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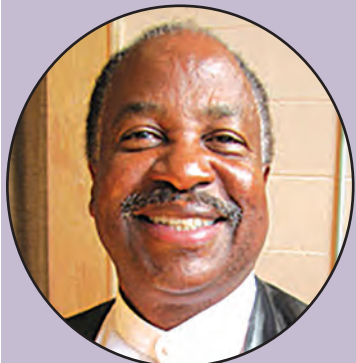
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America Declares to 'Trump: You're Fired'

Black Votes Push Biden Over the Top in Contentious Election



By Stacy M. Brown
Wire Writer

After days of post-Election Day counting, Democrat Joe Biden has defeated President Donald Trump to become the nation's 46th commander in chief.

With all eyes on Pennsylvania, Georgia, Nevada, and Arizona, it was the Keystone State's 20 electoral college votes that put Biden over the top, and helped America send the message Trump had become known for years earlier during his "Apprentice" reality television show: "You're Fired!" "Trump finds out Biden won while he's playing golf," Washington Informer Journalist Anthony Tilghman tweeted, as Trump played golf at his National Club in Sterling, Va.

Reportedly, it's the 410th day

the President spent at one of his namesake properties since taking office. "This election is about so much more than @ JoeBiden or me. It's about the soul of America and our willingness to fight for it," Sen. Kamala Harris, the Vice President-Elect tweeted alongside a video.

"We have a lot of work ahead of us. Let's get started," she added.

When Biden and Harris are sworn-in on January 20, 2021, the California Senator will become the first Black Vice President in U.S. history.

After what's expected to be the most contentious and violent post-election in American history, inauguration ceremonies will occur. Demonstrators had already gathered outside of vote counting centers around the nation, mainly as



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President Elect Joe Biden and his wife Dr. Jill Biden

the country waited anxiously for results from Pennsylvania, Arizona, Georgia, and Nevada.

Chants of "Stop the Count! Stop the Count," turned to "Stop the Steal! Stop the Steal! At state buildings by pro-Trump supporters at state buildings. The President egged on the commotion, tweeting false claims about voter fraud and that the "Democrats are trying to steal the election."

With little question, Black voters pushed Biden over the top. Biden trailed the President in Pennsylvania, but as the count included predominately Black Philadelphia and surrounding counties, Trump's lead disappeared, and the Democrat prevailed.

That scenario repeated itself in Georgia, where Atlanta and Fulton County also

came through for the former vice president.

"At this historical moment, the voters have made it clear that they want a country that works for all people. They want a country that is not broken by racism and bigotry," NAACP President Derrick Johnson wrote in a statement.

"They want leadership that can create opportunities for all Americans to succeed in all aspects of society, without fear of over-policing, discrimination, and destructive policies at our expense."

"This election transcends party and gives voice to the voters who want affordable health care, economic stability, quality education for their children, and wholesale relief from the pandemic and structural inequality. How we move forward from here and begin to repair our nation is critical."

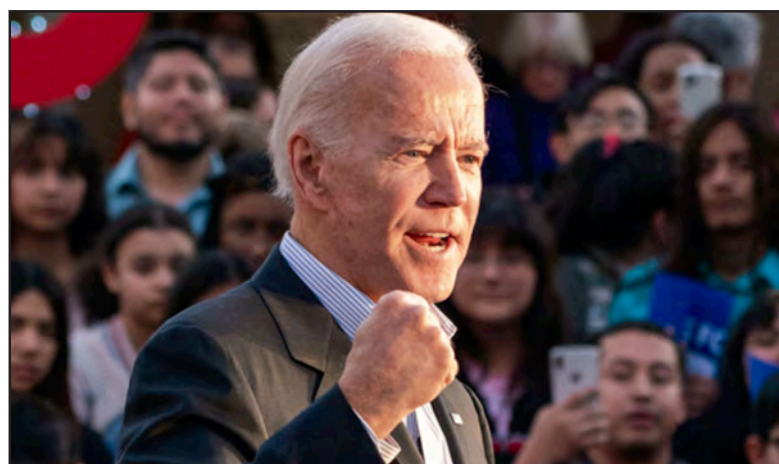


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Joe Biden, 46th President of the United States of America.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
Ms. Carolyn Drayton

&

MERRY
CHRISTMAS
“Lady WW”

November 11, 1934 - October 1, 2019



We love and miss you so much. Not a day goes by without you in our hearts and on our minds. Tears may flow, but the memory of your love and presence will

“NEVER BE FORGOTTEN”

There was a day we took flowers to your mother’s grave, now we bring them to yours.

“WE LOVE YOU MA”

Love,
Your children - Michael, Candy, Pam, LeRoyna, Karen, Godson Kenneth Harvey, and grandchildren, great-grandchildren, Brother Eugene Oliver Sr. (Jean, Casey, Oliver)



As we celebrate your birthday Mom, we also celebrate the life of your granddaughter Ms. Telayah Kyatto Hughes Drayton “Cheeks” We love and miss her dearly, the pain never ceases or ends. We know the both of you are looking down on us smiling.

Love,
Mom Alake, Dad Tellus,
Sister Tellissa
Grandmother Anitha Hughes (Rest In Peace)
Grandmother Candy Drayton “Ma 2” Special Love
Family and Friends
Special Aunt Kyatto Drayton Nelson



We also Honor “Telayah Grandfather”
Mr. Jerome Roland Brooks
You are love and miss dearly.

“REST IN PEACE”

Love,
Wife Wanda Brooks
Family and Friends

We, the family, thank everyone for being there in our time of need. We would like to send a special thank you out to Ms. LeRoyna Hardnett-Drayton for the love and support of our mom and her niece “Tella” who had a very “Special Bond”

With love from Ms.Candy Drayton

What’s your opinion on the Presidential election results?
What would you like to see President-Elect Joe Biden
and Vice President Kamala Harris work first, and why?



Johnnie Walker
Construction Worker

Being that I'm a Trump supporter, I'm hoping that Biden and Harris don't get into office. I really think both of them have very messy backgrounds as it relates to African Americans. I'm a product of Biden's 90s Crime Bill, which changed my life forever. So if they get into office, which I'm hoping they don't, I'd have to see how they fair in the beginning. Everybody wants to see change, but what does change really look like? Is change the same old thing repeated over and over again, or is it something that's totally different?



Marci Jones
Para Professional

I loved the outcome of the election. The outgoing President created so much diversity that it was good to see the election outcome happen that way, while ushering in new leadership; plus I love the fact that the first woman Vice-President is a black woman. Since the democrats don't have control of the Senate, this poses, somewhat of an obstacle on getting their agenda implemented. Therefore, initially, I'd like to see them work on getting rid of the division in this country. I liked what he said about there is no more red or blue and that we have to work together.



Airel Kelly
Retired

I loved the outcome of the election, and I love the way it happened. Anyone who takes children away from parents is low down, and the way the election results dragged out hurt Trump, and I'm glad it happened that way. I want to see them work on getting the virus under control. Also, I want them to make sure social security doesn't end. Republicans act like its some type of free hand out, but we've been paying into all of our adult life.



Damion Davis
HVAC/Snow Removal

I think the outcome of the election was great because it's the beginning of leading this country back in the right direction. I'd like them to work on restoring rights to felons. Many felons paid their debt to society, but yet, are still held back. Employers would hold something against a felon that happened 20 years ago; all of that needs to end.



Harriet Hardy
Hair Stylist

I was pleased as punch over the outcome of the election. There has been so much drama and division going on, and now there's leadership to steer us back in the right direction. The first thing I want to see them work on is getting the Coronavirus under control. I think the country opened too soon and had no plan. Now we're in a position to deal with this pandemic.



Alonder Robinson
Chrysler Employee

I am very happy with the outcome of the elections. What I'd like to see them work on first is getting control of Covid-19, while getting the middle-class back to financial stability. Instead of us working during a pandemic, the government needs to issue more stimulus checks, but this time, every month. This way, the country can shut back down, until the virus is under control.

Ongoing Events

Lucas County Virtual Community Engagement Meetings for Projects to Reduce Racial and Ethnic disparities in County Jail Population

The ninety-minute sessions will focus o getting input from residents, advocates, community stakeholders, and others who ive, work, or have interests in the Toledo Zip codes of 43604, 43607, 43608, and 43610.

Thursday, November 12, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2, 9, and 16, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in participating in a community engagement session can sign up to join the email list on the Safety + Justice Challenge website at: <https://lucascountycjcc.org/SJC>

Lucas County Probate Court, Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County Seek Applicants for Vacancies on the newly formed Lucas County Guardianship Services Board

Any person interested in being considered for appointment must fill out the “Application for Guardianship Services Board” form. A detailed resume must be enclosd with the completed application form. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 2020. If desired, hardcopies can be mailed to the care of Acting Court Administrator Sue Braithwaite Lucas County Probate Court, 700 Adams St. Suite 200, Toledo, Ohio, 43604.

Senior Centers Closed

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

Every Tuesday

Monroe Street Neighborhood Center’s FreeFood Pantry

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

Every Tuesday and Saturday Toledo Masjid Al-Islam Through Tarbiyyatul Haqq MinistriesFood Pantry

Located at 722 E. Bancroft St., Toledo, OH 43608. Available Tues. 9-2 and Sat 11-3 every week. Free

Toledo Leaf Collection Program

Sign up for Toledo Text Alerts to be alerted when leaf collection crews will be in your neighborhood, and of any change in plans. Toledo Texts Alerts will notify residents two weeks prior, again one week prior to pick-up, and again when the collection is complete. The link to sign up is: http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/toledo_oh/wens.cfm?ep_id=. Residents can refer to the map on the city website for information on their specific addresses. The map will be posted at this link: toledo.oh.gov/leafpickup.

Call Engage Toledo at 419-936-2020. Check the city Facebook and Twitter accounts on Fridays. Watch for signs to be posted on your street.

Nov. 12th

Alzheimer’s Association to Hold Virtual Educational Program on Variety of Topics for the Community and Families Impacted by the Disease

All programs are free and open to the public. Registration is required. To register for the program, call 800.272.3900

11/12 @ 11AM: Dementia Conversations

11/12 @3:30PM Living with Alzheimer’s for Caregivers - Late Stage Part 1

Nov. 12th

Area Office on Aging of NWO Virtual Caregiver Expo

Designed for Family Caregivers of Northwestern Ohio. Featured Keynote: Dr. Donnie “Don” Batie

Geriatrician. Social Isolation: How to Stay Connected. Join us for this Virtual Zoom Presentation: Panelist Topic: Virtual Programs for Family Caregivers of an Older Adult. Breakout Session: Virtual Programs for Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising a Child Full Time. Thursday, 4:00 p.m.

Zoom Log in time for attendees: 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

To register and obaiin Zoom login details, go to: www.areaofficeonaging.com

Nov. 14th

City of Toledo Human Relations Commission A peace rally to combat the effects of gun violence and help HEAL our neighborhoods.

Heal, Live DJ, Free Food, & Speakers/Resources A Peace Rally to combat the effects of Gun Violence in the community and Help Heal Neighborhoods. Social Distancing and Masks required. 11/14 Wilson Park, 1-3P.M.

Nov. 14th and Nov. 21st

Neighborhood Health Association (NHA) Pre-Holiday COVID-19 Tests

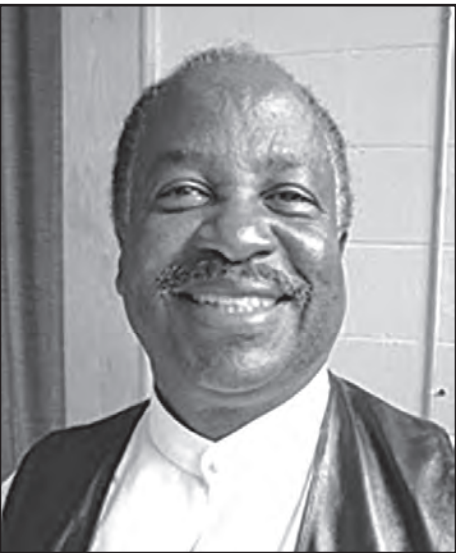
Saturday, Nov. 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Greater Grace Christian Church, 3342 Monroe Street. Testing will be inside with on-site registration. NHA will be giving away PPE and safety and health information. Saturday, Nov. 21, from 1 to 5 .m., at Mosaic Ministries, 1842 Broadway. NHA will be giving away PPE and safety and health information. These testing events are presented by HHA in collaboration with the Frederick Douglass Center/Junction Coalition, Greater Grace Christian Church/No one Goes Hungry Food Pantry and Mosaic Ministries.

Dec. 12th

“The Social Butterfly - Donnetta Carter” 9th Annual Christmas Bazaar

St. Clements Hall 2990 Tremainsville Road, Toledo, OH 43613, Saturday, at 10:00 am, Admission is Free to the Public! Face Masks and Social Distancing Required. Enjoy exclusive shopping from local Midwest vendors, waiting to fulfill all your holiday shopping needs! Thanks To Our Sponsors

DING DONG THE WITCH IS DEAD!



By Lafe Tolliver,
Attorney

Well, not literally but as with the word ‘witch’ as a metaphor for Herr Trump, but you know what I mean...The Donald will be a has been president on January 20th of next year.

No tears here about a wannabee autocrat who loves a good con and is always willing to throw a friend under the bus or create chaos to further his nefarious means.

What will happen to Herr Trump's cult like followers? Will they sulk and moan and howl at the moon for crimes, real and mostly imaginary, that they believe the Deep State, or the liberal Fake News media accused Herr Trump of?

Sure they will and the teary-eyed members of the GOP who now sit in a starkly divided Congress will find any means possible to extract some means of retribution for a loss that they ostensibly never saw coming.

In retrospect, Herr Trump had a 20-gauge shotgun that he used to blow off both of his political feet. He miserably failed at remotely even trying to show the American public that he was on top of defeating Covid-19.

And he was miserable at trying to get America to accept his cruel and hurtful acts against people of color; and a host of other knife cuts that when totaled together, amounted to an eye avoiding episode of Japanese Hari-Kari.

No one need to cry for such an amoral person who seemingly would tear the wings off butterflies, kick stray dogs or even separate young children from their parents along the Mexican Border.

Oh, the GOP fat cats will sorely miss him with his brazen attempts to buy their favor by giving them budget breaking tax



breaks yet while throwing stale bread-crumbs to hard pressed working families.

Herr Trump reveled in the power of the presidency but was totally clueless as to how to wield those plenary powers for the general good of the country. He could have done so much if his twin resident evils, his unchecked ego and vanity, did not arrogantly rule ninety five percent of his brain cells.

And what shall be said of the cloud of sycophants who would daily kiss his ring finger upon a moment's notice? They reveled in his presence and gloried in their powers thinking that they were all of that and a bag of chips, but they were not.

Really...who can take Ben Carson as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development seriously or Betsy DeVos as Secretary of Education! What jokes they were and do not get me raging on the lapdog known as William Barr, his acrimonious Attorney General.

When the political dust settles, and Joe Biden takes over the reins of a nigh decimated governmental infrastructure, it will be a herculean job of rebuilding trust with the American public that governmental institutions are needed and do serve a purpose and are best populated by honest and smart men and women.

If nothing else, this experiment in rule by a class of cons and grifters should spark legislation that will attempt to curb many of the excesses that we witnessed in governmental leaders and their flailing departments.

What should be a sure thing would be a requirement that presidential candidates must show their tax returns for the past ten years and that the laws about self-dealing need to be strengthened to prevent presidents like Herr Trump from profiting from the Oval Office.

Anyone for abolishing the antiquated Electoral College and reverting to a system where there is a direct election of the president?

Democracy is messy because you must negotiate competing interests while

still getting things done without gridlock and adroitly negotiate the bloated egos of politicians who believe that they will rule and reign for all of time.

What does my crystal ball show for the future? If Joe Biden does a credible job for the next four years and then calls it quits, is America... white America ready and willing to elect a Black woman as president, as commander in chief?

Or, will the still injured GOP run a Trump like candidate who can whip up their still seething base to believe that a Black woman, Kamala Harris, is nigh next to being a socialist or worse yet, a communist?

Will non college educated white males, North or South, be willing to accept a Black woman as their boss?

I predict that in 2024, the GOP will run Nikki Haley (a woman of color) as their antidote to Kamala Harris and give white male voters a chance to avoid picking a Black woman as the head of state.

We live in interesting times.

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The Presidential Race Might be Too Close to Call, but the 'Projected Winner is Racism'

By Stacy M. Brown,
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Perhaps a single sobering Twitter post best summed up the state of America on the morning following an Election Night that's far too close to call — and frustratingly so.

"This was a referendum on the potential for a fundamental shift in that perspective," Actress and writer Natasha Rothwell wrote. "The race might be too close to call, but the projected winner is racism."

Others agreed.

"Look at the cities the nation is depending on in order to not re-elect an incompetent, racist, misogynistic president who has killed 230,000

Americans in seven months... Philly, Atlanta, Milwaukee and realize America is always leaning on Black people to save the day," added Dr. Ebony Hilton, an associate professor of Anesthesiology and a critical care physician at the University of Virginia.

African Americans heavily populate each of those cities, and each are critical as the swing states of Pennsylvania, Georgia, and Milwaukee.

They hang in the balance as votes are tabulated to determine whether President Donald Trump retains office, or the U.S. begins to heal under a Joe Biden administration.

With Biden holding a slight electoral and popular vote edge early Wednesday, he called for patience.

To no one's surprise, Trump declared victory and has threatened legal action to stop the vote count in those critical states where he currently has a slight edge.

Hilton and others believe that slight edge could likely disappear in those large urban cities as counting continues there.

Still, the stunningly close election and with the GOP likely retaining control of the Senate, many say they've come to understand a sobering fact: America's standing on race, women's rights, and equal opportunity hasn't been this obvious since slavery.

"I wake up every day to the reality that I live in a country that thinks my life is less valuable than it would be if

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Covid Halts Women's Workplace Progress



By Julianne Malveaux
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Economic recovery will be a long time coming. The Federal Reserve Bank says our corona recession will last into 2021, and perhaps even into 2022. If a vaccine is developed, a distribution plan still needs to be worked out, and there is still so much we don't know about COVID. We do know that our economy has slowed and is only inching toward normalcy.

We know that we are experiencing a second spike, with about a thousand people dying every day. We know that our leaders have been unwilling to provide relief for those who desperately need it. And we know that families at the bottom half of the income distribution are scrambling for food, to pay rent or mortgages, and to attempt to pay for other essentials. We know that the impact of COVID is uneven and that Black folk are twice as likely to die from COVID as whites are. We know that the Latinx population is heavily hit. We know that cities and states are starving for resources.

Men are more likely to get COVID and die from it than women, but women are more likely to be impacted in the workplace because of COVID. From the last labor market data, 865,000 women left the labor force in September 2020, reducing the women's labor force participation rate from 56.1 percent to 55.6 percent. This decline in labor force participation sets women back by more than 20 years when the level of women's labor participation was also around 55 percent. The women who have dropped out of the labor force won't quickly return because of the structural factors that have pushed



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The unequal impact on women creates an unequal effect on children, who have been utterly ignored or treated as pawns in the middle of this pandemic. Open the schools, urge some. Keep them closed for safety's sake, urge others. Parents with money hire tutors and create “pods” with a few other children so that they don't fall behind. Those who lack those means will find their children left behind with no mitigation from a federal government who has no interest in providing the resources needed for schools to reopen safely.

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women out of the labor force.

Some women have stopped working or looking for work because covid had had a deleterious effect on our educational infrastructure. Many of our schools have shifted to virtual learning because of COVID. Schools aren't only academic centers, but also, in some ways, child care centers. When schools are closed, someone in the family must stay home. Usually, it is the woman in a two-parent family.

In an egalitarian world, both men and women would be responsible for child-care and supervising education. We live in an unequal world, though, and women are more likely to be in charge of these things. When these are coupled with other household responsibilities that men do not equally share, women are being pushed out of the labor force.

The push isn't equal. White women are leaving the labor force more rapidly than Black women. Only 58,000 Black women left the labor force in September, dropping our participation rate to 59.8 percent. Black women's labor force participation has always been higher than that of white women, and though the difference has narrowed, it still exists. And while white families will take an economic hit when white women leave the labor force, Black women may not have the luxury of leaving the workplace. First, proportionately more

Black women are single moms, the sole source of family income. Further, more Black women are front line essential workers, medical support staffers, who can't work from home, and don't have the savings to stop working.

The unequal impact on women creates an unequal effect on children, who have been utterly ignored or treated as pawns in the middle of this pandemic. Open the schools, urge some. Keep them closed for safety's sake, urge others. Parents with money hire tutors and create "pods" with a few other children so that they don't fall behind. Those who lack those means will find their children left behind with no mitigation from a federal government who has no interest in providing the resources needed for schools to reopen safely.

Women have been set back. Children have been set back. And Black women and children are set back most of all. We have been so caught up in election drama that we've forgotten that COVID19 has now swallowed the workplace gains that women scrapped for. And some children find themselves more disadvantaged than they were before COVID.

We often sing the song, "I believe that children are the future." We don't. If we did, there would be fewer women and children slipping through the cracks that COVID created.

Dr. Julianne Malveaux is a DC-based economist and author.

The Presidential Race Might be Too Close to Call, but the 'Projected Winner is Racism'

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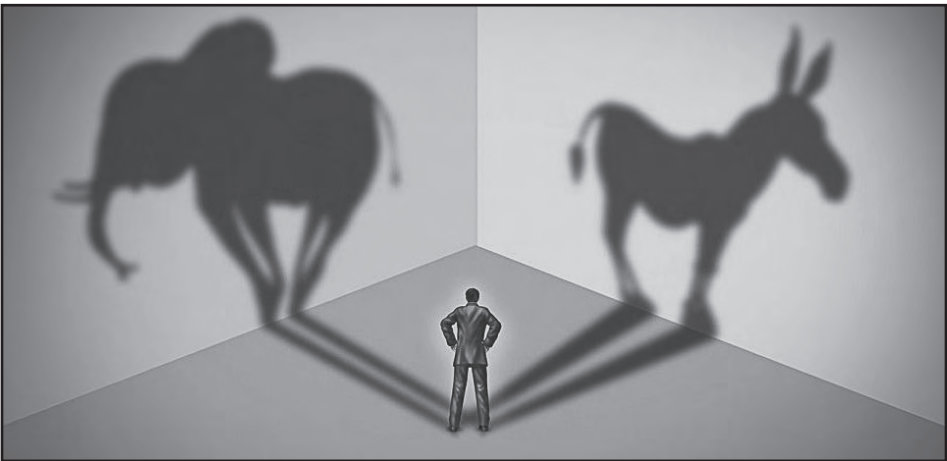
I were white," decried Rothwell.

With a large swath still left uncounted as of Wednesday morning, Biden maintains an electoral college lead of 238 to 213 – 270 is needed to win. The Democrat currently leads the popular vote by 50 percent to 48 percent.

Biden also flipped Arizona, making him the first Democrat to win that state since 1996 when Bill Clinton claimed victory. Winning Arizona means Biden could lose one of either Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan, but still capture the presidency.

Georgia, where a large swath of votes remain uncounted in predominately Black Atlanta and Fulton County, also remains in play for Biden.

Trump, who led Republicans in slamming through a Supreme Court Justice last month in record time for scenarios just like this, promised to ask the high court to intervene before the ballots are



counted in those four swing states.

At press time, Trump leads in all those important states except Wisconsin.

However, each of those states counts ballots cast on Election Day first. Trump wants the count to end before officials tally mail-in votes, which arrived in record numbers.

It's also why the President pulled out all of the stops this year to cripple the U.S. Postal Service, whose Postmaster General Louis DeJoy has openly defied federal court orders to refrain from slowing delivery of mail-in ballots.

"In the midst of a pandemic that he had time to manage and, he held su-

per-spreader events to spread the virus. And, with racial unrest still rampant which he stokes daily, the race is too close," Actress Yvette Nicole Brown railed. "No need to question whether systemic racism exists in America. Many proudly chose the inept racist ... again!"

Hilton also provided a follow-up.

"The only demographic who's consistently shown up for America is Black people," she remarked. "We are the greatest patriots despite facing a nation set on disenfranchising us, a nation having rallies to cheer the number of us dying at disproportionate rates from COVID, and mandates we live in poverty."

Regardless of who wins, Author John Pavlovitz said America already knows that the country is "as fractured as we imagined."

"We're as afflicted with racism as we feared," Pavlovitz wrote. "We're as far from equity as we thought. Good people are needed now more than ever. The fight doesn't begin or end, it continues."

Veterans and active duty military members can count on Social Security



By Erin Thompson
Social Security Public
Affairs Specialist

Every year on Veterans Day, we honor the people who risk their lives to protect our country.

Our disability program is an important part of our obligation to wounded warriors and their families.

Social Security is an important resource for military members who return home with injuries. If you know a wounded veteran, please let them know about our Wounded Warriorswebpage. You can find it at www.ssa.gov/woundedwarriors.

The Wounded Warriorswebpage answers many commonly asked questions, and shares other useful information about disability benefits, including how veterans can receive expedited processing of their Social Security disability claims. Benefits available through Social Security are different from those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.

We apply our expedited process for military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs.

Even active duty military who continue to receive pay while in a hospital or on medical leave should consider applying for disability benefits if they're unable to work due to a disabling condi-

tion. Active duty status and receipt of military pay doesn't necessarily prevent payment of Social Security disability benefits. Although a person can't receive Social Security disability benefits while engaging in substantial work for pay or profit, receipt of military payments should never stop someone from applying for disability benefits.

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TPD looking for new hires and tests begin this Saturday at St. Francis High School



By: Jurry Taalib-Deen
Journal Staff Writer

The Toledo Police Department, TPD, is currently seeking people who are interested in joining the force. The six month police academy begins in August of 2021, but recruiting and testing for the academy runs until December 31, 2020.

Sgt. Michael Kurjan, and Officer Stephen Bates, who work in the Recruiting Department, explained to The Toledo Journal the benefits of joining TPD. Besides being paid full time, while enrolled in the six month academy, you can earn

college credit while in the academy. There's full tuition reimbursement if pursuing higher education, 401K package, room for advancement, and much more.

"There's so much more to the department besides being a patrolman," Sgt. Kurjan said. "There're forensic investigations, community relationship, becoming a detective, joining SWAT, or Homeland Security; the opportunities are endless."

Officer Bates said, "This is open to anyone between the ages of 20-39. All you need is a high school diploma, or GED. We work with all sizes and shapes, rather male or female."

Sgt. Kurjan said the academy prepares an individual for any situation, and typically, when patrolling, everyone is paired with a partner.

"Men and women can join the academy," he said. "We don't want people to be concerned about their size; concerning themselves with not being muscular enough," Sgt. Kurjan explained.

Tests to qualify for the academy will be given at St. Francis High School on Saturday, November 14, and in The Martin Luther King Ballroom, at the Amtrak Toledo Station in downtown Toledo on November 21.

Further, Sgt. Kurjan, and Officer Bates will be holding an information session at Franklin Park Mall on November 14, after the test, between 12:30 and 3:30.

"This is really rewarding opportunity, and we'll sit down and discuss with anyone the benefits of joining TPD," Officer Bates said.


To apply online, visit TPDhire.com or for questions, visit tpdrecruitment@toledo.oh.gov. Sgt. Kurjan can be reached at 419.936.3732 and Officer Bates can be reached at 419.245.1630.



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Black Men Receive Good News in Prostate Cancer Treatment

By: Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Wire Writer

cer vaccine, extended survival by nearly 15 months over oral hormone therapy, according to the retrospective study of more than 6,000 men, researchers reported at the American Society of Clinical Oncology Genitourinary Cancers Symposium in San Francisco.

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At a risk rate of 74 percent higher among African American men than non-Hispanic white men, prostate cancer has exacted a deadlier toll on Black men than it does white and all other men of color in the United States.

According to medical researchers, Black men have the highest risk of developing this cancer and dying from prostate cancer, the most common disease in men and the second-leading cause of cancer-related death in men after lung cancer.

Black men remain more likely to develop more aggressive types of prostate cancer as prostate cancer death rates in African Americans are more than double those of every other racial and ethnic group in the U.S.

However, a 2020 study has revealed some good news.

African American and white men with prostate cancer live equally as long if the same care delivery system treats them.

The use of Provenge (sipuleucel-T), a personalized can-

cer vaccine, extended survival by nearly 15 months over oral hormone therapy, according to the retrospective study of more than 6,000 men, researchers reported at the American Society of Clinical Oncology Genitourinary Cancers Symposium in San Francisco.

“Provenge, developed by Dendreon, was the first approved cancer vaccine. It involves collecting a sample of a patient’s white blood cells, exposing the dendritic cells to tumor antigens in a lab, and reinfusing the trained immune cells back into the body,” described Liz Highleyman for Cancerhealth.com.

“It targets prostatic acid phosphatase, a protein found at high levels in most prostate tumors. Dendritic cells present these proteins for recognition by T cells, the immune system’s main cancer-fightin sol-

diers.”

When comparing African American and white men who

received the Provenge treatment, Black men lived over 4.5 years, compared with 2.5 years for Caucasian men—a difference of 20.9 months and a 48 percent relative risk reduction of death.

No other prostate cancer treatment has shown this lev-

el of added benefit in African American men with advanced prostate cancer.

“Based on our analysis of these real-world data, men with metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer who had immunotherapy added to their treatment regimen had a significant reduction in the risk of death at three years, regardless of the sequencing,”

lead study author Dr. Rana McKay of Moores Cancer Center at the Uni-

versity of California, San Diego, said in news release from the drug-maker Dendreon.

According to a retrospective analysis of medical and pharmacy claims data from more than 6,000 Medicare Fee for Service beneficiaries,

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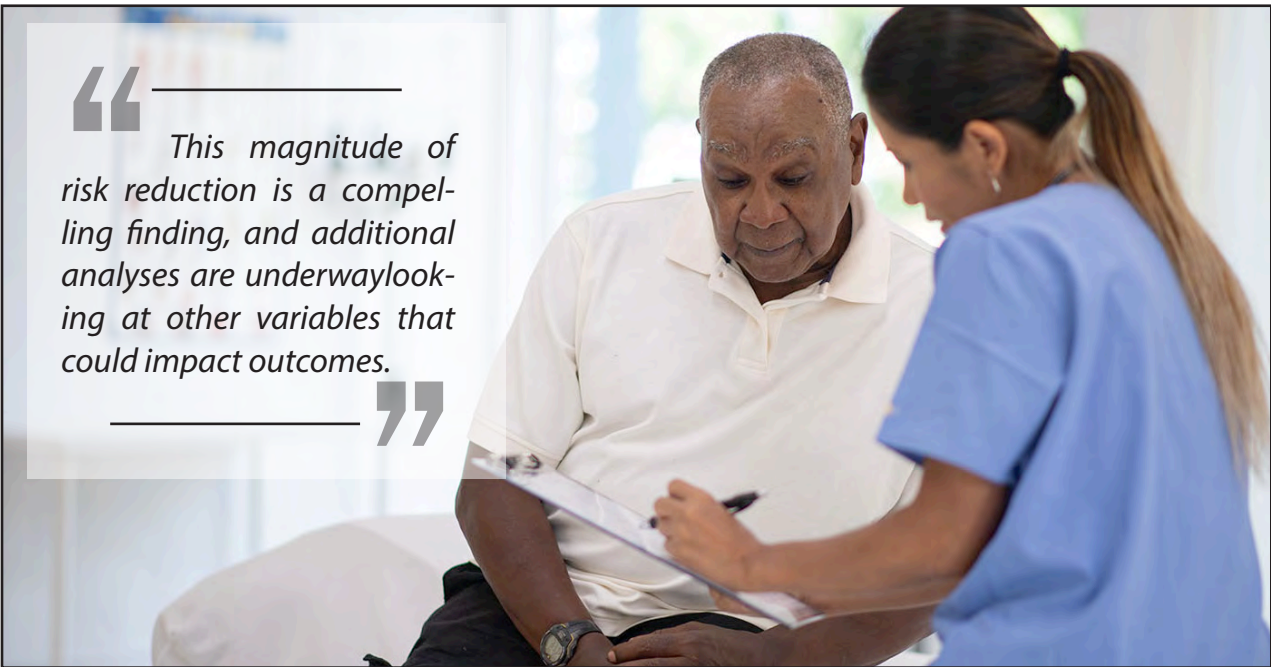


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5-Year-Old Author Justyn Boumah Hosts Read-a-Thon to Raise Funds for Great Causes



Submitted

Hi! I'm Justyn Boumah, Kid Author • Healthy Chef • World Traveler. My momma helped me type this. I am 5-years-old and hosting my annual "Around the World" Read-A-Thon! This year, because of the pandemic, we are having my kickoff in the PARK as a Kiddie Drive-In!

I am so excited to read, play and see my friends! My momma and I rallied readers around the-

world using social media (momma helped with this too).

We have readers from Africa, the Caribbean, Middle East and North America! We have pledged to read a lot of books in three days!

My "Around the World" Read-A-Thon was November 8th-10th, National Young Readers Week! We are raising funds for young entrepreneur like ME and foster and homeless kids and teens. Since I am 5-years-old, I am asking my friends to give 5 BUCKS (500 pennies)! I know I can give 5 BUCKS so I think my friends can, too! Money



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raised through the Read-a-Thon will go to support these great causes:

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To support to my Read-a-Thon and learn more, please go to gf.me/u/y2mq63 or connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.

Newly Hired Bus Driver Rescues Missing 11-Year Old Girl

Submitted

(Black News) - Last week, Lakesha found the girl, who was later identified as Pandora Phipps, alone at a nearby shopping center. She immediately sensed that something was wrong.

"I seen an itty bitty, little tiny girl sitting over in the corner and as I soon as I pulled up, I gravitated straight towards her. I had a feeling in my soul that something wasn't right," Lakesha told WESH.

It turned out that Pandora had been missing and was 4 miles away from her home. When Lakesha asked her how she got there, she said she walked.

Lakesha then decided to take her home before calling 911. A surveillance video taken from her home showed her taking care of the girl and keeping her warm.

"I couldn't imagine pulling away from that stop and not helping her. Anything could have happened to her. The wrong person could have approached her," Lakesha said.

Pandora's family has been very thankful that Lakesha found her, and many people in the local community are calling her a hero.

"It warms my heart. It really does. I'm trying not to cry. I've been trying not to

cry. I spoke with her mom last night. It really warms my heart, you know, and I would do it 10 times over again," she said.



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Lakesha English, a woman from Ohio who had just started working as a city bus driver about 6 weeks ago, is being hailed a hero for rescuing an 11-year old girl who had been reported missing.

Toledo Public Schools returning to Red Light Status (100% remote learning)

*By: Candace Harrison
TPS External Communications Manager*

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine has said that 80 percent of Ohioans live in a county that is considered to have a high risk for spreading COVID-19, including Lucas County. As cases continue to increase across our county, the state of Ohio and the country, Toledo Public Schools will return to 100 percent remote learning (known as Red Light status).

While the number of confirmed cases of students in schools – specifically TPS schools – remains low, we are concerned that trend will not continue as we approach the holidays and the colder winter months and the most prudent course of action is to have all of our students learning remotely. Here are the details:

- Thursday, November 12th will be the last day of in-person instruction for all Group A students in grades Pre-K through fifth; students will need to take home all personal

- items that day.
- Friday, November 13th will be the last day of in-person instruction for all Group B students in grades Pre-K through fifth; students will need to take home all personal items that day.
- Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students who were scheduled to return to school on Monday, November 16th will continue with online learning.
- TPS will remain in Red Light status at least through the end of the first semester, which ends on Thursday, December 17.
- Students from TTA and ANSAT will continue with in-school instruction so
- they can earn their industry credentials.

That means that any student who is currently on the A/B hybrid schedule will return to remote learning and the remainder of our students – including the sixth through eighth grade students who had been expected to start on the

hybrid schedule on the 16th – will continue with their online learning.

We will follow this schedule through the end of the first semester, which ends on Thursday, December 17, 2020 – students will then transition to winter break on Monday December 21, 2020. Friday, December 18, 2020 is teacher workday. A decision about the second semester will be made over the Christmas holiday break.

Students will need to continue logging on to their Chromebook each day and complete their classwork. They must maintain their grades and daily attendance will be taken. Here is a link to the district's Responsible Reopening plan for information related to expectations during Red Light status: tps.org/reopen

Finally, it is imperative for students and families to remember the guidance from Governor DeWine and health officials:

TRANSPORTATION

- Transportation will continue to be

provided for the special education-students who will be provided in-school services.

- Parents will be contacted directly to confirm the time and locations for pick-up and drop-off

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

- Beginning on November 16th:
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 - If you cannot pick meals up on Monday, please call the school you will use as your pick-up location by noon the previous Friday to arrange for a Tuesday pick-up.
 - Head Start locations at Cross-gates, Mayfair and Summit will not be open.
- Thanksgiving Week – November 23rd
 - Meal pick-up will only be available on Monday, November 23rd for Thanksgiving week.

FAITH: Encouragement for the Discouraged



By: F. Jones
Wire Writer

Perseverance seems to be an outdated concept in our day of instant everything. If it doesn't come easy, why pursue it? If it's hard or requires endurance, maybe it isn't your thing. God encourages the discouraged to persevere. He cares about the discouragement we are facing. The Lord does not ask us to gloss over or ignore our situation. He simply asks that in all our troubles to remember that He understands and cares for us.

One of the most memorable stories I can remember while attending Thomas Edison High School was about how the famous inventor tried again and again to find the right filament for the incandescent electric light bulb. One day he had completed his 10,000th experiment only to discover another way that would not work. When he arrived home that night, he shared this bit of news with his wife. She responded by saying, "Aren't you discouraged?" He remarked back, "Discouraged?" "Certainly not! I now know 10,000 ways that won't work!"

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God is well aware that delays will come and in there coming we become discouraged. Outside opposition and criticism will surface, and when they do, we will become discouraged. Inside pessimism, comparisons, and faulty expectations are likely to appear and also discourage us.

God's word to us when we are discouraged is to persevere. Three times the Lord repeats "Be Strong!" ("Take Courage.") He tells the children of Israel to keep going! From this lesson we can glean a few helpful points to encourage us in our discouragement.

There are two aspects to perseverance: an attitude and an action. The wrong attitude comes when we take our focus off the Lord and onto what seems to be a slow dis-

appointing process. Your attitude affects your ability to continue. God says, "Be Strong!" We aren't strong in our own strength, but in God's strength. Perseverance also requires the right action. Attitude provides the motivation but motivation without action won't lead to progress. Being steadfast is a combination of inspiration and perspiration. Madam C.J. Walker said, "I had to make my own living and my own opportunity. But I made it! Don't sit down and wait for opportunities to come. Get up and make them."

God assures the discouraged by His presence and His promise. The assurance of His presence should lift the cloud of discouragement and enable

us to press on. When we grow discouraged, remember His promise that He will not leave us and will come to us.

During a Monday Night Football game between the Chicago Bears and the New York Giants, one of the announcers observed that Walter Payton, the Bears running back, had accumulated nine miles in career rushing yardage. The other announcer remarked, "Yeah, and that's with somebody knocking him down every 4.6 yards!" Walter Payton, one of the most successful running backs in history, knew that everyone, even the best get knocked down. The key is to get up and run just as hard.

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Good News in Prostate Cancer Treatment

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the addition of Provenge to either the drugs Zytiga or Xtandi, at any point in a patient's mCRPC [metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer] treatment regimen, reduced the risk of death by 45 percent and extended median overall survival by 14.5 months.

Another study looked at survival data from 60,035 men diagnosed and treated for prostate cancer by the U.S. Veterans Administration (V.A.)

Health Care System between 2000 and 2015.

Because VA hospitals provide the same subsidized care to all eligible veterans, African American men don't experience the delays in diagnosis or treatment that they can often face in the general population regardless of their socioeconomic standing.

Of the men included in that study, 18,201 were African American, and 41,834 were white.

African Americans tended

to be diagnosed at younger ages, lived in areas with lower median incomes, and had less education and more additional health problems than the white men.

According to a Harvard University blog, after adjusting for tumor grade, prostate-specific antigen levels, smoking habits, the types of treatment received, and other factors with an influence on prostate cancer survival, investigators found that African Americans had slightly better odds

of not dying from the disease than the white men did.

"Specifically, the 10-year prostate cancer-specific death rate was 4.4 percent among African Americans and 5.1 percent among white men. And among all men in the study who were still alive after 10 years, 81.8 percent were African Americans, and 77.5 percent were white," the Harvard blog noted.

"Based on our analysis of these real-world data, men with mCRPC [metastatic cas-

tration-resistant prostate cancer] who had immunotherapy added to their treatment regimen had a significant reduction in the risk of death at three years, regardless of the sequencing," Dr. McKay stated.

"This magnitude of risk reduction is a compelling finding, and additional analyses are underway looking at other variables that could impact outcomes."

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Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr. passes away

November 12, 1985: Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission established

November 11, 1989: Civil Rights Memorial is dedicated in Montgomery, AL.

November 12, 1994: Track & Field Great, Wilma Glodean Rudolph died at the age of 54 in her home in Nashville, Tennessee.

November 17, 2006: Dr. and Mrs. King are re-interred together in a private ceremony

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Filmmaker Completes Documentary That Exposes U.S. Government For Oppressing Black and Brown Communities

Submitted

Filmmaker Brandi Webb is the director of an experimental documentary that indicts the U.S. Government on 18 charges, for crimes committed against Black and Brown citizens. Her documentary, *Betrayal of a Nation*, is a two-part series that intertwines scripted courtroom dialog with out-of-court real-life interviews with experts and witnesses. These interviews highlight oppressive acts such as the destruction of Black Wall Street in Tulsa, OK and the execution of Civil Rights leaders carried out by the government. These interviews are used as testimonies and serve as trial evidence.

Previously, Webb held a crowdsourcing campaign with GoFundMe, to raise money to complete the film. She is thankful to all of her donors.

Nearly reaching her goal, she was able to complete this compelling project. Brandi is now taking imperative steps towards achieving distribution. Webb says that she would like to see *Betrayal of a Nation* on mainstream platforms like Netflix, Hulu, and UMC – a Black-owned streaming service, but is open to other platforms. She believes the more viewers reached, the more the documentary can help to influence substantial change in America.

For those that would like to support *Betrayal of a Nation* and Webb's efforts to obtain distribution, she is asking that you spread the word, share and repost social media content about the film, and participate in the #BON-Challenge; a self-recorded black and white video where citizens dressed in black, read off their own charges to the government. Additionally, supporters can also add an image of themselves to the documentary's movie poster and share their stories of betrayal on their social media platforms.

All promotional content along with excerpts from video footage that did not make the final cut can be viewed on the documentary's social media platforms. For access, visit [Facebook.com/betrayalofanation](https://www.facebook.com/betrayalofanation), or follow @BetrayalofANation on Instagram and @BetrayedNation on Twitter.

"It is time to put an end to the injustices faced by so many over the years and that continues to plague our society and the world at large. This documentary is educational, thought-provoking, inspiring, and very timely," spoken by actress Marsha-Ann Hay, who portrays the judge in the film.

"*Betrayal of a Nation* speaks to the awakening of all America's tricks that have kept a knee on our necks. The film must be seen by all newly woke minded people who say America wrote a check and now it's time to cash," stated radio personality, Tamera Fair, (I Heart Radio) who advocates for reparations in the documentary.

Following the 2016 murders of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile by police officers, Ms. Webb became overwhelmed with emotion and was frustrated with the countless acquittals and non-indictments of these police officers, throughout the nation. She created *Betrayal of a Nation* in an effort to educate and explore the social injustices in America by the hands of our government. Following the recent outcry and protests surrounding the unjust murders of Breonna Taylor, Amaud Arbery, and George Floyd, the need for a real-life indictment on U.S. Government policies and practices has become more clear to Ms. Webb and she believes anything is possible.

"We have a strong momentum going right now. People are in the streets, they are waking up to all of the injustices, and the things that the Black community has been asking for, like police transparency and accountability, we are now demanding it and change is happening. Laws and policies are beginning to change," said the indie filmmaker.



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After two years of crowdfunding to raise \$15K to film her documentary, Brandi Webb has finished her “Betrayal of a Nation” film project and is now looking to partner with a distributor like Netflix, Hulu, or UMC.

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Black Woman Director Makes History With Award-Winning Film and Stage Play

Submitted

(Black News) - Last year, Ms. Phillips directed the Audelco nominated, one-woman stage production of Down to Eartha, written and starring Dierdra McDowell. The play pays homage to the multifaceted entertainer/activist, Eartha Kitt, and was in residency at the Dwyer Cultural Center in Harlem until COVID shut the city down. This project too will be on Vimeo in November 2020 and is currently available for pre-order (<https://vimeo.com/454806441>).

Now that New York is slowly reopening for business, Ms. Phillips is set for her next directorial project a live, three-camera taping of Carlos Jeromes' short play, Counting Pedestals for the legendary Negro Ensemble Company, a place that has given many Black creatives an opportunity to hone their craft, in front and behind the curtains. The production will be staged, performed, and filmed at American Movie Company in Lower Manhattan.

As Marishka S. Phillips builds her directorial resume, she continues to be much in demand as an acting coach/

Fires Everywhere, Scandal, American Son on Broadway); NAACP Image Award Nominee, Nicole Beharie (Miss

gin, The Oath), just to name a few.

Her abilities as a coach and mentor, to connect empatheti-

into her individual student's mental and emotional sensibilities. This technique also allows her to guide students more effectively, preparing them as complete performers by improving their ability to inhabit a role, not simply play it. The result – her list of students has grown exponentially over the past few years, keeping her busier than ever.

A woman of many talents, Ms. Phillips began her career in show business as an actor/singer/dancer on Broadway in the musical, Uptown: It's Hot directed by the legendary Maurice Hines. She also appeared on stage in Bubblin' Brown Sugar, FAME: The Musical, The Wiz, and The Me Nobody Knows; made numerous television and film appearances, and toured with music giants CeCe Winans and P. Diddy Combs. She continues to exercise her acting chops – most recently on the indie film, LOLA, written and directed by Antoine Allen.

mentally with her actors, have led to the creation of The Marishka Method, a unique coaching technique that relies on Ms. Phillip's innate ability to tap



Marishka S. Phillips, a world-renowned actress turned acting coach, is now finding success as a director!

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