as my British Mum, is the reason why I have a life in the United Kingdom. It was a 'Karen' who gave me courage to soar beyond where I was eight years ago and to flourish, fulfilling what I thought at the time were unrealistic expectations.

My first "granddaughter", Eleanor Irene, was born on 07/07/2020. She happens to be white. She's the daughter of my Jordan, who came to work for me as an intern in 2009. Jordan had lost both of her parents and was navigating her life as a beautiful soul without them. Ever since, I have loved her, and her growing family, as my own, because that is what they are.

I want our Democratic party to reflect all their hopes, needs, and aspirations, just as it must those of their Black sisters and friends.

I am so grateful to the white women

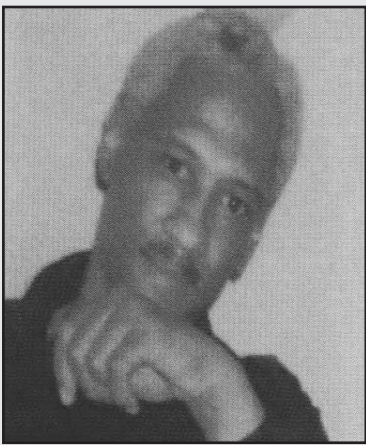
who did and do understand the call of justice and equality within their hearts and souls. Many have stood beside us in the fight for equal rights, including Juliette Morgan and NAACP founders Mary White Ovington and Florence Kelly. Countless white women played an active role in recent anti-racism demonstrations, not just in the US, but all over the world. They give me hope.

But I am also afraid. We are at a daunting place. Our opponents may outnumber us in some of the states we need to carry, and they may well not play fair. I am worried for the America that our ancestors died to build, where our parents endured so much for us to have fairer opportunities and where is so much still to overcome. I am worried that as we rejoice in Biden's choice of a Black woman as his running mate, we may forget to open our arms to the white women whose support we so badly need. We must do everything in our power to maximize the impact of the Biden-Harris symbol of unity and hope. We must ensure that white women of every age and socio-economic group also see themselves reflected in our messaging, our campaigning, and in those whom we ask to endorse us.

So here is my prayer, my Lord: Let this be a moment to heal the soul of America with love, compassion, equality and dignity. Let us be careful not to create another divide, but instead build a bridge to our collective humanity. Let us not make this a polarizing moment, but let us be all-inclusive and united. Let us inspire every single voter to join us, whatever their gender, and whatever the color of their skin happens to be. Let us beat Trump together.

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Detroit Firefighter Dies After Diving
into River to Save 3 Young Girls

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Sgt. Sivad Johnson, a Detroit firefighter, is being called a hero for rescuing three young girls from drowning. Sadly though, he was found dead in the river the next day.

According to an investigation, 48-year old Johnson dived into Detroit River alongside many other people to rescue three girls from drowning. He was off duty at that time.



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Sgt. Sivad Johnson had served as a fire fighter for 26 years.

Rescue crews started searching after receiving a 911 call from Johnson's 10-year old daughter who noticed that he did not return from saving the girls.

The girls were safe, but sadly not Johnson. His body was recovered and he was pronounced dead at the hospital shortly afterward. Authorities believed that Johnson may have been dragged underwater by a rip current.

Johnson, whose father and brother had also been a firefighter, had been with the fire department for over 20 years and was awarded the Detroit Fire Department Medal of Valor in 2017.

Moreover, Johnson is remembered in the community as a great father, firefighter, artist, and storyteller.

"Sivad touched me and touched every person who heard his story deeply. His message of making every day a good day is going to live on in all of us," Patricia Wheeler, Michigan producer of the storytelling organization The Moth, told Detroit Free Press.



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Join a progressive and vital team that impacts the lives of hundreds of people every day. Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities is now hiring, and offers competitive compensation and a comprehensive benefits package. We are currently recruiting for the following positions:

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Please visit our website at www.lucasdd.org for additional details and to apply. All candidates must submit a resume and cover letter along with an employment application via the online application process. We are an equal opportunity employer. If in need of ADA accommodations, contact us directly at 419-380-4033.

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Coming Events

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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:

Sept. 12 at Good Shepherd Church, 3934 West Laskey Rd.

Sept. 19 at the Toledo Zoo, Anthony Wayne Trail, parking lot, 2 Hippo Way (this event is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Sept. 26 at Friendship Park, 2930 131st St.

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

**Sept. 20th
The Padua Center
Peaces of Art 2020 - going on line!**

Soon you will be receiving information about The Padua Center's Peaces of Art 2020. Yes, we are going on line! We will have a delicious to-go BBQ Chicken Dinner on Sunday, from 12:00-5:00. Pick up at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church parking lot- corner of Detroit Avenue and Bancroft Street. (No reservations needed). Our silent auction will be available from September 20, 2020 until October 11, 2020. Details of how to enter the auction site and make your bid will be coming soon. The Padua Center is soliciting items for our auction. If you wish to donate a basket, or an item (at least \$25.00 value), please let us know. We will take a picture of the item, note descriptions and place it on the auction site. We wish to place everything on the auction site by September 15th. (Please call The Padua Center and inform us of your donated auction item - 419-241-6465).

BLACK HISTORY FACTS

In 1988 **Johnny Grier** became the first African-American NFL referee.

Captain William Pinkey was the first African-Ameri-

can to sail solo around the world around the southern tips of South America and Africa.

In 2002 **Vonetta Flowers** was the first African-American Winter Olympic gold medal winner.

Willie O'Ree became the first African-American to play in the NHL in 1958.

HELP WANTED

**CIVIL BAILIFF COMMISSIONER
Toledo Municipal Court**

The Court is now accepting resumes for the position of Civil Bailiff Commissioner. This position plans and directs the operations of the Civil Bailiff Department and its staff in the personal service of court documents, the execution of evictions, and the enforcement of judgments through garnishment and sale of debtor property. The successful candidate must have a strong enthusiasm for public service and a strengths-based management style. Applicants must have demonstrated ability to work well with different work styles and a wide range of audiences. Applicants must possess knowledge of management practices, excellent communication skills, demonstrated skill in analyzing and solving problems, and organizational skills. Applicants must have a Bachelor degree in business, criminal justice or related field required and a minimum 5 years supervisory/management experience in public safety, public service or business is required. Experience in legal or court related work is preferred, but not required. Applicants must possess a valid driver's license and provide own motor vehicle with sufficient liability insurance. Must be LEADS certifiable. Starting salary \$63,964.37.

Submit resume with cover letter describing how you meet the qualifications outlined above by 4:30 p.m., Monday, September 14, 2020 to The Court Administrator's Office, (Attn: HR-CBCBailiff) Toledo Municipal Court Judges Division, 2nd Floor, 555 North Erie, Toledo, OH 43604.† Equal Opportunity Employer. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the complete job description at <http://tmc.toledomunicipalcourt.org/docs/> prior to application.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BENNETT VENTURE ACADEMY PROPOSES FOR FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108-446) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that Bennett Venture Academy proposes for Federal funding for the 2020-2021 School Year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the Ohio Department of Education. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments during a meeting from 9:00 - 10:00 A.M. on September 18, 2020 at the school located at 5130 Bennett Rd, Toledo, OH 43612.

PUBLIC NOTICE

WINTERFIELD VENTURE ACADEMY PROPOSES FOR FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108-446) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that Winterfield Venture Academy proposes for Federal funding for the 2020-2021 School Year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the Ohio Department of Education. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments during a meeting from 9:00 - 10:00 A.M. on September 18, 2020 at the school located at 305 Wenz Rd., Toledo, OH 43615.

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11 FACTS ABOUT 9/11



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It has been 19 years since the twin towers fell in New York City.

- The 11 facts below are from DoSomething.org, a global movement of millions of young people making positive change, online and off!
- On September 11, 2001, nearly 3,000 people were killed, 400 were police officers and firefighters, in the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in NYC, at the Pentagon building in Washington, D.C., and in a plane crash near Shanksville, PA.
 - 9/11 was not the first terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. A bombing in February of 1993 killed six people.
 - On any given workday, up to 50,000 employees worked in the WTC twin towers, and an additional 40,000 passed through the complex.
 - After the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center, the rescue and recovery clean-up of the 1.8 million tons of wreckage from the WTC site took 9 months.
 - Passengers aboard United Flight 93, heard about the previous airplane attacks and attempted to retake control of the plane from hijackers. As a result, the hijackers deliberately crashed the plane in a Pennsylvania field instead of at their unknown target.
 - While video accounts of the WTC attack aired immediately, no video footage of the Pentagon attack was publicly released until 2006.
 - Though both the police and fire departments of New York City had their own emergency response procedures, the two departments did not have a coordinated response plan to a major incident.
 - The attack on the World Trade Center on 9/11 resulted in the largest loss of life by a foreign attack on American soil.
 - 18 people were rescued alive from the rubble of the World Trade Center site.[9]
 - Cases of post-traumatic stress are common among 9/11 survivors and rescue workers. Respiratory problems, like asthma and lung inflammation, also developed at abnormal rates for those in and around the World Trade Center during and after the attacks.
 - In 2019, the US Senate passed a bill ensuring that a fund to compensate victims of the September 11th attacks never runs out of money — and that first responders won’t have to return to Congress to plead for more funding.



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11-Year Old Launches Black-Owned Auto Detailing Service

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(Black News) - Jabre Dutton from Philadelphia is only 11-years old but he already owns and manages his own business cleaning and detailing cars. His company, Jabre's Car Cleaning Service, is getting rave reviews and positive feedback from his clients.

It all started when Jabre cleaned and vacuumed the car of a family friend who was impressed with the outcome. He earned \$20 then and his mother, Sabrina Dutton, suggested that he could turn it into a business. Her co-worker helped them create flyers and Jabre eventually booked clients.

Now, Jabre's services are almost booked every day. His mother helps drive him to his appointments. Jabre personally does the interior

cleaning which includes disinfecting, trash disposal, dusting, and vacuuming.

"My favorite part about doing this job is getting my customers' reactions out of it," Jabre told Germantown Infohub. "When it's done, when you look at it, they look so happy. I get really excited because they're excited."

Like a normal teenager, Jabre enjoys playing computer games and watching TV. But he also likes managing his own savings account. His mother taught him at an early age the importance of financial literacy and saving up

for the future. He also plans to buy his own iPhone from the savings he got from his business.

"I never had an iPhone and

I've always wanted a phone," Jabre said. "But when my mom taught me about financial savings I was like, I should be really considerate about our

money. So the money that I keep is going to be raised for that iPhone and the money in my savings before anything else."



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Follow Jabre Dutton on Instagram @jccs.2020

Black Legacy

September 2, 1766: Abolitionist, inventor, entrepreneur, James Forten was born in Philadelphia, PA.

September 6, 1773: James Durham was the first recognized black physician.

September 4, 1848: Louis Latimer, inventor and engineer born.

September 3, 1895: Charles Housto, NAACP leader, born.

September 5, 1895: George Washington Murray was elected to Congress by South Carolina.

September 7, 1954: Integration begins in Washington D.C. and Baltimore, MD public schools.

September 4, 1957: Desegregation of Little Rock Central High School

September 3, 1958: Dr. King is arrested on a charge of loitering (later changed to “failure to obey an officer”) in the vicinity of the Montgomery Recorder’s Court. He is released on a \$100 bond.

September 4, 1958: After pleading not guilty, Dr. King is convicted on the charge of failure to obey an officer. Despite Dr. King's objections, the fine is paid almost immediately by Montgomery Police Commissioner Clyde C. Sellers.

September 8, 1981: Roy Wilkins, second executive director of NAACP dies.

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