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Covid vaccine clinic held at Scott with effort to target 16 and older



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Nichea Self, left, a 16 year old Scott student, proudly points to her injection site, as her mom, Angela embraces her.

By Jurry Taalib-Deen
Journal Staff Writer

At the beginning of the Covid-19 outbreak, many people, as well as healthcare professionals, including Trump, thought younger people couldn't catch the virus. But as the outbreak dragged throughout 2020 and well into 2021, that earlier thought proved to be wrong. As millions of older Americans continue to get vaccinated, Covid-19 infections continue to rise, but in the population that was once considered immune to the virus.

On Sunday, April 25, in the cafeteria of Scott High School, 2400 Collingwood Blvd, a joint collaboration between Toledo Public Schools, The Movement and Promedica, held a Covid-19 vaccine clinic.

Katie Wears, clinical nurse specialist for Promedica, told The Toledo Journal that a total

of 148 people registered to receive the vaccine. At the start of the clinic, two Scott students attended to receive their shot.

"We're offering the Pfizer vaccine, which is compatible for 16 year olds and up," she said. Ms. Weeks said the vaccine is being offered at the right time, being that more young people are starting to contract the virus.

Angela Self brought her daughter Nichea, a 16 year old Scott student.

"Nichea is the last one in our family to receive the vaccine. She doesn't like shots, so, I had to convince her it wouldn't hurt," Angela Self said.

Further, Angela Self said she received an email from the school, the previous week, saying someone in the school tested positive for Covid-19. With that news, Ms. Self wanted to hurry to make sure her



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Tracy Seeger, RN for Promedica, administers Lucas Bobak with his first dosage.

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I have severe asthma and I need to take all the precautions I can.

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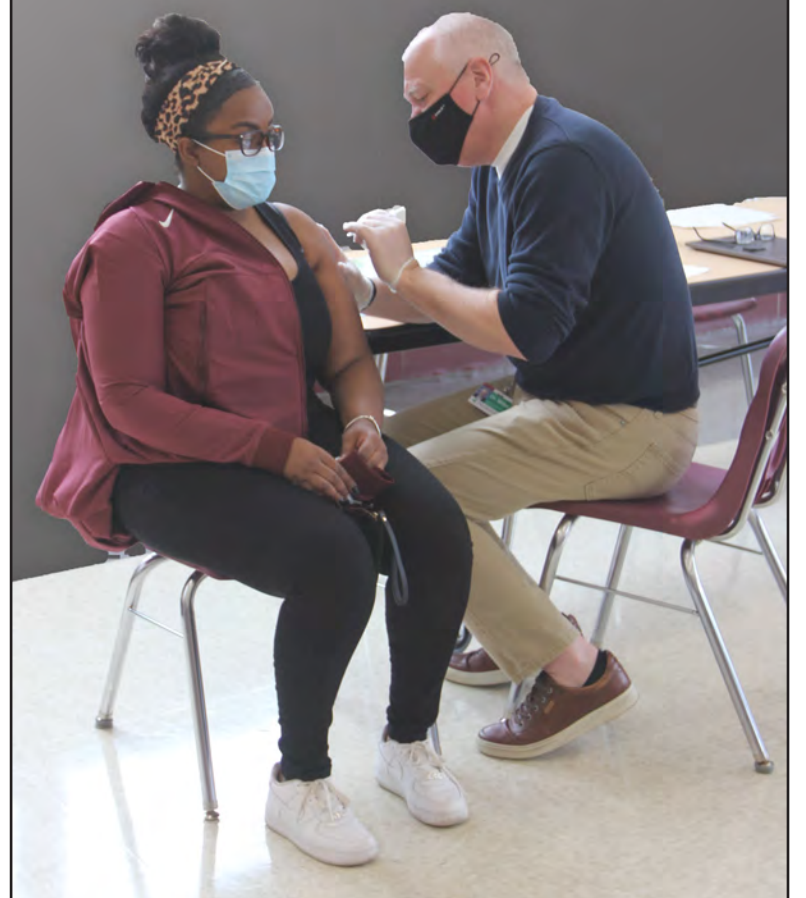


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Dr. Brian Miller administers Kyndra Jackson, 22, with her first of two doses.

daughter got vaccinated.

"I think I'm the only one of my friends getting the vaccine," Nichea said. "I really think many of the students aren't taking this virus seriously."

"My dad is high risk for catching the virus, so I thought it would be a good idea if I got vaccinated," said 22 year old, Lucas Bobak. "We really don't know the long-term effects of Covid-19, so, I'd recommend

everyone get the shot."

Lakya Lawson is an 18 year old Scott student. She admitted she was hesitant at getting the vaccine at first, because of the history of the American government and conducting covert experimentations on African Americans.

"After consideration, I thought it would be better to get vaccinated; it's the best decision," she said.



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One-hundred forty-eight people were registered for the vaccine. The clinic ran from 11 a.m until 3 p.m.

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Many African Americans are saying the **kill- ing of Ma’khia Bryant, by Officer Nicholas Reardon, was justified because she was in** the process of stabbing another teen. Do you agree with their opinion, why or why not? Also, how could the shooting have been avoided?

 <p>Donetta Carter Social Butterfly</p> <p>No, I don’t agree with the shooting. It could’ve been different if the officer tased her or if the other officers would’ve intervened. The outcome could’ve been different if either the other officers would’ve got involved or if the officer would’ve shot her just once; it wouldn’t have taken four shots to stop her. The sad thing is, Ma’khia was the one who called the police.</p>	 <p>Tonica Ross-Benton Entrepreneur</p> <p>No, I don’t agree with the killing. The police are supposed to protect, not kill. Due to that killing, all those who witnessed it will have to get therapy because they were traumatized. The shooting could’ve been avoided if the officer tased or tackled her.</p>
 <p>Ronshia Allison Entrepreneur</p> <p>I don’t agree with the shooting. The officer could’ve taken her. I know she was in the act of stabbing, but I believe a taser could’ve stopped her. The outcome could’ve been different if the other officers got involved. Police definitely need more training.</p>	 <p>Tony Martin Business Owner</p> <p>No, I don’t agree with the killing. The officer could’ve taken her. But I do understand she was armed and dangerous and the officer was just doing his job. The outcome could’ve been different if the other people who were there intervened, but they wanted to see a fight.</p>
	 <p>Aaron Piggue Delivery Driver</p> <p>No, I don’t agree with the killing. If the officer was trained he wouldn’t have shot her four times. He could’ve shot once in the leg or arm. If the officer was so concerned about the safety of the other girl, he wouldn’t have shot Ma’khia four times, so close to the other girl.</p>

Ongoing Events

OhioMeansJobs Lucas County to hold virtual resume and interview & Classes to prepare job seekers for In-Demand Jobs Week
Online Resume Writing webinar: Tuesdays, 11 a.m. - noon-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, 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
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**Every Tuesday
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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: Tues. 11:30am-1pm - Food Pantry, Clothing, Personal Needs. State IDs and birth certificate assistance (Documents are important! Let us help you with them) Blood pressure monitoring and answers to health questions
For more information, please all 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, a 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
Sandusky County senior centers
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

Better, Together hosts Nationwide Day of Second Chances April 29
For its second consecutive year, Better Together is breaking down employment barriers with its Nationwide Day of Second Chances held on Thursday, April 29. Every year, more than 650,000 Americans are released from prison and faced with challenges for re-entering the workforce. Better Together created a Day of Second Chances to help people overcome barriers to employment, such as incarceration, by bringing churches, volunteers, businesses and nonprofits together to host job fairs across America.
In Toledo, at the Wayman D. Palmer YMCA, 2053 N. 14th St., Thursday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit BetterTogetherUS.org.

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 gallo. 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 as follows:
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 1 at Riverside Elementary, 500 Chicago St.
11 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 8 at Robinson Elementary, 1075 Horace St.
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 15 at Rogers High School, 222 McTigue Dr.
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 22 at Point Place Plaza, 5109 Suder Ave.

**May 6th
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Patricia Y. Hernández, Senior Attorney with Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. (ABLE) in Toledo,

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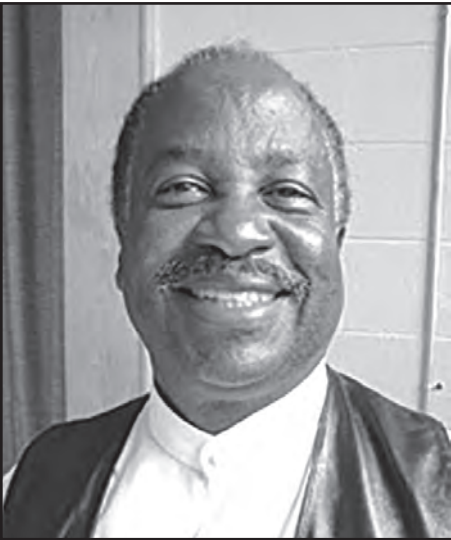
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will discuss what’s going on at our southern border at the May 6 First Thursday series. The presentation starts at 12:30 p.m. as a zoom event.
The First Thursday series is prepared by a coalition of local peace and justice advocates and organized by St. Paul’s Lutheran Church.
The zoom link for the presentation is included below. There is no charge for the zoom presentation, but anyone wishing to make a donation to help defray the costs of the series may send a check to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 428 N Erie Street, Toledo, OH 43604, with “First Thursday” in the memo line.
Rev. Pete Bowmer, 419-243-4214, pastor.pete@stpaulstoledo.org
Fr. John Blaser, 419-344-1295, lormanj@gmail.com
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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 1-8 and 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.

White Skin Privileges Primer



By Lafe Tolliver
Attorney

It appears to me that for the white people who are on the go with their busy schedules and frantic lives, that they would benefit from a simple easy to read primer on what are white skin privileges and how they benefit, indirectly and directly, from them.

Now, for those interested in a more exhaustive and full-blown discourse on

the same subject, may I recommend the following superlative reads: Caste by Isabel Wilkerson, Stamped From The Beginning by Ibram X. Kendi and The Sum of Us by Heather McGhee.

At its core, white skin privileges are not a novel or new concept. It can be characterized as both an explicit and implicit society wide operating system (akin to Windows 10) and is adaptable via a host of software applications, to wit: judicial system, legislative decisions and the distribution of economic empowerment to its intended audience...i.e., white people.

White skin privileges draw its nourishment and longevity from the protections that it affords white people who seek its perks and benefits; but they must pay the societal wages of agreeing to its abhorrent tenets and stifling dogma or they can face expulsion or ostracism by those who rigorously reject any attempts at its elimination.

The chronological start of white skin privileges in and on the land that we call the United States of America is normally assigned the start date of 1619. That was the first recorded date of people of African descent being physically present in the American colonies.

From that date of notoriety, when slavers brought citizens of Africa to these shores and consciously bludgeon them mentally, emotionally and physically into people of no value, America has not recovered from the Big Lie that people of color were sub-human and not worthy of respect or equal treatment.

Notions of white skin privileges skillfully and with great nuance and effect, infected the white citizenry with non-Biblical concepts of what is human worth and value and tried to portray people of color as the spawn of the devil.

White skin privileges can only succeed and prosper when what it gives to its followers is of greater value than the propagated fear that those "others" are not like you and never will be; and you must be diligent against their efforts to be reckoned as equal alongside you and your family.

White skin privileges tell a wicked and evil tale that the native Americans (aka: Indians) and people of color are not able to exhibit a standard of civility and proper civilization; and thus, it is incumbent upon white people the burden to lead the way and educate them in the finer things of life.

For White America, if that education re-

quired the use of slavery, chronic mental and emotional abuse, killings, denial of equal rights and subjugation by an indifferent and callous police force, so be it.

White skin privileges employed the many genres of a corrupted educational system to reinforce the supposed inferiority of people of color, a law enforcement apparatus whose main mission was and is to protect the property rights of the "ruling class" and apartheid like laws that held in check any chance of revolt or challenge.

White skin privileges means that you can call the police on innocent black people gathering in a public park, but you lie and state that they are causing a disturbance.

Those same privileges affirm the irrational behavior of educators who denigrate the intellectual ability of black people and scorn their advancements as being accomplished at the expense of other whites.

White skin privileges simply assumes that if a non-white has achieved anything of note or value, that it must be suspect and not a quality product as would be produced by a white person, even of a lesser status.

At the core of white skin privileges is the dire and haunting fear that unless people of color are lessened or diminished, white people will become a minority group in America by the year 2045.

That fear has as its twin, the irrational ghost of revenge by people of color for centuries of wrongs, yet unrequited, that would be inflicted upon whites in this country.

The past legal doctrine of separate but equal was a futile attempt to legislate racial separation in the hopes that people of color would be satisfied with a half of a bone rather than a three-course dinner paired with a dessert and a brandy.

White skin privileges automatically assumes that all goodies and perks of this American economic system are and were deliberately designed for their continuous enjoyment and any infringement upon those entitlements should be met with force to prevent "others" from entering in.

White skin privileges says that you can call a black person who has earned a Ph.D., by his first name only and never call him or her, Doctor.

It is a system of thinking based upon the Big Lie that white is always right and that Black, needs to get back.

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Black Business Leaders Are Energizing Corporate America On Voting Rights



By Marc H. Morial
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - In the long arc of the nation's history of racially-motivated voter suppression, 2021 will stand as a clear and distinct moment that changed everything that came after.

Whether it will symbolize the demise of such suppression – or its shameful entrenchment – remains to be seen.

Certainly, racially-motivated voter suppression is nothing new. The right of Black men to vote wasn't even constitutionally-protected for the first 94 years of the nation's existence, and the terrorist regime of Jim Crow blocked most Black citizens in the South from voting for the next 95 years.

But the surge of restrictive voting

laws that began after the Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights Act with its 2013 decision in Shelby County v. Holder became a tsunami in the backlash to the historic Black voter turnout in 2020.

The long-overdue moment for corporate America to take a stand is upon us. And it has been brought about by its most influential Black members.

Led by Kenneth Chenault, the former CEO of American Express; Kenneth Frazier, CEO of Merck & Co.; former Xerox Holdings Corp. CEO Ursula Burns, and William M. Lewis Jr., chairman of investment banking at Lazard, hundreds of corporate executives signed an open

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Republicans Posture as Party of Working People



By Jesse Jackson
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - The debate over Joe Biden's \$2 trillion American Infrastructure Plan is heating up — and getting more and more unhinged. Republicans are railing against the president for asking for too much. They promise a filibuster against the bill unless there is a bipartisan agreement — on their terms. So, what are those terms?

- They want to do less. They have struggled to agree among themselves on a bill somewhere between one-fourth and one-third the size of the Biden plan. You decide a fair price for your car is \$10,000. They offer \$2,500, or they'll block any sale. You'd treat that as an insult, not a good-faith offer.
- They want to ignore the pressing needs of the present and the future. Dealing with the growing catastrophe of the extreme weather caused by climate change, they say, is part of a "liberal wish list." Speed the transition to electric cars, subsidize solar panels and energy efficient housing, increase resiliency of ports, buildings, roads — all scorned as extremism.
- They demand that the spending be "paid for," even though they had no problem passing a massive tax cut for the rich and corporations without concern for the deficit. But they reject Biden's plan to pay for the spending by raising taxes on the rich and the corporations.
- They want working people to pick up the tab, not the corporations or the rich. Reversing even a portion of their tax boon for corporations is a "non-starter."



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They must hope that working people who vote for them don't discover that Republicans want to tax them rather than tax the rich or corporations, oppose investing in daycare for their children or long-term care for their parents, and resolutely want to shortchange investing in the future.

Instead, they want to raise the gas tax and slap “user fees” — tolls for bridges and road, higher taxes on transit fares - on working people.
• They oppose the “liberal wish list” in

this bill or in any other. That wish list includes not just climate, but investment in long-term care for the elderly, in child-care facilities and schools, in removing the highways designed purposefully to isolate the poor and African Americans into ghettos. They oppose any effort to help workers organize into unions that might lift their wages and protect their rights at work.
Bipartisanship on Republican terms means a bill far smaller than the size of our problems, that fails to address pressing needs, and that sends the tab to those who can least afford it, as opposed to those who have been making out like bandits. Bipartisanship on these terms would leave us in a country with an outmoded and inefficient infrastructure, in denial about the climate crisis, with the worst support for children and parents of any advanced industrial country, with even more extreme inequality and racial division.
Not surprisingly, Biden's bill is popular with a vast majority of Americans. The individual items in his bill, including those that Republican Sen-

ate leader Mitch McConnell scorns, are even more popular. Inside the beltway, politicians are debating the definition of infrastructure. Americans are concerned with getting the help they need. Modern roads, clean water systems, advanced broadband, affordable mass transit — all are vital sinews for a healthy economy.
Affordable daycare and long-term care for the elderly are essential for families with working parents. Generating millions of jobs by kickstarting the transition to a green economy is a matter of national security — and of common sense. In the wake of Donald Trump, modern-day Republicans posture as the party of working people. They must hope that working people who vote for them don't discover that Republicans want to tax them rather than tax the rich or corporations, oppose investing in daycare for their children or long-term care for their parents, and resolutely want to shortchange investing in the future. No wonder Republican rhetoric has grown so extreme.
They can't defend their position; they can only distract from it.

Black Business Leaders Are Energizing Corporate America On Voting Rights

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letter opposing voting limits that ran as a two-page advertisement in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and other publications Wednesday.
The powerful — and deeply patriotic — statement reads, very simply:
A government of the people, by the people.
A beautifully American ideal, but a reality denied to many for much of this nation's history.
As Americans, we know that in our democracy, we should not expect to agree on everything. However, regardless of our political affiliations, we believe the very foundation of our

electoral process rests upon the ability of each of us to cast our ballots for the candidates of our choice.
For American democracy to work for any of us, we must ensure the right to vote for all of us.
We all should feel a responsibility to defend the right to vote and to oppose any discriminatory legislation or measures that restrict or prevent any eligible voter from having an equal and fair opportunity to cast a ballot.
Voting is the lifeblood of democracy and we call upon all Americans to join us in taking a nonpartisan stand for this most basic and fundamental right of

all Americans.
The CEOs and other top executives of 300 companies, along with law firms, nonprofit leaders, academics and celebrities, signed their names to the letter.
“These are not political issues,” Kenneth Frazier told the New York Times “These are the issues that we were taught in civics.”
The statement does not address specific states' election legislation. Since the election, state legislators in 47 have introduced a shocking 361 voter suppression bills. The total represents an increase of 108, or 43 percent, just in the last month.

As appalling as the proposals to restrict voting are, even more alarming are the proposals to that seek to disregard the results of elections entirely. A bill pending in Arizona would allow the state legislature to overturn the results of a presidential election, even after the count is formally certified by the governor and secretary of state — and even after Congress counts the state's electors.
Kenneth Chenault, Kenneth Frazier, Ursula Burns and William M. Lewis Jr.— all trailblazers in their industries — are longtime advocates for corporate social responsibility and civic engage-

ment. In a prelude to Wednesday's statement, they organized a full-page advertisement in the New York Times on March 31, headlined "Memo to Corporate America: The Fierce Urgency is Now," that was signed by 72 Black executives.
"We think now that corporate America, Black Americans for sure, but anyone who has values in their corporation that talk about diversity, equity and inclusion, any company that has a values statement about valuing their employees has to stand with our statement," Ursula Burns told CBS News. "Because their employees — Black,

White, Hispanic, women — literally are going to be affected by this type of suppression."
Kenneth Chenault told CNN, "What we're calling on corporations to do is not just say they believe strongly in the right to vote. It's to publicly and directly oppose any discriminatory legislation and all measures designed to limit any individual's ability to vote."
In a historic act of solidarity, hundreds of corporations did just that. Whether states will heed their call isn't clear. But it will be remembered as a moment when standing on the sidelines was — at long last -- no longer an option.

The YWCA of Northwest Ohio Presents ANNUAL Stand Against Racism Conference



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By Michael Daniels
Journal Staff Writer

On April 22-23 2021, The YWCA Of Northwest Ohio & Lucas County Children Services presented its annual local conference. This year's title and the subject matter was, 'Stand against Racism, Trauma of Systemic Racism and The Black Family.' Because of the pandemic, the 2021 conference was a virtual event.

A signature campaign of the YWCA USA is to build a community among those who work for racial justice and to raise awareness about the negative impact of institutional and structural racism in our communities. Over 400 stand against racism for the event happening nationwide, in nearly every state, during the

last week of April.

The YWCA's, 'Stand Against Racism is a national opportunity for communities across the United States to unite their voices to educate, advocate, and promote racial justice. Through this annual campaign, communities are invited to find an issue or cause that inspires them to take a stand against racism. The local YWCA invites you to take a Stand Against Racism.

Here in the Toledo, conference panelists included Judge Denise Navarre Cubbons, Robin Reese, Celeste Smith, Houston Young, Lyman Leaters, Dr. Barbara Love, Dr. Michael Waters, Yulise Waters ESQ., Jawanza Kunjufu, Crystal Ward, Celeste Smith, Dr. Treva Jeffries, Dr. Marvin Whitfield. And Dr. Adrienne El-hal.

Also, present was President and CEO of Northwest Ohio YWCA, Lisa McDuffie, she said, "The point of this conference is to build awareness around the issues of inequality equity and systemic racism. Some people are just not aware, so we try to cater this conference to all populations. For people of color these issues we know to be true because, we experience them everyday. At the same time, some white people are intrigued by the issue and want to learn more and are interested enough and want to know what they can do to help change and confront these issues." Based on evaluations over the years the conference has a positive impact on the community."

The conference also addressed the George Floyd verdict stating that, the YWCA of Northwest Ohio stands with the family of George Floyd

as they continue to grieve the loss of their loved one. The murder of George Floyd on May 25, 2020, shined a spotlight on police brutality that disproportionately affects Black people and other people of color in our country. Yesterday's guilty verdict of Derek Chauvin, a former Minneapolis police officer, sends a message of hope to all who strive for liberty and justice for all.

In addition, they

feel that, while this conviction is a step in the right direction, there is still so much work to do in dismantling racial discrimination in law enforcement.

Let's use this moment to work for informational change for our country and our community. The YWCA of Northwest Ohio will continue to advocate for the elimination of racism until the land of the free is free of racism. Until the home of the brave is brave enough to change. Until "by the people" and "for the people" means doing right by all the people. Until Justice Just Is.

The YWCA of Northwest Ohio would also like to acknowledge and thank this year's sponsors, the National YWCA. Lucas County Children Services, Owens Corning, and Casey Family Programs."



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Black-Owned App Lets Users Activate Their Own Body Cams When Pulled Over by Police

Submitted

Meet James A. Samuel, Jr., a Black veteran who has launched a new app called ANJEL Tech that turns any smartphone into the world's most powerful bodycam during confrontations with the police. James said that he became tired of raising kids in a world that forces them to understand they're unsafe in their skin before they even learn their ABCs.

In recent weeks, the world had been watching Derek Chauvin on trial for murder charges for the killing of George Floyd; seeing news about 2nd Lt. Caron Nazario, who is Black and Latino, getting pulled over by two police officers in Windsor, Virginia; and the killing of Daunte Wright at the hands of police. And these only are a few of too many stories of Black people being racially profiled and fearing for safety when being pulled over by police.

ANJEL Tech is an innovative solution to increase safety and peace of mind in the Black community. The app is secure, mobile, and cloud-

based. James says that he created it because he's passionate about preventing your loved ones from becoming another painful statistic. "Body

ability." He continues, "When George Floyd was being asphyxiated, he was calling out verbally for his mother. When

alert their loved ones to come. Imagine if the footage of any these horrific incident had been controlled by the victim himself. That's what ANJEL

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"I know too many Black moms who have received a phone call that turned their world upside down in an instant. And too many others who've had to live with the possibility of it happening every day since the first time their kid left for school," James said. "Watching George Floyd asphyxiated on that asphalt scared me, awakened me, and motivated me to change the world."



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The ANJEL Tech app by James Samuel is available for download on Apple iOS App Store and the Google Play Store. Also, visit the app's official web site at <https://anjel.live>

cams can't just be for police," he says. "So I created ANJEL Tech to enable a person's phone to act as a body cam and a lifeline to loved ones to increase safety and account-

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President Biden Tackles Black Maternal Health with New Executive Orders

By Stacy M. Brown,
NNPA Newswire Senior
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President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris have announced actions to strengthen health equity and address racial disparities in maternal health through increased investment in reducing maternal mortality and morbidity.

The White House said the President's discretionary funding request includes significant funding to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity rates, improve health equity, and end race-based disparities nationwide, including:

- Investing \$200 million to implement implicit bias training for health-care providers; create State pregnancy medical home programs; bolster Maternal Mortality Review Committees; expand the Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies (RMOMS) program; and help cities place early childhood development experts in pediatrician offices with a high percentage of Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program patients.
- Increasing funding for the HHS Office for Civil Rights by 24 percent, to \$47.9 million, to ensure the protection of civil rights in healthcare.
- Providing \$340 million, an increase of 18.7 percent, to the Title X Family Planning program, which will improve access to vital reproductive and preventive health services and advance gender and health equity.
- Prioritizing investments in pro-



grams that protect rural health care access and expand the pipeline of rural healthcare providers; and

- Supporting women and young children by providing \$6 billion for the critical Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), to help vulnerable families put healthy food on the table and address racial disparities in maternal and child health outcomes.
- "Health care is a right, not a privilege, and our country needs a health care system that works for all of us," President

Biden declared.

"That is something both Vice President Harris and I have fought for throughout our careers. As a senator, Vice President Harris was a champion of Black maternal health, introducing legislation to close gaps in access to quality maternal care and educate providers about implicit bias."

The President continued:

"And during my time as Vice President, I fought for the Affordable Care Act and to strengthen Medicaid, both of which ensure access to critical services to support maternal health.

"Within just a few years of the Affordable Care Act's passage, Black uninsured rates dramatically declined — a key factor in ensuring better maternal health outcomes — as did the persistent health insurance coverage gap between Black and White Americans, which fell by more than 40 percent in the wake of the law's implementation."

The announcement arrived during Black Maternal Health Week and at a time when America's maternal mortality rates are

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among the highest in the developed world.

White House statistics revealed that it is incredibly high among Black women and Native American women – regardless of their income or education levels.

Recent data show that Black women are roughly two to three times more likely to die from pregnancy complications than non-Hispanic white women. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that two out of three of these deaths are preventable.

“Quality, equitable health care is a right, not a privilege. The actions announced today are initial steps in the critical work this Administration will do to address our maternal mortality crisis, close disparities in maternal care and outcomes for all birthing people and address the systemic racism that has allowed these inequities to exist,” President Biden exclaimed.

In his first 100 days, President Biden issued executive orders to implement a comprehensive approach to advancing racial equity and establishing the White House Gender Policy Council to take a whole-of-government approach to gender equity.

Both processes will end disparities that affect women and girls of color, including the maternal health crisis, White House officials stated.

Through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Department of Health and Human Services approved a Medicaid Section 1115 waiver in Illinois that will allow the state to extend postpartum coverage to Medicaid-eligible women beyond 60 days and up to 12 months.

The approval will help ensure access to vital health

care services, promote better health outcomes, and reduce the rate of maternal morbidity and mortality.

According to Administration officials, Illinois is the first state to extend postpartum coverage to all pregnant women under Medicaid.

The Administration has invited all states to provide full Medicaid benefits during pregnancy and the extended postpartum period.

The President also announced \$12 Million in Additional Funds for Maternal Obstetric Care in Rural Communities.

The funding is available through new awards for the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy’s RMOMS Program.

The program is designed to develop models and implement strategies that improve access to and continuity of maternal obstetrics care in rural communities.

It will help improve maternal health outcomes for underserved rural mothers, including Black rural mothers.

For the first time, applicants are required to focus on populations that have historically suffered from poorer health outcomes, health disparities, and other inequities.

“Addressing systemic barriers across the board will improve outcomes for Black mothers and their families and make our entire country stronger, healthier, and more prosperous,” President Biden remarked.

“At the same time, the United States must also grow and diversify the perinatal workforce, improve how we collect data to better understand the causes of maternal death and complications from birth, and invest in community-based organizations to help reduce the glaring racial and ethnic disparities that persist in our health care system.”

Managing Chronic Kidney Disease: Take Charge Of Your Health

Submitted

(NAPSI)—Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a serious condition, affecting 15% of U.S. adults—an estimated 37 million Americans. Kidney disease can get worse over time and may lead to kidney failure and other serious complications.

Early-stage CKD has few or no symptoms. In fact, many people with CKD don’t know they have the disease. Ask your doctor if you are at risk and get tested. Early diagnosis can make a big difference.

Managing CKD may be challenging, but it is key to preventing or delaying serious health problems such as heart disease. The earlier you get involved in your kidney care, the better your chances of slowing disease progression and living longer and healthier.

Take an active role in managing your kidney disease by following these healthy lifestyle tips.

- Meet regularly with your health care team. Stay connected with your doctor, either in person or via telehealth. Meet with your health care team for help managing CKD, keep appointments even if you feel OK and create a care plan. Ask your doctor to explain test results and bring a list of questions or concerns to appointments.
- Manage blood pressure. Work with your health care team to develop a plan to meet your blood pressure goals. Steps to meet those goals may include eating heart-healthy and low-sodium meals and being active.
- Monitor blood glucose levels. Check your blood glucose level regularly if you have diabetes. Use the results to guide decisions about food, physical activity and medicines.



- Take medicines as prescribed. Your pharmacist and doctor need to know about all the medicines you take, including over-the-counter medicines. Tell your doctor about any side effects before stopping or changing how you take your medicine.
- Avoid nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as ibuprofen and naproxen. NSAIDs are sold under many different brand names, so ask your pharmacist or doctor if the medicines are safe for you to use.
- Stay up to date on vaccinations. The COVID-19 vaccine is especially important for people who may be more likely to get very sick from COVID-19, including people with certain medical conditions such as kidney disease.
- Aim for a healthy weight. If you are overweight or have obesity, work with your health care team to create a weight-loss plan.
- Develop a healthy meal plan. –Create a meal plan that contains –kidney-healthy foods and beverages. Ask your doctor about finding a registered dietitian who can help.
- Find ways to reduce stress and make physical activity part of your routine. Consider healthy, stress-reducing activities and get at least 30 minutes of physical activity daily.
- Get enough sleep. Aim for 7 to 8 hours of sleep per night. Try establishing a bedtime routine if you have trouble sleeping.
- Quit smoking. Smoking cigarettes can make kidney damage worse.

If you have financial or resource challenges that make it difficult to start or maintain these behaviors—such as difficulty paying for medicines, providing enough food for you and your family or finding a safe place for physical activity—ask your health care team about support programs that may be available to help.

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) spearheads research to help improve kidney disease management and treatment. “It’s important to educate patients and their health care providers about ways to treat and manage chronic kidney disease,” said NIDDK Director Dr. Griffin P. Rodgers. “People should know their risk factors, like underlying health conditions. And they should know that, if diagnosed, chronic kidney disease is manageable. Staying engaged and managing the disease’s progression protects the kidneys.”

For more information on managing CKD, visit the NIDDK website at www.niddk.nih.gov.

Testicular Cancer: Unpreventable Yet Very Treatable

Submitted

Dr. Salvatore J. Giordanni, PharmD

Sr. Science Adviser, Men’s Health Network

Ok, how many of you guys out there know that April is Testicular Cancer Awareness Month? Unfortunately, most guys, not even many health care providers know that April is the month dedicated to making sure adolescent boys and men know about this potentially lethal problem.

Men’s Health Network (www.MensHealthNetwork.org) would like to give you 8 Important Facts About Testicular

Cancer (www.TesticularCancerAwarenessMonth.com).

1. Your probably can’t prevent it but you can check yourself for it.
2. If caught early it is highly (99%) treatable. If caught late it is almost 99% lethal. Which sounds better to you?
3. White males are four to five times more likely to have testicular cancer than Black men and three times more likely than Asian-Americans.
4. It is most common in men in their late 20s and early 30s with an average age of 33 years old as being the most common. But it can occur at ANY

age and has been seen in boys as young as 15 years old.

5. This is the most common of the cancers for men between 20-40 years of age and occurs in 1 in 250 males
6. The first warning sign is usually a lump or irregularity in one or both testicles.
7. It doesn’t just stay in your testicles. Testicular cancer can spread to many other parts of the body, including lungs and the lymph nodes of the chest, pelvis, and the base of the neck. More advanced stages may have spread to the liver and bones. Testicular

cancer rarely spreads to the brain but it can.

8. The BEST way to protect yourself from testicular cancer is to check BOTH of your testicles at least every month. Feel around the GET IT CHECKED (www.GetItChecked.com) by a health care provider.
- How To Check Your Testicles. You must check both testicles. Using your thumb and finger of both hands hold one testicle gently and roll it between your fingers.
- What You Are Feeling For. Normally testicles should be smooth, regular in size and not painful. If you notice any lumps,

tender or painful spots or irregular shapes developing or a change in the overall feel of either testicle these are warning signs.

What To Do If You Feel Any Warning Signs. This is the simplest part.... GET IT CHECKED. Not next month. Not next week but right away. Call your doctor or health care provider, simply tell them that you felt a problem with your testicles and you would like to have it checked. Remember THE most important thing is early treatment.

For more information check the Men’s Health Network website at www.MensHealthNetwork.org.

About Men’s Health Network (MHN)

MHN is an international non-profit organization whose mission is to reach men, boys, and their families where they live, work, play, and pray with health awareness messages and tools, screening programs, educational materials, advocacy opportunities, and patient navigation. For information on MHN’s programs and activities, visit them at menshealthnetwork.org, on Twitter (@MensHlthNetwork), and on Facebook (facebook.com/menshealthnetwork), or call 202-543-6461.

The Majority of all U.S. Children are Those of Color

By Stacy M. Brown
Wire Writer

In 2019, there were more than 73 million children in the United States – making up 22 percent of the nation’s population. Children of color made up 49.8 percent of all children, and more than half of the 19.6 million children under five in America were individuals of color.

The statistics are part of the nonprofit Children’s Defense Fund’s “The State of America’s Children 2021 report.”

It dovetails with the U.S. Census Bureau’s latest report that changing the United States’ racial makeup is most visible among children.

The Census Bureau found that most children are projected to be of a race other than non-Hispanic white.

“These changes mirror a broader transition in the United States to a more pluralistic population,” Census Bureau officials reported.

The Children’s Defense Fund’s comprehensive report also noted that most children under 18 were children of color



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in 14 states, including Alaska, California, Georgia, Maryland, New York, Texas, and the District of Columbia.

In 2019 – the latest statistics available, 36.7 million children were white (50.2 percent); 18.7 million were Hispanic (25.6 percent); 10 million were Black (13.7 percent).

Approximately 3.7 million were Asian (5.0 percent), 615,950 were American Indian/Alaska Native (<1 percent), and 147,057 were Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander (<1 percent).

Previous estimates suggest that most U.S. children are children of color as of 2020, and the U.S. population will

continue to become more racially and ethnically diverse.

“The U.S. – and especially our youngest generation – is reaching a critical moment in racial and ethnic diversity,” Dr. Starsky Wilson, president, and CEO of the Children’s Defense Fund, told the Black Press in a live interview.

“We need policies and programs that recognize and celebrate this growing diversity.”

The State of America’s Children 2021 summarizes the status of America’s children in 12 areas – child population, child poverty, income and wealth inequality, housing and homelessness, child hunger and nutrition, child health, ear-

ly childhood, education, child welfare, youth justice, gun violence, and immigration.

Dr. Wilson remarked that America needs to better look after its children.

“Our children have lost the health coverage they need to survive and thrive at an alarming rate,” he stated.

Dr. Wilson noted that the Children’s Defense Fund’s new report revealed that an estimated 4.4 million children under age 19 were uninsured—an increase of 320,000 more children without health insurance since 2018.

“The rates of uninsured children are especially high among Hispanic children, undocumented children, children living in the South, and children in families with lower incomes,” Dr. Wilson added from the report. Medicaid and CHIP are the foundation of the nation’s health insurance system for children.

In 2019, nearly 36 million children under 19 received comprehensive, pediatric-appropriate, and affordable health coverage through Medicaid and CHIP.

“While more than 3 million

children and youth have contracted the novel coronavirus in the United States, all 73 million are impacted by the sense of uncertainty and disruption of routine it has caused,” Dr. Wilson insisted.

“Even the improvements in the second school year of on-line learning have not resolved concerns of social isolation and the loss of important life milestones, like graduation and the high school prom. This loss of certainty, consistent routine, and the connection is leading to increased levels of depression and despair among our children and youth.”

The fight for social justice and criminal justice reform could not be accomplished without considering children, Dr. Wilson insisted.

“The protracted struggle for democracy led to a change in partisan control of the federal government and a first in executive leadership for women, Black, and South Asian Americans,” Dr. Wilson exclaimed.

“But it can’t be that we forget about the future generation, where now children of color make up the majority.”

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Ms. Black Alabama USA, Brittnie Granville, Inspires Single Mom of an Autistic Daughter, an Entrepreneur and More

Submitted

(Nationwide) - Brittnie Granville is far from your average beauty queen. The reigning 2021 Ms. Black Alabama USA might be preparing for her shot at the national title. Still, she's balancing it with her duties as a single mom, philanthropist, author, autism advocate, business strategist, and generational wealth builder.

"I entered the pageant because I wanted to be a role model to other Black women. I wanted to be a positive representation of single mothers who may feel like they are overlooked or ignored in a society that views them as problematic," said Brittnie. "More importantly, I wanted to do it for my daughter, Brailynn, who is autistic. Everything I do is with her in mind, especially as it pertains to autism awareness, acceptance, and inclusion while building generational wealth that will sustain a comfortable lifestyle."

Brittnie states that her daughter's father is not in her life but instead of choosing to be bitter, she always focused on her daughter, who has been diagnosed with ASD, SOAD, SDP, chronic asthma, epilepsy, and anxiety.

"Single mothers tend to get wrapped up in the baby daddy drama, but you have to put that aside and put that energy into creating a better life for your child, regardless of who chooses to be in their life," says Brittnie. "When my child was younger, she went through over 15 medical specialists and still faces various challenges regarding her disorders. She is why I created the Mommy and Me Business Planner to teach parents about generational wealth and the importance of creating multiple streams of passive income for their children. Those of us with children with disabilities, especially, need to realize that many people may not want to employ them or work with them. Therefore, one way to generate wealth and passive income is by putting them in the position to be business owners."

Brittnie helped her daughter create her own brand, The Ausome Kid™, which includes a storybook series, adventure activity book, and coloring book. They also have The

abroad. In addition to volunteering to help less fortunate families during the holidays and encouraging literacy in Alabama schools, she has gone to South Africa to provide school supplies and monetary donations for the Kliptown Youth Program and contributed to the efforts to build boreholes in Accra, Ghana, in order to provide clean drinking water for the villages.

"It's such a humbling experience to serve others in any capacity," she said. "I have a keenness for children with disabilities, education, and financial literacy in generational wealth that community outreach will always be a part of my future plans."

As a prestigious woman of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., she has many accomplishments that preceded her reign that laid the foundation of the woman she has become today. Brittnie acquired a Bachelors of Business Administration in Acquisition Management from the University of Alabama-Huntsville and a Masters of Business Administration

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Ms. Black Alabama USA 2021, was born and raised in the small town of Florence, Alabama. She is a philanthropist leader, Autism Advocate, Amazon best-selling author, and natural born entrepreneur.

Ausome Kid Inc. nonprofit organization to empower and support children with Autism, provide resources to impacted families, and educate the community on awareness, acceptance, and inclusion.

Brittnie is also passionate about giving back locally and

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Mrs. Dorothy Mae McCoy was born in Turrell, Arkansas on November 15, 1926 to the union of Grover and Rosie Lee Coleman. She passed this life on Saturday April 17, 2021 at the age of 94 peacefully at home, surrounded by family. She was preceded in death by both parents, her husband Jim Robinson McCoy Sr., brother's; Grover Coleman Jr., Willie Coleman, and James Carroll, her son's; Robert Harris, Avan McCoy, Johnny Robinson McCoy and Llewelyn Kimbro, grandson; Jim "JT" McCoy III.

Mrs. McCoy confessed Christ at an early age. After moving to Toledo, Ohio, her last faithful membership was with Rhema Word Christian Fellowship Church under leadership of the late Ronald McCraney. She attended the public school system in Turrell, Arkansas and attended Manassas High School in West Memphis, Arkansas. Mrs. McCoy worked at Park Lane Hotel until its closing. Afterwards, she was employed at Mercy St. Vincent Hospital in central service as a sterilization technician and retired after 15 years of service. She loved to wear fashionable and trendy attire to various social events;

her favorite being The Elks Lodge. She also loved to travel, listen to music and, everyone's favorite to cook!

Mrs. McCoy leaves to cherish her memory, sister's; Ora Lee Wright, Addie Davis, Ossie Lee Coleman; son; Jim(Artina)McCoy Jr., daughter's; Rose Harris, Margaret Wiggins, Barbara Ollison, Vivian Christian, Christian McCoy and Tabathia Saunders, grandchildren; Shawn McCoy, Eugene(Cynthia)McCoy, Charline Byrd, LaShonda(Grant)Boyd, Janeen Wiggins, Ashley(Derrick)Rutledge, Johnathan McCoy, Tiffany(Devin) Carter, Cetrionna Betts, great grandchildren; Alahna McCoy, Nickolas Allen, Ciera Allen, Amiya McCoy, Asia McCoy, Amari McCoy, Grant Boyd III, Jazmyne Boyd, Christion McCall, Ace Carter, and Ah'dream Rutledge, great great grandson; Zayne McCoy special nieces; Everly Gordon and Beverly Barnes. Along with host of family and friends.

A celebration of life was be held at 10:00a.m. on Saturday April 24, 2021 at C.Brown Funeral Home, 1629 Nebraska. Reverend Sylvester Rome will be officiating. The burial will follow at Forest Cemetery.



"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."
I Corinthians 13:4-7 NKJV

Spiritually Speaking...

This Life is About That First Step



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By James A. Washington Jr.
Publisher of the Dallas Weekly

Do any of you remember that certain Sunday when moved to accept the truth of your own salvation? I did recently. I was asked a very simple question by the new member deacon: "Do I believe in Jesus Christ?"

For all of the angst I was feeling about a very public declaration of faith, hindsight reminds me that such a simple question should have been quickly answered with exhilarating affirmation. But my recollection is that it was not. That story I'll share with you later.

My point here is that then as now, it was all about Jesus. I mean the simplicity of salvation is so easy to comprehend. We tend to complicate things because we live in a world which, in many ways, is influenced by Satan.

As my former bible study classmates used to say, Satan is as slick as they come. He has a 24/7/365 job, which he relishes, and why not. We keep him highly motivated.

One of my favorite parts of the bible, and one that I would ask you to read and reread is the confrontation be-

tween Jesus and the devil. It's all right there. What Lucifer tempts Jesus with is what he traps us with.

The Son of Man is the only human being strong enough to win the battle of good and evil so decisively. We need all the help we can get, and that help is identified in Matthew 4:1-11. Each time the devil tried to get Jesus to prove Himself, or entice Him to worship Satan, Christ's' reply was: "...It is written."

Christ's fallback position at this critical moment for all of us was to rely on the scripture. We have it affirmed for us that we win the battle of life and death and life (eternal) with the ammunition provided to us as it is contained in the Word.

If you take nothing else from what I'm saying, take this: Never go to a gunfight with an unloaded gun. For God's sake, (or should I say your own), take some ammunition.

If Christ used the Word to win His battle, I think we're compelled to try and do the same thing with ours. I'm moved by this part of the bible because it shows that by following Jesus' example, salvation is there for us to share in.

I have also found it ironic that once the devil was defeated in the desert, the bible says "... angels came and attended Him (Jesus)."

Everything — and I do mean everything and more — that the devil offered, God granted.

Now on my salvation Sunday, I kept thinking that there had to be more to being saved than three simple affirmations of faith: Yes, I believe in Jesus, yes, I believe He is the Son of God and yes, I believe He died for my sins and rose again, lives and He will return. That's it.

Now, go back and read about the greatest battle in history. Remember who won and why. Now for His sake and your own, arm yourself with the Word and go fight your battles of this day.

Remember, that's all they are, battles. You'll win some and you will definitely lose some, but read and recognize, the war is over. We win.

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Macon B. Allen, first Black lawyer admitted to the bar, passed examination at Worcester, Massachusetts.

April 30, 1863:

Sarah Thompson Garnet becomes the first African American female principal in the New York City public school system.

May 4, 1897:

J.W. Smith, invented the Lawn sprinkler

May 2, 1920:

First game of the National Negro Baseball League is played in Indianapolis.

April 29, 1945:

Richard Wright's 'Black Boy' reached first place on the National Best Seller Book List.

April 28, 1957:

W. Robert Ming, Chicago lawyer, elected chairman of American Veterans Committee. He was the first Black to head a major national veterans organization.

May 2, 1962:

Dr. King is invited to join the protests in Birmingham, Ala., about the city's segregation system.

May 1, 1981:

Dr. Clarence A. Bacote (75), historian and political scientist, in Atlanta, dies.

Declaration of Independence, 1776

A passage by Thomas Jefferson condemning the slave trade is removed from the Declaration of Independence due to pressure from the southern colonies. For more information, see Africans in America, Pt. 1, The Terrible Transformation.

Revolutionary War, 1775-1782

Blacks fought for both the British and the American side during the Revolutionary War, depending on who was offering freedom for doing so. For more information, see Africans in America, Pt. 2, Revolution.

Massachusetts Grants African-Americans Right

to Vote, 1780

On February 9, 1780,
Capt. Paul Cuffe and six other African-American residents of Massachusetts petitioned the state legislature for the right to vote. Claiming No taxation without representation, the residents had earlier refused to pay taxes. The courts agreed and awarded Cuffe and the six other defendants full civil rights.

U.S. Constitution Adopted, 1789
Slaves counted as three-fifths of a person for means of representation.

First Fugitive Slave Act, 1793
Congress passes the first Fugitive Slave Act, which makes it a crime to harbor an escaped slave.

Slave Revolt in Louisiana, 1811
More than a century before the first modern-day civil rights march, Charles Deslondes and his make-do army of more than 200 enslaved men battled with hoes, axes and cane knives for that most basic human right: freedom. Source: 1811 Slave Revolt in Louisiana

Frederick Douglass, 1818-1895
In 1845 publishes Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave, Written by Himself, one of the enduring classics of American literature. Douglass advocates enlisting in the Union Army to lay the groundwork for citizenship during the Civil War.

In December, 1866, The Atlantic Monthly publishes Reconstruction, in which Douglass warns Congress of the potential for the de facto re-enslavement of blacks should the South's antebellum political system remain intact. Douglass exhorted Congress to pass a civil-rights amendment affirming the equality of blacks and whites in the United States.

Harriet Tubman, - 1820-March 10, 1913
The most famous conductor of the Underground Railroad. Having escaped slavery herself, she returned time and time again to rescue family and friend in Maryland between 1849 and the outbreak of the Civil War. She was nicknamed General Tubman by John Brown and Grandma Moses by others for leading so many slaves out of bondage. She also served as a spy for Union forces during the Civil War. She was awarded full military honors upon her death. For more information see The Heroic Struggle of General Tubman, The People, Vol.108, no. 12, March 1999.

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The Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio, Inc. hereby gives notice of the 2021 Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP). Farmers in Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Sandusky, Williams and Wood counties, who grow and sell fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs and/or honey at farmers' markets and/or roadside stands are eligible to participate. There are over 20,000 consumers redeeming monies for eligible produce during the growing season. Interested new farmers or farmers who did not participate in 2020 must complete a mandatory training session. This virtual 1:1 training will be conducted via conference call. Please call the Area Office on Aging SFMNP Coordinator at: 419-382-0624, 419-725-7038 or 800-472-7277 with any questions. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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Janet Hubert contemplated suicide after leaving ‘The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air’

By Michael “Ice-Blue” Harris, RollingOut.com

Will Smith and Janet Hubert publicly ended their long-standing feud last November when they both were part of “The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air Reunion” show, which first debuted on HBO Max.

Hubert was the original “Aunt Viv” on the classic comedy series for three years before being replaced by Daphne Maxwell Reid. After her departure from the show, Hubert’s career and personal life were in shambles and she and Smith traded jobs throughout the years before their reconciliation.

“You’re only as good as the last job you ever did. We also know that you can make money [and] the next day you can have no money,” she explained to PopViewers about her

downward spiral. “I also had just opened up a studio, signed a 10-year lease at like \$60,000 to \$100,000 worth of equipment, had a franchise to develop...I not only had a house, a mortgage, a husband who wasn’t working at the time, I also had a business and a baby, an infant who needed me desperately.”

Hubert also revealed in the interview that she contemplated suicide after the show ended because of the negative comments towards her and a feeling of being blackballed and labeled “difficult.”

“It was hard. There were moments when I felt so broken. So low. I didn’t know what I could do. There were moments where I wanted to die. I figured I had a life insurance policy to take care of my son... I’m not gonna do



this. I can’t do this. I can’t make it, this is too much. ‘Cause everywhere I went people would attack and say hurtful things. [My son]

was an infant. What was I gonna do?”

Fortunately for Hubert, she had something else to fight for. “He saved me. He really did. My son. Because I knew I had to take care of that little boy,” she further explained to PopViewers. “‘Fresh Prince’ had not gone

into syndication yet, so there was no money for a few years until they did enough episodes to make syndication. I was in the third season negotiating for the fourth season. It was hard. There were moments when I felt so broken. So low. I didn’t know what I could do. There were moments where I wanted to die.”

The veteran actress has bounced back however and will be starring in the upcoming film Remember Me: The Mahalia Jackson Story. The film will also star Ledisi as the famed gospel singer and Columbus Short as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Check out her interview with PopViewers Chris Witherspoon on the next page.

The post Janet Hubert contemplated suicide after leaving ‘The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air’ appeared first on Rolling Out

McCoo and Davis have returned to the charts with a renewed sense of purpose

Submitted - New York, NY -- Pop Culture Icons, multiple Grammy Award-winners and multi-platinum selling artists Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr. recently released the official music video to their single “blackbird” (Album Mix) from their highly anticipated first studio album in three decades, Blackbird: Lennon-McCartney Icons (EE1/BMG), due April 30. The official music video is a poignant tribute to the blackbirds whose lives ended tragically by violence, and those who sacrificed their all in the name of social justice.

The blackbird Experiential Project is currently in development. McCoo and Davis also released “Ticket to Ride,” another single from the upcoming album, which honors civil rights icons Rosa Parks and her husband, Raymond Parks. “Ticket To Ride” is available to download as an Instant Grat track with a pre-order of the album and streamable on all streaming services including, Spotify, iTunes, Apple Music, deezer and Amazon Music.

Before we say anything, we have to acknowledge Questlove and the impact his genius is having on our career and lives. For his movie, Summer of Soul (... Or, When The Revolution Could Not Be Televised), which of course, took the two biggest prizes at Sundance, and now is coming out from Searchlight and Hulu. Everything Questlove is doing is incredible. We thank Questlove, EE1, BMG and our Producer,

Nic Mendoza, for giving us a platform at this age, to use our artistry as part of the activism we’ve always practiced,” say McCoo and Davis.

“Blackbird, fly ... even when the bodies of our babies are shot down or choked to death ... their spirits continue to fight to equality. Those of us that are still here in the nest of life will continue this peaceful war for justice. Over the front of the Supreme Court, is carved in marble: Equality For All. Our question is, do we have it? Since we don’t, when do we get it? Just the two of us have been waiting over 70 years. It’s time ... past time, for us to turn this around and realize that Civil Rights are Human Rights. When we began working on Blackbird, we were deeply concerned about what was happening in our country. It felt as though we were moving backwards, versus marching to progress. When we began singing as individual artists, and during our Original 5th Dimension days, we were in the heat of the Civil Rights Movement. We lived through the usual indignities ... an 8’ x 8’ cross burner on our lawn ... police pulling a gun on Billy thinking he was robbing a home we owned ... we had the memories of Emmett Till ... the assassinations of Dr. King ... Malcolm X ... and so many other people ... but today, we are particularly heartbroken and focused on our blackbirds being slaughtered and shot, so that our babies cannot return to the nest of home. During the Chau-



vin Trial, over the horror of what happened to George Floyd ... while that’s going on, a few blocks away, a 20-year-old father named Daunte Wright is shot by a policewoman with 26 years of experience, who says she don’t know her gun from her taser. Shocked.”

“Today, we see video of a 13-year-old baby blackbird, Adam Toledo, shot while running away from “peace” officers? How and what can we say to these families? We have a grown son, Steven, so we fear this reality. Only God and action can help us now. We must never forget that Blackbird was written following the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama being bombed ... which killed four babies, Cynthia, Ad-

die Mae, Carole and Carol Denise. The song, and the entire album, is about Civil Rights, which are human rights. We needed to use our art as activism and let everyone know: we can all be blackbirds for each other, and wage a peaceful war for every human being to be treated with fairness, dignity, and the right to live without a daily fear of harassment and even death. When a blackbird leaves our mother’s nest, one day, it will not return.

In 2021, mothers throughout our country live in the fear that our blackbirds may prematurely not be able to return to the nest of home, because of bigotry and violence... Blackbird, is dedicated to the life and

humanity of every blackbird, whether living now or lost in battle,” adds the couple, who in their sixty-plus-year career of performing have broken countless racial and cultural barriers. Culturally known as The First Couple of Pop & Soul, Marilyn & Billy are credited in the media as “the originators of the blueprint followed by Jay Z and Beyoncé for a blend of talent, romance, marriage, and commerce.” Their variety television series on CBS was a first for a Black couple.

On releasing “Ticket To Ride” ahead of Mother’s Day, says the couple, “Ticket To Ride is our tribute to the Mother of the Civil Rights Movement, Rosa Parks. One thing people have to realize is that Mrs. Parks was arrested December 1st, 1955, because she refused to give up her seat to a White man. There were seats in what was called the colored section ... for you young people, that was a little phrase that was used about us before we figured out that Black and African American would be a whole lot better. Mrs. Parks was not the first person to be arrested for this. That happened to a young girl who was only 15 years old! That baby’s name was Claudette Colvin. This crisis made Mrs. Parks and Dr. King famous all over the country and parts of the world.”

“There are many names that are on the Blackbird Lennon McCartney Icons album cover,

and there is a reference to “Unknown” ... as in, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery. It’s ironic that although the first man killed in the American Revolutionary War, Crispus Atticus, was a Black man ... we just assume that whoever’s in that tomb is a White man. When Harper Lee wrote To Kill A Mockingbird, the central character is named Atticus, in honor of Crispus Atticus. This is a tribute to all those that we don’t know.

Now, Rosa Parks we thank God that we do know, however, her husband, Raymond Parks, is one of the great unknown heroes of the Civil Rights Movement. Imagine his terror when his wife was arrested ... as a Black woman in segregated Alabama, 1955. So, when Marilyn and I sang “Ticket To Ride” ... I’ve done some acting on stage, and my music comes from the heart ... every lyric was true to the actual story. When I sing, ‘She said that being with me was keeping her down,’ that ‘She could never be free, when I was around,’ I was thinking about the Klan, and people like George Wallace, the then Governor of Alabama who famously said ‘Segregation now! Segregation tomorrow! Segregation forever!’ So I’m really singing the song from two perspectives ... first the segregationists, and the ad lib is my personal tribute to Raymond Parks, who along with Dr. King, is one of the fathers of freedom ... a true blackbird!” says Billy Davis Jr.

“I was just thinking...”

April 15 evokes thoughts of Baseball heroes and their political, social impact



By Norma Adams-Wade
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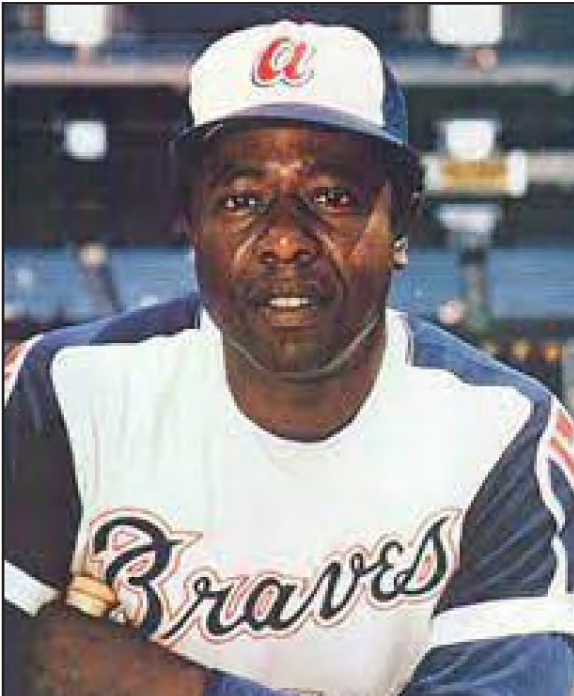
Sports and politics make strange bedfellows. I've been drawn into the debate over moving the July 13, 2021 MLB All-Star Game from Atlanta to Denver because of Atlanta Republican Governor Brian Kemp hastily signing into law the controversial Senate Bill 202 on March 25. Democratic opponents widely view the new law as designed to suppress the increasing powerful Black vote that recently gave Georgia two additional Democratic Senators. Sports figures are largely involved in the debate. One intriguing part of the argument is that traditionally MLB honors baseball great Jackie Robinson on April 15, which is today and is known as Jackie Robinson Day. This is the day that the Brooklyn Dodger's trailblazing #42 made his

debut in the Major League's opening Day, April 15, 1947. The team is now the Los Angeles Dodgers. He was the first African-American to break the segregated "color Line" that

Braves home run star and an equally towering Black baseball icon, is to be honored during the July MLB All-Star Game. Like Robinson, Aaron also endured hateful jabs and

activist was shunned for taking a knee at NFL games during the National Anthem to protect police brutality and racial inequities. I was just thinking... many observers in and out-

cey Abrams, a voting rights activist and former Georgia Democratic gubernatorial candidate, have put the spot light on Georgia and the power of organizing non-voters, new-voters, and disenfranchised voters, convincing them that their vote can make a difference – as it did. This April 15 date also is memorable beyond politics and sports. The Titanic sank on this date in 1912. Former President Abraham Lincoln died on this date in 1865, shot the night before by assassin John Wilkes Booth. Washington Post then-reporter Janet Cooke resigned and returned her Pulitzer Prize on this date in 1981 for a fraudulent story called "Jimmy's World" that fabricated an eight-year-old heroin addict. Three people were killed and 183 injured in the Boston Marathon bombing in 2013. And after acquiring rights from the original owners, McDonald's franchise expansionist Ray Kroc opened his first location in Des Plaines, Illinois on this date in 1955. So, stellar lives like Jackie Robinson, Hank Aaron and others are a good place to look when searching for sports figures who have taken stands and changed lives. Kudos to them all on this April 15 day.



Hank Aaron

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excluded Blacks from playing in the Major Leagues. He stoically endured the ire of white supremacies who resented his groundbreaking presence on the team. After retiring, Robinson became a civil rights advocate. Hank Aaron, the late Atlanta

ridicule from resentful Whites when he broke the home run record of White baseball icon Babe Ruth on April 8, 1974 -- 47 years ago this month. Aaron became more vocal on civil rights issues and even defended former 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick. The political



Jackie Robinson

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side professional sports are stepping up, speaking out and taking stands against Georgia's new voter suppression law that many conservatives and former President Donald Trump supporters blindly call a protection against voter fraud. The laudable efforts of Sta-

Lusia Harris, the First and Only Black Woman to Play in the NBA

Submitted

In 1977, professional basketball changed forever when a player named Lusia Harris became the first and only Black woman to play in the NBA. Growing up in Mississippi, Harris began her basketball career as the captain of her high school team as well as earning the most valuable player award three years in a row.

After graduating, Harris continued her career in sports by playing for the women's basketball team for Delta State University, where she won the national championship in Women's basketball NCAA Division III,' according to BlackPast.org. She



became successful outside of sports, however, as she finished her time in college with a bachelor's degree in health, physical education, and recreation.

Finally, in 1977, Harris made history when she was 'chosen in the seventh round of the 1977 N B A draft by the New O r l e - ans Jazz (Now Utah Jazz),' becoming the first-ever African American woman to be officially drafted by the NBA.

Although she was unable to try out for the team due to her pregnancy at the time, Harris did play briefly for the Houston Angels of the Women's Professional Basketball League.

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A Statement from The Portage County NAACP Branch #3211

Dr. Geraldine Hayes Nelson
NAACP Chapter #3211 President

The Portage County NAACP as a Civil Rights organization is long committed to the advancement of justice for all, we join the nation in breathing a collective sigh of relief. We are grateful that honorable police stood on the side of justice and accountability. This is a milestone decision that demonstrates the systematic mistreatment and abuse of individual rights cannot continue. Although we have crossed one hurdle in the fight for justice, the work of "Justice and Equal treatment for All" remains at the forefront.



The protests here in Portage County and in similar communities all over the country had an impact on public opinion and on this trial. Yet, our state legislature wants to take away our rights to assemble and speak out with House Bill 22. It is clear we still have more work to do. We will not rest until all in our community have the right to breathe. The chapter on Derrick Chauvin may be closed, but the fight for police accountability and respect for Black and Brown lives is far from over. We continue to hold the Floyd family, the traumatized witnesses and the Minneapolis community in our prayers. Stand Up, Speak Up, Take Action

Ms. Black Alabama

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from Columbia Southern University. She successfully secured a certification in Entrepreneurial Essentials from Harvard Business School online and a certificate in Women's Entrepreneurship from Cornell University. She is also a member of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women and the Black Girl Social Club. "People do ask what I plan to do after my reign is over, and I plan to do exactly what it is I have been doing, and that is to promote Autism awareness, acceptance, and inclusion on a broader scale for children like Brailynn, so they can be highlighted for their abilities instead of shunned for their disabilities and the world can see the greatness they can contribute to society if given the opportunity," said Brittanie. "I would also like to open up a dance school as dancing has proved to be therapeutic for both of us. Dance is a great expressive form of art and fuels self-confidence.



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Brittanie Granville

I just want to encourage women and girls to be proud of who they are and what they will become in the future and to take advantage, but not for granted, the path that has been paved for them, and of course, to simply enjoy life."

LMH to Hold Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Planning Grant "Resident Engagement Kick-Off Event"

By Joaquin Cintron Vega
LMH President and CEO

Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH), and the City of Toledo, were awarded a \$450,000 Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help revitalize and transform McClinton Nunn Homes and the Junction Neighborhood. This planning grant will enable LMH and the City to develop a community-driven plan for McClinton Nunn Homes and an expanded area around the public housing complex. The HUD Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) is a highly competitive, transformational grant program that drives a

comprehensive, resident-led neighborhood revitalization effort. Key to that revitalization is the redevelopment of a public housing complex into a modern, desirable, and inclusive community of choice. To achieve the goals of the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, over two-years, communities develop a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, or Transformation Plan, focused on neighborhoods, people and housing. On April 30, 2021, LMH will



hold an important resident engagement event that will begin the process of education about the Choice Neighborhoods Program and how it will help transform McClinton Nunn Homes. It will be a fun event with food, entertainment, games, and prizes, but it will also kick-off the planning process. Residents will have the opportunity to visit planning stations that will seek resident input including what they envision a neighborhood of choice will look like in the

future. The event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. near the McClinton Nunn Homes Community Room at 413 Nebraska Avenue. Choice Neighborhoods planning grants are the first step in the pursuit of Choice Neighborhoods implementation grants of \$30 to \$35 million, which are used to carry out the bold plans imagined throughout the planning grant process. "A viable and sustainable plan must have a community-driven approach that puts residents at the core of the planning process," said LMH President and CEO, Joaquin Cintron Vega. "True grass-roots resident

engagement is key to a successful transformation plan. This event will begin that process," said Kattie M. Bond, Senior Vice President of Operations and Community Development. To support the planning process, a new McClinton Nunn-Junction Neighborhood Choice Neighborhoods Initiative website has been developed. It can be found at: www.junctionchoice.com. On the website, there will be progress updates on the planning process, announcements regarding events and planning activities, and information on how to become involved in this transformative planning process.

Black Man Shot and Paralyzed by Iowa Police Officer to Get \$8M Settlement

Submitted

(Nationwide) - Jerime Mitchell, an unarmed Black man from Iowa who was left paralyzed after being shot by a Cedar Rapids police officer during a traffic stop in 2016, will receive an \$8 million settlement. However, Mitchell says that no amount of money can replace his life before the incident. "It doesn't matter how much money I get," he told KCRG. "It will never replace. I would love to have my arms and legs again." Four years ago, former police officer Lucas Jones pulled over Mitchell, claiming his car's license plate light was

not working. A struggle ensued when Jones allegedly smelled marijuana and asked Mitchell to get out, pushing him to the ground to try to handcuff him. Mitchell was able to get in his truck and drive away but Jones, who clung to the moving truck, fired three times, hitting Mitchell once in the neck. Mitchell was immediately paralyzed at the scene, unable to control his car. He ultimately crashed into a police SUV driven by the city's deputy police chief, who suffered minor injuries. Mitchell filed a lawsuit against the police officer. A grand jury declined to charge Jones, saying he was legally justified in shooting Mitchell



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Jerime Mitchell left paralyzed after being shot

and he was just defending himself. Several activists, along with Mitchell, have since been calling for Jones to be fired. Jones was eventually fired last June

but it was for violations not connected to the shooting that paralyzed Mitchell. A trial had been scheduled again to begin earlier this week but was canceled after the city's insurer, States Insurance, "determined settlement to be in the best interests of its insured, the city," a city spokesperson said in a statement. The \$8 million settlement money will help Mitchell get more advanced medical treatments, such as stem cell programs, that he did not have access to before. "I will give back that money or any amount of money to have my normal life," Mitchell said.