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'Celebration of us:' Toledo's Juneteenth festival fills the streets

Approximately 200 people in attendance

By Jurry Taalib-Deen
Journal Staff Writer

Alexicia Sims and David Ross said they always envisioned a Juneteenth celebration being just as big as a Fourth of July celebration. On Saturday, June 19th, what they envisioned came very close as Community United hosted their second annual Juneteenth Celebration.

Kicking off the celebration was a parade consisting of a variety of organizations, from children, to adults, as well as, businesses parading down Dorr St., heading west to Hawley Ave, and concluding at the Frederick Douglass Community Center, 1001 Indiana Ave.

Collaborating with Community United was the Junction Coalition

Doug," the name everyone, who visits, refers to the center as, selling their products and services. A free Covid-19 center was also set up in the area for anyone looking to be screened. And the Toledo Symphony and Toledo Orchestra performed for all of those in attendance.

"We need to celebrate our victories overcoming challeng-

es as a people," Reggie Williams, executive director of the Frederick Douglass Community Center said. "Today is an opportunity for us to have respect for one another and celebrate us."

"Just one mas-

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A diverse group of people marched in the Juneteenth Parade, proudly supporting the holiday as well as the Black Lives Matter Movement.

sive Juneteenth celebration is what I want to see," Said Alicia Smith, executive director of

Junction Coalition. "Today, we not only recognize the freeing of slaves in Texas, two years after the Emancipation Proclamation, but we celebrate our accomplishments over the years, such as being business owners. I look forward to seeing a massive fireworks display on Juneteenth."

"This celebration is



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Veteran horse riders, Tavion Larkin, 19 and Navaeh Smith, 17 showcased their riding talents throughout the day.



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The Dazzlin Diamondzz Dance Sisters, DDDS, entertained the crowd with their dance moves.



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The children were happy to participate in, for some, their first Juneteenth celebration.

very important to me," Annie Newell said. "It's not just about celebrating that particular day in history, but our accomplishments afterwards; such as our Black businesses.

In addition to the numerous businesses and organizations showcasing their particular product and services, two teenagers Tavion Larkin, 19

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Meet the Attorney Who Won \$1.25 Billion For Black Farmers

Submitted

BLACK NEWS - Attorney Greg Francis, a champion for the rights of Black Americans, led and won the largest civil rights settlement in the history of civil justice in the U.S., demanding justice for 33,000 Black farmers. It was a settlement of \$1.25 billion dollars.

“The one thing I learned from that case is that all those farmers wanted was a chance,” Francis said. “They didn’t ask for anything extra. They just wanted to be treated, and to be given the same opportunities, as everyone else. That’s all any of us want.”

Tens of thousands of Black farmers allegedly suffered systematic discrimination at the hands of the United States Department of Agriculture between 1981 and 1996. During that period and as part of the discrimination, the USDA allegedly denied Black farmers loans, subsidies, and other benefits provided to white farmers. As part of the settlement, more than 33,000 individual Black Farmers or their heirs received payments of \$50,000. This marks the largest civil rights settlement in U.S. history. Since the suit was won in 2010, the United States has seen a 9% increase in Black-owned farms. And this is only the beginning.

Greg is starting a conversation in America that addresses the very foundations of our culture.

He has created the Greg A. Francis Just Harvest Foundation that is built on the 3 pillars




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Attorney Greg Francis, a champion for the rights of Black Americans, led and won the largest civil rights settlement in the history of civil justice in the U.S., demanding justice for 33,000 Black farmers. It was a settlement of \$1.25 billion dollars. Wednesday, June 2, 2021

that he believes will help set us on the path to true justice and ensure an end to racial discrimination:

1. Investing in the infrastructure of the Black family,

2. Creating educational opportunities for Black youth,

3. Encouraging the creation of new Black-owned businesses and more support of those already existing.

es and more support of those already existing.

With a unique voice to offer in a time of unrest, as he bridges a much-needed gap in this current climate. The highly-anticipated book about his experiences, Just Harvest, was released on May 18th.

Topics Greg can discuss include:

- How an African-American attorney won the largest civil rights case in history
- The underdog: why it’s always worth the fight
- 5 lessons I learned from Black farmers
- Justice for all or justice for you? It’s everyone’s responsibility
- How to start down the path to true justice through the pillars of his foundation.

Three ways to fight scammers who target your Social Security benefits

By Erin Thompson

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Toledo, OH

Scammers are always finding new ways to steal your money and personal information by exploiting your fears. The most effective way to defeat scammers is to know how to identify scams and to ignore suspicious calls and emails.

One common tactic scammers use is posing as federal agents and other law enforcement.

ment. They may claim your Social Security number is linked to a crime. They may even threaten to arrest you if you do not comply with their instructions. Here are three things you can do:

1. Hang up right away or do not reply to the email.
2. Never give personal information, money, or retail gift cards.
3. Report the scam at oig.ssa.gov immediately to Social Security's law enforcement team at the Office of the Inspector General.

You should continue to remain vigilant of phone calls when someone says there's a problem with your Social Security number or your benefits. If you owe money to Social Security, we will mail you a letter explaining your rights, payment options, and information about appealing.

There are a few ways you can

identify a scam call or email. Remember that we will never:

- Threaten you with benefit suspension, arrest, or other legal action unless you pay a fine or fee.
- Promise a benefit increase or other assistance in exchange for payment.
- Require payment by retail gift card, cash, wire transfer, internet currency, or prepaid debit card.
- Demand secrecy from you in

handling a Social Security-related problem.

Send official letters or reports containing personally identifiable information via email.

If you do not have ongoing business with our agency, it is unlikely we will contact you. Again, if you get a suspicious call claiming to be from Social Security, you should hang up and report it right away to our Office of the Inspector General at oig.ssa.gov.

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What are your thoughts on both the Republicans and the Democrats supporting and passing the bill for Juneteenth being a national holiday?



Lawrence C. Faulkner
Artist

I think it's amazing that both parties were able to come together and make, something that should've been done years ago, a national holiday. But although they were able to accomplish this, there's still a lot more that needs to be done. We already have Black History month, but yet, we're still experiencing problems; so more action needs to be taken.



Lee Randles
Retired

When I first heard about it, I had mixed emotions, but overall it's good Juneteenth is now a national holiday. I just want people to really learn about the day, especially African Americans. Like I believe the reason Blacks weren't freed in Texas was the fact slave owners didn't want them to be free. The Union Army went to Texas and made slave owners free Blacks. I really don't believe they didn't know slaves were freed by the Emancipation Proclamation. Even during slavery, Blacks always had a way of communicating to each other and something as big as being freed from slavery would've been known.



Jamie Green
Direct Support

Overall, I'm happy they were able to work together and make Juneteenth a national holiday, but there's still a lot of work that needs to be done. Real change has to happen which means we're not struggling with the same injustices we've been dealing with.



Aaron W. Wright IV
Behavioral Health Specialist

It's about time both sides were able to work together to make something that's a part of history, a national holiday. I wish they could do more regarding civil rights and police brutality. I just hope both sides are able to achieve more under the Biden Administration.



Kendrick Mason
National Guard Soldier
I don't think them working together means anything to me. Giving us a holiday is a slap in the face. We've been mistreated for hundreds of years. Prior to the White man's enslavement, we were enslaved by the Arabs, then we're brought here to be enslaved by White people for hundreds of years and the best politicians can do is give us a holiday; I'm not satisfied or impressed. There's a bigger fight that needs to happen, as opposed to giving us a holiday.



Clark Morgan
Retired
It's good to see them working on nationally recognizing the atrocities we experienced, by making Juneteenth a national holiday, but this is only the first step in a long journey to equality. I'd rather see this country have a mindset of not having to pass legislation to cure the ills and social injustice of our society. I want politicians to actually live up to the Constitution which reads all people are created equal, regardless of race, creed and national origin.



Talibah Johnson
Sanitation Worker
I think it's a good thing they were finally able to work together and make Juneteenth a national holiday. I think it helps encourage more people to learn about Black History. Although a good thing, more needs to be done that we as Black people face.

Ongoing Events

Toledo Lucas County Public Library Connecting Kids to Meals

Children 18 and younger are invited to pick up a FREE summer lunch, each day at 13 of our library locations. Times vary by location: Birmingham, Heatherdowns, Holland, Kent, LaGrange, Locke, Main, Mott, Oregon, Reynolds Corners, South, Toledo Heights, Washington, West Toledo. toledolibrary.org

Toledo Summer Pool Schedule Change

Because of a shortage of qualified lifeguards, only three city pools are open as planned. Navarre Pool, 1001 White St; Roosevelt Pool, 910 Dorr St., and Pickford Pool, 3000 Medford Dr., are now open. The hours are: 12-6 p.m. until July 4 and 12-8 p.m. from July 5 to Aug. 15. Roosevelt Pool is closed Mondays. Pickford/Navarre pools is closed Tuesdays.

All lifeguard certification costs are paid in full by the city. Info to apply is posted at toledo.oh.gov/pools. Entry Fee: \$1-children under 12 & \$2-13 and older.

TOLEDO MUNICIPAL-OPERATIONAL UPDATE

In order to ensure the safety of court staff and citizens before the Court, the Court will continue to require face coverings as well as social distancing within the public and secure areas of the court building. Entry into the building will also continue to be restricted. At this time, the Court anticipates removing the requirement for face coverings August 2. The Court will be returning to in-person appearances for those in custody at the Lucas County Corrections Center. All felony cases will be heard in Courtroom 3, and all misdemeanor cases will be heard in Courtroom 4. The number of jail inmates brought over at any one

time will be limited to ensure social distancing among inmates while they wait to appear in courtrooms. The City of Toledo Prosecutor's Office reopened to individuals wishing to speak with a prosecutor about pressing charges. Individuals may enter the building to speak with a prosecutor from noon to 4:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, as well as 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday. Individuals wishing to speak with a prosecutor should bring a copy of their current police report.

Warren Sherman Area Council Office Has Moved

The Warren Sherman Area Council Office is now located at 3 East Bancroft St. Ste 3. All Warren Sherman residents, formal residents and those interested in improving and the upbuilding of the Community are invited to participate on the Council and volunteer to work in the office. Although they are volunteer-positions currently, there will be a screening process before appointment! Also volunteers will be needed for upcoming events. Please contact the office by calling 419-250-7944. Wanda Love, President & Jose Montavo, Vice President.

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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.

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Still no George Floyd police reform bill

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson,
Contributing Writer

May 25 came and passed with no sign that Congress would mark that day, the first anniversary of the George Floyd murder, with the passage of the police reform bill in his name.

President Joe Biden did not refer to getting passage of the bill on that date when he met with members of the Floyd family at the White House. The initial optimism that the bill would become law a year after Floyd's murder has long since evaporated.

Now there are continued reports that Black South Carolina Republican Sen. Tim Scott is the point man for the GOP in trying to broker some kind of compromise deal with Democrats to get Senate passage of the bill. On the surface, that looks promising.

Scott and the GOP's purported sticking points are the proposal to strip qualified immunity from police officers. That is the legal shield that bars lawsuits against cops who overuse deadly force.

There are other issues such as putting a guideline of what's a legally acceptable level of use of force and what can an officer be prosecuted for and on. The inference though is that these are hurdles that can be overcome through intense negotiation and compromise.

Assuming that the 50 senate Democrats hold ranks, it will take 10 Republican senators to back the bill to get final passage. This, not legal nitpicking over this point or that point in the language of the bill, is the real problem.

The House passed the bill in March. Not one



Republican voted for it. In the months since then, not one Republican House member has budged from their opposition.

If anything, the GOP position on police reform has hardened. The GOP's absolute refusal to back any proposed commission to investigate the Jan. 6 Capitol riots is a grave warning that Republicans have drawn a hard line on anything the Democrats propose that deals with law enforcement.

With Fox News and the conservative media screaming that violent crime is surging, that police morale has plunged and blaming Black Lives Matter for it, this almost certainly has further stiffened the GOP's willingness to fight any measure that seems to undermine police power.

Expect the GOP to play even harder on the public fear that any diminishing of police authority will

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put the public in mortal jeopardy. They will fan the public terror of violent criminals running loose in the streets.

There's more. The bill got muddled when Republicans and more than a few Democrats flatly warned that they would not support a bill that called for defunding the police.

The perception that this was the Democrats' aim was blamed for the defeat of a handful of Democrats in moderate swing

and discredit Black Lives Matter and counter any talk of police reform.

There's one even more formidable hurdle: the police themselves. Despite mountains of anti-police-abuse protests, demonstrations, civil disturbances, proposed state and congressional police reform bills and measures — and even solemn pledges by police officials and unions to crack down on abusive officers — the record still stands that cops are nearly impossible to fire or discipline, let alone prosecute.

Police unions raise tons of money from their rank and file and a wide base of outside supporters. That money and power pack a wallop.

They reward elected officials who support them and punish elected officials who make even the mildest critical remarks about abusive police practices by pumping lots

of cash into their defeat. The unions ensure that city and county budgets are bloated with funding for police operations, weaponry and massive numbers of personnel.

Police unions have been wildly successful in watering down, if not outright killing, many police reform measures in state legislatures. That includes those in even the most liberal, Democratic-controlled states, such as California.

Police unions bank that their broad general support of the public on policing guarantees that reform efforts won't go too far. Nowhere is this more telling than when it comes to prosecuting cops who blatantly overuse deadly force.

Since the conviction of former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin for murdering Floyd, a number of Blacks and Latinos have been slain by police, as usual, under questionable circumstances. It's almost as if the police are sending a hard message that the Chauvin conviction meant nothing and that we will make no change in the way we police Black and Latino communities.

As it now stands, there's no timetable for getting Senate passage of the Floyd bill. The hope is that this is not an ominous sign for the bill's fate.

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Too Much Rhetoric, Where are the Solutions?



By Terrol Perkins
Data News Weekly Contributor

I will never forget the events that transpired on May 25, 2020, when a cop named Derek Chauvin subdued George Floyd to the pavement and knelt on his neck for nine minutes and twenty-nine seconds. After that day, America stood still in disbelief and mourning. Ever since the graphic video was released of

Rodney King's brutal beating by police in 1991, the general public continues to watch atrocious misuses of police power on their television screens. Since 1991, there have been multiple cases of police brutality against African American men, such as Michael Brown and Philando Castile, but the Floyd's case resonated differently amongst many Americans, especially Black Americans. While being suffocated by Chauvin, Floyd repeatedly stated that he "couldn't breathe." The fact that he begged for Chauvin get his knee off of his neck for such a long period of time was infuriating to the bystanders and the general public. I remember weeping after watching the video of Floyd's death repeatedly on CNN. I, along with many other Americans of all races and creed were outraged. Many took to the streets to protest, which defined the summer of 2020. Not only were we living in the middle of a Pandemic, but we were also undergoing a racial reckoning which still continues today.

Although most protests were predominantly peaceful, the nights of the summer months in many

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Fraud Alert: How to Protect Yourself from COVID-19 Scams

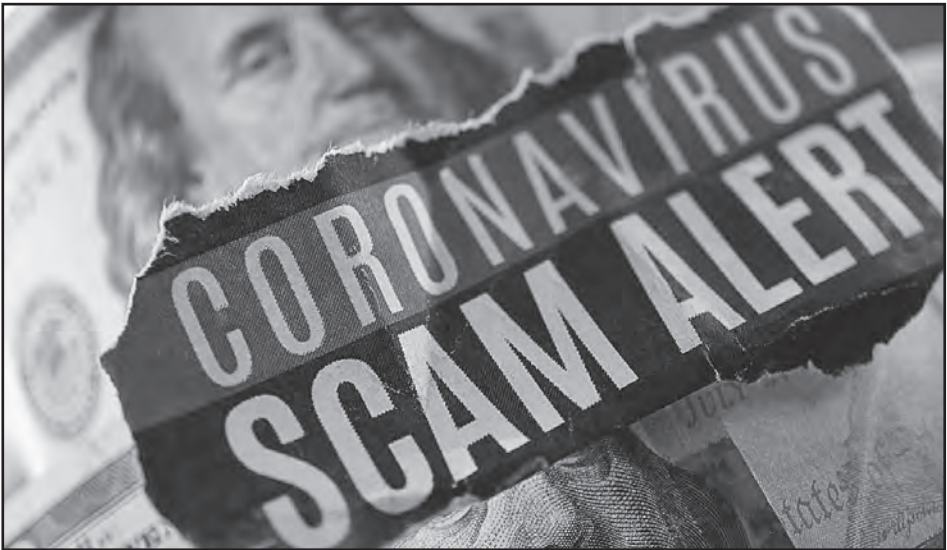
By Dena Vang,
Milwaukee Courier

As America continues to distribute COVID-19 vaccines, prioritizing and educating the most at-risk populations about vaccines is crucial to tackling the pandemic. COVID-19 has further exposed the racial and ethnic health inequities in the United States. According to a KFF report, people of color, including older adults and others on Medicare, account for disproportionate rates of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. Reaching higher vaccination rates in Black communities will play a key role in mitigating the disproportionate impacts of the virus for people of color and prevent widening racial disparities.

The increased demand for COVID-19 vaccinations in the United States, along with the need to educate various groups and communities about the vaccine, has also created opportunities for fraudulent activity. Scams related to COVID-19 have become increasingly common. Scammers are using telemarketing calls, social media, texts, and door-to-door visits for monetary gain. Seniors and those with a higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19 are being targeted in an attempt to bill Medicare for fraudulent tests and treatments and illegally collect money and Medicare numbers.

The Black Coalition Against COVID-19 (BCAC) is an organization that is keeping African Americans up-to-date on the pandemic. The BCAC has hosted several Facebook Live events to help Black Americans make informed decisions about COVID-19. During the “Making It Plain: A Town Hall on COVID-19 Vaccines for the Dedicated People Working in Aging Services,” Dr. LaShawn McIver, director of the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services Office of Minority Health, addressed the scams related to COVID-19 and how to protect seniors who are more likely to be targets of fraud.

“Medicare covers the vaccine at no cost to you,” Dr. McIver stated, “so if anyone asks you for your Medicare number to get early access to the vaccine, you can bet that that’s a



scam. Here’s what you need to know. You can’t pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine. You can’t pay to get early access to the vaccine.”

Dr. McIver assures us that even before the COVID-19 vaccine was available, Medicare payment rates were established for the vaccine administration so providers can bill Medicare immediately when the COVID-19 vaccines became available.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG), and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) are urging the public to be aware of potential indicators of fraudulent activity. Common indicators include the following:

Advertisements or offers for early access to a vaccine upon a deposit payment or fee

Requests asking an individual to pay out of pocket to obtain a vaccine or to put their name on a COVID-19 vaccine waiting list

Offers for additional medical testing when obtaining a vaccine

People offering to sell or ship doses of a vaccine in exchange for a fee

Unsolicited e-mails or phone calls from someone claiming to be from a medical office, insurance company, or COVID-19 vaccine center to determine eligibility

Advertisements for vaccines through social media platforms

“We’re asking that people please don’t share your personal or finan-

cial information if someone calls, texts, or e-mails you, promising access to the vaccine for a fee,” Dr. McIver said. “We want to be clear; you should take your red, white, and blue Medicare card with you so your insurance can be billed like with other services, but there’s no cost to you. We’ve also heard that some places are charging fees.

This should not happen. There should be no money exchanged when someone is going to get their vaccine.”

To protect yourself and your loved ones from COVID-19 scams, remember the following:

- Do not give your personal, medical, or financial information to anyone claiming to offer money or gifts in exchange for your participation in a COVID-19 vaccine survey.

- Be mindful of how you dispose of COVID-19 materials such as syringes, vials, vial container boxes, vaccination record cards, and shipment or tracking records. Improper disposal of these items could be used by bad actors to commit fraud.

- Offers to purchase COVID-19 vaccination cards are scams. Valid proof of COVID-19 vaccination can only be provided to individuals by legitimate providers administering vaccines.

- Photos of COVID-19 vaccination cards should not be shared on social media. Posting content that includes your date of birth, health care details, or other person-

ally identifiable information can be used to steal your identity.

- Be vigilant and protect yourself from potential fraud concerning COVID-19 vaccines. You will not be asked for money to enhance your ranking for vaccine eligibility. Government and state officials will not call you to obtain personal information in order to receive the vaccine.

- Beneficiaries should be cautious of unsolicited requests for their personal, medical, and financial information. Medicare will not call beneficiaries to offer COVID-19 related products, services, or benefit reviews.

- Be suspicious of any unexpected calls or visitors offering COVID-19 tests or supplies. If you receive a suspicious call, hang up immediately.

- Do not respond to or open hyperlinks in text messages about COVID-19 from unknown individuals.

- Ignore offers or advertisements on social media sites for COVID-19 testing or treatments. If you make an appointment for a COVID-19 test online, make sure the location is an official testing site.

- Do not give your personal or financial information to anyone claiming to offer HHS grants related to COVID-19.

- Be aware of scammers pretending to be COVID-19 contact tracers. Legitimate contact tracers will never ask for your Medicare number or financial information, or attempt to set up a COVID-19 test for you and collect payment information for the test.

If you suspect COVID-19 health-care fraud, report it immediately online, or call 800-HHS-TIPS (800-447-8477).

For more information about COVID-19 and upcoming events, visit the Black Coalition Against COVID-19, a key health resource for African Americans.

Black Doctor.org, the world’s largest and most comprehensive online health resource, specifically targets African Americans.

For more information about COVID-19 news, head to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

Too Much Rhetoric, Where are the Solutions?

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cities of the United States were often plagued with riots and violence. Some misguided souls thought that peacefully demonstrating wasn’t adequately enough to make the rich and powerful take notice of the racism that minorities face. My family and I never tried to condone the riots because we knew that violence is never the answer in seeking for impactful reform in our society. Yet, despite all of the protests, riots, and proposals to reform policing in this country created by Congressmen or separate organizations, a year has passed, and no tangible progress has been made to transform policing on a national scale. The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act has yet to be ratified by Congress and

both parties seem unable to come to a consensus on how to deal with police misconduct.

As I observed President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris welcome the Floyd family to the White House on the Anniversary of George’s death this year, I feel like we are at exactly the same place we were a year ago: all talk but no results. However, I remain optimistic, I have faith that our leaders will overcome petty partisan squabbles, pass tangible and reasonable police reform to protect Black and brown communities, so we won’t have to live through another George Floyd incident.

The post Too Much Rhetoric, Where are the Solutions? appeared first on New Orleans Data News Weekly.



OHFA Provides Financial Help for Housing

Affordable Housing Developments Facing Overwhelming Construction Costs

Submitted

The Ohio Housing Finance Agency Board unanimously approved a new policy providing financial assistance to affordable housing developments facing construction cost overruns due to escalating prices of lumber and other material and supplies.

Developers awarded housing tax credits in 2019 and 2020 may request up to \$100,000 in additional tax credits and up to \$1 million in additional Housing Development Loan funding. Property owners claim tax credits over a 10-year period to help offset the costs associated with construction or rehabilitation of a housing development.

Requests for additional funding must outline how specific cost overruns relate directly to increased material and supplies and have negatively affected construction timelines. Funding

is limited and will be provided to applicants first come, first served.

Generally, housing construction can take up to 24 months from award to project completion. Awardees from 2019 and 2020 fall within that time frame. Seventy-one developments were awarded credits in those years with plans for 4,273 units across the state for seniors, families, at-risk youth, formerly homeless individuals and other Ohioans.

In other business, the Board also unanimously voted and approved Shawn Smith as the Agency's permanent Executive Director, effective immediately.

Smith has served as Interim Executive Director for the past year, leading the Agency through the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic while working to remain focused on fulfilling the Agency's mission, retain staff engagement and morale, and maintain positive relationships

with OHFA's many partners and stakeholders.

During the earliest stages of the pandemic, Smith and the Board approved using Agency resources to provide nearly \$10 million in critical financial support to the state's homeless shelters and service providers, the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio and other housing-related organizations focused on vulnerable Ohioans at risk of contracting COVID-19.

In subsequent months, Smith's focus has included standardizing policies and procedures, promoting staff focus groups, and furthering the agency's diversity and inclusion efforts.

Smith came to OHFA in 2019 after nearly two decades in governmental accounting and public finance. Most recently, he served as Chief Operating Officer at the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission.

'Celebration of us'

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and Navaeh Smith, 17, showcased their horse riding skills.

Although only 17, Navaeh has been riding horses for 10 years and Tavion has been riding all his life. Both, with ease and no fear stood up in the saddle as onlookers snapped pictures. And Tavion, who owns his own horse stable and trains horses professional-

“All of these accomplishments needed to be celebrated and this was the day to celebrate them.”

ly, had his horse, during the parade, perform a rack, which is a type of dance. Even the other horsemen, who were much older than Tavion, pointed to him as being the expert rider.

“All of these accomplishments needed to be celebrated and this was the day to celebrate them,” Alexicia Smith said.

What I Resent

By June Boyd
Wire Writer

By the time this editorial is published, hopefully you have seen “Dreamland”, the CNN film produced by LaBron James and Maverick Carter, it is the tragic story of the Tulsa race massacre that took place on May 31st and June 1st, 1921. Mobs of white residents, many of them deputized and given weapons by city officials, attacked the black residents and businesses of the Greenwood district in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It was one of the worst single acts of racial violence in United States history. It was a 24 hour period. Many of us had never heard of this act. I resent, as I am sure many others do also, the likes of Marjorie Taylor Greene of the U.S. Congress.

Ms. Greene has a nasty habit of harassing people who do not agree with her; she has been busy harassing students from the Parkland shooting relative to gun control; and a couple of her fellow congressmen for supporting the Black Lives Matter movement, and has the gaul to place emphasis on rioting and looting linking them to the foregoing.

LET US GET ON LEVEL GROUND.The main reason I resent Ms. Greene and her supporters is that African Americans have never invaded a town such as Tulsa, Oklahoma and murdered at least 300 people for no reason maybe other than jealousy; African Americans have never lynched anyone and hung them to a tree; they have never forced dogs and sprayed water hoses

on anyone; they have never assassinated Presidents, Abraham Lincoln and John Kennedy; or leaders such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Robert Kennedy and Medger Evers; they have never murdered anyone just for marching for the right to vote, or bombed a church killing four innocent little girls. More recent, African Americans do not place a knee on someone's neck until they are dead, or raid the U.S. capitol leading to the death of three policeman and injuring at 140 of them in attempting to overthrow the results of an election.

Unfortunately, there are too many Marjorie Taylor Greene's in Washington, along with her followers. Can they not see what we have seen?

A rude awakening has existed; as a child growing up, I was not even aware of so many atrocities. In the south, my birthplace, my Mother told me of lynchings as I got older; however, with a young heart, it was hard to understand the evil. I understand fully now, and the reality has come to light. There is another question? Is it possible that some of the white supremacists have invaded the cities during the protests and began rioting and looting in order to blame the Black Lives Matter Movement protests? It is possible, there definitely needs to be an investigation. Whatever the circumstance, and not to condone rioting and looting, but it is nothing compared to the history of violence and murder we know.

Our African American brothers and sisters, We the People, may not be perfect, but generally protesting because of the many injustices facing our people and communities. The one point I would like to make is we must stop killing each other; that madness is not in our DNA. Concentrate on the reality that

Black Lives do Matter, and do not destroy the value of life.

The solution: Get a quality education; demand it; get a career or a job or a skilled trade, register to vote and vote. I am sure by now, we have all realized the power of the vote of black and brown people. The current Voter Suppression laws being implemented by many Republican leaders across this country is proof that they fear our vote. The major power we have, and it must not stop. If this country is to thrive on brotherhood and love, the good people in the Republican party can work with the Democrats and get rid of the Qanons, the conspiracy theorists, the liars, and those who do not believe that all men and women are created equal.

As for Marjorie Taylor Greene, she is a loose canon, and an embarrassment to her constituents, her fellow congressmen and the world. She needs to be removed from office.

When we as fellow Americans can walk hand in hand, disallow the conspirators, recognize the real terrorists, be truthful and proclaim, We Shall Overcome, I Rise, and we will survive.



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Union Army actors representing the 5th USCT, United States Colored Troops, Company C. From left are, Clark Morgan, portraying Sgt. Major, Milton Murry Holland, and Jim Proctor and Lee Randles.



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Alexicia Smith and David Ross said they envisioned a celebration just as big as the Fourth of July; Juneteeth 2021 didn't disappoint.

Art, business expo offers holistic Relief to various problems

By Jury Taalib-Deen
Journal Staff Writer

After 15 months of quarantine, due to Covid-19, the Holistic Hands Wellness Gallery, Inc, held an outdoor art and business expo that focused on various types of artistic expressions that aim to bring a peace of mind. Held on Saturday, June 19th adjacent to the University of Toledo, the non-profit organization gathered some of Toledo's hidden gems in



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The art and business expo, gave the community the opportunity to showcase their talents after 15 months of quarantine, due to Covid-19.



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Toni Quinn, left organizer of the event and Lesley Baker Bowen, director of Holistic Hands Wellness Gallery, Inc, with boxes created by artists presenting at the event.

the world of artistic expression. Toni Quinn, event organizer, told The Toledo Journal that the purpose of the event was to give artists and business owners a venue to showcase their talents, as well as products. "Besides today being a beautiful day, it's also Juneteenth, which makes it even better," she said. There was also a contest in which artists would compete to see



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From left, Lesley Baker Bowen, director of Holistic Hands Wellness Gallery, Inc, Simone Spruce, Judges Pick winner, Wendy Natan, Thematic Award winner, Holly Monsos, Geri Woodson, People's Choice Award winner, and Toni Quinn, event organizer.

who could have the most decorative box. The top three winners would be crowned with the Judges Pick Award, the People's Choice Award and Thematic Award. Simone Spruce was awarded with the Judges Pick Award. The People's Choice Award was won by Geri Woodson and the Thematic Award went to Wendy Nathan. Lesley Baker Bowen, director of Holistic Hands Wellness Gallery, Inc, said they attempt to make holistic wellness accessible to everyone. The organization works with the University of To-

ledo nursing students to offer a host of services, some of which include massage therapy, yoga, group fitness, meditation classes and much more. In addition, they seek to provide safe outlets and therapies via artistic expression.



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Ending Virtual-School Oppression: Black Students Disproportionately Punished for Harmless Behavior at Home During Zoom Classes

Special to the Trice Edney
News Wire from the
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(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Isaiah Elliott was suspended from seventh grade for holding a toy gun in an on-line art class.

Ka'Mauri Harrison, 9, faced nearly two weeks of suspension for picking up a BB gun in his own bedroom – after his brother had tripped over it.

A 15-year-old girl was incarcerated for not doing her homework,

which violated her parole.

All three students have at least three things in common: They were punished for normal childhood behavior, they were in their own homes at the time of their petty offenses,



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and they are all Black.

As Black students shifted from the classroom to online learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, harsher disciplinary measures that had been carried out against them at school followed them home.

“Zoom suspensions followed similar patterns to in-person classroom management tactics that feed Black students into the school-to-prison pipeline,” Cory Collins, a senior writer for the Southern Poverty Law Center’s Learning for Justice program, points out in his story “It Was Always About Control.” The story is featured in the lat-

est edition of Teaching Tolerance magazine, a publication of Learning for Justice.

Prisons and schools have much in common, says Dr. David Stovall, a professor of Black studies, criminology, law and justice at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Hallway protocols, restrictive bathroom policies, surveillance cameras and metal detectors can be found in both places.

“It’s something a little more insidious” than the school-to-prison pipeline, Stovall says, arguing that students “are reminded based on the discipline and curriculum policies that they’re in a de facto prison in those spaces.”

It’s a particularly acute problem for Black students.

Nationally, Black students are nearly four times as likely to face suspension as white students, according to an analysis of public data by ProPublica. In Wisconsin, they are 7.5 times as likely as white students to face suspension, and roughly six times as likely in Minnesota and Connecticut.

In fact, Black students were overrepresented in every punishment measure that was evaluated in a 2018 analysis by the U.S. Government Accountability Office, regardless of poverty level or type of school.

Whether students are learning at a distance or in person, punitive policies are harming them, Collins writes, citing academic

experts and civil rights advocates. Instead, schools across the country should take a systematic approach to undoing structures that rely on compliance and punitive discipline rather than students’ learning and overall well-being.

“It’s a pathway that is sadly well-worn and very visible,” says Miriam Rollin, the director of the Education Civil Rights Alliance, which was convened by the National Center for Youth Law. “Our system is failing kids, and we need to hold that system accountable.”

Dr. Nataki Gregory, CEO of CT3, an organization that provides training focused on relationship building and student engagement with a view to higher achievement, instructs school leaders to consider who benefits from a policy and who is harmed by it.

“Because the truth is there are some of these policies that just make zero sense and have nothing to do with learning,” she says. “It’s really just about compliance or oppression. And if that’s what you’re trying to bring into the school, then you have the wrong focus.”

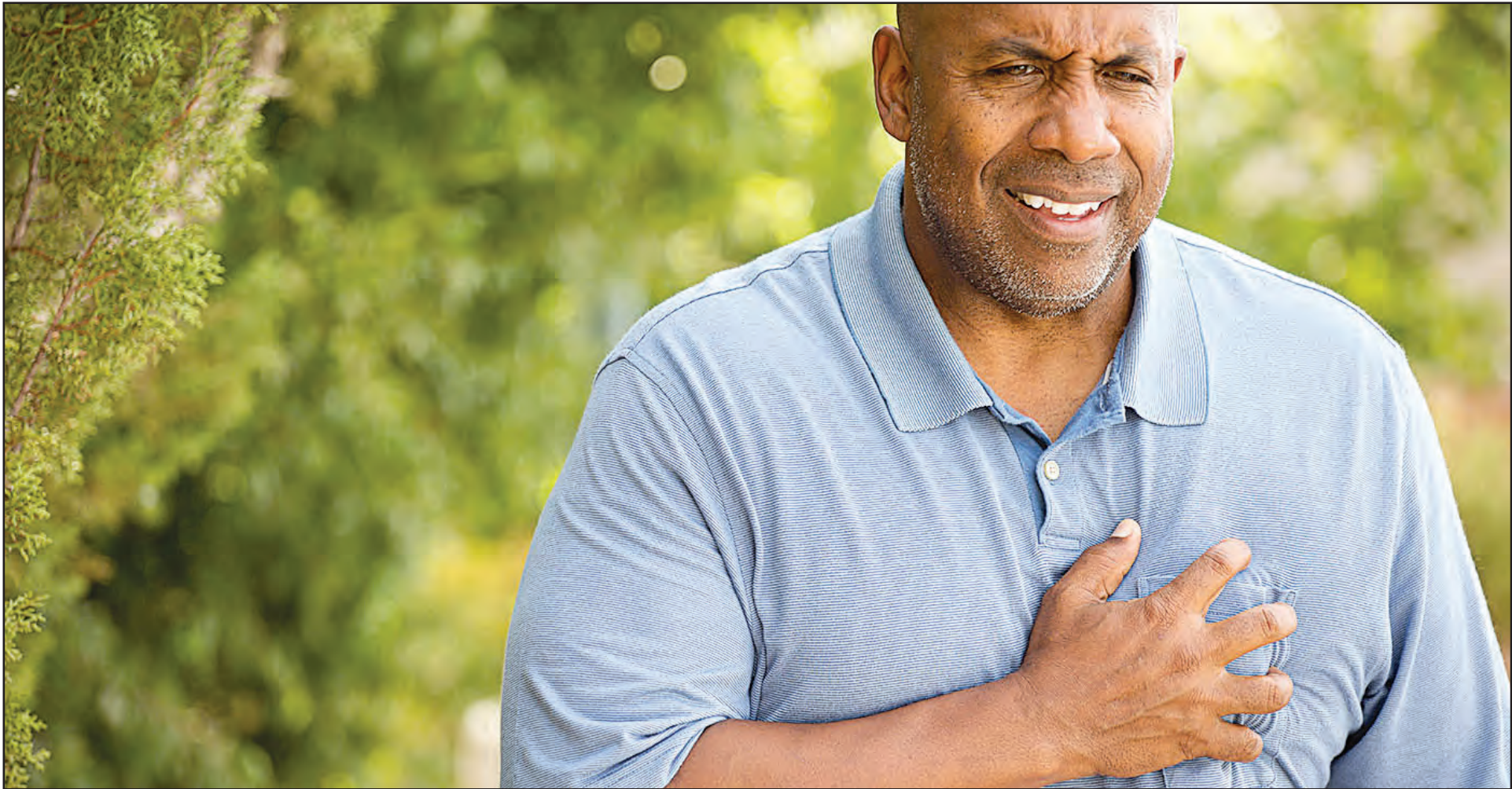
Collins wrote: “Before a Colorado school suspended Isaiah Elliott for holding a toy gun, they sent a police officer to his home. ‘You put his life in jeopardy,’ his mother said to the school – a school that had followed its systems and policies exactly as designed.”

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Dr. Kevin Williams Issues Caution to African Americans About Rare Heart Disease

By Stacy M. Brown,
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It was less than four years ago that Pfizer Rare Disease teamed with the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) to assess the awareness of sickle cell disease, the challenges of living with it, and the importance of clinical trial participation. The partnership between the pharmaceutical giant and the NNPA, which represents the Black Press of America, resulted in conducting polls and helping researchers succeed in developing potential new treatments.

With the most recent collaboration between Pfizer Rare Disease and the Black Press, the organizations embarked on a mission to educate and raise awareness of transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy – or ATTR-CM. “ATTR-CM is a rare, life-threatening, under-recognized, and underdiagnosed type of amyloidosis that affects the heart and it is associated with heart failure,” Dr. Kevin Williams, Pfizer Rare Disease chief medical officer, told the NNPA in a live interview.

“The disease disproportionately affects African Americans,” Dr. Williams maintained.

He said underdiagnosed genetic mutation in African Americans carries an increased risk for heart failure.

“A genetic variant called V122I could lead to a higher risk of hered-

ity transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy, which is caused by a buildup of protein in the heart,” Dr. Williams continued.

A concern about ATTR-CM is that it remains challenging to diagnose.

“It’s vital that patients act as their best advocates,” Dr. Williams decided.

“ATTR-CM could be building for years before doctors notice the obvious signs.”

Pointing out that detailed information about ATTR-CM could be found on the website, yourheartsmesssage.com, Dr. Williams noted what happens to cause the disease.

He said the liver produces transthyretin, a transport protein carrying the hormone thyroxine and vitamin A through the bloodstream.

When an individual has ATTR-CM because of aging or an inherited genetic variant, the protein becomes unstable and misfolds.

When the disease is caused by aging, it’s called wild-type. When it’s an inherited genetic

variant, it’s hereditary.

Over time, the misfolds proteins join and build up in the body, including in the heart, which causes the muscle to stiffen. That leads to heart failure, Dr. Williams noted.

While the wild-type ATTR-CM is associated with aging, the hereditary form is caused by a change in a gene.

It is passed down from a relative.

However, Dr. Williams cautioned that more than 120 known mutations cause hereditary ATTR-CM, with the most common mutation in America being V122I.

That mutation almost exclusively affects African Americans, Dr. Williams said.

“About 3-to-4-percent of the African American population are thought to be carriers of the mutation,” Dr. Williams stated.

“We know Black people experience higher rates of heart disease than anyone in the United States,” he continued.

“It is really important for Black people who are experiencing any unresolved symptoms related

to heart disease or those who have a family history or are diagnosed with any

heart disease to talk with their doctors. Ask them about ATTR-CM because

not all physicians have a full understanding of this disease.”

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Why Did Jesus Say That A Prophet Has No Honor In His Own Country?

By Carey Kinsolving & Friends
Wire Writer

“They knew Jesus when he was a kid. They just said, ‘Hi Jesus,’ but they didn’t know he was God,” says Stacey, 6.

It’s hard to talk with people who have known you for a long time, especially about spiritual matters. They think they know you. In most cases, they’re right, but not with Jesus.

When Jesus taught in his hometown synagogue at Nazareth, those in attendance said, “Where did this Man get these things?” (Mark 6:2). The Bible says they were both astonished and offended. They saw Jesus heal people, but they couldn’t get past the fact that they knew his mother, brothers and sisters. After all, Jesus was only a carpenter. He didn’t have the proper academic or religious credentials.

Be careful about despising the ordinary. Remember how God spoke to Moses for the first time? He used a burning bush. In God’s hands, something ordinary can become extraordinary. In Pharaoh’s court, the common staff Moses carried miraculously became a snake.

When the prophet Samuel traveled to anoint a new king for Israel, he thought Jesse’s oldest son would be God’s choice.

“But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart’” (1 Samuel 16:7).

The Lord chose a shepherd boy attending his father’s sheep. Furthermore, David was the least likely choice in a society that favored eldest sons. He was the youngest

The Hebrew prophets foretold where Jesus would be born (Bethlehem), the lineage of his birth (David’s offspring) and the sufferings he would endure for our sins (Isaiah 53:6). How ironic that the one foretold by the prophets would have no honor among his own people.

“The people kept waiting for a prophet to come, but there he was right in front of them,” says Julia, 7.

At our own peril, we ignore people and things that are right in front of us. Are you someone who thinks that you would have been right there following Jesus if you had seen the miracles he performed and heard the messages he preached?

It’s easy to imagine what you would have done if you had lived in Jesus’ time. Although Jesus isn’t physically present on Earth today, we do have a reliable record of his ministry. We have access to the Bible, Bible commentaries and inspirational books in abundance.

Think about this: Christians can honor Christ today by witnessing to the power of God’s saving grace and teaching others how to allow Christ to live through them.

Memorize this truth: “For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country” (John 4:44).

Ask this question: **How can you honor Jesus Christ today?**


son. God seems to delight in taking the least likely route.

Jesus didn’t come into this world with great fanfare as most would expect of the Messiah. The place where he lived, Nazareth, was small and unimportant. The profession he chose, carpentry, didn’t impress.

“Isaiah 53 shows that Jesus had been expecting this all along,” says Nathaniel, 9: “He is despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from him; he was despised, and we did not esteem him” (Isaiah 53:3).

The Old Testament is full of prophecies about the Messiah.

“ They knew Jesus when he was a kid. They just said, ‘Hi Jesus,’ but they didn’t know he was God. (Stacey age 6) ”



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Kristen Clarke, First Black woman to lead Civil Rights Division

Historic Justice Department Appointment Signals Hope for Black America

By Charlene Crowell
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - In recent years, many people of different races and ethnicities have fought against rollbacks to hard-won racial progress. From health disparities exposed in the COVID-19 pandemic, to voting rights, criminal justice, fair housing, and more, much of Black America has suffered in ways that harkened back to Jim Crow and its separate, but never equal status.

But since a new Administration began this January, there have been a series of hopeful signs that regressive and harmful practices will be challenged in the name of justice. On May 25, the U.S. Senate confirmed Kristen Clarke as the Justice Department's Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. Never before has a Black woman led this division that guides the federal government's commitment to civil rights for all.

Nominated by President Joe Biden on January 7, his remarks noted both its significance and opportunity.

"The Civil Rights Division represents the moral center of the Department of Justice. And the heart of that fundamental American ideal that we're all created equal and all deserve to be treated equally," said President Biden. "I'm honored you accepted the call to return to make real the promise for all Americans."

Soon thereafter, a tsunami of support for Clarke's confirmation exposed national and diverse support for her service. The list of supporters included labor unions, environmental activists, law enforcement officials, along with legal colleagues and civil rights leaders.

Perhaps one of the earliest and most poignant expressions came from the son of the nation's first Black Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Thurgood Marshall. Penned on behalf of his family, the February 9 letter to U.S. Senate leadership drew a key historic connection.

"Ms. Clarke is a pathbreaking lawyer, like my father, who built her career advancing civil rights and equal justice under the law, and breaking barriers through her leadership for people of color while making our nation better for everyone," wrote Mr. Marshall.

His letter also shared an eye-opening example of Ms.



Kristen Clarke, assistant attorney general for civil rights, U. S. Department of Justice

Clarke's groundbreaking work in civil rights. "Ms. Clarke has successfully utilized the law as a vehicle for advancing equality, as my father did. For example, she successfully represented Taylor Dumpson, who was targeted for a hate crime after her election as American University's first female Black student body president."

Similarly, the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, the NAACP, advised Senate leadership before its scheduled confirmation hearing of its support for Ms. Clarke as well.

On April 12, Derrick Johnson, its President and CEO wrote, "The NAACP believes that Ms. Clarke is exceptionally suited to oversee the Civil Rights Division at a time when people of color have suffered devastating harm at the hands of law enforcement. She is the leader we need to ensure local

Rights Under Law, Ms. Clarke has been an important partner working to curb predatory lending and in the fight for fair housing, including campaigns to stop the debt trap of payday lending and efforts to protect important fair housing/lending rules, noted Niki-tra Bailey, an EVP with the Center for Responsible Lending. "Ms. Clarke's experience as a Justice Department lawyer and as executive director of a leading civil rights organization not only qualifies her, but makes her the best candidate for this urgently needed position."

The vote was taken mid afternoon on Tuesday was 51-48 along party lines. Sen. Susan Collins of Maine was the only Republican to vote for her confirma-

tion. Black women-led and civil rights organizations, including People for the American Way, had fought vehemently for her confirmation alongside the April 21 confirmation of Vanita Gupta as associate attorney general. Gupta is Indian-American.

"These women are ready to make change happen—the change we voted for," wrote People for the American Way President Ben Jealous, in a column. "They represent the kind of inclusive multiracial and multiethnic society we are building together—and the Biden-Harris administration's commitment to building one of the most diverse governing teams in our nation's history." The vote by the Senate comes during an escalation of hate crimes, visible police killings of Black people and voting rights attacks by state legislatures across the nation.

"Kristen is very experienced in dealing with these issues and how to overcome them," said Dr. Mary Frances Berry, professor of American social thought, history and Africana studies at the University of Pennsylvania. "With the legislation being passed in the states to implement more voter suppression, she will be on the cutting edge of finding ways to try and keep it from happening."

Ms. Clarke's legal career takes on even more significance when one considers that this daughter of Jamaican immigrants grew up in Brooklyn New York's public housing. Although financial resources were limited; the family's teachings of discipline and hard work were not. From public schools, her collegiate studies took her to the prestigious

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June 29, 1886: James VanDerZee, photographer is born.

June 24, 1936: Mary McLeod Bethune, founder-president of Bethune-Cookman College, named director of Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration.

June 27, 1939: F.M. Jones patents ticket dispenser.

June 23, 1958: Dr. King, along with Roy Wilkins of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), A. Philip Randolph and Lester Granger meet with U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

June 24, 1960: Dr. King meets with U.S. presidential candidate John F. Kennedy about issues pertaining to race.

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Request for qualifications for services relating to the design of a Wetland Restoration and Nutrient-Reduction project for the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority

The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority (TLCPA) in partnership with the City of Toledo (COT) and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), is seeking a qualified consulting and engineering firm to provide professional planning, engineering, and design services in connection with the Clark Island Wetland Restoration and Nutrient Reduction project. These services are to be provided in connection with the H2Ohio Grant agreement between the TLCPA and ODNR. This project involves the restoration of Clark Island and Delaware Horseshoe Island and Incorporates flow-through wetland components that will provide significant nutrient reduction and water quality benefits within the Maumee River. The total project budget is approximately \$585,000.00. The targeted design completion date is December 31, 2022.

The required format for the proposal to be submitted to the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority is described in detail in the full copy of the Request for Qualifications, and is available by either (1) emailing Tina Perkins at Tperkins@Toledoport.org or (2) visiting the Port Authority's website at <https://www.toledoport.org/projects/public-notice/>. Proposals are due no later than 1:00 p.m. (local time), Friday, July 9, 2021.

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services administrator, Educator, wife of Malcolm X dies.

June 24, 2013: U.S. Supreme Court affirms the educational benefits of diversity on college and university campuses,allowing institutions to continue considering race and ethnicity as a factor in the admissions process as long as they prove that available, workable race-neutral alternatives do not suffice before considering race.

June 25, 2013: U.S. Supreme Court rules that part of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 is unconstitutional in its current form, freeing nine states, mostly in the South, to change their election laws without prior federal approval.

Coming Events

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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

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Toledo Lucas County Public Library Outdoor Games

Visit any library locations to try some fun outdoor games, including Mini frisbee golf, outdoor bowling, ring toss, tic tac toe, scavenger hunts and more. Some games rotate to various locations and may not be available during your visit. All summer, all ages, FREE. Any Library Location, during library hours toledolibrary.org.

Toledo School for the Arts Hip Hop Camp

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Lucas County has FY20 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance grant (JAG) funds available for local projects. Interested applicants can download forms and instructions from www.lucascountycjcc.org. Applications must be submitted by July 20 at 4:00 p.m.

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June 29-July 1, Wilson Park, 10-11am
Registration: toledo.oh.gov/summer

Toledo Lucas County Public Library Learning Kits

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“Metro Beet”, an Urban Farm and Community Garden Tours

Join local gardening organizations and enthusiasts on the Metro Beet, a self-guided tour of urban farms and community gardens in the Metro-Toledo region. Tours will take place the weekends of July 9-10, and August 13-14. Fri 5-8pm & Sat 10am-2pm, The 2021 Metro Beet Urban Farm and Community arden tour is sponsored by a coalition of organizations that support and promote gardening, framing, and local foods. A map of participating urban fram and community hardens on the tour can be found at tinyurl.com/MetroBeet2021Facebook.

City of Toledo Independence Day Fireworks Scheduled for July 2

The City of Toledo's Independence Day fireworks will occur downtown over the Maumee River on Friday, July 2.

Free Disposal Day at Hoffman Road Landfill and Free Engage Toledo Drop Of Refuse and Recycling

The Hoffman Road Landfill will be open for free disposal to city residents from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday. The other free landfill disposal days this year are July 10, Aug. 7, Sept. 11, Oct. 23, and Nov. 27 - A list of materials that will not be accepted on free landfill days, and those that will be accepted for a fee, can be found at "<https://toledo.oh.gov/events/hoffman-road-landfill-free-disposal-day>" \n _blank this link.Residents may call Engage Toledo at 419-936-2020 or visit our website,www.toledo.oh.gov/" for more information. The free Engage Toledo Drop Off Refuse and Recycling event will be:

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 26 at Start High School, 2010 Tremainsville Rd.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 10 at Keyser Elementary, 3900 Hill Ave.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 17 at Whitmer High School, 5601 Clegg Dr.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 24 at Manhattan Plaza,†553 East Manhattan Blvd.\

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 31 at Friendship Park, 2930 131 St.

Monroe Street Church and Neighborhood Center Freedom School

During this Free program, young scholars will spend six weeks participating in reading classes taught by local college students. We partnered with local organizations to provide enrichment activities in addition to reading. Children will enjoy gardening, singing, dancing, acting, Tai Chi, cardio drumming, swimming, cooking, art, and local field trips. Kids also will receive a healthy breakfast and a healthy lunch at no cost each day. In order to make the program as successful as possible, we ask parents to volunteer in the classroom and attend a weekly workshop. Now-July 23, 8am-3:30pm, FREE. Registration: call 419-473-1167, Ext. 213

The Padua Center

Featured Summer Camps

Once again this summer The Padua Center will offer a variety of summer camps. During the week of June 21-25 the campers will participate in a MetroParks sponsored camp. Daily trips to Pearson park will give the youth a chance to do hands-on science projects, pond study, canoeing, and much more. From July 5-9 the campers will participate in a Peace Camp. They will learn how to achieve peace within and make peace with others. Learning Yoga will be a fun part of this week. Of course, each summer we offer Vacation Bible School.This summer VBS will be July 19--23. The campers will study animals, relate them to Bible Stories, do activities and develop a way to raise \$20 to buy a flock of chickens for a Third World Country. A Gardening Camp - Padua Potters - will also be conducted from July 12-16. Other camps will focus on racism. For details please call Avery Cooper at The Padua Center 419-241-6465.

The Arts Commission Launches The Momentum Festival Mural Project Call for Artists

The Arts Commission of Greater Toledo's Art in Public Places Program is soliciting qualifications from artists who specialize in producing large-scale murals to beautify sections of Water St and the Downtown Toledo concoure tunnel system as part of the fifth year of the Momentum Festival. 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. For further information, please contact Jesse Heider-Ayling, Art in Public at 419-254-2787, Ex. 1020 or at jayling@theartsscommission.org.

Free Summer Jazz in the Park Series

Students fromToledo School for the Arts will perform for residents in smaller neighborhood parks for the jazz series. Smaller parks were selected to encourage use and neighbor interaction. The students will be compensated for their time as part of the city's summer youth employment program. Special guests will join the students for the performances. All of the Jazz in the Park shows will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., weather permitting. The shows scheduled this summer are:

- June 24 at Birmingham Park
- July 1 at Oakdale Park
- July 2 at Asbury Park
- July 8 at Copeland Park
- July 15 at Drummond Woods Park
- July 29 at Friendship Park
- Aug. 5 at Sleepy Hollow Park
- Aug. 12 at Junction Park

June 23rd

NAACP Toledo Branch 1st Job Fair 2021

Wednesday, Noon - 5:00 p.m. Mott Branch Library 1010 Dorr Street, Toledo, OH 43607. Hiring: Corrections Officers, Fire Fighters, Teachers, Social Workers, Nurses (RN, LPN, & STNA). Services: Covid-19 Vaccine, Narcan Training, Resource Agencies, Gift Card Giveaways. President Rev. Dr. W.L. Perryman Jr. www.naacptoledo.org

June 23rd

Performing Arts (Dance, Music, Theatre)

Wednesday, 12pm-2pm, all ages, FREE

Smith Park, 910 Dorr St.

3pm-5pm, all ages, FREE

Navarre Park, 1001 White St.

Registration: Walk-up

June 24th

Movies in the Park Sand Lot

Thursday, 7:30pm-11:00pm, all ages, FREE

Walbridge Park, 2761 Broadway St.

June 26th

Toledo Lucas County Public

Library Tales and Tails Tour With the Toledo Zoo

Tour an animal exhibit to visit animals featured in famous stories and work together to create our own amazing animal story.Saturday, 9:30am-10am, ages 6-10, FREE Online Programs: YouTubetoledolibrary.org



FILM REVIEW: Tina



LONDON – 1990: Singer Tina Turner performs live on stage at Wembley Stadium.

PHOTO CREDIT / DAVE HOGAN / GETTY IMAGES

By Dwight Brown,
NNPA Newswire Film Critic

She's like an eternal flame. Can't remember when she wasn't around. Can't imagine life without her. That's the magic that some music legends can create. They get people to think about them in the past, present and future. The here, now and always.

Tina Turner's journey into the world of professional music began in 1957 when she, as Anna Mae Bullock, became the star singer with the Ike Turner's Kings of Rhythm band. The 1960 hit song "A Fool in Love" and a name change to Tina Turner kickstarted her on the road to fame and formed her persona as the "Queen of Rock 'n' Roll." In this fairly comprehensive 118-minute tribute by directors Dan Lindsay and T.J. Martin, Turner, in her own words, describes various pivotal epochs in her life and career. Confessions, revelations, setbacks and breakthroughs.

Yes, Angela Bassett, Oprah Winfrey, MTV's Kurt Loder and her manager Roger Davies appear and recollect their interactions too. Rare footage, audio tapes (a pivotal 1981 interview with People magazine), personal photos and new interviews abound. But no one and nothing leaves a stronger impression than the reflective 79-year-old Turner reminiscing and explaining the pitfalls and rewards of her stardom: "The goodness did not balance out the bad."

Measured, thoughtful and determined to tell her story, she goes back to that fateful time, meeting the brilliant, troubled musician/showman Ike Turner and being enthralled then dismayed: "I was 17-years-old. I was young, naïve." Once the floodgates open, it all comes back to her. The live shows, recording studios, lkettes and physical and emotional trauma. Then fleeing her husband, reviving her career, working in nightclubs and dreaming of filling rock stadiums one day. The hardest memories to express are the times with Ike. Though, once the world could see how much she'd suffered and transcended, that scenario became part of her branding, like it or not. A blessing and a curse.

The good part is that music fans and everyday people related to her courageous story. The trouble is that mentioning the bad times retraumatized her. She thought she could abolish that part of her PTSD by revealing it all in her 1986 bestseller I, Tina: My Life Story, co-written with Loder. It had the opposite effect. The bio fueled even more attention towards the nightmarish parts of her life. The 1993 film What's Love Got to Do With It, which earned Oscar noms and \$56M at the box office, continued to hold that same spotlight on her.

In 2019 as she sits in a chateau in Zurich, Switzerland, with her attentive husband Erwin Bach never far away, she displays a calm and wisdom that people reach as they face life's last

chapter. Proud about the Grammys and huge stadium performances, like the 1988 concert at Rio de Janeiro's enormous Maracanã soccer stadium for 180,000+ fans. Satisfied with her 1985 performance in Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome, which shows her dexterity as an artist.

Listening to her personal anecdotes and seeing how she has gracefully aged is like sitting at the feet of a great aunt waiting breathlessly for her to retell her life stories. She may tire of the exercise, but her fans will not. And hearing one more time how the denial of love from her mom, dad and Ike made her look for love as a performing artist never gets old.

As a life album, the choices in timing, content and emphasis by editors Taryn Gould and Carter Gunn with T.J. Martin are beyond question. Their pacing is so rhythmic two hours+ go by in a flash. The musical score by Danny Bensie and Saunder Jurriaans (The White Tiger) adds the right amount of verve to the playlist of Turner's hits. Credit cinematographers Dimitri Karakatsanis and Megan Stacey for filming Turner with a regal lighting that makes her look like a queen on a throne. Kudos to directors Lindsay and Martin for showing a certain reverence for their subject. They may not ask the hardest questions or delve into the subject of Ike enough for audiences to figure out why he was so abusive and if he had regrets. Yet,

they find ways to get their heroine to open up just enough about her troubles, achievements and her peace of mind.

In-between the memories and testimonies, a parade of songs and extraordinary performances keep the footage vibrant. "Proud Mary," "River Deep Mountain High" and "Nutbush City Limits." "Let's Stay Together," "Private Dancer," "We Don't Need Another Hero." It's all on her jukebox. If there is one song/performance that is missing, it's her obscure but brilliant, moody interpretation of Joni Mitchell's classic "Edith and the Kingpin." Her jazzy, earthy rendition is on Herbie Hancock's 2007 Grammy-winning album "River: The Joni Letters." Turner's smokey, raspy voice was made for jazz, though she used it for rock, pop, R&B and soul. Listening to this particular vocal makes you wonder why she didn't record a jazz album as a fitting coda to a wondrous career.

If Tina Turner needs any further proof that she is truly loved—besides records sales, bestselling books and throngs of concert goers—she will likely get more verification when her fans and curiosity seekers will tune in by the droves to HBO for this retrospective. A touching evocative diary that chronicles Turners' past and present and cements her legacy.

Visit NNPA Newswire Film Critic Dwight Brown at DwightBrownlnk.com and BlackPressUSA.com.

Oprah opens up about being raped by cousin as a child

By Terry Shropshire
Wire Writer

More than 50 years after Oprah Winfrey suffered childhood trauma from being raped by her cousin, she still breaks down in tears at the harrowing memory.

Winfrey, 67, went into detail over that excruciating chapter in her life in the Apple+ show "The Me You Can't See" that focuses on mental health.

"At nine and 10 and 11 and 12 years old, I was raped by my 19-year-old cousin," she said, according to USA Today. "I didn't know what rape was. I



certainly wasn't aware of the word. I had no idea what sex was, I had no idea where ba-

bies came from, I didn't even know what was happening to me," she said on the show.

"It's just something I accepted," she said, adding that the episode taught her "that a

girl child ain't safe in a world full of men."

"The telling of the story, the being able to say out loud, 'This is what happened to me,' is crucial."

Winfrey first publicly revealed she was raped as a teen back in 1986 on her groundbreaking eponymous talk show. She has never named her accuser.

"For the longest time, I carried this burden around with me and was afraid to tell anybody because I thought it was my fault," Winfrey told the New York Times later that year.

Winfrey also revealed that she was physically

abused at the hands of her grandmother. "It is because I was raised poor, and no running water, and going to the well, and getting whippings that I have such compassion for people who have experienced it," she told the "Today" show recently.

"It has given me a broader understanding," Winfrey continued, "and a deeper appreciation for every little and big thing that I now have."

The post Oprah opens up about being raped by cousin as a child (video) appeared first on Rolling Out.

AALP Celebrates Juneteenth 2021

Honors The 100-Year Anniversary Of The Negro Baseball League and Its Toledo Connection

By Michael Daniels
Journal Staff Writer

For those blacks, who've stepped out on their own and didn't live in Texas and researched their history in America, along with some college students, who were fortunate enough to have black studies at their school, the Juneteenth Holiday is old news. However, in everyday American life, a large majority of Americans had never heard of Juneteenth until after the death of George Floyd. Suddenly, the Juneteenth Holiday jumped into the American history book and took its rightful place. Accordingly, our current President Joe Biden, just recently made



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Baseball sports fan Prentice Anderson shows off his original Negro Baseball League jacket he plans to donate to the AALP. At the 2021 Juneteenth program.

the Juneteenth Holiday an official America Federal holiday. This year Toledo's the African-American Legacy Project of Northwest Ohio (AALP) decided to celebrate Saturday, June 19, Juneteenth 2021 by remembering another part of American's forgotten history, The Negro Baseball League. The Negro Baseball League came into existence because white major leagues would not hire black athletes to play on their teams. Therefore, black players formed their own teams and competed against each other until 1920 when the official Negro Baseball League was established. The Negro Baseball League flourished for a decade and enjoyed great success until the start of the Great Depression in 1929, after which ticket sales collapsed and the league met its inevitable demise over time. However, during its heyday, three Toledo Baseball teams participated in The Negro Baseball League. These teams were called The Toledo Tigers, The Toledo Crawfords, and The

Toledo Cubs. All these teams called Swayne Field their home plate and enjoyed their share of success, but financial issues eventually shut them down. This is perhaps is one of the reasons the AALP chose to honor The Negro Baseball League this year, because of the Toledo connection. = This year was The African-American Legacy Project's first Juneteenth Celebration, and it was a great success. There was music in the air and people everywhere. Well over 100 people attended the program and the community really showed up for this event. Co-hosting the program were WTGV's Morning Anchor

After it's unavailing, the Negro Baseball League Plaque. The Plaque was surrounded by African-American Sports Legends Members and program participants Dr. Dione Somerville new CEO of Owens Community College (left of Plaque), and (right of Plaque) Paula-Hicks-Hudson: former Toledo Mayor and current Minority Whip of the Ohio House of Representatives, Rep, Marcy Kaptur, Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz, (in back) and WTGV's James Starks (third from right) for a closer look at the Plaque

James Starks and BCSN Sports Broadcaster Tom Cole. Mr. Starks who is oh so serious on the News, showcased and highlighted his sense of humor during this program, he was keeping tight and keeping it light. Speakers for the event included Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz, Rep, Marcy Kaptur, Paula-Hicks-Hudson former Toledo Mayor and cur-

rent Minority Whip of the Ohio House of Representatives, two Toledo Councilwomen Cerssandra McPherson and Tiffany Preston Whitman, and Dr. Dione Somerville the new CEO of Owens Community College, and AALP's Robert Smith. Music was provided by Mr. Jerry Brooks who sang the National Anthem and Ms. Theresa Harris who sang Negro

National Anthem, 'Lift Every Voice and Sing. The program ended with the unavailing of the 100-Year Anniversary of the Negro Baseball League Plaque. The entire program was the special project of AALP's, African-American Sports Legends, and it was a job well done.

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Kristen Clarke to lead Civil Rights Division

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Ivy League. In 1997, she received her Bachelor's degree from Harvard University. Three years later in 2000, Clarke completed her Juris Doctor at Columbia University. Her first job as a new attorney was as a federal prosecutor with the Department of Justice, working on voting rights, hate crimes, and human trafficking cases. In 2006, she joined the NAACP Legal Defense Fund until then New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman appointed her as director of the state's Civil Rights Bureau. In this state role, Clarke led enforcement actions spanning criminal justice, voting rights, fair lending, housing discrimination, disability rights, reproductive access and LGBTQ rights. As recognition of her legal acumen grew, so did the number of honors she received: the 2010 Paul Robeson Distinguished Alumni Award from Columbia Law School; 2011 National Bar Association's Top 40 Under 40; the 2012

Best Brief Award for the 2012 Supreme Court term from the National Association of Attorneys General; and the New York Law Journal's 2015 Ris-

“...I feel a deep sense of responsibility to use the opportunities that I have been given to help those less fortunate...”

ing Stars. Months later, the August 2016 edition of the American Bar Association (ABA) Journal featured a Q&A interview with Ms. Clarke. In part, she reflected on her childhood and how it influenced her career aspirations. “I’ve experienced what it’s like to be underprivileged, and I’ve experienced very privileged settings as well. I feel a deep sense of responsibility to use the opportunities that I have been given to help those less fortunate. We live in a na-

tion that’s divided along lines of race and class. I have a personal sense of what life is like on both sides of that divide, and I want to figure out how we close some of those gaps and level the playing field.” At the April 14 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on her nomination, Clarke recalled her legal career journey and the principles that guided her work. “I began my legal career traveling across the country to communities like Tensas Parish, Louisiana and Clarksdale, Mississippi,” testified Clarke. “I learned to be a lawyer’s lawyer – to focus on the rule of law and let the facts lead where they may.” “When I left DOJ,” she continued, “I carried the words of the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall as my guide: ‘Where you see wrong or inequality or injustice, speak out, because this is your country. This is your democracy. Make it. Protect it. Pass it on’. “I’ve tried to do just that at every step of my career.” Ms. Clarke will now return to the Department of Justice

at a time when the agency is recommitting its focus on serving the entire nation equitably. Since early this year, a series of actions reflect the agency’s renewed commitment to civil rights. Here are a few examples: This February and following an FBI investigation, a Michigan man was indicted on a charge of hate crimes after confronting Black teenagers with racial slurs and weapons for their use of a public beach. In March, two former Louisiana correctional officers were sentenced for their roles in a cover-up of a 2014 prisoner’s death at the state’s St. Bernard Parish that followed a failure to provide medical treatment while incarcerated. In April DOJ and the City of West Monroe, Louisiana reached a consent agreement following a lawsuit alleging violation of the Voting Rights Act. Although nearly a third of the city was Black, the at-large election of city aldermen resulted in all white local officials. With the consent decree, the method of aldermen selection will change to a combination of single district representatives and others elected at-large.

On May 7, DOJ issued a three-count indictment of four Minneapolis police officers on federal civil rights charges in the death of George Floyd. Additionally, convicted former officer Derek Chauvin faces an additional two-count indictment for his actions in 2017 against a 14-year-old teenager. The indictment charges Chauvin with keeping his knee on the youth’s neck and upper back, as well as using a flashlight as a weapon. Additionally, DOJ is currently investigating police practices in both Louisville, and in Minneapolis. Readers may recall that Breonna Taylor was killed in her Louisville home during a late-night, no-knock warrant police entry. “Our nation is a healthier place when we respect the rights of all communities,” advised Ms. Clarke in her confirmation hearing remarks. “In every role I’ve held, I have worked with and for people of all backgrounds...I’ve listened deeply to all sides of debates, regardless of political affiliation. There is no substitute to listening and learning in this work, and I pledge to you that I will bring that to the role.”

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