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70 year old Attorney, Keith Mitchell is remembered in private memorial

By Jurry Taalib-Deen
Journal Staff Writer

"Matter can neither be created nor destroyed, so someone with the level of energy my grandfather had can't be erased; he'll never be gone," Jonathan Davis, grandson of the late Keith Mitchell told a private gathering of approximately 50 people on Sat-

Messiri Mitchell-Davis, daughter, Jonathan Davis, grandson, Gwendolyn Kimasawe Umoja, mother to Akua Messiri Mitchell-Davis, Dr. John Scott, father-in-law, Phillip Carlisle, attorney, Doni Miller, CEO and Ian English, judge. For those who were unable to attend, they watched the memorial via Zoom.

"The impact my father had

on the community is a reflection of all of you here today," Akua Messiri Mitchell-Davis told those present. "May we all follow my father's trail."

"My grandfather always



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Gwendolyn Kimasawe Umoja attended college with Keith Mitchell, Duba Umoja, and they shared a daughter, Aku Messiri Mitchell-Davis. Gwendolyn Kimasawe Umoja said, "Duba would always say, 'The masses of Black people mean more to me than myself.'

urday, May 8 at the African American Legacy Museum, 1326 Collingwood Blvd.

One by one, family members, friends and colleagues of Mr. Mitchell, who passed on April 1, 2021, shared memories of the man they called father, grandfather or friend. Some of the people speaking at the memorial were Akua

liked to document our gatherings," Aisha Davis, granddaughter of Mr. Mitchell told The Toledo Journal. "He was the one who encouraged me to go into film making, which I



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Doni Miller was a 30 year friend of Keith Mitchell. She said he was a loyal friend who was committed to uplifting Black people.

do professionally." Doni Miller said she knew Mr. Mitchell



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Akua Messiri Mitchell-Davis, daughter of Keith Mitchell, holds a picture of her father; with her are her children Jonathan and Aisha Davis.

for 30 years. "He was one of the most amazing people I've ever met. He was committed to helping empower Black people through politics."

She went on to say that, although he was an accomplished attorney, he was committed to being loyal to friends regardless of their status, money or education. "I so love and miss my friend," Ms. Miller said. Gwendolyn Kimasawe Umoja, went to college with Mr. Mitchell who took on the African name, Dubu Umoja, and they also shared a child, Akua Messiri Mitchell-Davis, explained how committed to bettering the plight of African Americans.

"He would always say, 'The masses of Black people mean more to me than myself,' I always thought that was impressive," she said.

Each speaker explained

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The members of Omega Psi Phi held a special presentation for Keith Mitchell, who was a proud and active member.

The Social Butterfly Presents “The 10th Annual Business & Health EXPO”

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On Saturday April 24, 2021 the 10th Annual Business and Health EXPO was held at St. Clements Hall in West Toledo, OH in which was at a new venue and larger location. Also, protocol guidelines were established with safety procedures put in place, such as mandatory face masks, temperature checks and social distancing.

There were seventy-five

Small Business Owners in attendance and somewhere on a waiting list due to the overwhelming response and several guests participated with the free admission EXPO. There were vendors such as Mercy Health, conducting health screenings for glucose levels, cholesterol and blood pressure. Several other vendors in attendance were direct sales, authors, health and wellness and much more. Some of the small businesses that were in attendance, included, Sav-

vy Sistas Boutique, Unique Collections Boutique, Yanbal Consultant, Paparazzi Consultant, Wanda Presberry, United Health Care, Lionel Brock Representative, Simply D’Vine, Terrie Landry-Cook, and Shabakas Greek Apparel from Jackson, Mississippi.

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Finally, thanks to the awesome staff members Bonita Brazzel, Debbie Harris and Danielle Schoenegge for all their assistance with making this event an overwhelming success. The Social Butterfly Brand



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Donnetta Carter, AKA “The Social Butterfly” MS. Linda LaVere, Principal of Explorer Academy, Mark Williams, Developer and Co- Founder

is celebrating its 10th year anniversary for Expo’s and Fundraisers. There will be 10 community EXPO’S in 2021 celebrating 10 years and will be held at several locations. The next Expo will be held on Saturday, June 19, 2021 from 10-3:00pm at Tremainsville Hall 2437 Tremainsville Rd. Toledo, OH 43613.

Also, you can follow “The Social Butterfly Public Figure - Donnetta Carter” on social media Facebook under the LIKE PAGE for future shows dates and locations. She can be contacted via email: the-socialbutterflyevents@yahoo.com or (419) 367-9765 for more information.



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How do you think the new laws to suppress people of color’s vote will affect the democrat, republican and liberal White population?

 <p>Darrell Whittaker Business Owner</p> <p>Being that White people are in the majority, I don't think they'll be affected by the Black vote being suppressed. Either way it goes, the majority of White people will see their agenda go through. If more young Black voters get involved, then that will definitely have an effect on the White vote or agenda.</p>	 <p>Shawntay Gregory Business Owner</p> <p>How Whites will be affected is, if they want a democratic candidate, for example, to get into office, and a good number of Black people can't vote, then the chances of the democratic candidate winning will diminish; being that the majority of us vote democrat. And this is applicable for republicans and libertarian.</p>
 <p>Moe Jones Owner/Operator</p> <p>I think the White people who don't care about the rights of people of color, won't be affected, but those Whites who are sympathetic to the Black Lives Matter movement, will be affected because large amounts of Blacks won't be able to vote for people or causes, they're sympathetic to.</p>	 <p>John Lenard Retired</p> <p>Many White people have people of color within their family and if those people's votes are suppressed, it'll hit White people first, from that angle. Also, a lot of people of color vote democrat, and if we can't vote democrat, then those White people voting for a democratic candidate might not see him in office, being that a lot of us vote democrat.</p>
 <p>Beatrice Taylor RN</p> <p>Many southern Whites will not be affected because they're not sympathetic to the plight of people of color. Now the whites sympathetic to our cause, will be affected because candidates we vote for, many of them also vote for. If our votes are suppressed, then their candidates may not get into office. This last Presidential election proves that many Whites didn't care about the plight of people of color. Look how angry they were when Biden won Georgia, which is a traditional republican state.</p>	 <p>Politix Azusal Self-Employed</p> <p>White people will be effective depending on which party decides to play the race card. When Biden said you're not Black if you don't vote for him, if the same suppression laws were in-effect then, he would've had a hard time getting the Black vote. So whichever party decides to play the race card and need our votes, then those particular Whites will be affected by our votes being suppressed.</p>

Ongoing Events

!!Call for Vendors & Artists!!
Holistic Hands Wellness Gallery
20/20 Art Expo and Small Business Showcase
Event is June 17 and entry is FREE!!!
We are in search of artists that use ANY medium. ALL are welcome to participate.
Artists encouraged to enter pieces of work to be displayed/performed during the expo. (Performing arts-Music, Dance)
Theme surround the work must relate to the multitude of events that took place in 2020.
Artists will display their work during the event and encourage their family and friends to attend to vote for their piece. 3 notable judges will evaluate each piece and 3 winners.
Vendor details: \$40 vendor fee will include one 6 foot rectangular table and two chairs, early entry to the art expo and advertisement for the event. \$35 vendor fee will include early entry to the art expo and advertisement for the event. Vendor will supply their own table and chairs. Follow the link to apply: <https://form.jotform.com/toniquinnfit/2020expo> More info: HolisticHandsWellnessGallery@gmail.com

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 18, June 1 & June 15. To register, please go to <https://bt.ly/3wCNOfh>
The online What to Do and Not Do of In-Person and Virtual Interviewing webinar
Wednesdays from 11 a.m. - noon, May 19, June 2, & June 16 to register, please go to <https://bit.ly/3rSkQIN>

Toledo Fire Department Goes Mobile To Provide Vaccinations!
The Toledo Fire Department will hold mobile vaccine clinics all week with the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the following locations (walk-ins welcome):
Wed (5/12) - Mayores Senior Center

Thurs (5/13) - Zablocki Recreation Center
Fri (5/14) - Kent Branch Library

Every Tues Food, Clothing and Personal Needs The Bridge at Monroe St. UMC 11:30 am – 1 pm
So you've hit a rough patch: 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:
State IDs and birth certificate assistance, Blood pressure monitoring, and health Q&A.
For more info 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.

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

Community Cares Clinic Provides 42-Hour Vaccination!
In conjunction with the Toledo Lucas County Health Department and other community partners, Dr. Richard Paat will hold a 42-hour vaccination from 6 PM

Friday, May 14th to Noon on Sunday, May 16th at the Smart Academy School at 617 Western Avenue in Toledo. The one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be administered - no 2nd appointment will be necessary. Walk-ins are welcome (perfect for 2nd and 3rd shift workers), and you may also make an appointment by calling 419-318-2191.

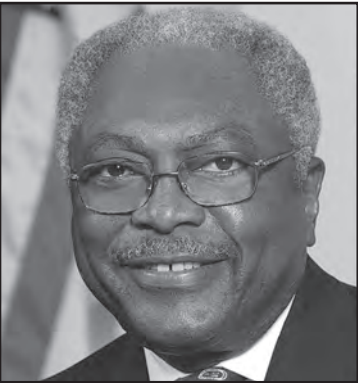
2021 Engage Toledo Free Drop off Refuse and Recycling Events
Acceptable items include electronic waste; up to 10 tires, no commercial tires; documents; houseware goods; clothing; toys; bulky items, and refuse. Latex paint will be accepted for \$1 per gallo. Major appliances will not be accepted. Residents 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 15 at Rogers High School, 222 McTigue Dr.
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 22 at Point Place Plaza, 5109 Suder Ave.

The Arts Commission Announces Return of The Accelerator Grant Program for Local Artists
Eligible categories of support include: equipment, supplies, professional development and project support. Grant amounts are not to exceed \$1500. Full guidelines can be found on our website, along with the application.
The 2021 deadlines are: May 24, June 28, July 26, August 30, and September 27.

The Arts Commission Launches The Momentum Festival Mural Project Call for Artists
The project is open to all artists (18+) that are US residents regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, military status, sexual orientation, marital status, or physial or metal disaility. May 29 deadliine ia the online portal: <https://bit.ly/3vXyvdJ> All sukmissions must be received by 11:59 pm on Tues, May 29
For further information, please contact Jesse Heider-Ayling, Art in Public at 419-254-2787, Ex.

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A Transformational President



By Congressman James E. Clyburn (D-SC)

President Biden has completed the first 100-days milestone that has been used since Franklin Roosevelt to assess new presidents' progress towards keeping their campaign promises and their prospects for having a successful presidency. So far, in my estimation, Joe Biden is keeping his promises and succeeding in getting the country back on track in our "pursuit of a more perfect union."

It was much more than a political assessment when I declared 15 months ago that "we know Joe, and most importantly, Joe knows us." Joe Biden is succeeding because of he understands the needs and aspirations of the American people. His bold and inclusive initiatives are restoring the faith of those who have been hardest hit by the current health and economic crises and raising the hopes of those who had already been hard hit by injustices in our society long before these crises struck.

After a plethora of Executive Orders on his first day in office, President Biden's first legislative success was the American Rescue Plan (ARP). The ARP enjoys 77% support among all voters, including 59% of Republican voters. It has put America on a path of fully reopening safely. It has helped make hundreds of millions of vaccines available, and it has stabilized millions of American families. It has kept many small businesses from closing, and, when fully implemented, will lift more than half of the nation's poverty-laden children out of poverty.

The Administration's top priority



for the next 100 days is passing the comprehensive American Jobs Plan (AJP). The AJP will create good-paying jobs by investing in our long-neglected infrastructure. President Biden recognizes that infrastructure now includes the information highway, and his proposal will bring affordable, high-speed internet to every home. His plan also includes investments in green energy technology and other research innovations that will help America build a forward-looking economy that will provide sustainable economic growth.

President Biden is also proposing to invest in our country's human infrastructure through another transformative initiative supporting the bedrock of our nation's foundation—families. His American Families Plan (AFP) will stabilize and uplift families by extending the child tax credit enhancement, supporting childcare workers and families who pay for childcare, providing universal pre-K, making two years of community college free, and expanding access to quality, affordable health care. These proposals will re-

“ President Biden is also proposing to invest in our country’s human infrastructure through another transformative initiative supporting the bedrock of our nation’s foundation—families. ”

duce systemic barriers that have prevented low-income and many communities of color from fully enjoying the greatness of our great nation.

The American people overwhelmingly support the President's agenda. One recent poll found 68% of Americans support the AJP, and 64% are in favor of the AFP. These numbers far exceed the margin of Biden's election victory. These

numbers refute critics who claim President Biden's agenda is too progressive and has no support among Republicans.

It is wrongheaded to view bipartisanship through the lens of 212 Republican House Members and 50 Republican Senators. I hope Republican Members will listen more closely to the American people, Democrats and Republicans. But if they fail to do so, Democrats will unilaterally act to serve and protect Americans irrespective of political persuasions.

Following President Biden's first speech to a joint session of Congress, we all heard the partisan Republican opposition to his agenda led by Senator Tim Scott from my home state of South Carolina. Unable to debate the merits of President Biden's proposals, Senator Scott instead focused on the price tag and racial issues. He and his partisans never questioned the cost of the \$1.9 trillion tax cut for the wealthiest Americans and corporations under the previous president. Their tax cut for the wealthy increased the national debt and exploded the

deficit. It is becoming clear to the American people that their fiscal restraint is more about who is benefiting from government spending than the amount of money being spent.

President Biden fully pays for both the American Jobs and Families Plans. He is asking wealthy Americans and corporations to pay their fair share. President Biden, and all of us, applaud their successes made possible by America's greatness. But it is time for that greatness to be accessible and affordable for all.

Joe Biden has already demonstrated that he intends to keep the promises he made during the campaign. He is relating to people in a personal way and is proposing policies that will directly address the needs of individuals, their families, and their communities. He is not putting a price tag on the American dream. He is making investments to help all Americans realize their dreams. I believe this approach is truly transformational in its potential for dramatic progress toward liberty and justice for all.

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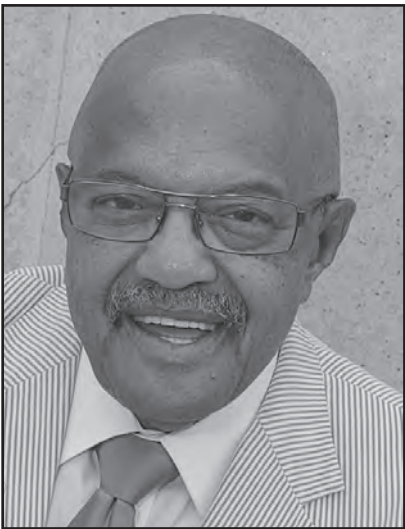
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Let Us Trust Our Eyes and Ears



By Dr. Herbert "H. J." Harris
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - There is a smell of justice in the air with the conviction of George Floyd's murderer. But let us not celebrate too soon. The cancer of hatred

and racism is still very much alive and well in America.

The conviction of Derek Chauvin, George Floyd's murderer, is only the tip of the iceberg of hatred and racism that thrives in the heart, minds, and spirits of many Americans. Hatred and systemic racism festers beneath the surface in the underbelly of this country.

In the shadow of the trial of George Floyd's murderer – barely 10 miles away - Duante Wright, an unarmed Black man was killed by a police officer. A few miles away in Chicago, a 13-year-old boy was killed by police – as the body cam video showed – with his hands up. Now weeks after justice prevailed for George Floyd, Andrew Brown Jr. – another Black man - was killed by sheriff's deputies in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, reportedly by a shot to the back of the head.

The sheriff and the county attor-

ney have insulted the family and the world. They took 120 hours to show the family only 20 seconds of an edited video from only one of the many cameras that should have recorded Andrew Brown's killing. The question is why are the videos being edited or withheld? Is a law enforcement coverup taking place?

In the case against George Floyd's murderer, what would have been the narrative if a teenager had not used her cell phone to record the knee on George Floyd's neck for over 8 minutes.

Consider the original police statement regarding the death of George Floyd.

According to the Associated Press (April 23, 2021), "The original Minneapolis police statement attributed Floyd's death to 'medical distress' and made no mention that the Black man had been

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100 Days of Biden-Harris: \$6 Trillion: Investment or Spending?



By Julianne Malveaux
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris are off to a running start. With more than a third of Americans fully vaccinated against the coronavirus, and now potentially more shots than arms, President Biden did what he said he'd do, thus jumpstarting our sluggish economy. Unemployment rates have lowered (although the racial unemployment rate gap remains – that won't disappear in just 100 days). Economic growth at 6.4 percent is at a healthy high, proving that controlling corona is essential to economic health. However, when asked to provide a letter grade for President Biden, all I could give him was an Incomplete, or perhaps an Incomplete Plus. The plus means that he's moving in the right direction. The Incomplete means just that, incomplete. It means we need more results. But it occurs to me that I'm not fair, that my expectations may be too high. Through his efforts and those of Vice President Harris, the American Rescue Plan was passed. He has now proposed the American Families Plan and touted it in his speech to the joint houses of Congress on April 28. It provides many features for low

and moderate-income working families, including a child and dependent care tax credit, more affordable health insurance, and more paid family and medical leave. It's a good plan, but Republicans have lined up in lockstep to oppose it. There is likely to be more consensus around infrastructure because our nation's infrastructure is crumbling. Biden and his team use the term "Build Back Better" to describe the goal of an infrastructure plan, the American Jobs Plan, that will fund jobs both for construction and for the "caretaking" economy, for social service workers, health workers, and others. Republicans prefer the more traditional definition of infrastructure, roads and bridges, bricks and mortar. They forget that people, too, are part of our nation's infrastructure. That's why it is essential that the expansion of educational opportunities is part of the American Families Plan. Free community college. An increased Pell grant. More money for HBCUs and Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs). These three pieces of legislation cost about \$6 trillion and will add to our national debt. Republicans are balking at the price tag, but they weren't so hesitant when their massive tax cut for corporations added trillions to the national debt. While we don't expect consistency from Republicans, we know they only oppose deficits when they benefit people. I see the \$6 trillion price tag on the Biden legislation as more of an investment than simple spending. A better-educated workforce earns more money, pays more taxes. A healthier workforce means less absenteeism, more efficiency, and productivity. Quality child care means more women in the workforce —millions of women left in the wake of covid. The investment makes sense to build our labor force back better. Many have compared President Biden's vision to that of

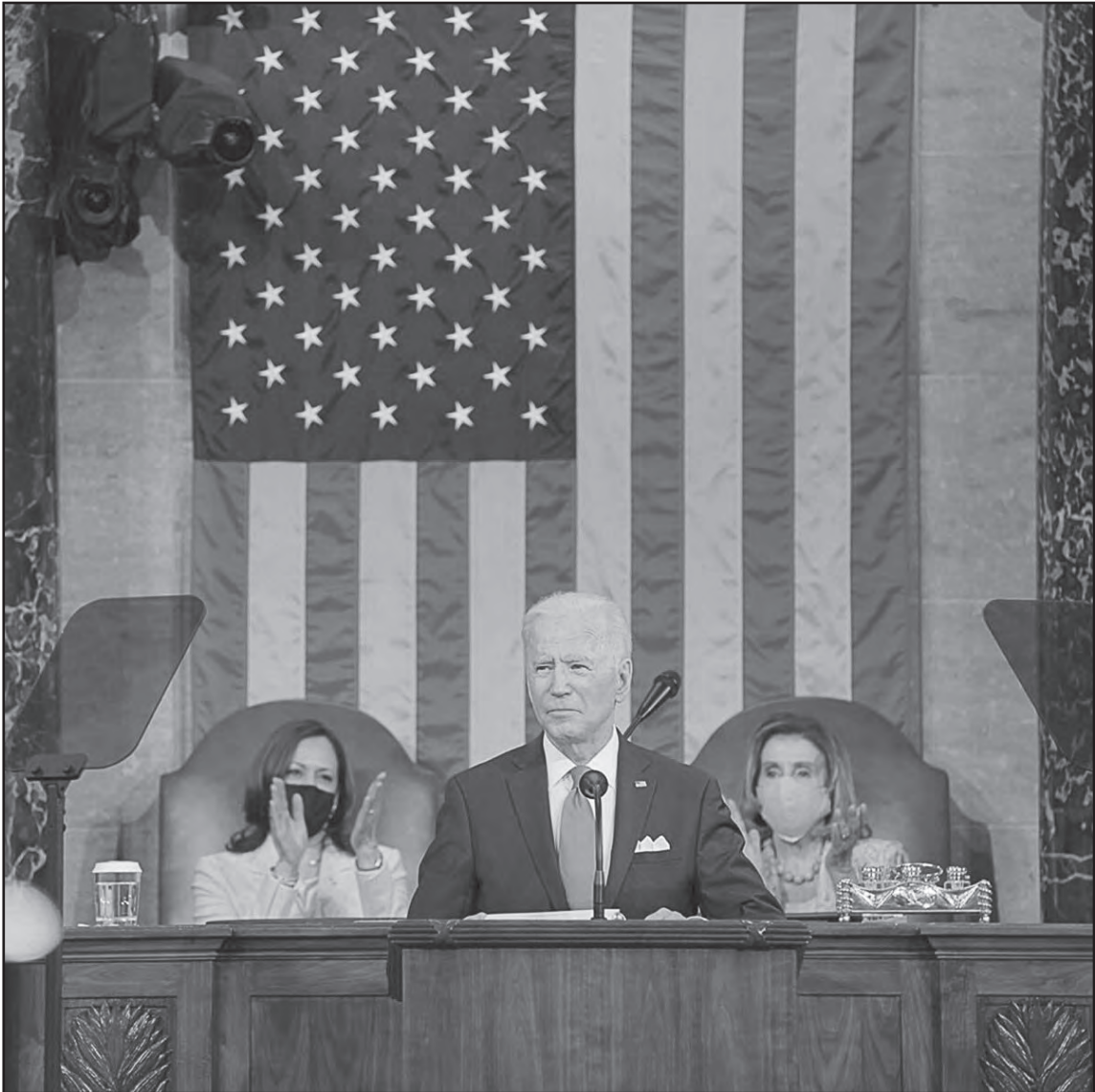


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Vice President Kamala Harris and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi applaud Biden during his first address to Congress. PHOTO: The White House

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, whose New Deal created jobs, reduced poverty, replaced fraying infrastructure, and more. It has been decades since we've seen this kind of significant investment in infrastructure. Lyndon Baines Johnson focused on the human infrastructure, but no one has done so since. Republican Presidents have been disinclined, and Democratic Presidents have either been too moderate or too timid (Obama) to push hard for their vision. I think one of the benefits of Biden's Presidency was

the time he spent with President Obama, observing what happens when you don't go big enough. Biden has a big vision, and now he has a big job getting others to buy into it. There are Republican governors and mayors who would benefit from infrastructure improvements. There are Republican college presidents who know the value of more Pell grant money. These are the Republicans who must pressure their senators to support the Biden legislation.

The first 100 days of Biden have been a stark difference from the previous president. It's not just what Biden says, but the way he says it. He doesn't bark, although he can be emphatic. He doesn't call names or use epithets. He listens. My grade for Biden's first 100 days stands – Incomplete Plus. It means moving in the right direction. Thanks for the vision, President Biden. Dr. Julianne Malveaux is an economist and author. She can be reached at juliannemalveaux.com.

Let Us Trust Our Eyes and Ears

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pinned to the ground at the neck by Chauvin, or that he'd cried out that he couldn't breathe." The Associated Press report continues: "If it wasn't for this 17-year-old who took the video, Derek Chauvin would in all likelihood still be on the police force training officers," said Andre Johnson, a University of Memphis professor of communication studies. "Sadly, this has been going on for a while, and it's just now coming to light for a lot of Americans because of video evidence." Quoting from page 147 of my book, Solving the Race Issue In America, "The primary

difference between civil rights struggle of black people before the 1950's and the struggle after the 1950's was the advent of television. America's track record in dealing with black Americans shows the absence of a true moral compass. Through television, the whole world can see how America actually treats black Americans. The whole world can see in vivid pictures that there is a contradiction between the image America projects to the world—land of the free, home of the brave, with liberty and justice for all—and the reality of how it treats its own black Americans." (www.solvingtheraceissue.com)

The conviction of George Floyd's murderer has given hope and inspired good people – Black and White Americans – to continue their fight for justice. The good people in America are now pressing America to live up to its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Good Americans of every color will continue marching, protesting and praying for freedom, equality, and justice. In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, spo-

ken at the 1963 March on Washington, "Now is the time to lift our nation from the quick sands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood." The battle is far from over. The forces of hatred and racism are active in perpetuating lies, distractions, and divisions that undermine the spiritual healing that must take place if America is to survive and be a true light to the world. Let us trust our eyes and ears. Television, cell phone videos, and the internet can show the truth when others lie or coverup. The video did not lie when Rodney King was beaten. It did not lie when Walter Scott was

shot in the back by a police officer. The video did not lie when a police officer knelt on George Floyd's neck for over 9 minutes. It showed the truth of how Duante Wright was shot and killed by a police officer. Thank God for television, cell phones, videos, and the internet. These tools of discernment help America and the world see the truth about hatred and racism that consumes the soul of our nation. We cannot move forward to heal this nation until America and Americans acknowledge the truth - that hatred and systemic racism are ingrained in the heart and soul of America. Only the

truth will set us free. Dr. Herbert (H.J.) Harris, author of "Solving The Race Issue In America" (www.solvingtheraceissue.com), is a graduate of Columbia University. He personally experienced the Civil Rights era of the 1950's and 1960's. Harris attended the 1963 March on Washington, observed and heard Dr. King's "I have a dream" speech at the Lincoln Monument. Harris has been a keen observer, recorder, interviewer, and participant at pivotal moments of the racial evolution of America. Dr. Harris can be contacted at info@solvingtheraceissue.com or 800-570-4009.

If the city government received \$188M, where's the \$30M for the children?

By Jurry Taalib-Deen
Journal Staff Writer

In March 2021, Toledo City Government was informed they'd receive \$188 million in Covid-19 relief funding from the American Rescue Plan. Of that money, \$30 million would be designated for various types of youth programs. Fast forward to Wednesday, May 5 during a meeting of several community outreach programs for youth at St. Martin de Porres, 1119 Bancroft.

Organizers, as well as, the head of the organizations were asking the question, "Where's the money?" June Boyd, a former Toledo City Council Member, was facilitating the meeting. She told The-Toledo Journal the Mayor, as well as, members from the city Council were invited, but none were in attendance. "We're just trying to figure out what's going on with the money the city received," Ms. Boyd said. "All the organizations here tonight have the interests of the children, at hand, and want to do what we can to help them." Sis-



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June Boyd, left, and Sister Virginia Welsh facilitated the meeting.

ter Virginia Welsh, the other facilitator for the evening said everyone present is trying to help stop the violence by offering construction programs, not just during the summer, but all year. Between St. Martin de Porres and the Padua Center, Sister Welsh said they offer a variety of programming, all

aimed at the betterment of the youth. She said a few of those programs were various types of trades, including culinary arts, gardening, and modeling, as well as help with school work.

Mark Vaughn, program director for the Chico Vaughn Basketball Camp, said, "Toledo has been dormant for quite a while when it comes to offering kids activities." Mr. Vaughn said they requested \$60,000 for a year-round program, but have only been promised \$28,000 to date.

Apostle Thomas Mitchell, a senior pastor at Bibleway Church, said they are currently working with Central State University on an outreach program involving gardening for young people. He also said, his facility is large enough to accommodate many young people, as well as numerous youth activities, but it requires improvements, and so he too, is wondering when they would receive news on the distribution of funds.

John Barner III, founder and president of GrindworksMedia, photography, video productions, and streaming for young people expressed his concerns. "With the exception of last year, due to covid, we take 10 kids every summer to Tokyo, Japan, and would like to continue the tradition," he said. But Mr. Barner add-

ed that if the City of Toledo doesn't contact him, he's still going to try and push forward for the kids.

The only elected leader in attendance was Denise Navarre Cubbon, judge for Lucas County Juvenile Court. She said she applauds the Mayor and City Council for considering the children and how programming is needed. "The court supports these community organizations," she said. "The kids in court tell us they need jobs and a safe environment, so these organizations are needed."

The Mayor's office was contacted by The Toledo Journal to get a response about the meeting and to inquire about the dissemination of the \$30 million slated for youth activities; no one from the Mayor's office returned the call.



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About eight organizations were represented that evening, all wondering how the \$30 million dollars would be distributed.



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Submitted

(StatePoint) Whether rediscovering the joy of riding a bike or taking a ride for the first time, cycling saw a boom during the pandemic, and many believe this trend is here to stay.

May brings warm weather, sunshine and flowers, as well as the celebration of National Bike Month - an excellent time to recognize the many benefits of this healthy habit, and outfit yourself with everything you need to embrace your inner adventurer. To help celebrate the month, Huffy Bicycles is offering the following tips and insights to get you moving this month and beyond.

Recognize the Benefits

Bicycling is a heart-healthy cardiovascular exercise that strengthens your lower body, yet is low-impact on joints,

making it a terrific workout for adults of all ages, as well as kids and families. It's also great for the mind, and has been shown in studies to boost mood and improve cognitive function. But the benefits extend beyond the individual. Biking as a substitute for driving a car is good for the planet and your local community, cutting down on greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants and improving traffic congestion.

Find Time to Bike

Changing or creating a single habit can have unexpected and wide-reaching effects.

Even with a jam-packed schedule, you can establish the habit of biking by seamlessly incorporating it into your current routine. Here are a few ideas for doing so:

- Pick one to two days a week to



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The importance of getting vaccinated

By Congressman
Kweisi Mfume

For over a year now our country has been struggling with a once-in-a-century pandemic. It has been a heavy burden for us to carry. We have watched as loved ones were taken from us. We have lived in fear that we, or someone else we cared for, would be the next person to contract the virus and perhaps succumb to it. Our lives have been upended, as we made many sacrifices in order to slow the spread, flatten the curve, or whatever other strategy was being employed in order to keep us as safe as possible.

I know the toll that this has taken on the families of Maryland's 7th Congressional District and beyond. I have spoken to people who have buried family members or gone to the funeral of a long-time friend. I have watched the enormous impact that this has had on health-care workers on the front lines of the battle against COVID-19. And I have seen the heartbreak of young people who spent years looking forward to days that ultimately did not come for them: grad-

uations, proms, sweet-sixteens, chess clubs, academics contests, sports contests, and more.

We must be clear about what will and will not work in bringing this pandemic to a close. The virus will not disappear on its own. Misplaced narratives about individualism and taking personal responsibility will not make it go away either.

This virus is a problem that we face collectively, and it will only be defeated by a collective effort from all of us. For the past year that has meant wearing a mask, social distancing, and good hand hygiene. Eventually we would like to get back to some semblance of normal. And we finally have a way to do that. It will require as many individuals as possible taking the opportunity to protect themselves, as well as others. I am speaking about vaccination.

The only scientifically proven way we can end this pandemic is to vaccinate our way out of it. Widespread delivery of the various COVID vaccines will bring the virus under control. Very few people who are vaccinated will contract the virus. Even among those who do, their symptoms are likely to be



far milder than they otherwise would be. Moreover, the more people who are vaccinated from the virus, the fewer people there are to potentially pass it along to others. Building herd immunity will finally allow us to prevent community spread of COVID-19.

There has been a great deal of misinformation spread about the COVID vaccines. Some people are scared to take them, while others do not believe that they work. Let's set

the record straight about these misconceptions. Before any vaccine can be approved for use, it must be proven to be safe and effective. The COVID vaccines are no exception to this policy. Like all vaccines they went through clinical trials which demonstrated that they safely and dramatically reduced the likelihood of contracting COVID-19.

COVID vaccines teach our immune systems how to recognize and

fight the virus that causes COVID-19. The CDC has explained how all three vaccines operate. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines operate based on mRNA technology. The Johnson & Johnson brand is a vector vaccine. All of them work to defeat the virus by prompting our bodies to build T-lymphocytes and B-lymphocytes that will remember how to fight the virus if we are infected in the future.

I understand why many

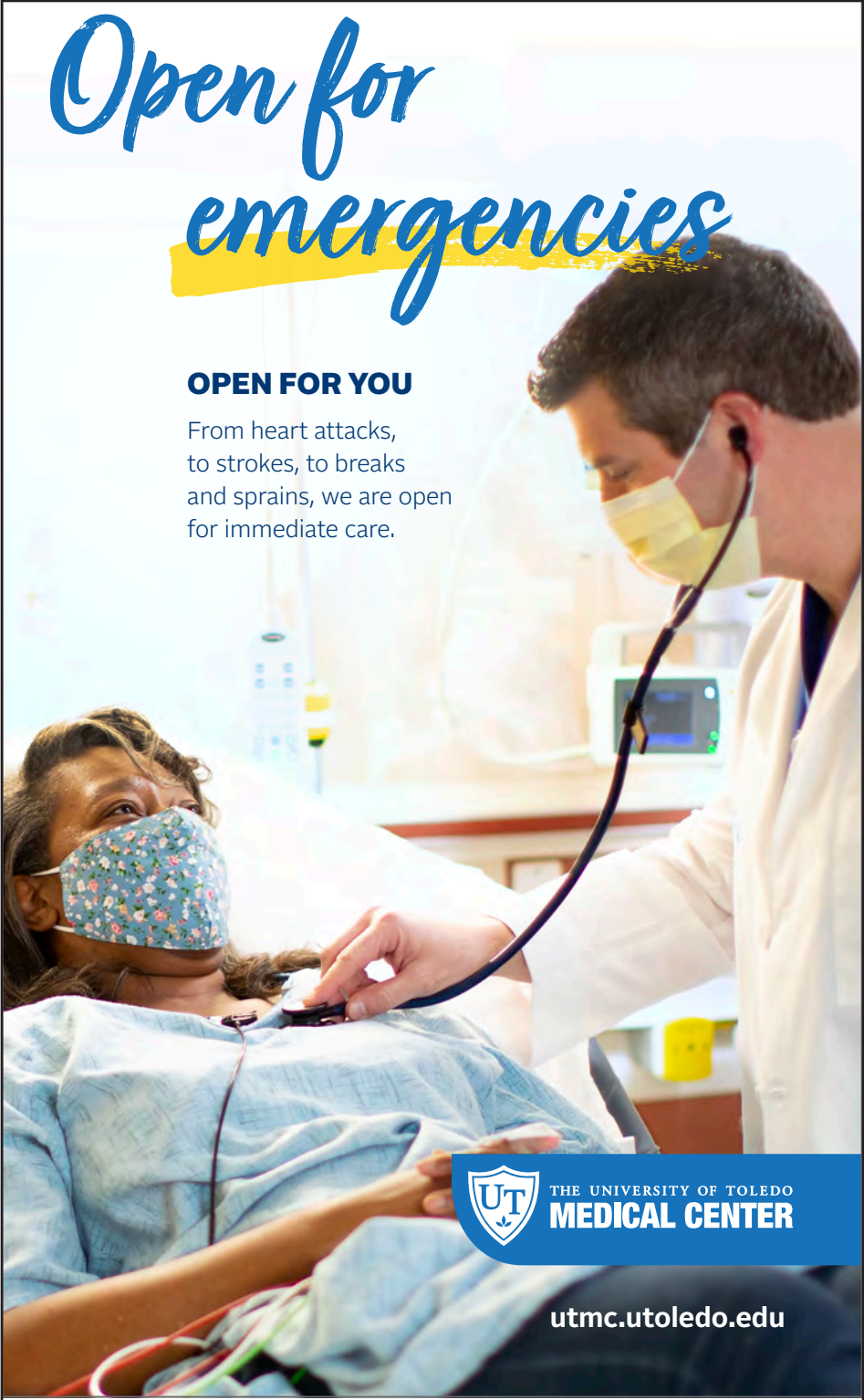
people, especially in the African-American community, have feelings of skepticism. The legacy of the "Tuskegee Experiment" looms large in the minds of many. The United States government did a reprehensible thing to many African-American men. These men were promised free health care, but instead were infected with a deadly disease and sent back to our community to spread it. They were never told of their diagnosis,


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they were denied treatment, given placebos and the government even refused to provide them with penicillin. This has led to widespread distrust of government promises when it comes to claims that they will protect people from infections and viruses.

What happened with the Tuskegee Experiment cannot be undone. What we can do, however, is not allow any further victims to be claimed by these reprehensible actions. It is imperative that we not mix the shameful actions there with our current situation. The COVID-19 vaccination program has adhered to the strictest ethical guidelines at every stage of its advancement. It moved forward in accordance with the most important principle of medicine: first do no harm. By contrast, the community spread of this coronavirus has done indescribable harm to our nation. In 2020 the death rate increased by 16 percent over the previous year, a number that is even higher if you exclusively look at the final 9 months of 2020 when COVID-19 began to explode upon our society. Altogether we have lost 572,000 Americans to COVID ... and counting.

This vaccination drive that is currently taking place across America represents an opportunity to get out from under this pandemic. It gives us the ability to get back to some semblance of our old lives. Most importantly, it will protect us from continuing to suffer the devastating levels of fatality that we have experienced over the past year. We should all do our part to end the pandemic by getting vaccinated. It is my hope that everyone will take advantage of the opportunity to keep themselves and their neighbors safe. I understand the urgent need for this program to work, which is why earlier this year I did the most important thing that any lawmaker or leader can do in order to contribute to its success: I got vaccinated too.

The post The importance of getting vaccinated appeared first on Afro

A Worried Mind: COVID-19 Wreaks Havoc on Men’s Health

By Caleigh Findley

The onset of the pandemic in 2020 led to a substantial increase in mental health challenges. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported that symptoms of anxiety and depression had increased over three-fold in their August 2020 report. Roughly 40% of respondents to their mental health survey claimed at least one adverse mental health condition in the past month.

Social isolation resulting from quarantine has caused unique mental health consequences for men. Some depressed men turn to substance abuse, and may continue to act out these dangerous behaviors for longer in the absence of their friends and family. Men are also almost four-times more likely to successfully commit suicide than women.

Reports of the pandemic-induced mental health crises are alarming. This is particularly true for males—as an at-risk population that can see such dire consequences come from isolation. Moreover, the extent to which quarantine may impact certain populations of men disproportionately due to stigma, social and work

environments, and lack of healthcare resources gives cause for concern.

How Are Men Vulnerable to Poor Health in a Pandemic?

The 2020 CDC mental health report further claimed an increase in substance use (13.3% of respondents) related to the pandemic. Unfortunately, but unsurprisingly, this came alongside reports of increased suicidality for males.

The same report found that men ages 18-24, minorities, unpaid caregivers, and essential workers were more likely to have seriously considered suicide in the past month. Both Hispanic and Black respondents experienced increased substance use and suicidal ideation compared to non-Hispanic whites during quarantine. These findings point to negative mental health outcomes specific to the individual's sex, race/ethnicity, and environment that petition for community-level interventions, according to the report.

Male Minorities Devastated by COVID-19 Anxiety

Jean Bonhomme, MD, MPH, founder of The National Black Men's Health Network, believes we are fighting three separate pandemics.

In an expert panel discussion convened by Men's Health Network (MHN) and funded in-part by Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, Bonhomme explains that there is the clinical impact of COVID, the economic and interpersonal effects of social distancing, and the secondary impact of increased harmful coping

mechanisms. Each of these aspects give rise to unique public health concerns, especially for vulnerable at-risk populations.

Early safety procedures took away the social support networks that many people of color rely on for support. According to the CDC, African Americans are experiencing more than twice the number of COVID infections, higher hospitalization rates, and more COVID-related deaths than whites. The resulting financial and emotional stress to men and their families exacerbates the challenging circumstances already taking place. Long-term disruption of these services could spell continued mental health deterioration for male minorities.

Sobering Reasons for the Striking Pandemic Health Disparity

Experts believe that some individuals may experience COVID-related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (CRPTSD) that could significantly hinder their return to pre-pandemic life. CRPTSD can include fear-induced aversion to workplaces and other public areas as a consequence of prolonged social isolation. While the country anxiously awaits a return to normality, communities need to prioritize access to emotional first-aid and access to mental health services.

Mental health challenges during the pandemic present a challenge for improving access and use of mental health services. Importantly, research also suggests that men are less likely to utilize these ser-

vices and receive appropriate treatment.

This speaks to the larger issue of inadequate communication between men and the healthcare system. An issue for mental well-being certainly, but also a serious concern for physical health during the coronavirus.

COVID-related deaths occur more often among men than women, despite a similar number of COVID-19 cases. One study revealed that mortality rates for men age 65 and older are almost two times higher than for women. Even investigation of COVID-19 admissions saw a three-fold increase in ICU admissions for males, and a higher likelihood of death.

The inequity in COVID-19 patient outcomes highlights a crucial fact—men live sicker. Hypertension, respiratory diseases, diabetes, heart disease, and substance use, among others, are more prevalent among men. All of these conditions arguably contribute to the physical and mental vulnerability of men to COVID-19.

The underlying health disparity widens further with the inclusion of ethnicity. African American men are more likely to suffer from high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, stroke, and lung cancer than their white counterparts.

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Supporting Social-Emotional Learning During the Pandemic

By Audrienne Womack
Wire Writer

Most students have been learning virtually for over a year now, due to Covid-19. It's probably fair to assume that most students have adjusted favorably to the expectations of online learning whether they wanted to or not. With caring and well-prepared teachers, most students are being exposed to grade-level lessons and activities. However, even though students appear to be more familiar with educational platforms, learning apps and are more tech-savvy than ever before, we can't assume that they are still not being affected by the Pandemic and all the things they have given up since it began. Students now sit for long periods and movement between and during class is minimum and if they get too fidgety or distracted, they could be called out for it. Recess is a thing of the past and Physical Education is reduced to what can be done in front of the screen.

As parents and teachers try to juggle their children's lives in front of the camera as well as behind the camera, we also have to take into consideration their social-emotional development, even more so, now that we are in a Pandemic. According to CASEL (Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning), the leader in the field of Social Emotional Learning (SEL), SEL "is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions." Helping students learn how to manage Social Emotional Learning will help them to better process and navigate through the current health plight, as well as how to succeed in school and life, long after the Pandemic is finally behind us.

One of the most important ways to assist students during the Pandemic is to work with them in learning how to manage their emotions. Even though many students have been attending school online for over a year now and many have become quite adjusted to learning virtually, we still have to check in with them often and gauge how they are feeling. We have to notice any change in their behavior and allow them to move pe-

riodically after sitting during their online classes or to take movement breaks on purpose. Other ways to help students manage their emotions during this time, is to help them in identifying and labeling their emotions. We could be of great assistance to them if we help them to recognize how they are feeling and commend them for taking responsibility for those emotions. For example, "I am feeling grumpy today because I didn't get enough rest last night." For those feelings of fear, anger, and/or sadness we can guide them in finding strategies that could make them feel better or practice ways to calm them down by journaling, soothing exercises, mindfulness meditation, and deep breathing.

Another great way to support our children's Social Emotional Learning especially during this Pandemic is to help them to continue developing their self-esteem. According

“Maslow suggested that individuals need both appreciations from other people and inner self-respect to build esteem. Both of these needs must be fulfilled for an individual to grow as a person and reach self-actualization.”

to an article in 'verywell mind' an online developmental psychology website, "The concept of self-esteem plays an important role in psychologist Abraham Maslow's hierarchy of needs, which depicts esteem as one of the basic human motivations." The article goes on to say that, "Maslow suggested that individuals need both appreciations from other people and inner self-respect to build esteem. Both of these needs must be fulfilled for an individual to grow as a person and reach self-actualization." So as we think of ways to develop self-esteem within our children, they can feel good about accomplishing tasks, as well as feeling good about the accolades that could result in carrying them out.

So for example, giving children more responsibili-

ties around the house, no matter how big or how small, is a productive way to help them in feeling good about themselves. Allowing our children to take on more responsibilities will make them feel like contributing members of the household, and this will directly increase their self-worth and value within the family. Allowing them to make age-appropriate choices will also make them feel like a respected contributing member of the family, as well. It is also beneficial to teach them how to think through their decisions and to come up with options that they have decided upon on their own. Most importantly, when they can make choices and fulfill their responsibilities around the house, it is equally important for us to show our appreciation towards them for helping out and for the effort

they display.

Another way to support our children by developing their Social Emotional Learning is by working with them in building empathy. According to Wikipedia, empathy is "the capacity to understand or feel what another person is experiencing from within their frame of reference, that is, the capacity to place oneself in another's position." This is not always easy to do, since it's all a child can do to think about how they are feeling, let alone think about how someone else may be feeling. As stated in the Encyclopedia of Social Psychology, and reported by Hodges and Myers, "Empathy is often defined as understanding another person's experience by imagining oneself in that other person's situation: One understands the other person's experience as if it were being experienced by the self, but without the self experiencing it. A distinction is maintained between self and other." Being

empathetic to another human being is a trait we want all of our children to possess.

So, when we continue to openly discuss the Pandemic and how it can affect others, we can then begin to have our children think about how it could feel to walk in someone else's shoes. If the person is someone the child knows then we could brainstorm ways in which they could help them or offer a word of kindness by phone, text, email, social media, etc. We could even teach them the skill of "active listening" and let them understand the value of being supportive in our silence. This type of life skill is something that can be used throughout their lives, for the rest of their lives and can be applied to numerous everyday situations.

Another valuable strategy that we can model and share with our children is the use of "self-talk." Some may

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Supporting Social-Emotional Learning

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call it “talking out loud” and back in the day, it could have been referred to as “talking to yourself.” According to the media organization Psychology Today, “Many people are conscious of an inner voice that provides a running monologue on their lives throughout the day. This inner voice, our self-talk, combining conscious thoughts and unconscious beliefs and biases, provides a

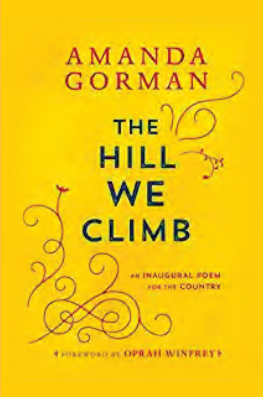
way for the brain to interpret and process daily experiences.” Today we have come to realize the benefits of it, and it teaches our children how to better associate their words with their feelings. For example, when you are in heavy traffic you could model by saying, “This traffic is so backed up, and I’m going to be late. I’m feeling angry that we can’t move faster, so I’m going to take a deep breath and turn on the music to calm myself

down.” This quick commentary will help in teaching our children words that can be associated with their feelings, as well as possible strategies that can help in calming them down, like deep breathing and listening to music. Practicing “self-talk” often with our children, by modeling and by allowing them to practice so that it will become a useful tool that can be used to regulate their emotions when needed, will be invaluable. Helping our children learn to manage their Social Emotional

Learning has benefits that can take them far beyond the Pandemic, but while we are still in it, we must help them to understand and handle those emotions so that they can have less emotional stress, make responsible choices and decisions, feel better and show empathy for others and most of all so that they can work successfully towards academic achievement. Working with our children to use and practice Social Emotional Learning strategies and being observant of their online behavior will improve their academic performance greatly. Observing our children and frequently checking in on

them, will help to establish that they are managing their emotions in productive ways. As a result, they will be better prepared with practical tools at their disposal that they can readily use when they gradually return to in-person learning. Maya Angelou warmly reminds us, “No matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life goes on, and it will be better tomorrow.” In no way will Social-Emotional Learning stop once children return to school, but for now, it will ensure that they are getting a rewarding online learning experience that will impact them daily.

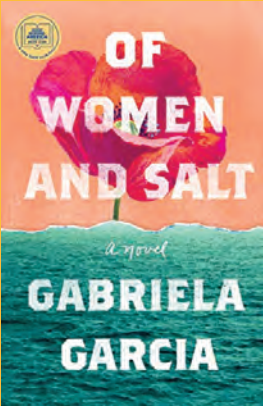
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What Do We Really Mean by “I’m Spiritual Not Religious”?



W. Eric Croomes
Wire Writer

What do people really mean when they say, ‘I’m not religious I’m more spiritual’? Why is this important?

Here is what we know: There are a growing number of people in America who are expressing dissatisfaction with organized religion. That trend has been obvious for well beyond a quarter-century. 18.2% of Americans now identify as ‘religiously unaffiliated’, aka “religious nones”, according to the Pew Research Center.

More and more I am running into people who claim they are no longer affiliated with organized religion (these conversations predate the pandemic). Instead, these persons consistently state, “I am spiritual, not religious”, which means “I no longer attend worship service, I do my own thing at home” (or something to that effect).

In this article, I want to cover a little of the history behind the phenomenon of “I am spiritual not religious”.

A person who is ‘religious’ follows a certain set of beliefs formulated by a body that sets doctrine and rituals for a religious belief system. Conversely, a ‘spiritual’ person is one who is attuned toward the inner nature, as usually exhibited by spiritual disciplines (prayer, Bible study, fasting etc.)

The two approaches were never meant to become mutually exclusive.

Religion is an ‘external’. Spiritual is an ‘internal’. Religion was never intended to be a matter of rites and regulations; it initially was intended as an external way to express matters of devotion.

That was up until the Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth century, when Martin Luther, a German monk, nailed 95 theses on the sale of indulgences to the castle door of the church at Wittenberg. Indulgences were a type of payment for the securing of forgiveness and penance. As you can imagine, the practice became riddled with abuses (never mind the fact that Christ never, ever commanded such a rite!).

The Protestant Reformation was a revolt against what many perceived the church had become: a system of creeds, vestments, pomp, and ceremony. It had lost touch with the common person.

Unfortunately, in too many instances, the same is happening today. There are those (as respondents to the Pew Research poll-

ing suggests) who have become frustrated with organized churches and denominations. As mentioned, mainline denominations have for some time seen declines in membership.

The Reformation is happening again. Only now, it is happening in small clusters of disaffected worshippers and it is manifesting as “church hurt”.

It was not intended this way. The early church in the decades after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ was an incredible gathering of Christian believers who shared meals, looked after the common good, observed the Lord’s Supper in remembrance of Christ and who, most of all, nourished their commitment to Christ in private and as a community. There really was no demarcation between “religion” or “spirituality” in those days. The early church shared an experience of the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, one that would galvanize the Christian faith and upend the whole world.

So why did it require a Reformation to fix the problem? Is the problem really fixed at all?

Biblical spirituality is both an inside-out and outside-in process; it was, therefore, never meant to become stalled in one or the other.

At the heart of ‘religion’ is spiritual devotion. At the heart of spiritual devotion is a religious experience that binds a community. How does this work?

I will cover that subject in my next article.

Race Amity Festival

Submitted

In preparation for the Race Amity Festival in Toledo on Friday, May 21, 2021, the planning committee will hold a press conference on Wednesday, May 12th at 10:30 am at St. Martin DePorres parish at 1119 West Bancroft St. at N. Detroit Ave.

Based on the developing divisions and conflicts between the races in our country and the continuing violent attacks and prevalent racism, today more than ever we must all involve ourselves in the discussion of race. It is about time that we must all serve as catalysts for all those who have been discriminated against or treated differently because of their race, ethnic background or religious affiliation and act to bring people together to form bonds of true friendship.

In May 1921 a Race Amity Convention was held in Washington, DC to celebrate the diversity of humankind and the efforts made to unify all. This was a significant event in the history of race relations in the United States of America. It was directed by ‘Abdu’l-Baha, the master teacher of the Baha’i Faith, and a renowned proponent of the acceptance of all as members of one human race. This is an under reported part of the history of our nation that has led to progress and hope for many.

To celebrate this rich history, address the most challenging issue of race unity, and to add another page in the book of progress that is being made in the quest for true brother/sisterhood among all the peoples of this nation -- a Race Amity Festival is planned for Friday, May 21st 2021 from 1 to 4 in the afternoon at the Ward Pavilion at Wildwood Metropark in Toledo.

This afternoon festival is planned in person following the Metropark and Lucas County Health guidelines, but also will be presented online. This event is offered free of charge to the public.



Mitchell private memorial



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Phillip Carlisle also a practicing attorney, who shared office space with Keith Mitchell said, Mr. Mitchell would always say life isn’t about societal status, or material wealth; it was about the good relationship built with people.

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how Mr. Mitchell impacted their individual life, as well as, the community and how the community would truly miss a man like him.

Towards the end of the memorial, the members of Omega Psi Phi, to which Mr. Mitchell was a member, held a special ceremony

honoring his commitment to the organization.

Keith Lance Mitchell, Duba Umoja, leaves behind daughters Akua Messiri Mitchell-Davis, and Malaika Bell and grandchildren Jonathan Davis, Aisha Davis, Aniah and Nala and a host of family and friends.



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The Big Lie as Journalism: Murdock Paper Publishes “Book” Lie on Vice President Harris



By Lauren Victoria Burke
Wire Writer

On April 23, The New York Post published and then edited a story that claimed that a children’s book by Vice President Kamala Harris was given out to migrant children at the Mexican border as part of a “welcome kit” upon entering the U.S.

Former New York Post writer Laura Italiano claims she was forced to write the story.

“The Kamala Harris sto-

ry — an incorrect story I was ordered to write and which I failed to push back hard enough against — was my breaking point,” wrote Italiano on social on April 27.

Increasingly, Murdock media properties, such as Fox News, have relied more on contributors and fictional information rather than straight reporting focused on accurate knowable truth as demography in the U.S. changes.

The non-factual information after the election of President Joe Biden has resulted in lawsuits for defamation — such as two lawsuits by Smartmatic and Dominion Voting Systems. The companies are suing Murdoch’s Fox Corporation for billions in defamation and named Fox anchors Lou Dobbs, Maria Bartiromo and

Jeanine Pirro as defendants.

Dominion Voting Systems sued Rudy Giuliani for \$1.3 billion based on over 50 statements by Giuliani made at hearings, on social media, his podcast and on Fox News — where Giuliani claimed Dominion Voting Systems “flipped” votes to facilitate President Biden’s win. President Biden won by over 7 million votes with several Republican controlled states certifying his election as legitimate.

The headline in the article was headlined by the words “Kam on in.” The “news” story claimed that migrant children were being given “welcome” packets with a copy of the

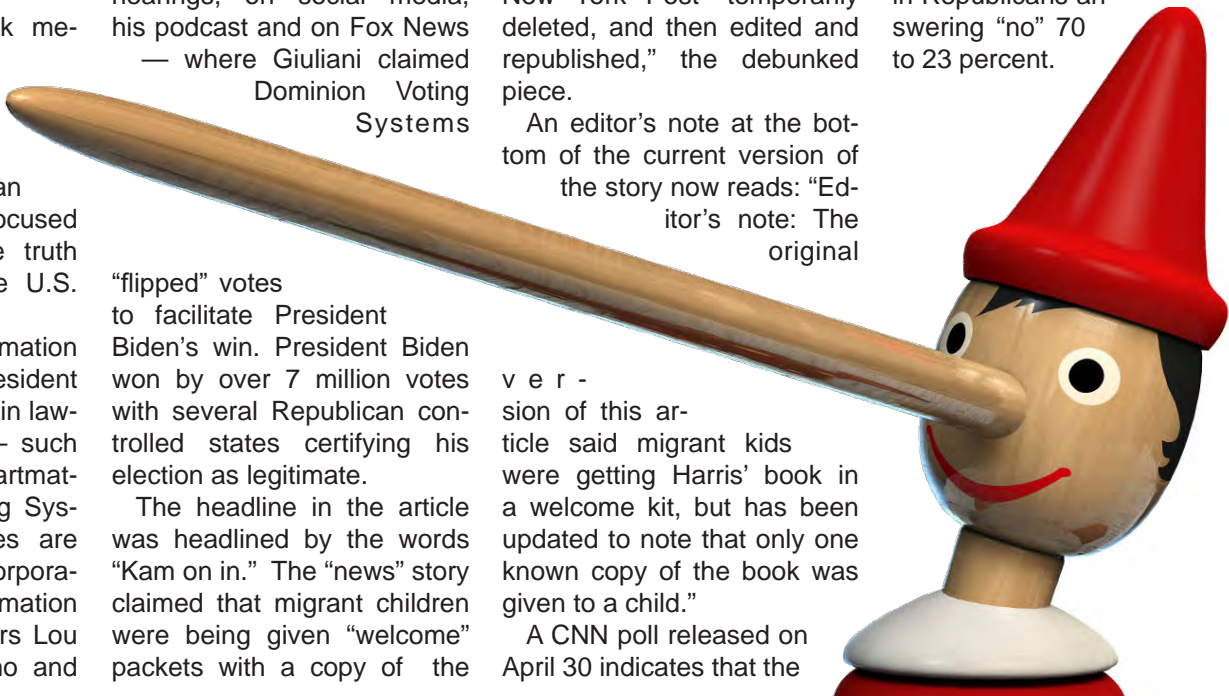
Vice President’s 2019 children’s book, “Superheroes Are Everywhere.”

Daniel Dale, a fact checker at CNN, pointed out that The New York Post “temporarily deleted, and then edited and republished,” the debunked piece.

An editor’s note at the bottom of the current version of the story now reads: “Editor’s note: The original version of this article said migrant kids were getting Harris’ book in a welcome kit, but has been updated to note that only one known copy of the book was given to a child.”

A CNN poll released on April 30 indicates that the

“big lie” strategy is working on some Americans. The question “Did Biden Legitimately Win Enough Votes for The Presidency,” resulted in Republicans answering “no” 70 to 23 percent.



Civil Rights Groups Sue Georgia Over New Sweeping Voter Suppression Law

Submitted

Civil rights groups have filed a new federal lawsuit against Georgia’s sweeping law that makes it much harder for all Georgians to vote, particularly voters of color, new citizens, and religious communities.

The American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU of Georgia, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), and law firms WilmerHale and Davis Wright Tremaine brought the case on behalf of the Sixth District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Georgia Muslim Voter Project, Women Watch Afrika, Latino Community Fund Georgia, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The law being challenged is S.B. 202, which was passed by the Georgia House of Representatives and Senate and signed by Gov. Brian Kemp in under seven hours last Thursday. These elected officials’ actions follow the 2020 presidential election and the 2021 runoff elections for two seats to the U.S. Senate that saw record turnout of voters, particularly Black voters, in Georgia.

The elections were celebrated not just for their turnout, but also for their integrity, with Georgia officials praising them as safe and secure. But rather than act to expand participation in the political process, Georgia leaders responded by doing what they have done

many times in the state’s history: they placed burdensome, unjustified, and unnecessary restrictions on voters, particularly voters of color and other historically disenfranchised communities.

The lawsuit challenges multiple provisions in S.B. 202, including the: ban on mobile voting new narrow identification requirements for requesting and casting an absentee ballot delayed and compressed time period for requesting absentee ballots restrictions on secure drop boxes out-of-precinct provisional ballot disqualification drastic reduction in early voting in runoff elections perhaps most cruelly, ban on “line warming,” where volunteers provide water and snacks to Georgians, disproportionately those of color, who wait in needlessly long lines to cast their vote.

These provisions, the lawsuit charges, violate Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, and infringe on Georgians’ rights under the First, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

“This law is driven by blatant racism, represents politics at its very worst, and is clearly illegal,” said Sophia Lakin, deputy director of the ACLU’s Voting Rights Project. “We urge the court to act swiftly to strike it down.”

“Legislators and Governor Kemp ignored the very obvious lessons from the election in 2020 and runoffs in 2021: expand safe and secure access to the ballot, codify innovations to voting, and provide additional resources to cash-strapped counties,” said Nancy Abudu, deputy legal director for the SPLC. “Instead, to appease conspiracy theorists and amplify deadly lies about past elections, Georgia’s leaders have chosen to pass into law S.B. 202, which makes it more difficult for every Georgian — but particularly Georgians who

are members of historically disenfranchised communities — to vote in a safe, secure, and convenient manner and have that vote counted. In so doing, the defendants have violated federal law and the U.S. Constitution, and we turn to the federal courts and U.S. Congress to address the incredible harm S.B. 202 will have on our clients.”

“S.B. 202 is perhaps the most bold and shameful voter suppression legislation enacted in the modern era. Its purpose and target are clear: to create barriers to voting for Black voters who turned out in record numbers for the November 2020 presidential election and the January 2021 special election. The provisions of the new law and the manner in which it was enacted reflect a thorough disregard for the sanctity of protecting the right to vote and a headlong and determined zeal to diminish Black political power in Georgia,” said Sherrilyn Ifill, LDF’s president and director-counsel. “This is a powerful moment for democracy in this country. S.B. 202’s attempt

to disenfranchise Black voters in Georgia harkens back to the most shameful days of voter suppression in the decades before the civil rights movement. That this law was passed in Georgia, less than a year after the death of one of the state’s greatest heroes, Representative John Lewis, is shameful. In his name, we will fight to strike down this illegal attempt to undo his legacy. Anything less represents a grave threat to the future of our democracy and inherently undermines the notion of equality for all.”

“Democracy depends upon people expressing their voices freely through their votes,” said WilmerHale partner Debo P. Adegbile. “The Georgia omnibus voting obstruction law is a prime example of modern voter suppression and erodes democracy. A great deal has changed in Georgia but the commitment to brazenly disenfranchise voters clearly has not.”

“S.B. 202 attacks the most sacred foundations of our democracy. But in this country, the law secures every American citizen the equal right to make their voice heard at the ballot box, no matter who they are. And we intend to vindicate that right in court,” said Adam Sieff, attorney at Davis Wright Tremaine.

The lawsuit, Sixth District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church v. Kemp, was filed in federal court in Atlanta.



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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 Pre - 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. Families who have expressed their interest will receive additional info to register before May 14th.

Local Organizations Host Metro beet , an Urban Farm and Community Garden Tours

Tours will take place Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the weekends of June 11-12, July 9-10, and August 13-14. Locations on the tour will include community gardens and urban farms of all sizes in Toledo and the surrounding area. The 2021 Metro Beet Urban Farm and Community Garden tour is sponsored by a coalition of organizations that support and promote gardening, farming, and local foods. These include Toledo GROWs, Ohio State University Extension, Central State University Extension, the 577 Foundation, and Moe Urban Farm. The tour promotes the production and consumption of locally grown food and urban growers in the community. Many urban farms and community gardens will partner with local artists to display art as well. A map of participating urban farm and community gardens on the tour each month can be found at tinyurl.com/MetroBeet2021Facebook. Participants are expected to follow COVID19 guidelines, wear masks, and social distance while on the tour. For more information contact Yvonne Dubielak, yvonne.dubielak@toledogrows.org, 419-720-8714.

BLACK HISTORY FACTS

May 17, 1875:

Oliver Lewis, jockey, wins the first Kentucky Derby.

May 15, 1891:

Delaware State University was founded on this date.

May 14, 1897:

Sidney Bechet, jazz musician and composer, born.

May 13, 1914:

Joe Louis, heavyweight boxer, born.

May 17, 1954:

Brown vs. Board of Education ruling to end segregation in schools

May 18, 1955:

Mary McLeod Bethune, educator, dies.

May 17, 1957:

Dr. King delivers Give Us the Ballot speech at the National Prayer Pilgrimage, Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C.

May 12, 1958:

Summit Meeting of National Negro Leaders called for stepped up campaign against discrimination and desegregation.

May 16, 1966:

Dr. King's anti-war statement is read at a large Washington, D.C., rally to protest the war in Vietnam. Dr. King agrees to serve as a co-chairman of Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam.

May 16, 1990:

Sammy Davis Jr., dies in Beverly Hills, California at age 64.

May 15, 2007:

Yolanda Denise King, the King's eldest daughter, passes away

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was the first African-American General Manager of an NFL team. He also never missed a game in his 13 year NFL career.

Ernie Banks

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Sugar Ray was the first boxer in history to win a divisional world championship five times. His 91-fight unbeaten streak was the 3rd longest in professional boxing history.

Arthur Ashe was the first black male to win a NCAA tennis Championship, the first to win a Grand Slam Title, and the first to represent the US in the Davis Cup.

ASK ALMA

Too many grown people living in mom’s house, rent free

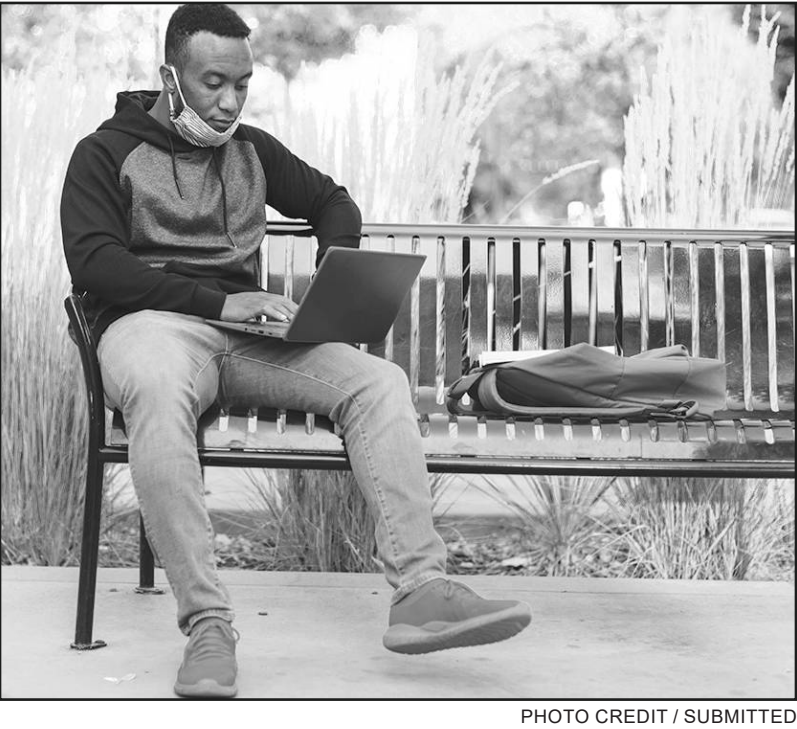


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Dear Alma, I’m going through an extremely difficult time with my son, his girlfriend and her mom. They all live in my house with their two children. The problem is that they live with me at my expense – room and board, electricity, water, cable and gas.

The two ladies refuse to get jobs and they stay on the third floor of my house all day, running the air-conditioner non-stop. My son works, but he has to pay for the car, insurance and cell-phones, plus spending money for his girlfriend and her mom. He doesn’t give me a red cent!

The girlfriend doesn’t clean or help out at all and her mom caters to her all day, cooking and taking food up to her.

Cussed out, threatened

I gotta evict them and their two dogs, but they threaten to take my grandchildren away, which would devastate my son, knowing they would be homeless. We are both caught between a wall and a hard rock.

The worst part of this horror is that the girlfriend curses me out constantly with foul language and I haven’t told my other three children to avoid a huge fight, but I am on the verge of calling my kids to help me get them out.

I gave them a time frame for leaving, but my son keeps looking for excuses to keep them here. My choices seem to be to wind up living alone and scared or live in this inferno. Please help.

Sincerely, Margie

Dear Margie,

Girl, you ain’t in charge or livin’ large, but your house guests surely are. Your son isn’t married to her and she ain’t kin, demonstrated by the way she acts. If she was respectful, it would be a

different story.

Your son and his other family are holding you hostage in your own house and using your grandkids as collateral. That’s crazy and you know it. Your son is using you and allowing his “girlfriend” and her mother to mistreat and disrespect you too.

How and when did it get to the point that your son has no regard for you, your feelings or well-being? Let’s start with that. You’re a different kinda mother than I am Margie, because I ain’t never gonna be overwhelmingly disrespected in my own house.

Deal with son

Seems to me, you’re mad as Methuselah towards the wrong people. This foolishness reclines at the foot of your son. Deal with him. You are responsible for teaching him about life and, so far, you haven’t done a good job.

Simmer down, no worries, you still have time. It’s gonna be hard and it might break your heart for a minute, because your self esteem is shot and you’re afraid to be alone. Girl, please. That’s why the good Lord made books and volunteer programs.

Your son will never be the man he needs to be as long as you’re treating him like a child. Unfortunately, he and the other adults in your house have tapped into your weakness and know they don’t have anything to worry about.

Why move when you’re perfectly happy living in a comfortable home rent-free?

Kick them out

Put on your big-girl granny panties and kick them all out. Stop feeding this monster, Margie, and get your house in order. The best and only thing you have available at any time to offer and assist them is prayer. Get them out and get on your knees.

Spike Lee documentary to examine how New Yorkers faced tragedies from 9/11 to COVID-19

By Michael “Ice-Blue” Harris
Wire Writer

Spike Lee has partnered with HBO Documentary Films to direct “NYC Epicenters 9/11-2021 ½,” a project that will focus on how the city has triumphed through tragedies like the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the coronavirus pandemic.

Lee issued the following statement about the project: “As a New Yawker who bleeds orange and blue (the colors of New York City), I’m proud to have a ‘Spike Lee Joint’ about how our/my city dealt with being the epicenters of 9/11 and COVID-19. With over 200 interviews, we dig deep into what makes NYC the greatest city on this God’s earth and also the diverse citizens who make it so.

“Over centuries pundits and straight haters have proclaimed NYC was dead and stinkin’, only to be proved wrong. You will lose ya money betting against New York, New York. And dat’s da truth, Ruth. Be Safe. Peace And Love.”

HBO described “NYC Epicenters 9/11-



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2021 ½” as a multi-part documentary taking an “unprecedented, sweeping portrait of New Yorkers as they rebuild and rebound, from a devastating terrorist attack through the ongoing global pandemic.” The documentary will debut later this year on HBO and will be available to stream on HBO Max in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

“We’re thrilled to have another groundbreaking HBO documentary event from Spike Lee,” Lisa Heller and Nancy Abraham, co-heads of HBO Documentary Films, told Deadline. “From documenting the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans to the 9/11 attack on New York City and beyond, we treasure Spike’s singular capacity to chronicle and pay tribute to the human toll of these historic events while bearing profound witness to the strength and resiliency of the human spirit.”

Lee previously directed the docuseries “4 Little Girls” and “When the Levees Broke” for HBO.

White Skin Privileges Quiz



By Lafe Tolliver
Attorney

Hey, no fair! If you are a person considered as a minority, you cannot take this quiz and qualify for the drawing of the grand prize which is a paid year’s membership in the NAACP. So, if you are white and think you are hip, cool or liberal and once a year, you have a black person over for Bar-b-Q and a serious discussion on the shortcomings of President Obama, this quiz is for you.

Now, the grounds rules are: [1] no fair calling your black or brown friend for help [2] you cannot access any library materials and [3] if you are married to a black person, you must go to a separate room and take this quiz by yourself and lastly, no... the TV program, Soul Train is not one and the same as The Underground Railroad!

This quiz is in response to some white folks freaking out about their precious Johnny or Suzie being exposed to critical race theory (aka: CRT) in the classroom. CRT propounds that society uses a theory that employs “race” as a defining characteristic and an artificial construct against people of color and which can then (and has resulted) result in arbitrary and oppressive treatment.

Too many white folks are anathematized by the mere thought that they have benefited, directly or indirectly, from being white in a high all white country (until the “turning

year” of 2045), that if you were to challenge their guarded and favored place on society’s totem pole of who gets the overwhelming share of the attendant privileges, perks and benefits, they are ready to fight you or deny such a totem pole even exists!

Therefore, being the kind person that I am, I wanted to ease them into experiences that they have blithely taken as their rights; and as a group, those who deserve or have “earned” those upper slots on the totem pole.

Remember, their airs of superiority manifest in daily conduct or attitudes that connote rights of privilege or a right to question everything that challenges their beliefs as to how society should be governed.

So, without further ado...take the quiz! All are yes or no questions:

[1] You believe that affirmative action in college and professional schools admission processes hurt or harm “equally” qualified white students who apply to those same institutions. Yes/No.

[2] You believe that the Great Land Rush wherein white settlers were given 160 acres of land if they settled and farmed it for five years, did not work against similarly situated black settlers who were categorically denied such a land grab by the US government. Yes/No.

[3] You are OK with the US Constitution in which it stated at one time that black persons were only to be counted in the census counts as three-fifths of white persons for purposes of apportioning seats in the House and Senate. Yes/No.

[4] You saw no problem with racially restrictive Southern professional schools in

Sports Covid-19 “Long-Haulers” Serve As A Disturbing Reminder To General Population

By Mark Hines
Wire Writer

(ThyBlackMan.com) We are still in a pandemic. COVID-19 really changed life as we knew it back in March 2020 and over a year later, the coronavirus pandemic is still wreaking havoc in terms of the loss of life, the American medical system, and financial issues for most Americans. While most people with COVID-19 recover completely within a few weeks, but some experience lingering symptoms. A notable 5 to 10% of COVID patients are “long haulers” who have significant lingering illness and health issues months after being diagnosed with the disease.



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Asia Durr



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Justin Foster

While the increasing numbers of the sadly deceased due to the COVID-19 serve as a grim reminder of how devastating nature of the virus, it is important to point out even those who survive a COVID-19 diagnosis can face life-altering issues afterwards. There are several high-profile athletes in the professional and collegiate ranks who have physically suffered mightily after contracting COVID-19, which flies against myths of the “just” the elderly and obese being the small groups that can be most physically affected contracting COVID-19.

The Boston Celtics have had a disappointing season record-wise on many accounts but don’t blame their All-Stars Jayson Tatum and Jaylen

Brown. Both players will likely be part of the Celtics’ core for years to come. Tatum is a 23-year-old star who tested positive for COVID-19 back in January 2021. Months later, despite Tatum’s youth and athletic physical condition, he struggles with COVID symptoms enough to need an inhaler before playing games. He had never needed an inhaler before having COVID. Another multiple-time NBA



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Derrick Rose



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Jaylen Brown

All-Star, New York Knicks guard Derrick Rose, is no longer the super-athlete he was in his 20s but still contributes as a NBA player. Rose had a lengthy battle with COVID-19 and said, “They say everybody is different, but with me I never felt anything like that before. I’ve had the flu. It was nothing like the flu.”

Playing football in the NFL and at the major college level takes a great amount of toughness, physical skill, and being in peak physical condition yet there are multiple instances when COVID-19 seriously harmed football players. Buffalo Bills tight end Tommy Sweeney suffered myocarditis, inflammation of the heart muscle, and missed the rest of the 2020 NFL season on the reserve/COVID-19 list. In the collegiate football ranks, Clemson defensive end Justin Foster missed the entire 2020 season dealing with COVID-19 symptoms and retired a couple of months ago. In a statement

posted to Twitter, Foster wrote, “The decision came after months of recovery and treatment, which required asking a lot of difficult questions about my future.”



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Jayson Tatum.

The long-term effects of the coronavirus have sidelined the WNBA’s Asia Durr for several months as well. Durr, who plays for the New York Liberty, has felt negative effects including fatigue, headaches, and memory issues and hopes to play during the upcoming 2021 WNBA season. She is only 23 years old. While many COVID-positive athletes have been able to rejoin their sport after quarantining, many others like Jayson Tatum, Asia Durr,

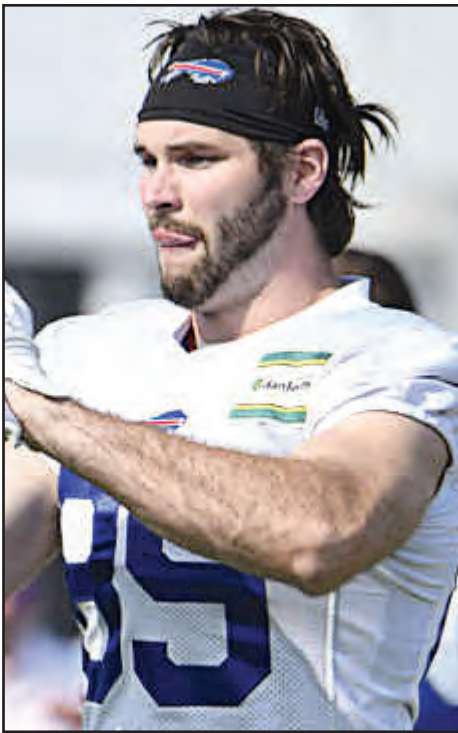


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Tommy Sweeney

and Tommy Sweeney had their physical conditions change dramatically after their COVID-19 diagnosis even despite being relatively young. Many of the professional athletes are among the most well-conditioned and athletic marvels in the world and this virus has tamed some of them. It was one reason why the NBA has been promoting vaccines even if some NBA players are hesitant to do so. All people need to take COVID-19 seriously and take precautions to not assume that they will be “okay” will getting the virus because so many survive it.

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Celebrate National Bike Month

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commute to work by bike.

- Swap out sedentary activities you do to unwind with your family, such as watching TV, with bike rides.
- Are weekends the time you spend connecting with friends? Suggest your next meet-up start with a bike ride.
- Whether you're a runner, swimmer or love working out at home, swap at least one workout a week with cycling. Cross training emphasizes different muscle groups and helps build out a more well-rounded fitness routine.

Go Electric

Electric bikes are great alternatives for all adult riders, no matter your level of experience. An e-bike helps you get back on a bike if it's been a while since your last ride, if you have physical limitations that make riding a standard bike difficult, or if you want to keep up on a ride with more experienced friends. The pedal-powered boost can also provide a less intense alternative to traditional biking, especially for those looking to commute without breaking

a sweat. Whether it's to ease back into biking or you just want a cool bike, the e-bike offers the same joys as a conventional bike ride with a bit of a kick.

Get Equipped

Consider a one-stop brand, such as Huffy Bicycles to ensure each member of your family is equipped with the bike that best meets their needs. Whether you're an adrenaline seeker in need of a tough, durable mountain or gravel bike, or a day tripper seeking a cruiser or comfort bike, Huffy offers a range of models in every style. They have tricycles, bicycles, scooters and battery-powered ride-ons for kids of all ages, from those still experimenting with foot-to-floor and first-bike fun, to active kids seeking adventure. Finally, if you're an RV-er or plan to regularly commute by bike, they also offer fun-to-ride electric bikes that make it easy to ride more miles and power up hills.

Privileges Quiz

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the early history of this country paying for black applicants to leave home and travel North for such an education. Yes/No.

[5] The issue of restrictive racial covenants in residential housing developments in both the North and the South were issued for a valid purpose. Yes/No.

[6] The idea of reparations as a tool to level the economic playing field in the United States is not fair to present day descendants of those people who engaged in economic racial acts. Yes/No.

[7] When it comes to teachers in grades K-1 through high school, you would prefer a teacher who is of the same racial identity as your child. Yes/No.

[8] White policemen should be given every benefit of the doubt when they kill a black or brown person in highly suspect circumstances...even when police body cameras show some troubling facts about the use of deadly force. Yes/No.

[9] To you, does Black Lives Matter? Yes/No.

[10] You would rather worship in a church or synagogue with people who look, act and talk like you. Yes/No.

[11] A large portion of what is being called, "The Big Lie" about the recent presidential election, was built around the huge turnout of minority voters in certain critical key states who voted against Trump. Yes/No.

[12] If your son or daughter were to be engaged to a minority person, you would feel uncomfortable warmly embracing that person as a future member of your family. Yes/No.

[13] If you see names such as: Leroy, LaShunda, Dy'bellina, Ty'ronne, Marcus, Fantasia or De-Marcus, you automatically assume that it is a black person, and you act accordingly. Yes/No.

[14] For professional services such as an accountant, dentist, OB-Gyn, lawyer, home decorator, mortician, financial planner or plumber, you would be more at ease and confident with that person being white. Yes/No.

[15] If you get on an airplane and see that the pilot and co-pilot are Mexicans, you have thought more than once about changing your ticket to another flight. Yes/No.

[16] If you walk into a new restaurant and notice that the majority of patrons are minorities, do you slowly look around and then head for the door to leave? Yes/No.

[17] In your private conversations with friends and family members, do you ever use the "N" word. Yes/No.

[18] In your private conversations with friends and family members, if one of them uses the "N" word, do you speak out then and show your displeasure with that person. Yes/No.

[19] Between mortgage borrowers of the same credit worthiness, if a brown or black person received a mortgage but at a higher rate than yours (assuming all is equal), would that difference of financial treatment bother you. Yes/No.

[20] Have you ever wondered how "certain" black or brown people can afford the same vacation spots as you enjoy

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