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African American Women Cancer Support Group participated in Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure, Race "Where You Are"



Submitted

On September 23, 2020 the African-American Women's Cancer Support Group participated in the Susan G Komen virtual walk for the Cure. Due to the COVID19 pandemic the Komen Foundation of Northwest Ohio held their 27th Annual Toledo Race for the Cure virtually.

Groups from around Toledo and vicinity held their own "Walk where you are" events. We met on the main campus of the University of Toledo. Pictures were shared online on social media using #RaceWhereYouAre or #Race419thecure.

Jeanette Martin, a member and 14 year breast cancer survivor shared photos from the "Sidewalk chalk Photo" event day. Several members of the support group wrote their names on the sidewalk.

If you were a survivor, you added the year of your diagnosis.

A representative of Komen met us on the school campus to hand out pink face masks and feather boas. Jeanette gave out breast cancer awareness tote bags.

Throughout the week photos from special moments and like these were shared on social media. People shared stories about their journey as a survivor. Each day there were inspirational testimonials from survivors and those thriving with breast cancer. Some of those testimonials would not have been possible if it hadn't been for people like you. People who give when they see a need. And yes, there is still a need and you still have time to help even more. Contact the Komen Foundation of Northwest Ohio at 419 724 2873 for more information. I thank you for your support and I thank the African-American Women's Cancer Support Group for all the support and care. They meet once a month, via zoom, and visit survivors or accompany them to hospital visits, when needed. Prior to the pandemic they met once a month at the Health And Successful living center on the main campus of the University of Toledo. Hopefully we will be able to resume our in person meetings soon. But until then, Remember to get your mammogram exams and that early detection is better protection.



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TARTA and Amazon Announce Transit Service to New Rossford Fulfillment Center

Laura Koprowski
TARTA Chief Communications
& Customer Experience Officer

With the opening of the new Amazon Rossford Fulfillment Center, the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) and Amazon are announcing the expansion of transit services to the location. Beginning November 2, 2020, TARTA's 10L Rossford bus route will be expanded to provide transit access to the new fulfillment center. Service will begin at TARTA's Down-

town Toledo Transit Hub and travel through the City of Rossford to key area destinations including the Hollywood Casino, Bass Pro Shop and the Meijer-Rossford. The 10L bus route service is available Monday – Saturday. For the 10L route timetable, visit www.tarta.com or call 419- 243-RIDE (7433). In addition, TARTA will provide door-to-door paratransit service to the fulfillment center for riders with qualifying special mobility needs. Service is



available seven days a week. More information and details about the application process are available at www.tarta.com/services/tarps.

“TARTA is committed to connecting our customers to jobs in our community like those at the Amazon Rossford Fulfillment Center,” said TARTA CEO Kimberly Dunham. “We are proud to partner in the growth and success of our local economy and are excited to work alongside our business partner, Amazon, to ensure we are meeting their workforce transportation needs.” Due to COVID-19, all TARTA services remain free. All

riders must wear a facial covering. TARTA also has a limit of 10 customers per bus and five customers per paratransit vehicle. TARTA vehicles are cleaned and disinfected daily, and hand sanitizer is available on all vehicles. Due to TARTA's proactive measures, the transit authority has earned state and national recognition for following the leading health and safety guidelines to reduce the spread of the coronavirus. Additional rider safety protocols are available at www.tarta.com.

Pre-Holiday COVID-19 Tests

Testing over three weekends; free turkeys on Nov. 7 provided by The Junction Coalition

Submitted
Rising cases of COVID-19 are creating uncertainty for upcoming holidays. But this November, Neighborhood Health Association (NHA) is trying to help families Gather with Peace of Mind with FREE COVID-19 tests in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, NHA has worked tirelessly to offer free testing to the community, including those who are low income, underinsured and uninsured. With Thanksgiving around the corner, NHA is now including a free turkey, provided by The Junction Coalition, along with the test, educa-

tional materials and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Gather with Peace of Mind is designed to help families protect their loved ones while celebrating Thanksgiving. “The idea behind Gather with Peace of Mind is to bring your entire Thanksgiving group for testing to know that you're keeping everyone

safe,” explained Charles Allen, supervisor of Community Based Outreach for NHA. Racial and ethnic minority groups are at a higher risk of developing certain health conditions, including asthma, obesity, diabetes, chronic kidney disease and COPD. Race and ethnicity are risk markers for other underlying conditions

that impact health — including socioeconomic status, access to health care and increased occupational exposure to the virus. “COVID-19 has underscored the need for the work that we have done for the last 50 years—increasing access

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Who do you think will win the 2020 Presidential election and why?



Vincent Sample
Laborer

It's hard to tell who'll win the election. Since the Electoral College exists, they can vote in whoever they choose, regardless of how the people vote. Hil- lary won the 2016 election by three million votes, yet they put Trump into office; having that type of power that can override the majority of the country is scary. But it seems like people are tired of Trump, and will vote Biden into office.



Kenny Jones
State Officer

I think Biden will win because the polls are saying he has a substantial lead, and it seems like more people are supporting him.



Kim Cade
Forklift Driver

I think Biden will win because of the record num- ber of people who have already early voted, which seems to favor him. Also, with the amount of peo- ple, who've either died from Covid-19, or was sick, is working in favor of Biden. I think those factors will contribute to a Biden win.



Darrel Miller
Construction Worker

I think Biden will win because he talks slicker than Trump. Biden masks his true feelings, and tells the people what they want to hear, which is more appealing. Trump is outward with his emo- tions; he can't conceal how he really feels. It may have worked for him in 2016, but I think it won't work now. Either way, no matter the winner, I think it's a lose, lose for the country.



Greg Baldwin
Barber

I think Biden will win because people want some- one with more experience. And even though Hillary had more experience than Trump, in 2016, she was robbed by the Electoral College.



Sofe Minor
LPN

I think Biden will win because he's offering a more attractive jobs plan for the people. Also, the fact he picked Kamala Harris as his running mate, I think he'll garnish more Black voters, and women voters.



Alonzo Garrett
Child Advocate

I think Trump will win because big money always wins. Also, I'm a Purple Heart veteran, and a lot of veterans, and military personnel like Trump be- cause he takes care of them, and he's hard on our enemies overseas. Now, I don't like Trump, but it's a fact that a lot of current and former military per- sonnel like him because he's hard on our enemies.

Ongoing Events

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

Sessions began in November and will continue through December. The ninety-minute sessions will focus on getting input from residents, advocates, community stakeholders, and others who live, work, or have interests in the Toledo Zip codes of 43604, 43607, 43608, and 43610. The sessions will be held on the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, November 4 and 18, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- 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>

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 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 ap- pointments necessary. Protein, canned goods, fresh produce and baked goods are available. Items may vary weekly.

Every Tuesday and Saturday

Toledo Masjid Al-Isalm 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.

Now Thru Nov. 12th

Alzheimer's Association Virtual Educational Program Series

Variety of Topics for the Community and Families Impacted by the Disease
All programs are free and open to the public. Reg- istration is required. To register for the program, call 800.272.3900
11/4 @ 11AM: Understanding Alzheimer's/Dementia
11/ 4 @ 4PM: Effective Communication Strategies
11/5 @ 6PM: Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body - Tips From the Latest Research
11/9 @ 2PM: Understanding Alzheimer's/Dementia
11/9 @ 5PM: Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior
11/10 @4PM: Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body - Tips From the Latest Research
11/12 @ 11AM: Dementia Conversations
11/12 @3:30PM Living with Alzheimer's for Caregiv- ers - Late Stage Part 1

Nov. 8th

Cathedral Concerts 2020-2021 Concert Series

Sunday, 3:00 PM, Paul Monachino, organist. This concert performed on the cathedral's historic E.M. Skinner organ will include a tribute to Veteran's Day with selections bsd on American hymn tunes. Works by Gordon Jacob, Cesar Franck, J.S. Bach and C.M. Widow will round out the program. We offer concerts this season in a safe environment that allows for social distancing of the performers and audience. There is no admission charge for the concerts. The audience will have the opportunity to support the Cardboard to Headboard Campaigns sponsorerd by VETERANS MATTER. The cathedral is handicap accessible and secure parking is provided. For more informatin contact the cathedral office at (419) 244-9575 or visit www.rosarycathedral.org.

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 Neighbor- hoods. Social Distancing and Masks required.
11/14 Wilson Park, 1-3P.M.

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 Re- quired. Enjoy exclusive shopping from local Midwest vendors, waiting to fulfill all your holiday shopping needs! Thanks To Our Sponsors

Reparations? Not in this lifetime!



By Lafe Tolliver,
Attorney

Let us take a show of hands. How many readers believe that in your lifetime that America will respond positively to the idea of reparations for the descendants of slaves?

Odd. I do not see many hands go up. Let me tell you why I think that.

The concept of reparations or the economic rehabilitation and restoration of rights and benefits that were wrongfully denied due to one's ethnic heritage is a deal breaker to start with.

First of all, white America, which still controls the majority of the levers of political and economic power in this country is not at a place intellectually, much less morally, to uproot their economic streams of income and place monies at the disposal of people of color.

Even if you were to argue that it is in their best interest to do so, white America would balk at the thought that they are, first of all, liable to anyone for what their "ancestors" did to Black Americans' and secondly, they would not give up economic "goodies" and benefits that are destined for their progeny and that would inure to unknown, "others".

There are books galore on the issue of reparations and the righteousness of it and how it is overdue and that unless it is done, there can be no righting of this racially listing American ship called, America.

Imagine, if you can, the top one percenters in this country (those are the ones that hold the true wealth of this country in their tightly closed hands) agreeing to lend their credibility to programs that has the effect of shifting tens of trillions of dollars to ideas and



programs that would monetize the economic aspirations of Black Americans.

Any Congress, regardless of its political makeup, is not going to affirm the case (and which case, I might add is clear cut) that white Americans stole, robbed, killed and cheated both Native Americans out of their land (sorry folks but Christopher Columbus did not discover America); and did horrendous things to Black Americans in order to subjugate them to a mentality of inferiority.

When you consider that the national debt is approaching 27 trillion dollars, imagine asking for tens of trillions more to be added on to it if the federal government was to be responsible for reparations.

The roar and howl about such a price tag for reparations would have the fiscal hawks in Congress losing all their feathers if they had to construct and fund such a mammoth financial undertaking.

Of course, opponents would raise the issue of who really qualifies for reparations. Is it direct descendants of slaves or is it anyone who has faced discrimination due to their being considered, Black?

Would reparations include those who are not considered, "Black" insofar as they have mixed parentage and thus are not in a direct lineage from any Af-

rican ancestors?

Also, what timeframe are we speaking about? Are we going back to the date line of 1619, when Africans first appeared on these shores or are we referring to the time that slavery, based upon racial markers, became codified in the law?

What are some of the forms or platforms that reparations could utilized? Try these on for size:

[1] Two hundred billion dollars to the HBCU schools and universities.

[2] One Trillion dollars in direct aid and grants to small and medium size minority businesses including lines of credit and placement of funds in minority owned and controlled credit unions, banks and hedge funds.

[3] Five Trillion dollars for no interest loans to purchase both real estate in the form of homes, business startups and lines of credit.

[4] Funding to establish a commission on racial reconciliation which would examine the effect of slavery in America; and how slavery was institutionalized in America via its political, religious and economic systems.

[5] Sufficient funding to re-examine and re-write the slanted history books to illustrate the real drama and dread of holding people in bondage and peonage, the intended purposes and effects capitulated America to become a world

class power.

[6] Last, but not least, a computation of placing X dollars directly in the hands of former slaves and their descendants, be they who stayed in the US of A or who left for Liberia and other parts of the world to escape being a continuing captive of American style racism.

[7] Funds for the various African countries which were ravaged by the slavery trade and lost millions of people and their talents to this heinous trade.

Any meaningful discussion of reparations would be a powder keg of acrimony, bellicose accusations, denials, lies, distortions and sorrowful stories of those who lives were deliberately snuffed out due to their courage to speak truth to power.

Reparations. It is not a topic that is easy on the tongue or kind to the ear since by its very nature it says that one person is wrong and the other person is awaiting both an apology and real dollars to make some amends, albeit, not being made whole.

Reparations can only say to the aggrieved that, "We were wrong, and we economically benefitted for hundreds of years from your losses, free labor and illegal subjugation."

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Another Black Life Lost to Police Violence. Another Grave Injustice. Another Urgent Reason for Congress to Pass the BREATHE Act.

Submitted

Statement of Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner, executive director and CEO of MomsRising, an online and on-the-ground organization of more than one million mothers and their families, on the murder of Walter Wallace Jr. by Philadelphia police this week.

"George Floyd. Breonna Taylor. Rayshard Brooks. Tony McDade. And now, Walter Wallace Jr. They are among the Black Americans – people with lives and loves, families and futures – who were murdered by police. This is state-sanctioned violence and it has to stop. This

country will not tolerate police murders of people of color, day after day after day.

"America's moms mourn the death of Walter Wallace Jr. Our hearts are with Cathy Wallace, Walter's mom, who tried valiantly and desperately to save her son's life as police pulled their guns and shot her son not once, not twice, but ten times. No mother should lose a loved one to those charged with our protection. No one should lose his life because police responded with lethal violence to a mental health crisis.

"The BREATHE Act would ensure our political leaders invest

in our communities through education, housing, health care, and mental health services, and address the needs of people living in low-income communities. This federal bill divests resources from incarceration and policing; builds new approaches to community safety; invests resources to build equitable communities for all; enhances the self-determination of all Black and POC communities; and allocates funds to build healthy, sustainable, and equitable communities.

"At a time when COVID-19 is devastating Black and Brown

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Lucas County Commissioners announce \$1.5 million in Small Business Stabilization Fund grants to assist Main Street Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations

Submitted By Mark Reiter

The Lucas County Commissioners on Tuesday approved a resolution to provide \$1.5 million in financial support to small businesses and non-profit organizations in Lucas County that have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In partnership with the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Commissioners have created the Small Business Stabilization Fund from a share of the dollars the county received from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. It began on Tuesday (October 27), qualifying small businesses and non-profit organizations can submit applications to the Chamber of Commerce for reimbursement of certain eligible expenses. Applications will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis until funds for the program are exhausted. All program funds must be expended by December 31, 2020.

“Our small businesses and community non-profits are struggling to survive and are in desperate need of assistance because of the pandemic. By sharing a portion of the county’s CARES Act funds, we are giving a lifeline to main street businesses and the non-profits that provide valuable services to help our county residents in so many ways,” said Tina Skeldon Wozniak, President of the Board of County Commissioners.

Any Lucas County business meeting the eligibility requirements is encouraged to learn more about the Small Business Stabilization Fund at toledochamber.com/grant. Chamber of Commerce membership is not required nor will be a consideration to receive funds.

The Commissioners and the Chamber of Commerce are targeting a cumulative participation rate of 15 percent to be awarded to businesses within the county owned by women, minorities, or veterans impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Lucas County is working to help residents through this difficult time.



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The Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce thanks the Lucas County Commissioners for addressing this critical need for relief of Lucas County small businesses that have been negatively impacted by Covid-19
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Among those struggling the most during this COVID-19 recession are the small businesses in the working class neighborhoods. We must assure that small businesses and businesses owned by people of color will benefit

from these funds so they can not only recover and but thrive,” Commissioner Pete Gerken said.

Small Business Stabilization Fund grants are available to businesses and non-profit organizations that have a physical location in Lucas County, employ 50 people or less, and earned less than \$5 million in revenue in 2019. To qualify, firms must demonstrate that they will suffer a loss in gross revenue in 2020.

Eligible expenses include salaries, wages, and compensation paid to employees, rent or lease payments, mortgage costs including interest, utilities, insurance, inventory and supplies, personal protective equipment or other Responsible RestartOhio related costs.

Through the program, businesses with 20 or fewer employees will be eligible for grants up to \$10,000 and firms employing 21 to 50 workers can receive up to \$25,000.

“The impact of this ongoing pandemic has been especially difficult on our

small business community in that many rely on walk-in traffic and events for revenues. This is a good example of government partnering with business advocates to provide the necessary relief to those that have been hardest hit and need help to keep their doors open,” Commissioner Gary L. Byers said.

“The Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce thanks the Lucas County Commissioners for addressing this critical need for relief of Lucas County small businesses that have been negatively impacted by Covid-19,” said Wendy Gramza, President and CEO of the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce. “The Chamber has been focusing its efforts on helping our businesses through this unprecedented situation. This includes connecting businesses to information and resources and working with our government leaders toward solutions that strengthen our business and support the economic recovery of the region. This partnership represents a logical extension of those efforts.”

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communities, when our schools cannot function normally, when armed white supremacists with guns are marching on state capitols and intimidating voters, we need to shift priorities and re-allocate resources. Moms demand full accountability for the murder of Walter Wallace Jr., and investments in health, education and community supports. We will not rest until we have a country in which we can all be safe and thrive.”

Sign the MomsRising petition in support of the #BREATHEAct here: https://action.momsrising.org/sign/BREATHE_Act/#BREATHEact

MomsRising.org is an on-the-ground and online grassroots organization of more than a million people who are working to increase family

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At a time when COVID-19 is devastating Black and Brown communities, when our schools cannot function normally, when armed white supremacists with guns are marching on state capitols and intimidating voters, we need to shift priorities and re-allocate resources.
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economic security, decrease discrimination against women and moms, and to build a nation where businesses and families can thrive. Established in 2006, MomsRising and its members are organizing and speaking out to improve public policy and to change the national dialogue on issues that are critically important to America’s families, including criminal justice reform, immigration policy reform, and gun safety. MomsRising is working for paid family and medical leave, affordable, high quality childcare and early

learning, and for an end to the wage and hiring discrimination which penalizes women — particularly moms and women of color — and so many others. MomsRising advocates for access to healthy food for all kids, health care for all, earned sick days, and breastfeeding rights so that all children can have a healthy start. MomsRising maintains a Spanish language website: [MamasConPoder.org](https://www.MamasConPoder.org). Sign up online at www.MomsRising.org — and follow us on our blog, and on Twitter and Facebook.

Colorado Makes History With Record-Breaking Number of Black Women Judges

Submitted

Five Black women are currently serving as judges in Colorado, which is a record-breaking number in the state. They were appointed by Gov. Jared Polis during a period of less than two years.

In October 2019, Frances Johnson was appointed for the 4th Judicial District Court in Colorado Springs, making her the first Black woman to hold the position in general jurisdiction.

A month after that, Nikea Bland became the first Black woman appointed to a Denver district court of general jurisdiction.

"It's 2020, and there shouldn't be any Black firsts left, but here we are," Bland told Essence . "I'm just glad to see we are finally moving forward. It's progress."

This year, Pax Moultrie was selected to the Denver Juvenile Court in February, Samorreyan "Sam" Burney was assigned in the 4th Judicial District County Court in Colorado Springs in April, and Jill Dorancy was appointed a district court judge in July.

Polis, who took office in January 2019, appointed more Black women to the statewide bench than all the 42 previous governors combined.

The efforts were done in accordance with his commitment to have representation for everyone. "I am honored to appoint several highly qualified and dedicated Black women to serve in Colorado's judicial branch — it's about time! I am committed to building a Colorado for all, which is why we need more people of color in positions of leadership and represented in our government, in order to truly reflect our community," Polis said. Moreover, the appointments are somehow surprising to many, especially that the state consists of 84% white and 4% Black population. "It's not the first place that people from outside the state would think of as diverse," Moultrie said.

"This is an example of what happens when people in leadership positions embrace and value diverse talent. If it can happen here in Colorado, it can happen anywhere!"

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Black-Owned Design Company Continues to Ensure That 'Representation Matters!'

Submitted

(Black News) - Custom2Fly , a Black-owned company based in Toronto, Canada, sells custom designed accessories and home decor products that are a must-have for every family. Submit a picture, have it drawn and placed on any of the various items they offer.

There are also signature Black characters for those that would like items less personalized. From luggage covers to backpacks and even bathroom sets, these items will be sure to catch the eye of any onlooker, while adding a personal touch to everyday items.

The founders of the company believe that their items add a touch of exclusivity and melanin to products that are usually accessible by all.


The company ships worldwide, is available online (Custom2Fly.com), and is visible on all major social media platforms. They have had influencers post their items; Most notably Ariana Fletcher (AriTheDonaka TheRealKyleSister) showed off her custom blanket and custom passport cover.

One travel influencer explain why he loves their custom products, "We all travel...I personally don't like standing and waiting for my luggage to come out because I can accidentally pick up someone else's due to the fact that they're all black in color."

Before the pandemic began, Custom2Fly was a frequent vendor seen at various events across the country including the Black College Expo in New York and Los Angeles. They are anxiously looking forward to attending vendor events again.

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Small businesses with no more than 25 employees can receive grants to cover a variety of expenses including mortgage or rent payments; utility payments; salaries, wages, or compensation for employees and contractors; business supplies or equipment; and other costs.



HOME RELIEF GRANT - \$50 MILLION
Ohio households with an annual income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines will be eligible for assistance paying outstanding rent, mortgage, and water and/or sewer utilities to avoid shutoff, foreclosure, or eviction.



BAR & RESTAURANT ASSISTANCE FUND - \$38.7 MILLION
Businesses with an on-premise consumption permit through the Ohio Department of Commerce will be eligible to receive \$2,500 per unique business location.



Cancer Support Group participated in Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure, Race “Where You Are”

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About 50 members participated in Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure, Race “Where You Are.” The members are made up of cancer survivors and supporters. Deborah D. Roberts is the president.

Pre-Holiday COVID-19 Tests

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to quality healthcare for everyone, regardless of their ability to pay,” said Doni Miller, CEO of NHA. “Inequalities in our healthcare system have created a perfect storm where minorities are more likely to die from the coronavirus.”

COVID-19 testing will be held the following:

- Saturday, Nov. 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Frederick Douglass Center, 1001 Indiana Ave. Testing

will be inside with registration on site. NHA will be giving away PPE and safety and health information. The Junction Coalition will provide free turkeys as well as other holiday necessities.

- 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 p.m., at Mosaic Ministries, 1842 Broadway. NHA will be giving away PPE and safety and health information.

“Minority communities continue to contract COVID-19 at a higher rate, get sicker and stay sicker longer. They are also dying at higher rates,” Allen added. “This event is to take some of the fear out of spending time with family.”

NHA is dedicated to serving families in the City of Toledo and surrounding areas who lack access to proper health

care. NHA organized these testing events as part of the Saving Ourselves outreach program, designed to combat the devastating effects of COVID-19 in the hardest hit communities through testing and education. These testing events are presented by NHA in collaboration with the Frederick Douglas Center/Junction Coalition, Greater Grace Christian Church/No One Goes Hungry Food Pantry and Mosaic Ministries.

THE OPTICAL SHOP

BY GEORGEANN KOHN

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15-Year Old Black Female Chess Champion Wins \$40K Scholarship

Submitted

(Black News) - Jessica, who is one of the top 10 Black female chess players in the US, recently received the prestigious Daniel Feinberg Success in Chess Award which comes with a \$40,000 college scholarship.

"I play whenever I get the chance, like in my free time, like during my classes, like sometimes during classes," Jessica told CBS News, noting that she plays at least 5 to 7 hours a day.

Jessica is currently a sophomore at Success Academy, a school known for its exceptional chess program. Five years ago, she met her coaches Tyrell Harriott and David Mbonu, who are both National Masters, the highest level in the US.

To become a chess master, a 2,200 ranking must be achieved. Jessica is already at 1,950.

"I learned the game when I was 15, so for Jessica to be at 1,950, that's a huge edge," said Harriot.

With that, she is hoping to become the first Black female chess master.

"There has never been a female Black player to break the master ranking and that's what Jessica is going for," said Mbonu.

Even with the pandemic, Jessica continues honing her skills by playing chess online. Her mother, Loy Allen, has been very supportive of her daughter and hopes other young children of color get inspired by her story.

"If your kid's passionate enough about it, have them go for it because the sky's the limit, right?" said Allen.

Moreover, after achieving her goal of being a chess master, Jessica dreams of attending college at MIT and plans to teach chess to other children as well.



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At the age of 15, Jessica Hyatt has already been awarded a \$40,000 college scholarship. On top of that, she is just a few ranks away from making history as the first Black woman chess master in the world!

What Kids Care About: Education And The Coronavirus

The debate over schools re-opening during the pandemic has included a great deal of feedback from educators and parents. But what about the students themselves: How are they feeling? Are they worried about catching the virus—and what do they think about safety measures and about remote learning or coming back to the classroom?

To find answers, the Ed-Choice Public Opinion Tracker and Morning Consult asked teens about their schooling, the pandemic and other hot topics.

What Students Want

Spoiler alert: Young people are just as uncertain as grownups. When asked for three words that describe going back to school, "nervous," "excited" and "confused" were the most common responses.

In all 76 percent of the students—and older and minority teens in particular—are concerned about the pandemic.

The top two things students are worried about are infecting a family member (81 percent) or getting the virus (70 percent) but they're also worried about not being able to see their friends, missing classes and taking classes online. A significant number of teens—25 percent—say they're worried about not having access to the food they normally get at school. Nearly 70 percent think other students would take wearing masks seriously, but less than half believe their peers will socially distance and refrain from sharing objects with each other.

As for returning to school, 64 percent said they'd prefer online only or with a mix of online and in-person learning. Just over three-quarters reported having Internet access at home to do their online class work.

What Students Think

The two most important issues on teens' minds are the coronavirus outbreak (61 percent) and Black Lives Matter movement (60 percent). LGBTQ rights, police/criminal justice reform, climate change and this year's presidential election weren't nearly as important to the students. Falling to between 26 percent and 27 percent.

Teens reported being most comfortable discussing current events and social issues with their friends (84 percent), and parents or guardians (78 percent). They were less comfortable with teachers (56 percent) and least comfortable with their friends' parents or guardians (39 percent).

As schools have reopened in varying degrees, it will be interesting to find out how American teens' opinions and behaviors change throughout the remainder of this year and into the future.

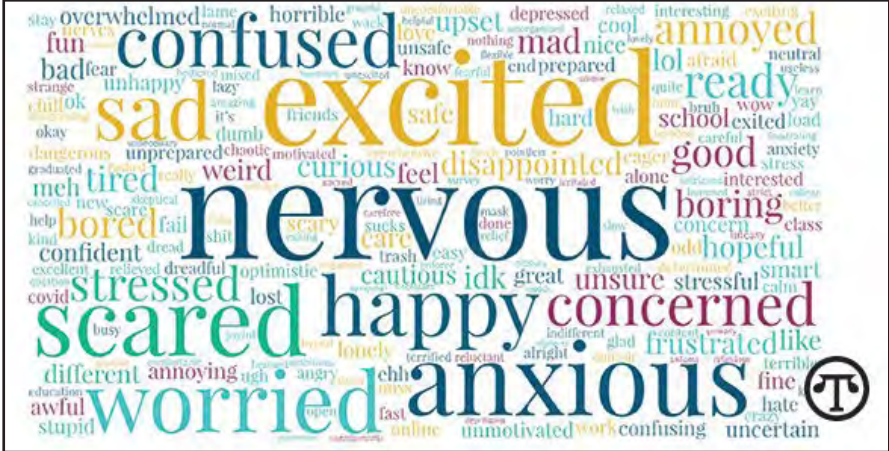


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Teenagers gave a variety of answers when asked how they feel about COVID-19 and education but "nervous," "excited" and "confused" were the most common responses.



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Emmanuel Steward went 94-3 in his amateur boxing career, and was a National Gold Gloves Champion. As a trainer, he managed 25 world champions and four Olympic gold medalists.

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Alice Coachmen was the first black woman to win an Olympic Gold Medal at the 1948 Summer Olympic Games in the high jump competition. She was also the first African-American woman selected to the US Olympic Team.

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ASK ALMA



Dear Alma, I really enjoy your column and I'm glad to read you're a homegirl. Which is why I'm sending you this question. I have been divorced for the past six years and I don't have any kids. Just to tell you a little about myself, I grew up with four siblings and my mom worked very hard as a single mother. I say all that because I don't want you to think I'm bougie or a snob in any way, LOL, because I'm not. I paid my way thru college, grateful for scholarships, grants and student loans. Here's the thing, I recently met this guy at work (before covid) and I really liked

him a lot. Around two months before they sent us home from work, we had started talking, quick conversations in the cafeteria. He is a chef. He's really, really nice and super fine. We had what I thought were great conversations at work and now we text and talk on the phone. It's been a few months now and I'm not sure what has changed, but he is speaking a new language that I just don't understand. Don't get me wrong, I have a work voice and a home voice. One is professional and one is comfortable. He is speaking to me in some new DMV encrypted language that I just don't get. Seriously! When we're on the phone, I just don't know what he's saying. Some words I think he is just making up, I'm not sure. It's not slang, it's something that has developed into it's own mispronounced words, possibly on purpose. When did DC, Virginia and Maryland come up with it's own inner city dialect? Maryland is Murlin, area is urreeah and everything is "about to." I am beginning to cringe when I know we have to talk. I don't mind seeing his fine face on my phone when he calls, but knowing he has to speak drains me. Help! Is this a deal breaker? Am I being shallow?

What can I do?

OMG, you have me laughing so hard my side hurts!!! We're "about to" have a conversation concerning a new language that has manifested itself solely in the DMV. You don't hear it in NY and NJ has it's own well known announcements, LOL. When traveling from Maryland, halfway through the state of Virginia, it disappears, and honestly, in my opinion, thank God it does. I totally understand where you're coming from. I'm in the business of words and my minister father wouldn't allow me to speak slang. There should be no doubt - when it comes to correct pronunciation, I'm all in and unabashedly biased. Don't get me wrong, I can break it down when necessary. I'm familiar with a particular "Yat" accent in New Orleans and I can keep up with the many drawls that bleed across the state of North Carolina, but this thing right here - the new language of the DMV - sucks. Yea, I said it. I heard it and I too cringed when traveling in DC on the bus, train or subway. There were times when I'd call my great-niece Kennedy for a translation. When we're all in the same room and someone starts

to speak DMV, she or her sister Kimberlee, will lean over and clarify for me, LOL, Lord knows I need it. All because this dummied down along with intentionally mispronounced vowels is misunderstood to me. I grew up in a time when your parents made sure you were bilingual. You could speak "street," but you likewise had better be ready for that job interview or when you were representing yourself at church or in school. Both of us are grammar girls and yes, it can be a deal-breaker. However, you asked what "can" you do, which gives me hope. The next time you talking to his fine azz (pardon me, excuse-moi) The next time the two of you are having a conversation, tell him. Don't wait, do it today. Just say, "look, that DC dialect drives me crazy, can we not sit in it. I don't mind here and there, but I need you to also talk to me articulately." Remind him you aren't looking to change or rearrange him, you just need him to upgrade his communication skills. It's better that you do it now, while it's just a pinch on your heart. If you wait and a relationship develops, this time acquired deal-breaker will surely break your heart, and possibly his too.

Nia DaCosta to Become First Black Woman to Direct a Marvel Film, "Captain Marvel 2"

Submitted

(Black News) - Nia DaCosta will be the new director of the sequel to Captain Marvel, making her the first Black woman to ever direct a Marvel Studios movie. The film will be released in the year 2022.

DaCosta is taking over Anna Bodn and Ryan Fleck, who were the directors of the first installment of the box-office film. It comes as Marvel changes its directors in the sequel of movies such as Thor, Iron Man, and Captain America in hopes to give it a fresh take.


"Congratulations @NiaDaCosta!!!!!! Can't wait to see where you take this! Anna and I are thrilled for you and wishing you the very best! Higher Further Faster! #CaptainMarvel2," Fleck

wrote on Twitter.

DaCosta has been on a roll since her directorial debut in the indie film Little Woods. She also directed the movie Candyman, which is being slated as a retelling of the 1992 film of the same title and co-written by Jordan Peele.

Candyman was supposed to be released this year but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been moved to 2021. A lot of people have already been anticipating its showing since the first trailer was released on the internet.

Moreover, Marvel tapping DaCosta for the film indicates their efforts to add diversity to their films, even those behind the camera.



DaCosta will be replacing the first film's director duo of Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck

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Dave Roberts Becomes Second Black Manager to Win the World Series

By Stacy M. Brown
Wire Writer

The Los Angeles Dodgers are the champions of baseball in large part because of a masterful managerial job by Dave Roberts, who becomes just the second African American skipper to win the World Series.

The Dodgers defeated the Tampa Bay Rays 3-1 in Game 6 at Globe Life Park in Arlington, Texas, the first-time Major League Baseball held the Fall Classic at a neutral site.

"It feels great," proclaimed Roberts, who joined Cito Gaston of the Toronto Blue Jays as the only Black managers to lead their team to a world championship.

Gaston's Blue Jays won back-to-back titles in 1992 and 1993.

The title is the seventh in franchise history for the Dodgers and first since 1988.

It marked the second celebration in less than a month for a Los Angeles professional sports team – the Lakers defeated the Miami Heat on October 11 to win the NBA championship.

The victory also comes 33 years after then-Dodgers General Manager Al Campanis appeared in a controversial and racially-charged interview on ABC News' "Nightline" with Ted Koppel.

During the mostly forgettable 1987 broadcast, Campanis famously told a live audience why he believed African Americans couldn't succeed in managing a Major League Baseball team.

"No, I don't believe it's prejudice," Campanis blasted when Koppel asked the reason for the lack of African American managers in baseball.

"I truly believe that they may not have some of the necessities to be, let's say, a field manager, or perhaps a general manager."

When Koppel responded by questioning whether Campanis believed that, the Dodgers' boss didn't relent.

"Well, I don't say that all of them, but they certainly are short. How many quarterbacks do you have?"

How many pitchers do you have that are black?" Campanis demanded.

To his credit, Koppel shot back: "I gotta tell you, that sounds like the same kind of garbage. That really sounds like garbage, if – if you'll forgive me for saying so."

Unrelenting, Campanis volleyed: "No, it's not garbage, Mr. Koppel, because I played on a college team, and the center fielder was Black, and the backfield at NYU, with a fullback who was Black, never knew the difference, whether he was Black or white, we were teammates. So, it just might be – why are Black men, or Black people, not good swimmers? Because they don't have the buoyancy."

Roberts, like Gaston before him, proved his so-called buoyancy.

With a deft-touch, Roberts guided the Dodgers from a 2-0 and 3-1 deficit in the National League Championship Series against the Atlanta Braves.

Just 14 teams out of 89 in baseball history have come back to win a best-of-seven series after dropping three



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Dodgers manager Dave Roberts

of the first four games.

Since 1992, 11 Black men have managed Major League Baseball teams, including Dusty Baker, who came out of retirement this year to manage the Houston Astros to the American League Championship Series.

Roberts' success is already legendary.

Since he took over the Dodgers in 2016, he's guided the team to three National League Championships.

Now, he's delivered the ultimate prize, defeating the relentless and talented Rays in just six games.

Roberts has compiled an impressive 436-273 won-loss record for a Hall-of-Fame like .615 winning percentage.

"No manager bats 1.000, as it were, and Roberts has made plenty of decisions this series and in the playoffs that have backfired or looked

bad from the start," Jon Tayler of Fangraphs wrote.

"Yet it's worth noting that, aside from [Ray's pitcher] Blake Snell's excellent Game 2 [and Game 6] start and the back half of Game 4 culminat-

ing in the Yakety Sax routine, that was the final play, the

Dodgers have been firmly in control of this Fall Classic," Tayler noted.

"It all came together as he planned, as all of his moves worked."

After a COVID-shortened but challenging 60-game regular season and an extra playoff round that culminated into a world championship, Roberts said he'll let it all sink in.

"It means a lot for me personally, of course," Roberts exclaimed as his players doused him and each other with champagne.

"But for the Dodgers organization, the franchise where they've always been forward-thinking and groundbreaking as far as race and color barriers," Roberts continued.

"So, for the Dodgers and for me to be the manager of this ballclub to bring a championship back to Los Angeles, I think it's well beyond bigger than me."

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