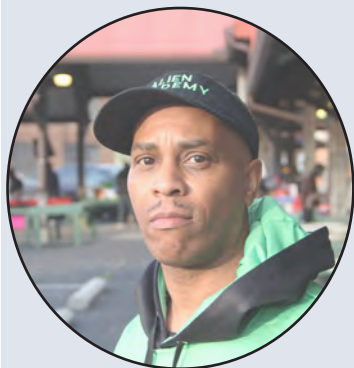




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City Park League, City Government hosts town hall on gun violence

By Jurry Taalib Deen
Journal Staff Writer

On a Saturday afternoon, April 17, in Scott High School's performing arts theatre, 2400 Collingwood Blvd, concerned citizens gathered to discuss the recent rise of gun violence in Toledo. For those who weren't able to attend, due to covid-19 restrictions, they watched the town hall meeting virtually.

Speakers at this event included Judy Harbaugh of Moms Demand Action, David Ross of the Arts Commission, Tracy Johnson and JoJuan Armour, program manager for the Mayor's Initiative to reduce gun violence. Afterwards, the audience was sectioned off to address specific topics and offer their solution.

Organized by the City Park League and in conjunction with Toledo City Government, the purpose of the event was to first, listen to those in attendance, then map out definitive directions on how to solve the problem, Montrice Terry, of the City Park League, told The Toledo Journal.

Mr. Armour said, "Everything discussed during the meeting will be implemented. We're willing to work with anyone to make sure we do our best to put an end to the violence."

Mr. Armour also said he had attended two recent candlelight vigils and no one was crying. "We can let death and violence be the norm to the point where no one is moved to tears when losing a loved one."

But what was really fueling the format of the event was a survey conducted around Toledo of over 180 young people ranging from 14-24 about obstacles they face. A powerpoint of the survey was shown.

"How would you describe your interactions, experience,

observation with the police?" The majority of the youth, according to the powerpoint, stated their experience with the police was neutral, while a negative experience was second, with a positive experience being last.

Some of the other questions were, "Do you feel young people are targeted by the police," "Do you believe violence is affecting your community," "How often do you witness/experience any kind of violence in your home or in your community," and "Do you believe the Toledo community has failed young people," which the ma-



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JoJuan Armour, standing, maps out the itinerary for the day, while Montrice Terry looks on.



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People showed up to the event looking for answers to the gun violence.

jority responded by saying, "Yes."

Laticia Holmes stayed for most of the event. She said, "I want to be optimistic about today, but there's so much division within the city from the various groups claiming to help the young people. I just don't understand why form a group, when there are other groups already in existence; it's like reinventing the wheel."

Mike Pope, an educator within Toledo Public Schools

said, "I was really hoping to see some of the children surveyed today: at least 10 of them could've been present to address us directly about their concerns. So being that they weren't here, I'm not optimistic about today's event."

Tina Butts, founder and director of the grass roots organization, "The Movement," said, "I like JoJuan's passion for wanting to solve the problems our young people face." She then referenced a slide shown during the town hall

meeting that highlighted community risk factors amongst adolescent problem behaviors, which was extreme economic deprivation.

The local, county and state governments are going to have to address the extreme economic deprivation pointed out during the meeting, Ms. Butts said. "JoJuan is going to need the finances to address that main topic highlighted on that slide to really help the children; extreme economic deprivation."



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DJ Eckhart writes down the answers to questions specifically addressing economic deprivation.

Pathway For Successful Leadership Inc. (P4SL) providing positive programming for first-graders through 36 year olds

By Michael Daniels
Journal Staff Writer

Pathway For Successful Leadership Inc. is a company that provides positive programming for youth, young adults, and adults, ages first grade all the way through 36 years old. “We are a company not an organization,” said Tyra Smith, Founder, President, and CEO of P4SL (Pathway For Successful Leadership). “Under the umbrella of the company name is where I have creat-

11 different programs, under Pathways P4SL There are also our Summer programs like, ‘Don’t Forget About Us’, which is for first-graders. For the 4th grade to 6th graders, there is ‘Steps to Succeed’. 7Th - 9th graders can enroll in the ‘Hat’s off’ program, a High School Readiness class, designed to help them transition more smoothly into a high school setting. Every program that P4SL develops is based on factual data reports. For example,

school’s new data report came out, it showed that the suspension rate in that school had significantly dropped. Now this successful program is being used in other schools around the city. Other programs offered by P4SL for ages 16-18 include resume building, job placement, college tutoring, and drug prevention. There is also a Scholarship component in the company. They have given \$1000 scholarships since 2011.... the



Founder, President, and CEO Tyra Smith in front of the Administrative Office of her company, ‘Pathway For Successful Leadership Inc.’

ed various programs that help people overcome whatever it is that’s holding them back.” Ms. Smith explained, “At P4SL, we provide positive programming that can go into school districts, out in the community, and different developments. Our programs pertain to the overall person and can be used in a school setting, home settings, and different environments like the YMCA, YWCA, or the Next Level of Living Inc. When they come to us, we take them, as they are, and create a program around them based on what is needed so they can become a positive and productive citizen.” She also said that they host

one school’s data showed that they had a high rate of suspensions, so P4SL developed a program specifically

names of the recipients are on a plaque on the wall in the main entrance of the business office.

The P4SL scholarships was renamed the Sean Warren Sr. Scholarship sponsored by P4SL in 2018. Yearly P4SL also gives 100 Thanksgiving baskets to families and that collaboration is with TPS families and the Imagine Madison School of Arts. Although P4SL gives gifts to 50 families during the Christmas Season as an annual event....while doing so... P4SL also collaborated this year with Toledo Buffalo Soldiers with the Angel Tree for Christmas and adopted Imagine Madison School of the Arts in giving over 500 gifts to their

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aimed at that problem entitled ‘Alternative to Suspensions’. After the school used this new program for a time and the



CEO Tyra Smith observes student Zonta Moore studying a virtual lesson as his Instructor, Mrs. Beverly Tucker looks on.



Founder, President, and CEO Tyra Smith in front of Banners at the front door of her Administrative Office that celebrate her companies years of success.

students. They also help with graduation celebrations throughout school districts as well. Tyra Smith, Founder, President and CEO of P4SL feels that the work she does at P4SL is a divine mission assigned to her by God. He certainly en-

abled her with the ability to see a problem and fix it, and all the while serving and giving back to her community. For more information about Pathway For Successful Leadership Inc. call 419-917-2537 or 419-932-5318.

How would you currently define America with all the mass killings, murdering black people and attacking people of color?

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|  | Evan McKinney Business Owner I describe this country as sad. On one end, you have us killing each other on a consistent basis. On the other hand, you have white people killing us. The reason white people are killing us at an alarming rate is they know they're becoming extinct; they're not reproducing at a high rate. So white people are doing everything in their power to exist and that means killings us, while sanctioning those killings in court. |
|  | Kourtney B Entrepreneur I define America as a racist government that supports killings of Black people via the police. The police think they have the right to break laws and the government supports those police who break the laws. |
|  | Shavontay Wilson Nursing Assistant It's crazy! You really can't describe what's going on in America except that it's crazy. All the young people seem to be getting killed and nothing seems to be getting better. |
|  | Bishop O'Shea Business Owner What America was founded on, is the definition of America and that definition isn't good. No matter what anyone says, America will stay the same, rather 40 years or 400 years from now. America will never be a just society. |
|  | Ty Armstrong Receptionist It's ridiculous. It's so hard to explain this level of racism and injustice. One thing I can say is it's getting worse. The level of how the government continues to support this madness is unbelievable. |
|  | Amanda Givens Driver I define America as an unjust system. It seems to be going back to the days of slavery where the police are being used to uphold the government's injustice. Not all police are bad, but a lot of them don't look good. |
|  | Jaymie Boose Construction Worker It's terrifying! Being a young Black man, it seems like our chances of survival are slim to none. I just lost two close friends to gun violence and it's very hurtful. I have to be very careful where I go, but when I do go places, I make sure I always have my firearm. |

Ongoing Events

OhioMeansJobs Lucas County to hold virtual resume and interview Classes to prepare job seekers for In-Demand Jobs Week
OhioMeansJobs Lucas County soon will be participating in In-Demand Jobs Week (May 3 - 7, 2021), which is a state-wide celebration of jobs, industries, and skills that are in demand in Ohio. OhioMeansJobs Lucas County staff is ready to help job seekers who are without computers or internet access. Call 419-213-5627 (JOBS), or email questions to omjlucascountyQzepfcenter.org.
Online Resume Writing webinar: Tuesdays, 11 a.m. - noon April 20, May 4, May 18, June 1 & June 15. To register, please go to <https://bit.ly/3wCNOfh>
The online What to Do and Not Do of In-Person and Virtual Interviewing webinar
Wednesdays from 11 a.m. - noon April 21, May 5, May 19, June 2, & June 16 to register, please go to <https://bit.ly/3rSkQIN>

Toledo Elementary Athletics Movement Presents 2021 Baseball & Softball
K-6th grade \$40/player
Register your child to play for their Elementary School's Team at teamelementarysports.org Opening Day May 1. More info: teamelementarysports@gmail.com.

Every Tuesday 11:30am-1pm The Bridge at Monroe St. UMC
So you've hit a rough patch: a lost job, illness, or other difficult transition that's making it hard to make ends meet. Life changes can be hard. We've been there. And we want to help. The Bridge helps you cross over those challenging waters with love, dignity, and the practical support you need. We provide the followig assistance at no cost to all who come through our doors: Food Pantry, Clothing, Personal Needs.
State IDs and birth certificate assistance, Blood pressure monitoring and answers to health questions
For more info call Monroe Street Neighborhood Center at 419-473-1167 Ext 333 or 317.

Every 4th Saturday Memorial Lutheran Church - Free Bagged Lunch
Memorial will begin providing a PB&J sandwich, bottled water, fruit and a cookie on the 4th Saturday or each month for anyone who stops by between the hours of 12pm to 2pm. Where: 3215 Douglas Rd., Toledo, Ohio 43606. More info: email.office@memorial-lutheran.org or call (419) 472-2161.

Mt. Nebo Mary and Gail's Closet - Free Clothing
Mary and Gail's Closet, named in honor of two church members who passed away in 2020, is a new clothing ministry to benefit men and women in need of business attire, including job and job interview - appropriate outfits. Appointments are currently required. Call Mt Nebo at 419-246-8561.

Senior Centers Closed
Lucas County senior centers
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Williams County senior centers
Wood County senior centers

Free Food Pantry Every 1st & 3rd Sat. of the month
The Redeemed Christian Church of God Mount Zion Chapel Toledo will hold a food pantry, at 2239 Cheyenne Blvd., Toledo, OH 43614

2021 Engage Toledo Free Drop off Refuse and Recycling Events
Acceptable items include electronic waste; up to 10 tires, no commercial tires; documents; houseware goods; clothing; toys; bulky items, and refuse. Latex paint will be accepted for \$1 per gallon. Major appliances will not be accepted. Residents should follow all signs and directions. For questions, call Engage Toledo at 419-936-2020 or visit the Engage Toledo website at toledo.oh.gov/engage-toledo.
The events will be held at the following:
•9am-1pm April 24 at Toledo Zoo, 2 Hippo Way
•9am-1pm May 1 at Riverside Elementary, 500 Chicago St.
•11am-3pm May 8 at Robinson Elementary, 1075 Horace St.
•9am-1pm May 15 at Rogers High School, 222

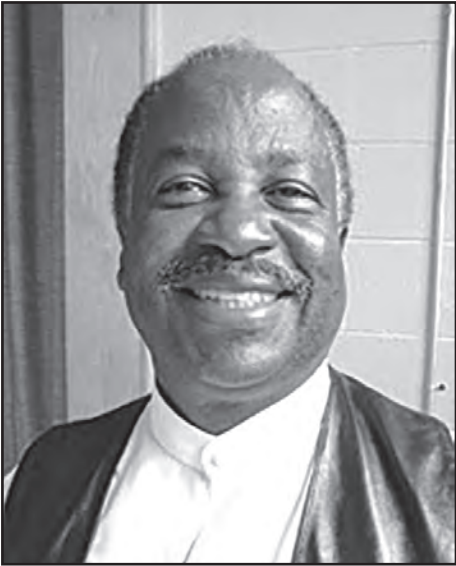
Mt. Sinai Pentecostal Church of God 809 N. Detroit Ave., Founder's Day Services
Friday, April 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.
Masks required.

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Toledo Public Schools Summer For students in all grades
Important Details: Classes will be held Mon-Thurs beginning June 7 and continuing through July 1 2021. Sessions are divided by the following grade levels: Grades PreK -K, Grades 1-8and 9-12
Locations for SSELO will be held across the district. Transportation will be provided for eligible students. Breakfast and lunch provided
All COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed, including students and staff being required to wear face coverings and to practice social distancing. Daily cleaning of all utilized classrooms will be scheduled. To access the survey: tps.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9RHHVlg3THDKLPg
The survey will close on April 30, 2021 Families who have expressed their interest will receive additional infor to register before May 14th.

HELP! I SEE BLACK PEOPLE EVERYWHERE!



By Lafe Tolliver,
Attorney

There was a recent report regarding the January 6th attempted coup at the Capitol in which it was noted that the majority of the “attendees” and rioters were from parts of the county in which white voters are quite anxious about black and brown people making progress at their expense.

Such angst should come at no surprise to anyone who has studied American History in which it has demonstrated that whenever people of color made any meaningful economic or political progress, there is, “Trouble in de land!”

A case in point was when back in the 1930’s and 1940’s, in Alabama (among other Southern States) when poor black and white sharecroppers were being organized to fight against the regional fat cats that held them down, the powers that be, campaigned on racial themes to divide them against each other...and it worked.

The astute Southern Planter and racist politicians knew from experience that if you can convince a poor white sharecropper or farmer that the same poor black farmer or sharecropper is not your friend but your competitor, race won out every time.

Sow the seeds of disharmony based upon skin color and the poor white bolts for the door and the safety of the lie that his equally poor black farmer is not his friend.

Appeals to race as opposed to one’s better economic interests (in spite of race) was tragically lost upon the poor white farmer or sharecropper.

The race baiters whispered to the



poor white farmer that his best bet was to align his hopes and upward mobility with white folks and to leave those black folks alone because they were trouble-makers or at worse, socialists or communists!

Although the rich land barons were not making life easier for the poor white farmer or white sharecropper, that person was pummeled with messages that said if you race mingle or throw your lot into the mix with poor black folks, you will be marginalized and be sunk to their depths.

It worked and any budding black and white farm alliances were doomed.

Once you sow the animus of race with certain economically challenged white voters and they are fed a constant diet that they are not making any upward economic progress, they will vote their racial self-interests and not the vote of collective racial upward mobility.

Once you put out a message of grievance that the “American Pie” is shrinking and there is not enough to go around for all, the tricked poor or middle-class white voter will get edgy if he or she believes that they are being left behind; and all the economic goodies and perks are being shoveled into wheelbarrows and are delivered to those, “others”.

The same can be said of the economic background of many of the Capitol Hill rioters who came to upend a duly constituted election based on the outrageous lie by Donald Trump that the election was stolen from him and in turn, stolen from his base of support.

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Donald Trump was notorious and crass in his spouting of racial dog whistles to his base and the loudest whistle was when Herr Trump tried to convince certain key states with critical minority voting concentrations that “those” people were the cause of they being cheated out of he being re-elected.

So, what does a race monger do? Simple. You call for your mis-treated base to act and march on the Capitol and stop the farce of an election that you claim was stolen.

Of course, there was no credible evidence of any such theft, but why would anyone let facts interfere with a noble

cause?

When those insurrectionists stormed the gates of democracy, they were both Trump supporters and a wide variety of right wing supremacist’s groups, hell-bent on Making America Great Again.

Like the poor white farmer who is repeatedly told that their lot in life is being diminished by black and brown people, the rioters were told by right wing media that “others” were engaged in chicanery that resulted in their loss of status in life.

Remember, black Capitol policemen somberly retold stories of being called the “N” word by these white terrorists. These rioters took out their racial vitriol and fears on black law enforcement officers.

These black police officers were a convenient and close up reminder that “they” were the chief cause of the rioter’s complaints and that was the reason they were storming the Capitol for their dear leader, Herr Trump.

The Capitol Insurrection was fomented by a demagogic liar who, without conscience, fed his base the slop that minority people were not their friends, and they should stick with Herr Trump and his racially divisive messaging.

Yet, and get this, over seventy-two million Americans wanted four more years of Herr Trump and his base calling the shots.

Divided by race, again. De ja Vue, all over again.

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Black Males and Police Encounters

By John E. Warren, Publisher,
The San Diego Voice and Viewpoint

While many of us are reliving the murder of George Floyd through the trial of Derek Chauvin for his murder, we are getting constant reminders that police abuse and murder of Black men and women continues with no lessons learned. Sunday’s “murder” of Daunte Wright in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, should never have happened over a traffic stop or any nonviolent police encounter. Add to that the graphic video of the Black/Latino Army officer being abused and pepper sprayed because he questioned why he was being stopped and taken out of his car at gunpoint and hollered at, all of it over a license plate.

It appears that since Rodney King’s beating with “nightsticks”, the replacement order of the day is shoot to kill if it’s a Black man or



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Jim Crow Racism—Always There to remind Us



By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow
Wire Writers

The racism that exists in our everyday lives seems to be inseparable from our everyday lives. No matter where a situation may exist the ugly head of racism seems to rise above us and scream “I’m still here Americans”! Yes, it is still here and it appears to be with us for, perhaps, forever. This nation was founded with Racism being a part of our flesh and blood. A single decade cannot pass us

Louisiana and Savannah, Georgia. Fresh off the “Voyage” and into the cotton fields. It appears the most of them entered slavery through the Port of Onakery in Nigeria. The ending of the Civil War closed the chapter on official slavery and began hard segregation from there on. The vast majority of my people were “Mulattos” according to the United States Census. We owe our physical prowess to our forefather, Bill Brown. His claim was that of a “Breeder” and the story goes that he fathered at least 70 Bastard children. From



Our land holdings would exist with the above exception for pretty much of the 20th Century. The few thousands of acres would bring in a very handsome payload if we could be given the opportunity to cash in. But slick and vicious racist traps would deprive our elders of most of the land value. Loan sharks and crooked judges were a common villain in the scheme of things. The value of lost land by freed slaves must ranked into the millions of dollars. Someone should do a documented study on what happened to our land. The facts can be found in local courthouses where real estate activity is recorded and documented.

How much blood have we lost while becoming prey to the vicious evil Jim Crow participants? How many of our forefathers have suffered the pains of the documented evilness and legacy destroying antics?

It is amazing how I take out and show deeds, contracts, land sales, etc. that once belonged to my family elders and they become amazed and in shock having never known about the entrepreneurial vitality that once existed in our family and has now mysteriously disappeared. Check out the courthouses that exist in your hometowns and be shock from what you find.

Kay’s family has similar stories to share. Would you believe it if we say that the legendary musician John Philip Sousa is her forefather? Shssss! Don’t tell the Sousa’s and they certainly won’t believe it. What happened to the riches he made while he traveled around the world conducting some of the greatest music and performances known to mankind. Where’s the loot? Could it be a Black thing?

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I remember the time my mother thought it would be beneficial to my upbringing and my understanding of our complex nation if I would spend a good summer in Louisiana with my relatives who planted in the “Bayou State” in the 1860’s. They originated from the Ports of Richmond,

Georgia to Texas he spread his “seeds”. Another colorful forefather was Harry Watkins. He seemed to do good as a freed slave with real estate. His last big deal in 1872 was a loan for 225 acres of good timber land. On the payoff date of the 225 acres he disappeared and has not been seen since. Nor him or his sweet land would ever belong to my forefathers again. Some say he went off and settled in Virginia after the Civil War.

Black Males and Police Encounters

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woman. It also appears that in spite of all the marches, demonstrations, media coverage of such shootings as well as wrongful death lawsuits, law enforcement still feel justified in its treatment and murder of Black people. Clearly there is no national sense of change in attitudes, but rather an increase in police hostility. Since the police don’t intend to change their attitude toward us, we must change our attitude during such police encounters.

Black men and women must live through police encounters to fight another day. Clearly, from what we have heard and seen from video of such encounters,

survival of such police contact depends on our ability to not ask questions and do as we are told, no matter how wrong and inhumane or offensive the instructions from such officers. We must remember that the idea is to cause escalation of the encounter so that the initial cause of the contact gets replaced with a more serious charge of disobeying a police officer leading up to resisting arrest if one questions the reason for the stop or contact.

We must remember that the police are intentionally rude and disrespectful, with the aim at provoking resistance to police directives such as “get on the ground,”

which is offensive and unnecessary. We have also seen cases such as Mr. Philando Castile, in Minnesota, who told the police he had a gun and carry permit, but was still shot while sitting in his car with his fiancée and baby. We must remember that all resistance, questioning of reasons for stops, or any comments other than “Yes” and, or “No” can lead to death. Any sudden movements, reaching for or holding a cell phone, which already caused one Black man his life while standing in his own garage, can cause death. Let’s live to fight back, no matter what the insult. Then, we can begin to win.



State Bank's Community Development Mortgage Loan Originator JacQuelon C. Wilson host free homebuyers workshop

By Michael Daniels
Journal Staff Writer

On April 17, 2021, JacQuelon C. Wilson the Community Development Mortgage Loan Originator for State Bank in Toledo. Hosted a Free Home Buyers workshop at the Truth Art Gallery.

This relaxed informal workshop gave potential first-time homebuyers a chance to ask an expert, (Ms. Wilson) direct questions and gain a better understanding of the process involved when trying to buy a new home. For those who don't know, yes there is definitely a process to buying a house, and making a mistake

during this process could result in you not getting your dream home. This is where Ms. Wilson comes into the picture. Her job is to guide the potential buyer through this procedure and keep them from making those deadly mistakes.

"This whole process is not hard, but it can be overwhelming," said Ms. Wilson. "What I do is help clients get a pre-approved mortgage loan. In this current hot market most sellers won't even talk to you if you don't already have a pre-approved mortgage loan,"she explained.


Ms. Wilson went on in detail as to what you need to do to apply for a pre-approved mort-

g a g e loan. "I will help you assemble all the necessary documents you need to apply for your loan. You need a copy of your recent credit report, bank statement, W2 and tax returns, employment history, as well as, other relevant documents. Once we have all the required information together, you are then ready to approach a lender and request a loan. This process could take up to 30 or 40 days and I will keep you informed as to what's going on,"



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Sate Bank new homeowners' workshop hosted by JacQuelon C. Wilson(center in the back).

mitted information to determine the loan back." She also informed her audience about the various programs, both local and national, that are designed to help moderate to low-income individuals purchase a home. Eligibility for these help programs are based on your personal income.

Ms. Wilson's workshop is also like being on the game show, 'Ask the expert'. You ask the questions and the expert, (Ms. Wilson), will answer you with the facts and nothing but the facts.

So if you in the market for a new home or you want to know about the next Home Buying Workshop contact JacQuelon C. Wilson of State Bank at 419-508-0806 or JacQui.Wilson@YourStateBank.com. Don't face the overwhelming monster of the process alone, let JacQuelon C. Wilson walks you through it as easy as pie. That's what she does, you can count on it!

she said.

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mine your creditworthiness, your current financial situation as well as your ability to pay



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Kevin E. Brock and Latanya Ridlay were two of the people who participated in the home buyer's workshop on Saturday, April 17.



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Nearly \$9 Billion Boost to Support Help for Community Development; Homelessness

By Charlene Crowell
Wire Writer

Although the month of April is annually observed as Fair Housing Month, the reality for Black America and other people of color is that housing has not significantly changed since the 1968 federal enactment of the Fair Housing Act. Its enactment came seven days after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who had strongly advocated fair and open housing.

But 53 years after an historic enactment, race and place remain the determining factors of who is allowed the opportunity to build wealth, as well as to share wealth's financial advantages across family generations.

What makes this year's observance more hopeful are renewed efforts by both President Biden and Congress to correct decades' long denials of full access to the American Dream.

For the first time in more than four years, the nation's President committed his Administration to the active pursuit of fair housing. Beginning with a memorandum coinciding with his inauguration on January 26th, President Biden directed the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to "as soon as practicable, take all steps necessary to examine the effects of" the Trump Administration's 2020 repeal of two key housing rules issued by the Obama Administration: the 2013 Disparate Impact Standard and the 2015 Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing.

On inauguration day, the U.S. Senate had not yet taken action on many cabinet-level agencies.

"This is not only a mandate to refrain from discrimination," stated President Biden on January 26th, "but a mandate to take actions that undo historic patterns of segregation and other types of discrimination and that afford access to long-denied opportunities."

The "disparate impact" standard for proving discrimination helps to ensure that lenders, insurers, governments and others covered by the 1968 Fair Housing Act to analyze their policies and eliminate those that disproportionately hurt certain groups without justification. Similarly, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) legally requires that federal agencies as well as recipients of federal funds to actively address and work to eliminate housing discrimination and segregation.

"Systemic discrimination continues to limit housing opportunity for Black and Brown communities and stunts our

country's economic growth," said Nikitra Bailey, Executive Vice President with the Center for Responsible Lending. "Reinstating the original Disparate Impact and AFFH rules will move us closer to achieving a more just society

(FY) 2022. This nearly \$9 billion increase above 2021 funding levels will boost revenues for programs delivering direct services. All of these monies are bonus funds that will be augmented by other funding made available through the

that the request proposes more than \$30 billion to expand housing vouchers to an additional 200,000 low-income families," noted HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge.

The bulk of these funds are dedicated to expanding

dedicated to resolving homelessness.

After more than a year of challenges wrought by COVID-19, the risk of losing housing looms even larger today. Preserving affordable housing and homelessness prevention are key pulse points for many local communities.

Other HUD programs that will expand due to the discretionary funding include: Housing Choice Vouchers, also known as Section 8 housing that augments monthly rental cost in the private housing market and serves low-to-moderate income families; and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program that serves elderly and persons with disabilities with permanently affordable housing.

Fair housing is also emerging as a priority item on Capitol Hill lawmakers.

On April 13th, the U.S. Senate Banking and Urban Affairs Committee convened a hearing entitled, "Separate and Unequal: The Legacy of Racial Discrimination in Housing". Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown's opening statement as committee chair set the tone for the forum.

"As my friend Joyce Beatty said recently, we cannot change our history," noted Sen. Brown. "But we can learn from it, and we can build a far better future – one that brings us closer to making our founding ideals real for every-

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after more than a year of challenges, losing housing looms even larger than before thanks to COVID-19.

where everyone has access to opportunity. Moreover, given the large amounts of federal funding subject to the AFFH requirement being distributed, there is an urgency to restore the rule's obligations on jurisdictions."

Only a month following her March 13th U.S. Senate confirmation, HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge acted on the President's direction and announced steps to restore both fair housing rules gutted by the Trump Administration. HUD has submitted the rules to the Office of Management for regulatory review. Once OMB completes its review, the revised rules will be published in the Federal Register.

As much as fair housing regulations are needed, adequate funding to support HUD programs determine how many low-and-moderate income people can actually receive housing assistance.

On April 9th and exercising presidential authority for discretionary spending, \$68.7 billion was awarded to HUD for fiscal year

annual budgetary process.

"President Biden's FY22 discretionary funding request turns the page on years of inadequate and harmful spending requests and instead empowers HUD to meet the housing needs of families and communities across the country. I am particularly pleased

the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program by \$3.8 billion. CDBG is one of the department's most valued programs and has benefitted over the years from bipartisan support due to its focus on local priorities to remedy housing ills. Similarly, \$3.5 billion in discretionary revenues will be

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The Life of a COVID Long-Hauler

By Stephanie Claytor,
Florida Courier

Jeremy Rosado, 28, of Brandon is best known for being a finalist on the 11th season of “American Idol” in 2012. He’s one of the two million people who have caught COVID-19 in Florida. He caught it the week before Christmas.

While the Christian singer imagined he would catch it singing in church, that wasn’t the case. Rosado believes he caught it while visiting with his best friend and friend’s girlfriend. He was there with his niece whom he has legally adopted and refers to as his daughter.

She caught it too, and they spread it to his mom, with whom they live.

“It was horrible. The worst experience over the holidays ever...As much as it sucked, we had each other,” said Rosado, who explained he caught it the worst.

Rosado hadn’t been visiting friends the entire year. He thought with it only being the four of them in the room that they’d be fine.

He said they got comfortable and took off their masks. He was in disbelief when his friend called him days later and said they tested positive for COVID-19.

“I was pissed. I was so upset,” Rosado said.



Jeremy Rosado, who battled the coronavirus months ago, says his “COVID lungs” return about once a week. On those days, the Christian singer says he can’t do too much.

He and his daughter received their positive results hours later. He immediately notified his primary care doctor.

Having battled asthma his entire life, his doctor decided to put him on antibiotics, steroids, breathing treatments, and an inhaler before the worst symptoms presented

themselves.

“I really believe that’s what saved my life,” Rosado said.

Rosado didn’t experience the worst of the symptoms until three days after testing positive, and nearly nine days after he believes he was exposed.

“It switched over night. I went from feeling perfectly fine to not being able to walk from my living room to my bathroom or not being able to stand up in my shower alone,” Rosado recalled.

“I couldn’t turn my head to the right there was so much

inflammation in my chest. It was painful,” he said. “My lungs felt as if I had bags of bricks on them like pulling them down.”

He never had a fever. Thoughts of death

He worried and wanted to go to the hospital. But he called his doctor first. His doctor was worried the hospital, not knowing his medical history, would unnecessarily put him on a ventilator.

To avoid that, his doctor suggested he purchase an oximeter and monitor his oxygen levels. Rosado listened and didn’t go to the hospital.

But reading the stories of others with COVID-19 who had asthma and were overweight like him began to scare him. Anxiety was starting to take over.

“I remember thinking this is it. I’m dying. I’m going to have to leave behind my kid and my family,” Rosado shared.

A second chance

Again, wanting to go to the hospital, he called his doctor. His doctor requested he visit his office first. He did and his doctor examined him and assured him he’d survive.

Rosado trusted him and did not go to the hospital. Rosado said three days later, he “came back to life.”

He had lost 25 pounds in two weeks, as he couldn’t find strength to lift his arms to eat

or chew during that time.

He choked up as he shared this, stating he felt like God gave him a second chance at life.

“I just feel so lucky and so fortunate to have lived through this thing. Christmas morning was the first morning where I felt like I was going to live. Symptoms started to change. My lungs were feeling like I could breathe. I could walk to the bathroom. I could shower [by] myself,” Rosado said through tears.

The day after New Year’s Day he tested negative.

But then he tried to sing again in church and realized he couldn’t catch his breath. That was worrisome considering he sings for a living at Re-liant Family Church in Tampa.

That’s when he realized he may be considered a “long-hauler,” which is a colloquial term referring to people who have COVID-19 symptoms months after testing negative for the virus.

Lingering symptoms

A few weeks later his lungs felt like they cleared up. Then they felt like they were collapsing again. He calls them his “COVID lungs.”

It’s just one symptom Dr. Kathleen Haggerty is treating her patients for at the post COVID-19 clinic at Watson Clinic in Lakeland. Since

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KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD

Why Did Jesus Say, "I Am The Resurrection And The Life"?

By Carey Kinsolving & Friends
Wire Writer

"Jesus gave life to humans to eat plants and meat to keep the circle of life in balance," says Alexa 9.

The "Circle of Life" makes for a catchy song in "The Lion King," but the idea that death in and of itself is no big deal is ridiculous. Is there really hope in the fact that our decaying bodies will create fertilizer for plants to grow to be eaten by mammals? Try telling that to someone who has lost a loved one recently.

This famous song should be called the "Circle of Death."

"Because Jesus is the resurrection and the life, he gets to throw a big party in heaven and shoves it in the devil's face that he won," says Leyla, 10.

Somber religious people will have a difficult time imagining Jesus throwing a big party in heaven. Many suppose that heaven will be a boring place where religious people sit on clouds plucking harp strings. Some would rather take their chances on living in hell forever than a heaven they envision as a perpetual church service.

This heaven myth often perpetuated in Hollywood movies is countered by Jesus' first miracle

when he turned water into wine at a wedding feast (John 2:1-11). To imagine Jesus as Lord of the Feast or Party, you may want to push the reset button on how you're thinking about Jesus.

Yes, Jesus did win big when he rose from the dead on Easter morning. The devil thought he had defeated him. Even Jesus' disciples didn't get it at first. He broke the circle of death. His body did not become fertilizer for plants. Rather, it was transformed to a glorious body forever preserved from disease, death and decay.

This is really great news for us because Jesus promises this same victory over death to all who trust him as their savior. The good news gets even better! At the last supper with his disciples, Jesus said he would not drink wine again until he drank it with them in his kingdom (Matthew 26:29). That doesn't at all sound like the Hollywood version of heaven or heaven coming to Earth when Jesus returns to establish his eternal kingdom.

Have you ever been to a great wedding where the bride and groom look terrific and the food,

music and drink are over-the-top amazing? In our tradition, weddings last a few hours. In ancient Palestine during Jesus' ministry, bring your sleeping bag. Weddings lasted for days, not hours.

Now, press your mental button for a heaven reset! The predominant picture in the Bible of heaven or Jesus' eternal kingdom on earth is a PARTY! It's called the marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:7-10). Don't be fooled by the word "supper." Correctly translated from the original Greek text, it should be rendered "feast." It's a party, the biggest party of all time!

The resurrected Jesus has invited everyone to party with him! Wedding invitations have been sent to everyone. All you have to do is RSVP by accepting God's wedding gift of eternal life by believing in Jesus as your savior.

Think about this: Jesus is the bridegroom and all who believe in him are his collective bride (Revelation 21:2).

Memorize this truth: "Let us be glad and rejoice and give him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his wife has made herself ready," (Revelation 19:7).

Ask this question: *Will you accept God's invitation to party at the wedding of Jesus?*



Houston Pastor Sentenced to six Years in Prison For Fraud Charges

Submitted

Caldwell, who used to lead Windsor Village United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas, pleaded guilty of the offense last March. He reportedly showed regret and accepted full responsibility for what he did.

Aside from the sentence that will start in June 2021, he was also ordered to pay \$125,000 fine and \$3,588,500 restitution, which he already paid. After his sentence, he will still be on supervised release for one year.

Caldwell and his co-defendant Gregory Alan Smith deceived investors into buying Chinese bonds without informing them that those were worthless aside from being souvenirs. They raised \$3.5 million from 2013 to 2014 from the scheme, but the investors did not receive anything in return.

"The defendants in this case abused the trust that the victims had placed in them," Acting United States Attorney Alexander Van Hook said in a statement. "This defendant used his status as the

pastor of a megachurch to help convince the many victim investors that they were making a legitimate investment but instead he took their hard-earned money

the elderly and others."

Caldwell got around \$900,000 from the scheme, which he allegedly used to pay his mortgages, personal loans, and credit



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Kirbyjon Caldwell, the former pastor who was charged with wire fraud for scamming millions of dollars from investors, has been sentenced to 6 years in prison.

from them and used it for his own personal gain. This office will continue to investigate and prosecute those who scheme and prey upon

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Michelle Obama is Inspiration For Teen NAACP Image Award Nominee's Film

By Nadine Matthews
Special to the AFRO

Fourteen year-old Los Angeles native Kalia Love Jones says she has always been a fan of former First Lady Michelle Obama. In an interview via email with the AFRO she stated, "[Michelle Obama] had been the first lady for the majority of my lifetime, so seeing somebody that graceful and intelligent, and a black woman meant so much to me. I had been following Michelle Obama for a while when I heard the speech online and it just spoke to me."

The "speech" to which Jones refers, is the last official speech given by Michelle Obama as First Lady. Given in January 2017, at the annual White House celebration of school counselors from around the country, Obama's comments pierced hearts, as the attitude of the then-incoming administration toward people of color, came into clearer focus.

It propelled Jones to make the animated film, "The Power of Hope," nominated this year for an NAACP Image Award in the Motion Picture category for Outstanding Short Form (Animated). "I knew we had a chance for the nomination but didn't want to get my hopes up," she stated. Ultimately, the award went to Netflix's Canvas, but to be nominated was a tremendous achievement for the young filmmaker.

The NAACP Image Awards honor accomplishments of people of color in the fields of television, music, literature, and film. It also recognizes individuals or groups who promote social justice through creative endeavors.

"The NAACP Image Awards is such a prestigious award and I was so nervous to check. The whole family gathered together around the laptop. When we saw my film was nominated I couldn't believe it. I was in the same category as major players like Netflix and Pixar and I was just a 14 year old with a dream. That was so amazing."

Jones, also an ardent music fan and an accomplished pianist and flutist, is the youngest person to ever earn this honor. She believes in the power of storytelling through film. "It's a perfect way to really tap into the senses of the brain. You can convey so much emotion through imagery, music and tone. I think most of my films will be heavily infused with music."

Among the things Mrs. Obama said in her landmark speech were, "Do not ever let anyone make you feel like you don't matter, or like you don't have a place in our American story." Mrs. Obama went on,

"It is our fundamental belief in the power of hope that has allowed us to rise above the voices of doubt and division, of anger and fear." "If we work hard enough and believe in ourselves, we can be whatever we dream, regardless of the limitations that others may place on us."

Stated Jones, "It just spoke



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Kalia Love Jones is the brains between "The Power of Hope"

to me and I wanted to share that feeling I had with an audience my age. I felt that making 'The Power Of Hope' was the best way. Making 'The Power Of Hope' in animation was just a natural choice. I felt people my age would embrace its message better."

Jones raised the money for the film herself through recycling and money from birthdays and holidays. "I didn't have a huge budget so making my film taught me a lot about budgeting, negotiating and being creative."

Although she believed in her final product, once the film was complete, she was somewhat hesitant to show her father, who she believes is her biggest champion. "When I finally felt like it was complete, we had a family premier viewing. That might have been the most nervous I've ever been. But the reaction I got from my dad was so positive, I really felt good about what I created."

Jones who is a freshman at Golden Valley High School, shared that she has always wanted to do animation, "

I always knew animation was my calling." With filmmakers like Ava DuVernay and Rebecca Sugar, and Studio Ghibli Hayao Miyazaki as her inspirations, she taught herself animation using YouTube tutorials, and experimenting for two years. "I'll try to pick up different

she would like to work with Regina King (The Watchmen) or Storm Reid (Euphoria). As for other young girls aspiring to become animators, she recommends watching "Spirited Away" or anything by Pixar." Understanding the power of

an image and words to move people she says, "I want people to feel inspired when they see 'The Power of Hope.' I hope that they take away a message of courage and hope."

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National Volunteer Week: Red Cross thanks volunteers for stepping up during COVID-19

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National Volunteer Week is April 18-24, and the Northern Ohio Region recognizes its volunteers who continue to work tirelessly to help people in need during COVID-19.

In the 31 counties served by the Northern Ohio Region, more than 2,000 people volunteer with the Red Cross by responding to home fires and other disasters, supporting blood collections, providing emergency assistance to military families, and much more. These individuals are among the more than 300,000 volunteers who comprise more than 90% of the national Red Cross workforce.

"We are grateful for the dedication of our volunteers, whose support make a compassionate difference for our neighbors in need," said Mike Parks, Regional CEO, American Red Cross of Northern Ohio. "Their support during disasters and other emergencies has been more critical than ever, as families cope with increased anxiety and financial strains brought on by the pandemic."

Since July 1, 2020, the Red Cross of Northern Ohio has responded to nearly 900 disasters – the vast majority of them home fires. Volunteers assist people in the immediate after-

math of a home fire or other disaster by responding either virtually or in a socially distanced way, by providing financial assistance, comfort and care.

WHY I VOLUNTEER Cathy Netter, a disaster responder from the Northwest Ohio Chapter, said, "Volunteering with the Red Cross during a disaster is the best way to help people on one of the worst days of their lives."

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Black Trump Appointee Lynne Patton Banned From Government Work

Patton will be unable to work for the federal government for two years after violating the Hatch Act.

By D.L. Carter
Black America News

An appointee of former president Donald Trump was slapped with a two-year ban from federal government work due to a violation of the Hatch Act. Lynne Patton also paid a \$1,000 fine for using her position at HUD to craft a video on behalf of the Republican National Convention.

Some might remember Patton as the event planner who planned Eric Trump's wedding ahead of her appointment as the Administrator of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Region II. Previously to her federal appointment, Patton was a speaker at the 2016 Republican National Convention and reportedly helped with casting with The Celebrity Apprentice as well.

Last year, Patton landed in hot water after pulling a stunt while appointed at HUD to call a quartet of New York residents and force them into making comments about their living conditions in a bid to attack Mayor Bill de Blasio. The people Patton called were not informed of her connection with the Trump administration, and she never explained the true nature of the call.

As shown in a press release from the Office of Special Counsel (OSC) for her Hatch Act violations, which bars government civil service workers from using their positions to push political agendas, the details of Patton's punishment were laid out.

From the OSC press release:

As a HUD employee, Patton received permission in early 2019 to temporarily live in and observe living conditions in the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA). During her approximately one-month stay, Patton met residents



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Black Trump Appointee Lynne Patton Banned From Government Work was originally published on hiphopwired.com

and later leveraged one of these relationships to recruit participants to film a video that would air at the RNC. Patton wanted NYCHA residents to appear in the video to explain how their standard of living had improved under the Trump administration.

By using information and NYCHA connections available to her solely by virtue of her HUD position, Patton improperly harnessed the authority of her federal position to assist the Trump campaign in violation of the Hatch Act. Per the terms of the settlement agreement, Ms. Patton admitted that she engaged in conduct which violated the Hatch Act's use of official authority prohibition and agreed to accept a 48-month debarment from federal employment and pay a \$1,000 civil fine.

We've scoured Twitter and other outlets to get any comments from Patton or her legal team, but nothing was located.

Elijah

By Dr. E. Faye Williams
Wire Writer

April is Autism Awareness Month. Autism is a neurodevelopmental condition characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication which affects one out of every 54 US children. Autism affects each person differently and poses challenges respective to the individual. Autism or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is considered an "invisible disorder" since there is no physical indication of the condition.

Elijah McClain was a 23-year-old Black man who, at about 140 pounds, was slight of build. He was a musician and a massage therapist. He lived an unassuming, relatively conventional life on the Autism Spectrum. On August 25, 2019, he was walking home from a convenience store, bringing his brother an iced tea, and, because of anemia, wearing an open-faced ski mask to keep his face warm.

Three Aurora, CO, police officers decided that Elijah's appearance and

conduct was "suspicious." As they called to him, Elijah was listening to music on his headphones and "ignored" their calls. The police restrained Elijah, wrestled him to the ground, and placed him in a chokehold.

Elijah can be heard pleading with the police, saying he had done nothing wrong and, "I'm an introvert, please respect my boundaries that I am speaking." And, while being choked, he uttered the all too familiar, "I CAN'T BREATHE." Before losing consciousness, his last words were, "I am different."

Paramedics were called. They administered Elijah an overdose of the sedative, Ketamine, and he was transported to the hospital. In the ambulance, it was observed that Elijah was not breathing. He was declared brain dead on August 27th. An independent report commissioned by the Aurora City Council said the encounter: "didn't appear to be supported by reasonable suspicion of criminal activity."

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BLACK HISTORY

April 22, 1596:

The first recorded slave revolt occurs in Stono, S.C.

April 23, 1856:

Granville T. Woods, inventor of over 40 products, born.

April 21, 1878:

The ship Azor left Charleston with 206 Black emigrants bound for Liberia.

April 26, 1886:

Gertrude "Ma" Rainey's blues musician, born.

April 27, 1903:

Maggie L. Walker named president of Richmond's St. Luke Bank and Trust Company and became the first Black woman to head a bank.

April 27, 1927:

Coretta Scott born in Marion, Ala.

April 24, 1944:

The United Negro College Fund established.

April 25, 1944:

Dr. Frederick Douglass Patterson founds United Negro College Fund (UNCF) (1944)

April 25, 1990:

Saxophonist Dexter Gordon, the last of the beboppers, died of kidney failure in Philadelphia

April 23, 1993:

Cesar Chavez passes away

April 27, 2015:

Loretta E. Lynch is sworn in as the 83rd Attorney General of the United States. She is the first African American woman to serve in the post.

Alice Coachmen

was the first black woman to win an Olympic Gold Medal at the 1948 Summer Olym-

pic Games in the high jump competition. She was also the first African-American woman selected to the US Olympic Team.

Isaac Murphy was probably the greatest jockey of all time. His career lasted 19 years and included 3 Kentucky Derby wins. Every year he won at least a third of his mounts.

The first African-American to play in the Masters Tournament and on the US Ryder Cup was **Lee Elder**. He had 12 wins on the PGA and Senior Tours.

Woodson built **Negro History Week** around traditional days of commemorating the black past to extend public's study of black history. In the 1940s, efforts increased within black community to expand the study of black history in the schools

As early as **1940s**, blacks in West Virginia began to celebrate February as Negro History Month.

Hall-of-Famer Jackie Robinson helped establish the African American-owned and controlled Freedom Bank



Jackie Robinson

Satchel Paige was the first African-American pitcher to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

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Edmond Albus - was born into slavery and became an important figure in the cultivation of vanilla. At age 12, he invented a technique for pollinating vanilla orchids quickly and profitably. His technique revolutionized the cultivation of vanilla and made it possible to profitably grow vanilla beans away from their native Mexico.



New Music Arrives from

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Five years after his sudden death, the icon Prince's estate is releasing brand new music that is sure to excite his still loyal fanbase. The new "Welcome 2 America" CD marks the first time Prince's estate is releasing never-before-heard music from the megastar's famous Paisley Park vault. Fans got a preview on CBS's Minutes, and Prince's longtime guitarist, Brown Mark, sat for a special inter-

view with the Black Press at 7:30 a.m. EST on Thursday, April 15. The 12-track disc was recorded in 2010 to accompany a tour of the same name but never released. The estate plans to debut the new music on July 30. "Welcome 2 America is a document of Prince's concerns, hopes, and visions for a shifting society, presciently foreshadowing an era of political division, disinformation, and a renewed fight for racial justice," Prince's estate noted in a statement. Never a big fan of social

media, Prince sings about how superficial social media could be, corporate monopolies in music and reality television. On the title track, Prince sings: "Welcome 2 America, the land of the free – home of the slave." Prince fans know that track is reminiscent of his 1985 song, "America," from his "Around the World in a Day" album. In that song, the Purple One sings: "Aristocrats on a mountain climb, making money, losing time/Communism is just a word, but if the government

turn over, it'll be the only word that's heard/America, America/God shed his grace on thee/America, America Keep the children free." Songs from the new CD include "Running Game (Son of a Slave Master)," "Born 2 Die" and "One Day We Will All B Free." Prince also sings about "Distracted by the features of the iPhone/Got an application, 2 fix Ur situation."

During the "Welcome 2 America" tour, which lasted for three years beginning in 2010, Prince performed over 80 shows. The estate doesn't explain why he never released the accompanying CD. Prince died on April 21, 2016, at the age of 57.

Ex-Loves, Lies and Video Game Addictions: Pandemic Secrets

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Steve Marrow, who founded the kayak website called Paddle About, knew that during the COVID-19 pandemic, going to a party was out of the question – or at least it should have been. Marrow and his wife went anyway. "I was leery of going, but we were in serious need of socialization," Marrow explained. "Until that point, we hadn't really done anything with friends. So, we went to the party, had a great time, and came home," he remarked. Afterward, Marrow offered some regret. "If one of us had been sick, yes, for sure, I would

have had regrets, but fortunately, we didn't hear of anyone who got sick or had symptoms," he said. Marrow is one of the thousands – perhaps millions – who have not only found the pandemic as tough a challenge to navigate as any, but his story — and need for socialization rationale — is among the litany of "secrets" Americans have kept to themselves during the first year of COVID-19. Yuri Brown said he was forced to swallow some pride when he accepted a private loan from his father-in-law as a last resort to keep his business

afloat. Brown, the founder of Coffee Geek Lab, noted that he is on good terms with his in-laws, but he kept a promise he made at the altar. "I said I would do my best, use all of my resources, and do all the things that I can do on my own to give my wife a steady life," Brown uttered. He revealed that his wife had no idea. "Fortunately, the loan and my business strategy led to success, and my business has now found the momentum it needs during the crisis," Brown divulged.

With stay-at-home orders, mask requirements, and social distancing, many others said they had to find a release, but they had to do it quietly. For Maria Snider, that meant being dishonest with her family and friends about her video game and Instagram addiction. "It was hampering my work life," Snider admitted. "I would ignore events with family and friends. The isolation and the lack of communication started [bothering] me." Later, Snider revealed, she did take steps to reconnect with her loved ones, which required unin-

stalling certain social media and gaming apps. For Sandra Henderson, revealing her pandemic secret isn't as simple as uninstalling an app. "My best friend got into a terrible fight with her girlfriend and she decided to kick her latter out of the house," said Henderson. "I couldn't bear seeing her out in the streets in the middle of the pandemic, so I offered my house to her without my best friend's knowledge since I didn't want to get involved in their fight." Months later and Henderson acknowledges that her best friend remains unaware of her gesture even though the feuding pair have reconciled. "I really care for the two of them, and I already treat them as my own siblings," she said. "So, I tried multiple times to stand as their mediator, and thankfully, just last month, they reconciled. However, I still haven't told my best friend how I helped her girl-

friend seek shelter for five months." Reunions indeed count among the biggest pandemic secrets. Stephan Jacob began dating his ex after months of quarantine and no action. He noted that his one-time ex had caused him the biggest heartbreak, which triggered depression five years ago. "My parents and friends would certainly disapprove of my decision to take her back, but I really love her. I am sure that they would discover it sooner or later, but there is only one reason that will justify my action: my love," Jacob crooned. Like Spring, Jacob's hope is eternal. "I believe that people change, and she has changed a lot," he submitted. "When we started dating again, she has become more understanding and caring about me, and I know that I wouldn't regret this decision."

U.S. Supreme Court Sounds Ready to Pay Student Athletes



By Lauren Victoria Burke
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U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh called the NCAA's practices "disturbing."

"The antitrust laws should not be a cover for exploitation of the student-athletes. To pay no salaries to the workers who are making the schools billions of dollars on the theory that consumers want the schools to pay their workers nothing," he said, seems "entirely circular and even somewhat disturbing," Kavanaugh said.

On March 30 the U.S. Supreme Court heard the case of NCAA v. Alston, which is a class action case, first filed in 2014. The NCAA is an organization with over 1,000 member colleges and universities. As millions are made from the talent ion college athletes and colleges pay millions in salaries to coaches, college athletes remain unpaid. Under the NCAA's rules, paid athletes become ineligible to play sports.

The main plaintiff in the case is Shawne Alston, a former West Virginia University running back, who says he and other athletes were exploited.

The business of college sports, which includes millions in television contracts and sponsorships, resulting in a world of lucrative payouts for everyone other than the players, may have met its match at the U.S. Supreme Court. Several court members sounded skeptical of the NCAA's arguments that the current set up is fair. A federal district court in California gave athletes a victory. It ruled that the NCAA could not limit income to athletes.

"It just strikes me as odd that the coaches' salaries have ballooned," said Associate Justice Clarence Thomas. "They're in the amateur ranks, as are the players," Thomas added.

"Why does the NCAA get to define what 'pay' is?" asked Justice Amy Coney Barrett.

"Antitrust laws should not be a cover for exploitation of the student-athletes, so that is a concern, an overarching concern here," added Associated Justice Kavanaugh.

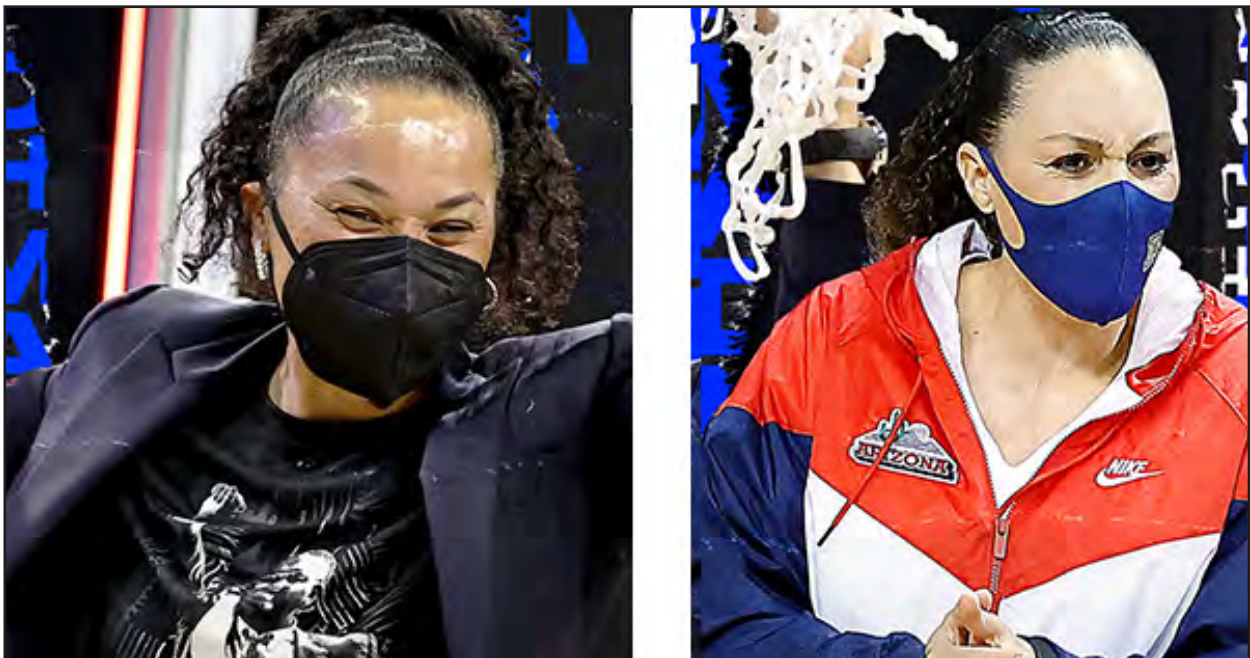
Judge Sam Alito went even further. Alito said athletes, "face training requirements that leave little time or energy for study, constant pressure to put sports above study, pressure to drop out of hard majors and hard classes, really shockingly low graduation rates. Only a tiny percentage ever go on to make any money in professional sports."

"So, the argument is they are recruited, they're used up, and then they're cast aside without even a college degree. How can this be defended in the name of amateurism?" Alito added.

If the questions and comments from members of the Court were a guide change could be coming soon. The argument over whether "student athletes" should be paid has gone on for decades with the NCAA arguing that pay would mean the end of the "student" athlete.

But with the level of revenue that colleges and universities make from athlete performance it is becoming increasingly difficult to argue that arrangement is nothing more than big business that benefits from revenue from a never-ending unpaid workforce.

Two Black Female Basketball Coaches Make History, Lead Teams to NCAA Women's Final Four



History was made in NCAA Women's Basketball when two Black coaches, Dawn Staley and Adia Barnes, led their teams into the Final Four for the first time since the tournament started in 1982.

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Black News Nationwide - Staley, who is 50-years old, started her coaching career in 2000 and became the head coach of South Carolina Gamecocks in 2008. She previously led the team to the Final Four in 2015 and 2017, winning the latter for the team's first-ever national title.

Barnes, who is 44-years old, has been the head coach for Arizona Wildcats for 5 seasons. This year is her first time leading the

team to the Final Four.

The two women, who are former WNBA players, are also the first and only former WNBA players who have taken a team to the women's Final Four. Both were grateful to share the honor of making history with each other.

"I'm super proud of Adia, and I wanted that to happen," Staley told ESPN. "I was cheering for her to get it done. Not for any other reason besides us being represented at the biggest stage. Two Black women representing

two programs in the Final Four, something that has never been done before."



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Fair housing took longer to pass through Congress than voting rights, desegregation of public spaces, and even equal opportunities for employment.”

Expert testimony provided startling data and calls for changes that will make real the promises of fair housing.

Testifying on behalf of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., Richard Rothstein, its Senior Fellow Emeritus, candidly assessed America’s lack of fair housing and the consequences of it. Since its founding in 1940 by the late Thurgood Marshall, LDF seeks structural changes to expand democracy, eliminate disparities, achieve racial justice through litigation, advocacy and public education. In housing, LDF works to combat racial segregation and promote racial integration and opportunity.

As an example of federal discriminatory practices, Rothstein cited the example of Levittown, a mass-produced post World War II suburb of 17,000 homes that sold for \$7,990 with a 0% down payment for veterans. Despite the guarantees of the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944, more commonly known as the G.I. bill, Black veterans were denied loans and suburbs remained all-white.

This discrimination was long sustained, even though the G.I.

bill guaranteed a range of benefits to veterans that spanned education, unemployment, and loans to purchase homes, farms or businesses.

“Despite the homeownership boom in the 1950s and 1960s,

segregation throughout the nation,” continued Rothstein. “White flight,” or the creation of white suburbs, was also undergirded by massive federal investments in the construction of the interstate highway system. The federal government often took possession of homes and land in Black communities by claiming eminent domain in order to construct highways as physical barriers between white neighborhoods and areas with a large presence of African Americans or communities of color.”

Also testifying at the Senate hearing was Lisa Rice, President and CEO of the National Fair Housing Alliance, the country’s only national non-profit civil rights agency dedicated to eliminating all forms of housing discrimination and ensuring equitable housing opportunities for all.

“In this nation where you live matters,” said Rice. “Your address determines almost everything about you - your chances of graduating from high school or college, getting arrested, net worth, income, ability to own a home, credit score and how long you will live. Your zip code is a better determinant of your health than your genetic code. Segregation creates a built inequitable environment where resources and opportunities get concentrated in predominately white communities and are sparsely located in communities of color...”

It is the bedrock of inequality in America because neighborhoods of color are more likely to have poorly resourced schools and fewer amenities like healthcare facilities, grocery stores, green spaces, and bank branches. But communities of color are more likely to have hazardous and toxic waste plants and more polluted land, air, and water.”

“When you look at our residential and lending patterns, we are a century behind where we need to be...The bias in our markets is not a bug but a feature. They were built that way and intended to operate in a discriminatory fashion. They will continue to do so until we make systemic and cultural changes,” concluded Rice.

In other words, race all too often determines ‘place’. And place remains a key determinant in life. Real fair housing can and must be the difference and the change.

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Audio of this encounter was one of the most heart wrenching experiences of my life. Unfortunately, that event and others like it are FAR TOO COMMON in communities of color! Each day during Holy Week, we have listened to eyewitness accounts of the brutal murder of George Floyd. We have seen what, by all appearances, was an execution without regard for the humanity of a man. This too is all too familiar.

I have always believed in keeping explanations simple. Most will understand you and few will be able to twist your words into self-serving utterances. I challenge anyone who viewed the incident videos to explain the crime he committed that would justify the imposition of the death penalty. Chauvin’s use of extra-judicial authority cannot be justified. And his smug, “can’t touch this” arrogance as he kneeled astride George Floyd’s neck made the episode more intolerable.

I am not afraid to speak the obvious truth to power. Derick Chauvin’s defense team cannot throw enough mud to satisfy the dehumanization of George Floyd. Any hypocrite willing to minimize the value of George Floyd’s life because of drug use must first publicly berate and diminish, in a similar manner, the life of the drug addled, Rush Limbaugh.

Michael Brown, Sandra Bland, Eric Gardner, Rayshard Brooks, LaQuan McDonald, Tamir Rice, Breonna Taylor, and the list goes on. They are not just names - they are men and women who anticipated full and complete lives. None suspected that some rogue, maniacal descendant of a 19th century slave catcher would choose to intervene in their lives with deadly consequence.

We cannot condemn all police for rogue activities, but we must not accept further repetition of this gross injustice. We must be vigilant in the protection of our community and we must support the Police Reform Bill that is now in the Senate.

It is said that the past is prologue to the future. If so, we must make the present a past that is acceptable to our future.



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Elijah McCain

SCAT & Law Enforcement National Drug Take Back Day

April 24, 2021, 10 am - 2 pm!

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As the war on opioids continues to be fought in our community and communities across the nation, National Drug Take-Back Day will stress the importance of these drug take-back days as an initial step in stopping the opiate epidemic by reducing access to unused prescription drugs.

In Lucas County, on Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Area Police officers will be at numerous locations throughout the city collecting unwanted or unused narcotics, over the-counter medications, pet medications, prescriptions, and vitamins for proper disposal. Only select collection sites will accept: syringes, inhalers, liquid medications, or ointments/lotions. Call ahead to verify if your location will take these items, from select Kroger, Meijer and Toledo Family Pharmacies, St. Luke’s Hospital, University of Toledo Medical Center, Area Fire Departments, Toledo Lucas County Health Dept, and Swanton Municipal Bldg.

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