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Explorers Academy, A Free STEM Elementary School Enrolling Now for Fall!



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Members of the Board of Directors for the new 'EXPLORERS ACADEMY SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY STEM SCHOOL,' standing outside the school building are (L-R) Joshua Williams, Mark Williams, Yuseff Woods and Keith Brickold.

Journal Staff Writer

Beginning August 17, 2021 is the first day of school for children in the Toledo area to have the unique opportunity to experience an extraordinary superior educational system. Explorers Academy of Science & Technology (EAST) is located at 1850 Airport Highway, Toledo, Ohio 43609. This free charter school serving K-6 grade students is the first of its kind in Northwest Ohio and is modeled after the successful STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Denver School in Denver, Colorado.

What is STEM education, and why is it so important?

The STEM curriculum is a program based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The goal for students is to not only succeed but excel and be prepared for high paying STEM employment opportunities of the future. STEM workers play a key role in the sustained growth and stability of the U.S. economy and are a critical component to helping the U.S. meet the demands of STEM-related employment. STEM education creates criti-

cal thinkers, increases science literacy, and enables the next generation of innovators.

EAST Developer Mark Williams holds a Bachelor of Theological Studies and is a native born and raised in Toledo. He is the co-president of WRW Productions and the minister of music at River of Life Church. Mr. Williams was also the coordinator of the Gospel Extravaganza sponsored by Lucas and Franklin County Children Services. This event was to help raise awareness of the need of foster and adoptive parents. Several children were placed in loving homes inspired by this event. Mr. Williams is proud to have been mentored by the following: Dr. Maggie Culp, Dr. Barbara Baker, Dr. Theresa Ellis (Detroit, MI), and Ms. Brenda Rafac.

Mr. Williams has 33 years of educational expertise working within the community and inspiring youth. He plans to continue dedicating his talents, devotion and leadership to the students of EAST and shared

the following, "We are here to assist and help to educate the children for the future. We have the resources and the manpower to change and improve the lives of our students through the superior STEM education we provide in this school. After years of study and research, we, the developers and founders of this school have determined that this area has an educational need that we could fill with our

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school. We are not only here to educate the children, but we

also have programs that are beneficial to the parents and the community as well."

EAST Developer Yuseff Woods has a Bachelor's in Theological Studies. Mr. Woods has traveled across the country partaking in Professional Development on how to instruct and manage at-risk youth. Mr. Woods has been active with Charter Schools as an administrator for over 20 years. He brings extensive knowledge and compassionate energy to the school setting, helping to ignite the passion of learning for students. Mr. Woods shared the following, "The purpose of starting this school is to uplift the community, encourage our students, and lead them in the direction of STEM education. A lot of our youth are not connected with, science, technology, engineering, and math in their present educational system. We are here to fix that." Mr. Woods also stated, "EAST will be a great educational experience for our families here in the Toledo community

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Explorers Academy

A Free STEM Elementary School

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by presenting a solid academic curriculum plan to advance our students.”

EAST Developer Keith Birkhold graduated with distinction from the Ohio State University earning a Master of Science in Horticulture. Mr. Birkhold holds an alternative license specializing in Mathematics, Science and Engineering. He is also the grant writer and charter school developer for three school projects in Detroit, MI from 2009-2014, developing three grants totaling 1.8 million in funds. He also assisted in the development of replication partnerships with the 2007, 2010 National Charter School of the Year award winner and California’s top Title I school in bilingual education. Mr. Birkhold pointed out, “Like other areas of the country, Toledo is booming with tech industries and not enough qualified people graduating from college to fill the void, especially women and minorities. Hopefully, we

can make a change to that situation.”

EAST Board President Attorney Joshua Williams said, “Our school has an advanced curriculum, and we set high standards for all of our students. The objective of our school is to produce students that excel at reading, writing, math, and science. If we have a student that is performing at a level below their grade, we will work with them individually, to bring them up to par where they should be and beyond. We also have technology in each classroom and soon each student will have their own laptop. We will use these tools to connect with students in other cities and internationally. They will have lessons and do school projects together online. This will help our students experience and understand a sense of diversity in our world. Overall, our main goal in this school is student improvement. We want our students to not only learn their lessons well, but we



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The ‘EXPLORERS ACADEMY SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY STEM SCHOOL, 1850 Airport Highway, Toledo, Ohio 43609.

also want them to excel.”

Explorers Academy of Science & Technology School provides its students with a full day of activities. There are also classes in the Arts available. Breakfast, lunch, and a healthy fruit and vegetable snack will be served to the students. In addition, transportation to and from school is provided for those who qualify. Your student does not require a certain grade point average nor must you live in the area to attend this advanced education school. All are welcome.

STEM education is the educational model of the future. Now is the time to act if you want your child to get ahead of the rush and receive a hands-on superior education. Enroll today at the Explorers Academy of Science & Technology School by calling them at 419-219-9758.



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The Toledo Journal discovered that of the approximately 40 entities that received portions of the \$1.4 million from Toledo City Council, for summer youth programs, at least eight of those organizations are based in the suburbs. Although not in Toledo, those organizations provide youth programming within the city. Therefore, do you think organizations that are based outside city limits, but provide programming in the city, should receive funding from Toledo taxpayers? If not, where should the available money be used?



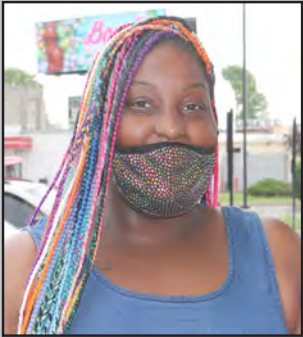
Myesha Martin
Self-employed

It doesn't make sense why an organization outside of Toledo would receive money from Toledo, even if that organization is providing a service for the city. I think the money can better be used if it was given to a Toledo based organization, that way the city and the kids get the full benefit.



Randell Patterson
General Labor

The organization is providing a service to the city, so I think they should receive the money, even if it's not based in Toledo. I see it as one hand washing the other hand.



Sierra Allen
Forklift Driver

When it comes to kids, I don't think it matters where an organization is based, just as long it provides the service.



Mz. Pat
Homemaker

I think those organizations should receive the money, just as long as it's providing a service to Toledo. Plus, at the end of the day, it's all about politics on who receives what money.



Greg Mays
Environmental Scientist

I don't care if the organization is providing a service for the city, if it's not based in the city, it shouldn't receive Toledo money. Sylvania, Maumee and Perrysburg are doing just fine; they don't need our money.

Ongoing Events

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 up building 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. Dates for upcoming meetings. Wanda Love, President & Jose Montavo, Vice President

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 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 Aug 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 4pm. Mon, Tue, and Thur, as well as 9am to 4pm. on Fri. Individuals wishing to speak with a prosecutor should bring a copy of their current police report.

OhioMeansJobs Lucas County to hold virtual resume and interview & Classes to prepare job seekers for In-Demand Jobs Week

Online Resume Writing webinar: Tues, 11am-noon

June 15. To register, please go to <https://bt.ly/3wC-NOfh>

The online What to Do and Not Do of In-Person and Virtual Interviewing webinar Wed from 11am-noon, June 16 to register, please go to <https://bit.ly/3rSkQIN>

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. We provide the following assistance at no cost to all who come through our doors: State IDs and birth certificate assistance, Blood pressure monitoring and a Health Q&A

More info: call Monroe Street Neighborhood Center at 419-473-1167 Ext 333 or 317.

Every 4th Saturday

Memorial Lutheran Church - Free Bagged Lunch
Memorial will begin providing a PB&J sandwich, 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 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

Say Yes To Summer Employment

The Y.E.S. program at Harbor, in partnership with Toledo Public Schools, Washington Local Schools and the City of Toledo, will provide summer work opportunities for youth 14-21 this summer. Youth will earn money for work, job training, tutoring and other supportive services. If you are interested in earning money this summer and learning new things, call 567-203-4040 or visit www.harbour.org.

FREE FUN DAYS!

Some of the best and coolest places to go in the City are always free or will be free (at least ONE day) this summer! Make a day of it and have an adven-

ture Fun for all ages.

MON: Toledo Zoo is FREE. www.toledozoo.org
ALL DAY EVERY DAY: Toledo Museum of Art is FREE. www.toledomuseum.org

FRI this summer: all YMCA locations are FREE. www.ymcatoledo.org

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Ages 10-17, FREE

Now-June 10, Smith Park, 10-11am

June 15-17, Navarre Park, 10-11am

June 22-24, Willys Park, 10-11am

June 29-July 1, Wilson Park, 10-11am

Registration: toledo.oh.gov/summer

Toledo Public Schools to Offer Vaccine Clinics for Ages 12 and Up

The Toledo Lucas County Health Department is partnering with TPS to offer vaccines to students ages 12 and up and their families. Students will be required to have a signed consent from their parent/guardian if under the age 18 to be vaccinated during the school day. The Pfizer vaccine requires two doses. Participants must receive their vaccine on both of the dates listed for each clinic:

- Waite - Wed, 6/9, 12-6pm
- Woodward - Wed, 6/9, 12-6pm
- Bowsher - Fri, 6/11, 11-6pm
- TTA - Fri, 6/11, 1-6pm

Families should allow time to complete paperwork and to wait 15-30 min for observation after receiving the vaccine. There is no pre-registration required for these vaccine clinics. Face masks covering the nose and mouth must be worn at all times.

"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 June 11-12, July 9-10, and August 13-14. Fri 5-8pm & Sat 10am-2pm, 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. A map of participating urban farm and community gardens on the tour can be found at tinyurl.com/MetroBeet2021Facebook.

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What Is All The Fuss About?



By Lafe Tolliver,
Attorney

“Until the lions have their own historians, the history of the hunt will always glorify the hunter.” –Chinua Achebe

You may have heard the recent political dust-up about some GOP Senators blowing a fuse when they were informed that some federal funding would be part of undergirding the epic educational presentation called the 1619 Project.

That award winning project seeks to present historical balance into the previously erroneously but established American narratives of how slavery impacted this country.

The crux of the project is to re-balance the past and refute any racist presumptions that somehow slavery and its impact was just an inconvenient “blip” on America’s history; and how White Americans are fed an anemic porridge of half truths and outright lies about America’s racial history.

The agitated senators, mostly from the South, are upset because the 1619 Project takes direct hits at their cherished beliefs, inculcated by a teaching corps that blindly fed them falsehoods as youths and young adults, and which shaped both their nascent personal and political beliefs.

Beliefs that fomented a faux history that Southern plantation owners and genteel Southern society was “kind” and “noble” to the transplanted Africans who were kidnapped and forced to become slaves with their skin color being the single determining factor.

White America has a nigh death grip on any positive historical narrative that portrays itself as a benevolent America who treated those “wretched” African souls as merciful objects of their Chris-

tian benevolence.

Some white historians who treat facts as pliable, corrupted the real history of slavery in America so that White Americans could mentally cope with their abysmal treatment they meted out to the African men and women and children who landed on these shores in the year 1619.

The 1619 Project, developed by Nikole Hannah Jones and writers for the New York Times, has won awards for its sane attempt to balance the scales of history and inform its readership, via its documented scholarship, that slavery was the primary dynamo in the amassing of the initial corpus of wealth of this country due to the free and exploited labor of the transplanted Africans.

The 1619 Project illuminates how some early white historians blatantly disregarded clear facts in order to present a false picture of the actualities of slavery; and this corrupted presenta-



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Pulitzer prize winning journalist, Nikole Hannah-Jones, lead contributor of the New York Times’ 1619 Project.



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A Black family at the Hermitage Plantation, Savannah, Georgia, USA, about 1907.

tion was, in part, to preserve the image of whiteness being supreme and blackness being of no value.

So, when you hear Southern Senators bemoaning the 1619 Project as being revisionist, it is. It is revisiting and revising and informing educational book publishers that their prior texts of minimizing the horrors of slavery and being dismissive of the economic and cultural contributions of the Africans (later labeled as slaves) needs a mon-

umental redo.
The 1619 Project would indeed be a strange read to those protesting Southern Senators who were fed a milk and later, a meat diet that it was the South which was oppressed and was the victim of Northern aggression; and that plantation owners just “loved to pieces” their ever smiling Nigra Mammies and banjo dancing Stepin Fetchits’.
Whenever historians state the obvious facts that the peculiar institution

of slavery was modeled to develop a capitalistic country and that the generators of that initial mass wealth, which allowed early America to later become a world powerhouse, were black folks, some white folks get edgy.

They are edgy because their self-imposed image of being a charitable people to all is being severely questioned by Project 1619.

Even after the passage of hundreds of years since 1619, White America has yet to solve its shameful racial history.

That is one reason why the issue of reparations is so fraught with fear to many white people. Reparations would be an explicit acknowledgement that America cursed and abused people of color for hundred of years; and now for them to economically account for it, is too much of a grasp for this country.

The 1619 Project deftly holds up a mirror to the troubled conscience of this country for its past and current racial sins and petitions for it to atone for its wrongs before it can come out of its racially self-induced coma.

A coma in which America seeks to whitewash or deny its true past and is willing to accept a sanitized history but which still marginalizes the African; and continues to justify glaring racial inequities based upon the original concoction and propagation of the Big Lie: that America was always the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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100 Days of Biden-Harris



By Dr. Julianne Malveaux
Wire Writer

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 jump-starting 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

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By Dr. E. Faye Williams
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) – “Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history.” – Carter G. Woodson

These words, from one of the most renown and impactful African American historians, were not specific to the city of Tulsa, but accurately describe how many African Americans related to Tulsa, at least until HBO’s limited series Watchmen. Absent the superhero and science-fiction aspects, Watchmen introduced the brutal history of the Tulsa Race Massacre to significant numbers of Americans – both Black and white.

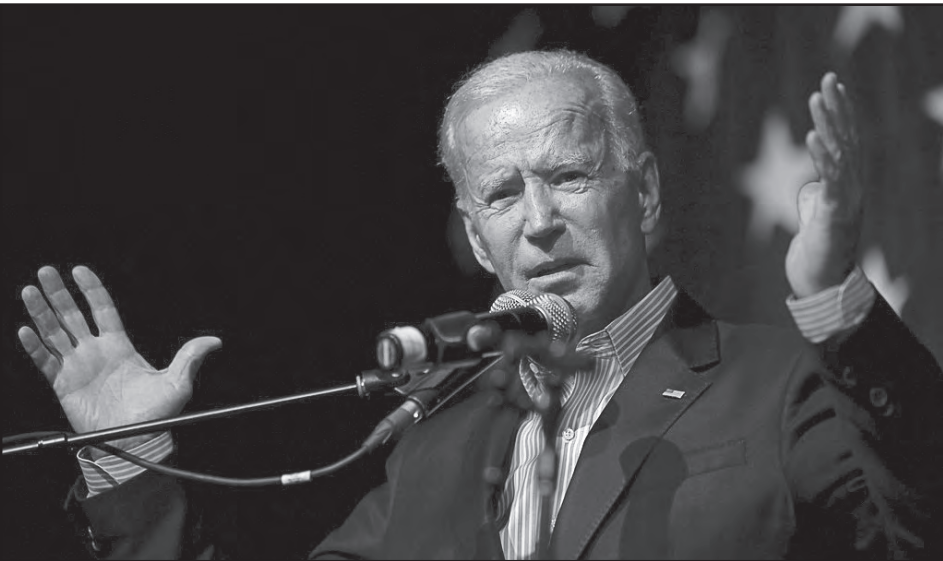
Far too few African Americans knew/know that, before 1921, Tulsa, Oklahoma, was the center of a thriving cultural and financial Black community. Prosperity was so widespread that Tulsa was known as the “Black Wall Street.” That prosperity came to a dramatic end on May 31 and June 1, 1921 when white Tulsa attacked Black Tulsa – residential and business – with a ground assault and bombing from private aircraft. The attack left 35 square blocks burned or destroyed, and uninhab-



itable to about 10,000 of its former residents, about 6,000 Blacks were interned in large facilities, 800+ people hospitalized, and estimates of 300 Black people killed. Property damage was estimated at more than \$1.5 million in real estate and \$750,000 in personal property (equivalent to \$32.65 million in 2020).

In 1996, 75 years after the massacre, the Oklahoma Commission to Study the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921 was formed. The commission’s final report, published in 2001, states that the city had conspired with the mob of White citizens against Black citizens.

It is appropriate to mourn the victims of the Tulsa Race Massacre, but, more importantly, its Centennial Observance gives us the opportunity to honor and celebrate the strength and resilience of our survivors. “I am here seeking justice,” said Mother Viola Fletcher, one of the oldest living



survivors of the massacre. Fletcher said, “I am here asking my country to acknowledge what happened in Tulsa in 1921.” Tulsa survivors Mother Viola Fletcher and Hughes Van Ellis testified to members of Congress. Ms. Lessie Randle, 106, also testified virtually.

Fletcher said, “I hear the screams. I have lived through the massacre every day. Our country may forget this history, but I can-

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not.” said Mother Viola Fletcher. “I will never forget the violence of the white mob when we

left our home. I still see Black men being shot, Black bodies lying in the street. I still smell

smoke and see fire. I still see Black businesses being burned. I still hear airplanes flying overhead. I hear the screams. I have lived through the massacre every day.”

Proudly, on June 1, 2021, I joined celebrities, organizational leaders, and concerned citizens from over the world visiting historic Tulsa sites. We celebrated the resilience of the people and the legacy of the few remaining survivors.

I represented the National Congress of Black Women and presented an award to Ms. Lelia Foley-Davis, the first Black woman mayor in the nation. She remains a long-time leader in Oklahoma. We also recognized Ms. Fletcher. It was a blessing to witness the strength of her testimony before Congress.

Pastor Robert Turner of the historic Vernon A.M.E Church and I serve on the National African American Reparations Commission. His church still stands after 100 years, but Black Tulsa has never really recovered from the devastation. The massacre is another clear example of Black wealth stolen by racism and racist violence.

Despite these challenges, “We have a wonderful history behind us. ... If you are unable to demonstrate to the world that you have this record, the world will say to you, ‘You are not worthy to enjoy the blessings of democracy or anything else’.” – Carter G. Woodson

(Dr. E. Faye Williams is President of the National Congress of Black Women and host of “Wake Up and Stay Woke” on WPFW-89.3 FM.)

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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 childcare 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 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.

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At 80, Johnny Jones Sr. continues to motivate and inspire

By Jurry Taalib-Deen
Journal Staff Writer

At 80 years old, Johnny Jones Sr has a contagious smile that lights up a room and the people in that room. He told The Toledo Journal, on June 1, in his south Toledo home, that he is blessed beyond measure when it comes to the love of his children, which their love could possibly be attributed to his bright and contagious smile. But on a day, he and his family were celebrating his 80th birthday, and his children revealed why they smile and succeed in life.

“He has always been there for us,” said Darnell Jones. “Besides helping us in life, he has helped us with our children. He actually took the time to teach us about the good and bad in life and how to make good decisions when it comes to good and bad. He’s still active in the church, particularly with the prison ministry, and he’d help anyone in need.”

“When I was a child, he taught me how to do for myself,” said Tammie Jones. “He used to say to me, ‘If I die to-

day, what are you going to do for yourself;’ that really motivated me.”

The birthday boy’s name sake, Johnny Jones Jr, said of his father, “I would’ve been homeless if it wasn’t for my dad. When my wife and I divorced, I didn’t have anywhere to stay, and he let me live with him.” He further revealed a very personal and tragic moment in his life that he said, showed the power and love of his father.

“When two of my children were killed by my ex-wife’s boyfriend, my father was there to comfort me. If he hadn’t been in my life, I don’t think I would’ve been able to make it through that difficult time.”

“Praise the Lord because He’s worthy and I and Jesus love you and there’s nothing you can do about it, are just



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Johnny Jones Sr. spoke of several things that keep him active, but the key point was praising God.

two sayings I live by and help me make right decisions,” Johnny Jones Sr. said.

He said the key to living a long and active life is to simply ask God. “You also have to help others and learn to clean the house, the internal house. Be honest with yourself and



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Johnny Jones Sr, left, with his children, clockwise, Johnny Jr, Darnell and Tammie.

turn to God and always praise Him. If you ask God for a long life, He’ll give it to you; 70 by might, 80 is strength and after that is a favor,” Johnny Jones Sr. said.

\$31.5 million in Housing Tax Credits Awarded to Build More Affordable Housing Across Ohio

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The Ohio Housing Finance

Agency Board today announced the recipients of the 2021 Housing Tax Credit program awards.

This year, 36 Ohio developments creating or preserving

1,931 apartments for families, seniors and individuals at risk for homelessness were awarded more than \$31.5 million in 10-year federal housing tax credits.

The list of awardees in Lucas Count are Side Cut Lofts, and Warren Commons.

Every region of Ohio is represented among the awardees, including more than one-third in non-urban centers of the state with 607 units of affordable housing. Developments include 17 for families, 14 for seniors and five providing supportive services.

OHFA reviewed 82 applications requesting more than \$73 million in credits. Recipients were selected based on the policies and goals of the program, including affordability, geography, accessible design, supportive services, leveraged economic investment and proximity to amenities.

“Every year we are excited to see the level of collaboration and creativity in our developer partners’ tax credit applications. Affordable housing is a critical need for many Ohioans and we are proud to support its continued expansion in our state,” said Interim Executive Director Shawn Smith.

Property owners claim tax credits over a 10-year period to help offset the costs associated with construction or rehabilitation of a housing development. In exchange for the credits, owners must maintain rents that are affordable, and limit occupancy to residents with low-to-moderate-incomes for a minimum of 30 years.

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3 Safe Senior Exercise Options For Summer

Submitted

(NAPS)—Sunshine and warm weather have many people thinking about new workout options. If you're ready to kickstart your fitness routine—but want to do so safely—consider these three simple tips:

1. Check in with your gym about its COVID-safe offerings. Many Americans who have been avoiding public places this past year are now looking to expand their horizons, including going back to a gym. Growing numbers of gyms now offer outdoor workout spaces that include many of the weight training and aerobics equipment choices you previously enjoyed indoors—treadmills, stair climbers, weight machines, free weights—and even outdoor classes. Outdoors or indoors, many gyms continue to maintain at least six feet between each workout station, require masks within the space, and provide free hand sanitizer, clean equipment assurances and other COVID-safe protocols. Give your gym a call or visit the location

to find out what specific COVID-safe guidelines are in place there, so you can determine whether you're ready to resume your gym routine.

2. Increase your outdoor exercise routine. After being cooped up for months, getting outside can work wonders for your physical health and emotional well-being.

3. Augment your work-

routine with a friend can motivate you to keep it up and help lift your spirits. Older adults reported increased feelings of isolation last year. Exercising with a friend can help you shake off the loneliness blues.

Being outdoors offers the added benefit of providing you with a dose of vitamin D. Your body

“ Being outdoors offers the added benefit of providing you with a dose of vitamin D. Your body needs vitamin D to absorb calcium and to enhance bone health and immune system function. ”

Take yourself to a park to explore a new walking or hiking path. There are several apps that can locate hiking trails near you. Challenge a friend to a regular game of tennis, pickleball or bocce ball. Or dust off your bicycles and enjoy the freedom of feeling the wind in your faces. Establishing a fun exercise



out with home exercise classes. National guidelines recommend that you get at least 150 minutes per week of exercise. To make sure you're meeting that, augment your workout routine with home exercise classes that you can view on your laptop, phone or other devices. For best results, mix things up. Incorporate cardio exercise classes with strength training videos that use resistance bands or free weights. If you want to improve balance or flexibility, try a yoga or tai chi class. Popular options such as the Silver&Fit® Healthy Aging and Exercise program offer a wide range of free online classes specially designed for older adults.

Now can be your time to get back into a fitness routine—or start a new one. Find workout options that you love and that motivate you to stick with them. Then make the most of the season. As always, before you start any new exercise routine, talk to your doctor to discuss your goals and what types of exercise might be safest for you.

Supplemental security income benefits for children with disabilities

By Erin Thompson
Social Security Public Affairs
Specialist in Toledo, OH

Social Security's Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program provides cash payments to children with disabilities whose families have limited income and resources. A child must meet the following medical requirements to be considered disabled under Social Security rules:

- The child must have a medical condition, or a combination of conditions, that results in "marked and severe functional limitations." This means that the condition(s) must seriously limit the child's activities.
- The child's disabling condition(s) must last for at least 12 months, or the condition(s) must be expected to end in death.

We also help children through our Compassionate Allowances program. Compassionate Allowances are a way to quickly identify conditions that, by definition, meet Social Security's standard for disability benefits. The list can be found at www.ssa.gov/compassionateallowances/conditions.htm. Compassionate Allowances help us reduce waiting time to reach a disability determination for children with the most serious disabili-

ties. Thousands of children receive benefits because they have a condition on this list, but children with conditions not on this list can still qualify for SSI.

A child must meet additional eligibility requirements for low income and limited resources to qualify for SSI. To qualify, a child:

- Who is blind must not be working or earning more than \$2,190 a month in 2021.
- Who is not blind, must not be working or earning more than \$1,310 a month in 2021.

Earnings amounts usually change every year. Some older teenagers may have part-time jobs or be involved in work programs, which Social Security will count for financial eligibility.

In addition, if an unmar-

ried child under age 18 is living at home, Social Security may consider some of the parents' income as the child's income. We make allowances for the parents and their other children living in the home when we consider the parents' income. You can read more about children's benefits in our publication, Benefits for Children with Disabilities at www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10026.pdf.

If you are a parent or know a parent, guardian, caregiver, or representative of a child you think may be eligible, visit our Disability Benefits-Apply for a Child (Under Age 18) at www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/apply-child.html to learn more and begin an application.

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Damon Weaver, 11-Year Old Boy Who Interviewed President Obama, Dies



Damon Weaver, who made headlines when he interviewed President Barack Obama in 2009, has sadly died at the age of 23. He was the youngest person to interview a sitting President when he was just 11-years old.

Submitted

(Black News Nationwide) - Damon has always dreamed of becoming a professional journalist. At a young age, he started pursuing that career and even conducted an interview with President Obama for about 10 minutes in the White House Diplomatic Room on August 13, 2009.

A student at Canal Point Elementary School, Weaver raised 12 questions that focused on topics such as education, bullying, school lunches, conflict resolution, and how to succeed.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience," his sister Candace Hardy told The Palm Beach Post. "That's the only way to describe it... It was life-changing for him."

Aside from President Obama, Weaver also had the opportunity to meet and interview President Joe Biden, who was then a U.S. senator, basketball star Dwayne Wade, and media mogul Oprah Winfrey.

After graduating high school, Weaver went to Albany State University in Georgia on scholarship, pursuing a degree in communications. He plans to become a sports journalist covering the National Football League.

Damon enjoyed meeting new people and he also mentored other aspiring young journalists.

"A lot of people looked up to him," Hardy said. "With him being so young, he made a way for more students to engage in journalism."

Damon was set to return to college in the fall to continue his studies. However, he sadly died earlier this month due to natural causes, according to Hardy. Weaver is remembered as a nice, intelligent, helpful, and genuine person.

"He was loved by everyone. No matter if it was a stranger, his mom or a family member, he was just a ball of light with so much energy. He was always positive, always had a smile on a face and he was always a joy to be around. He left an impact on a lot of people."

Twins Awarded \$1.5M in Scholarships, Accepted into 15 Colleges



Reagan and Ricardo Razon, 17-year old twins from Raleigh, North Carolina,

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(Black News Nationwide) - Reagan and Ricardo Razon, 17-year old twins from Raleigh, North Carolina, have both been accepted into 15 universities and have been offered more than \$1.5 million in scholarships.

"We were both pleasantly surprised, but also grateful to receive all the offers that we did receive. Especially, as we're experiencing a global pandemic. This year has been different for many students and the college application process has also been increasingly difficult."

Since they were kids, the two have always enjoyed studying and learning new things even on weekends. Now, they are getting ready to conquer the next step in achieving their big dreams for their future.

The twins started with their college applications early. They were excited every time they received acceptance letters and decided to vlog when they opened it.

Both of them were accepted to top universities such as Harvard, Duke, Yale, MIT, UPenn, and more. They also earned over \$1.53 million combined in non-need merit-based scholarships.

"We were both pleasantly surprised, but also grateful to receive all the offers that we did receive. Especially, as we're experiencing a global pandemic. This year has been different for many students and the college application process has also been increasingly difficult," Reagan told WRAL.

Even though they were used to being together since they were born, they decided to part ways for college as Reagan accepted the Robertson Scholarship at Duke and Ricardo would attend Harvard.

Reagan and Ricardo are both interested in taking programs that are related to STEM. They also hope to inspire children from underserved communities to dream big.

"I want to be somebody who brings diversity in the fields in the occupation I choose to go in, in the leadership positions I choose to seek," Ricardo said.



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\$50K Recipient From Drake's 'God's Plan' Video Graduated

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(Nationwide) — Destiny Paris James, a student from South Carolina who received \$50,000 in financial aid from rapper Drake as seen in his "God's Plan" music video back in 2018, has recently earned a Master's degree. "Mama, I mastered it. Daddy, I did it," James, who is now 23-years old, took to Instagram as she posted photos before her graduation.

Growing up, James faced challenges living in a single-parent household. She went to the public school system in high school, where people tend to think lowly of the students. James wanted to break that stereotype since then.

"I've always had this go-above-and-beyond attitude since elementary school," she told Blavity. "I started reading at 3. I would even fight with my older sister when she was 5 or 6 because she wouldn't let me read her Chicken Noodle Soup books."

After graduating high school, she went to the University of Miami to pursue a degree in public health. She struggled financially to provide for her studies, as well as his father who was diagnosed with stage-four lung cancer and died a short time after.

"When I had a certain bill coming up, I would literally obsess over when the pay period starts and ends," she said. "I would try to squeeze in as many hours and go to my WorkDay and write

But she refused to give up and she studied harder in hopes of receiving scholarships while working part-time jobs.

One day, Darlene Rebello-Rao, Assistant Vice President of University Advancement, offered her an opportunity to receive financial support by sharing her story

in a video. She went to Frost Music School to film the video and was surprised when Drake came in to give her a \$50,000 check.

"He said, 'I've read a lot about you. I've heard your story and all the things you've been through and all the hard work you've been putting in, so I want to give you \$50,000

to pay for your tuition."

That captured moment appeared in his "God's Plan" video, where he also donated gifts to several other people. James expressed her gratitude for Drake's help.

"I would've never imagined this happening to me. I'm just

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Destiny Paris James being presented a check for \$50k from Drake.

down all my hours and see how big my check was going to be."

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Find Your Happy with Toledo Lucas County Public Library and Summer Read

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The Toledo Lucas County Public Library is encouraging fun and reading this summer with outdoor games, free materials and activities, and the return of Summer Read.

Summer Read participants can log their reading accomplishments to redeem rewards and for a chance to win prizes. To participate, readers need to read or listen to a book 30 days between June 1 and Aug. 7 and track their progress on a reading folder, available at all Library locations and as a downloadable PDF on the Library website, or digitally using the Beanstack Tracker app.

Thanks to the generosity of The Library Legacy Foundation, readers can redeem a variety of rewards, including a Summer Reader yard sign, a free book for kids and teens, and a Find Your Happy mug for adults (while sup-

plies last). Everyone who completes the program and enters virtual tickets in the random drawing is eligible for Summer Read grand prizes.

Summer Read is free and open to all ages and is sponsored by Buckeye Broadband, The Blade, Friends of the Library, Directions Credit Union, and The Library Legacy Foundation.

In addition to Summer Read, the Library is also providing free Activities to Go kits, learning packs, reading toolkits, and outdoor games for onsite use at Library locations. Visitors are also invited to enjoy the Library's various community gardens, I Spy windows, sidewalk activity courses, and StoryWalk® at 19 locations.

Don't forget, TARTA is free this summer with many Library stops! Details and answers to frequently asked questions are available on the Toledo Library website at toledolibrary.org/summerread.



Top White House Adviser Cedric Richmond doubles down on support for K-12 Schools

By By Roz Edward
Wire Writer

In an up-close-and-personal tour of the workings of the Biden Administration and its commitment to addressing the most pressing issues facing Black youth – Derek Chauvin[ism] aside – the Michigan Chronicle participated in an in-depth conversation with top White House adviser Cedric Richmond, on the Biden administration's agenda for COVID recovery.

In an exclusive discussion with Black Press journalists, Richmond, director of the Office of Public Engagement, stressed the current administration's commitment to cultivating a nurturing and productive in-person learning experience for K-12 students in every corner of the country as we begin to emerge from the pandemic lockdown and learning lockout.

"In terms of the African American community ... the president wants to almost triple the funding to Title I schools so that schools in poor communities and communities that dis-



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Cedric Richmond

proportionately house African American students that their resources are not one-third of what communities in more affluent neighborhoods have," explained Richmond.

Educators, students, and families have done an incredible job in difficult circumstances during this pandemic. Everyone wants schools to fully re-

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Iconic Actor Clarence Williams III Dead at 81

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent
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Actor Clarence Williams III, who starred as Lincoln Hayes on the countercultural ABC drama, "The

by his grandparents, composer-pianist Clarence Williams, a frequent collaborator of blues legend Bessie Smith, whose songs were used years later in "Ain't Misbehavin',"

World" (1963), "Deep Cover" (1992), "Hoodlum" (1997), "Imposter" (2001), and "The Butler"



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Main cast photo from the television program "The Mod Squad" (L-R) Peggy Lipton, Michael Cole and Clarence Williams III in 1968.

Mod Squad" and as superstar Prince's father in "Purple Rain," has died. He was 81.

Williams' management team said the celebrated actor died of colon cancer.

"RIP Clarence Williams III. He was AMAZING IN EVERYTHING! Please watch him in Sugar Hill, Half Baked, and Purple Rain!" tweeted actor Reggie Watkins Jr. "RIP Clarence Williams..." tweeted the Prince Museum with a photo of the actor appearing in the film "Purple Rain."

Williams' career started on the Broadway stage where he earned a Tony nomination for his acting in the three-person drama, "Slow Dance."

Comedian Bill Cosby recommended Williams to producer bigwig Aaron Spelling, who immediately took to the actor.

Williams returned to Broadway in 1979's "Night and Day."

His co-starring role as Linc on "The Mod Squad" in the 1970s, catapulted Williams into the mainstream.

However, some of his best work came on the big screen, particularly as Prince's father in the 1984 hit, "Purple Rain," and nine years later, in the Wesley Snipes-led, "Sugar Hill."

In 1998, Williams portrayed jazz legend Jelly Roll Morton on the big screen, and he also worked in hits like "Reindeer Games" and "Against the Wall."

He was a favorite of comedian Dave Chapelle who worked with him on several features.

According to the Hollywood Reporter, Williams was born on Aug. 21, 1939.

The son of professional musician Clay Williams, he was raised

and Eva Taylor, a singer and actress.

Williams became exposed to acting as a teenager when he stumbled upon a rehearsal for "Dark of the Moon" at the Harlem YMCA — Cicely Tyson was starring in it — and the director gave him a couple of lines in the play.

His work included "The Cool

(2013).

Williams also appeared on television's "Hill Street Blues," "Miami Vice," "Law & Order," "Everybody Hates Chris," and "Empire."



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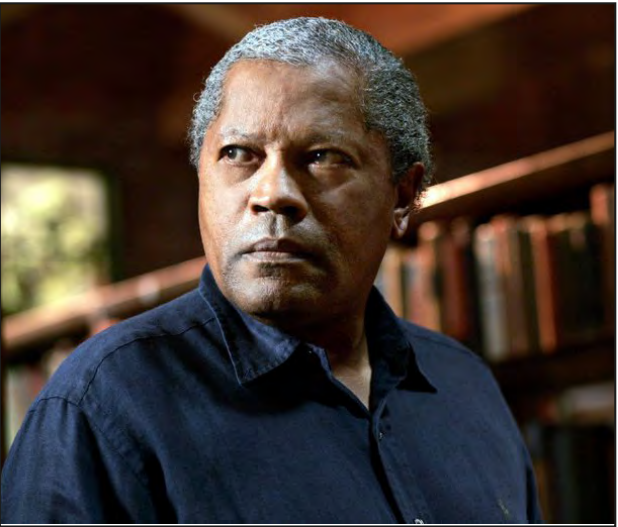


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MANAGER OF MEMBERSHIP AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT AND INSPECTION DIVISION

The City of Maumee is accepting applications for the position of Administrative Assistant for the Department of Public Service and Inspection Division. This position maintains the records of the Service Department and Inspection Division and works with the public, employees and elected officials in regard to the operations of the Service Department and Inspection Division. Applicant must have a minimum of a high school diploma and at least two years of experience in an administrative assistant position. The ideal candidate will have a proficiency in customer service, prevailing wage experience, records management and desktop applications such as word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, and email programs. Demonstrated knowledge of office operations, practices, and systems is required. Salary range is \$51,018 - \$64,523, placement depending on experience and qualifications, with excellent benefits.

Applications and full job description are available online at:
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Send application and resume with employment and wage history to: Commissioner of Human Resources, City of Maumee, 400 Conant Street, Maumee, Ohio 43537-3380 by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22, 2021. No phone calls please. The City of Maumee is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmation Action Employer.

June 9, 1929: Johnny Ace, R&B singer was born in Memphis, Tennessee.

June 10, 1946: Jack Johnson, heavyweight boxing champion, died.

June 13, 1957: Dr. King meets with U.S. Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

June 10, 1960: Dr. King and A. Philip Randolph announce plans for picketing both the Republican and Democratic National Conventions.

June 12, 1963: Civil Rights activist Medgar Evers assassinated in Jackson, Miss.

June 15, 1965: Dr. King launches Summer Community Organization and Political Education project (SCOPE) and trains 500 students to register voters in five southern states.

June 12, 1967: U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a Virginia law banning inter-racial marriage was unconstitutional.

June 13, 1967: Thurgood Marshall appointed to the Supreme Court by Lyndon Johnson.

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The City of Maumee is accepting applications for the position of Administrative Assistant - Tax Division. Under general supervision, this position is responsible for auditing net profit and withholding reconciliation tax returns, ensures compliance with Ohio Revised Code, Municipal Tax Regulations and established Finance/Tax department policies and procedures. In addition to completing special projects, reports and data entry for the Finance Department. Applicants must have a minimum of a two-year college degree in Finance or Accounting, four-year degree preferred, and a minimum of two years of income tax-related experience is required. This position requires the utilization of a computerized, accounting system; knowledge and ability to operate MS Office Suite.

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June 15, 1996: Ella Fitzgerald, singer, dies.

Tulsa, Oklahoma was the home of one of the most affluent African American communities in the early 1900 s. The area was dubbed Black Wall Street because it was filled with African American doctors, lawyers, and entrepreneurs, even though Jim Crow was still the law of the land.

Shirley Chisholm has the honor of being the first Black person to do a lot of things. She was the first black woman elected to the U.S. Congress. She was the first Black woman member of the Congressional Rules Committee. She even was a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Women's Caucus. She was also the first Black woman to run for president. She garnered 10% of the vote at the Democratic National Convention in 1972, though she failed to win the nomination. She was forced to survive three assassination attempts during this presidential run. Some say it was her bid that laid the groundwork for future presidential bids by women.

One of the few things that survived the Middle Passage during slavery were the card games. Though most of their culture, songs and language were stripped from them, slave owners often allowed slaves to play the card game because it helped their counting skills. The card games evolved and the games of Bid Whist, Bridge, and Spades were born.

Madame C.J. Walker developed her hair care business out of her own needs as well as those around

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her. She spent her life traveling the country to introduce proper hair care to African American women as well as to sell her own products. She opened a facility to manufacture and develop many of the hair care products that are used today.

Gone with the Wind was a hit movie in 1939, thanks in part to the acting skills of Hattie McDaniel. She was rewarded with an Academy Award that year for Best Supporting Actress, becoming the first African American to win the coveted prize. She was also the first African American to ever be nominated for an Oscar. However, when the movie premiered in Atlanta at a star-studded gala, she, nor any of the Black actors in the film, were not allowed to attend because of Georgia's strict segregation laws. She did go to the Hollywood premiere.

Captured and sold into slavery as just a girl, Phillis Wheatley rose above her station to become the first published African American female author. Despite living most of her life as a slave, she learned to read and write and studied the classic works. She was recognized as a gifted writer and published her first poem when she was only 12 years old.

FILM REVIEW: City of Ali



By Dwight Brown
NNPA Newswire Film Critic

Can we ever get enough of Muhammad Ali? No! And so, another documentary about him is automatically good news on some level. Particularly during these troubled times when stirring up memories of “The Greatest” can connect us back to the best in humanity.

First-time director Graham Shelby and producer Jonathan McHugh largely focus their efforts on the last chapter of the boxing legend’s life, as his death, memorial service and weeklong celebration are recounted. During the days around Friday June 10th, 2016, 100,000 people gathered in Ali’s hometown of Louisville, KY to honor him while one billion people worldwide watched the observances on live TV.

Through conversations and recollections, the preparations and behind-the-scenes maneuvering are revealed. Family, friends, the police, politicians, clergy and even a thoughtful florist who had strewn rose pedals on the road to Ali’s grave were united in their sole purpose of showing the champ love and reverence. Their personal experiences and the way this varied group worked collectively in Louisville—on a world stage—is inspirational.

Also, details of Ali’s storied life are amassed in photos and clips of the champ sharing personal stories, ruling over press conferences, interacting with famous folks and everyday people. All of

that, is augmented by interviews with the patriarch’s family (wife Lonnie, son Assad, daughter Rasheda) and admirers (Evander Holyfield, Pres. Bill Clinton, Dick Cavett) who substantiate that this international hero was more than worthy of a king’s farewell.

The film’s most poignant moments are Ali telling stories about the indignities he encountered as a Black man and the challenges he faced for his convictions. An incident in a racist restaurant turned into a favorite anecdote: Wait staff: “We don’t serve Negroes!” Ali: “I don’t eat them. So, serve me some food.” His position on the war in Vietnam, which cost him his title and boxing licenses and caused him to serve jail time, was summed up succinctly: “You want me to go somewhere and fight, and you won’t even stand up for me at home,” Ali raged to a room full of reporters.

From a technical standpoint there really isn’t anything innovative or extraordinary about the way this doc was shot or assembled. The format is fairly routine. Sometimes the lighting is glaringly bright on interviewees’ faces. A segue between Ali’s fight against social injustice and today’s Black Lives Matter movement is oddly clunky when it should have been a smooth transition. But basically, the filmmakers get the job done.

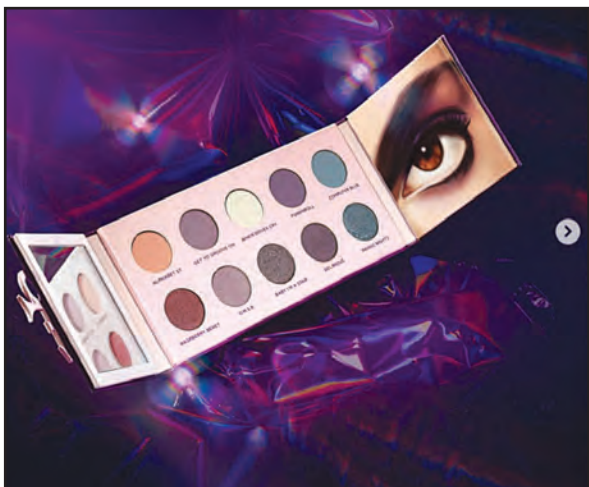
There are many life lessons in this inspiring documentary. One of the most touching is the relationship 12-year-old Ali had with an older White policeman. His new

red Schwinn bike had been stolen and Ali, then Cassius Clay, told the investigating officer that he was going to find the thief and whoop his ass. The cop, Joe E. Martin, asked Ali if he knew how to fight. Ali responded that he didn’t but he’d whoop the thief’s ass anyway. Martin, also a boxing coach, invited Ali to train at Louisville’s Columbia Gym, the city’s only integrated gymnasium. Their fated meeting gave a brash kid a vocation that would win him an Olympic gold medal, make him a three-time world heavyweight champion and help him garner legions of fans.

In this age of police malfeasance and defunding the police movements, hearing a story like this sends a ray of hope. That’s what the boxer was noted for, bridging divides, bringing people together and sharing his generous spirit wherever he went. One friend warned another about paying the champ: Friend: “Don’t let Muhammad Ali get paid with cash.” Another friend: “Why?” Friend: “Because he will give it all away before he gets home.”

Louisville’s adulation for their native son has been thoroughly documented by this soul-lifting film. As has Ali’s sense of duty to humanity. As the champ put it: “Service is the rent you pay here for your place in heaven.”

Nationwide Watch Now @ Home Cinema Released June 4th Visit NNPA News Wire Film Critic Dwight Brown at DwightBrownInk.com and BlackPressUSA.com.



Prince’s estate to unveil curated makeup collection

By Michael “Ice-Blue” Harris
Wire Writer

The Prince estate and Urban Decay have joined forces to release a limited and exclusive cosmetics capsule inspired by the vibrant style of the Purple Rain singer. Prince’s signature color – purple – is highlighted alongside gold and black in the collection created to honor his vivid self-expression.

The Prince x Urban Decay capsule and campaign were designed in close collaboration with key members of Prince’s artistic camp, including creative director Trevor Guy, and his tour dancer and friend Damaris Lewis. Photographer and director Randee St. Nicholas provided art for the campaign. The artistic director was a close collaborator with Prince for three decades and was also part of the project’s conception.

“We couldn’t possibly imitate someone as legendary as Prince, and to compare him to a palette would diminish what he represents. It’s easy to say why this collection makes sense on the surface – his makeup looks and our shared love of purple – but we did our best to reflect his energy on a deeper level. We found his ethos of not asking permission to be who he was and owning it so boldly aligned with our values of breaking the mold and championing all forms of beauty,” stated Urban Decay brand co-founder Wende Zomnir in a statement to People.

The Prince x Urban Decay capsule will retail for \$250 and was expected to dropped on May 27. Pre-orders were being taken at www.urbandecay.com. Lewis also modeled the makeup for the advertising campaign and spoke more about the line on Instagram.

“I am beyond honored, to celebrate Prince in the ways we understood each other best, during the time I was able to spend learning from him. The languages of movement, beauty, dance, play, and giving. UD @urbandecaycosmetics X @prince Shot by our family: The legend Randee St Nicholas @randeestnicholas Let’s go Crazy,” she wrote.

Check out photos from the collection below as well as the video commercial campaign for The Prince x Urban Decay capsule on the following page.

The post Prince’s estate to unveil curated makeup collection appeared first on Rolling Out.

While Awaiting Pennsylvania Supreme Court Decision, Parole Board Denies Cosby’s Early Release

By Stacy M. Brown,
NNPA Newswire Senior
National Correspondent
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A Pennsylvania parole board has denied early release for Bill Cosby, citing the board’s desire for the comedian to participate in and complete unspecified institutional programs.

The board also noted that it had received a negative recommendation from the State Department of Corrections, despite Cosby’s work with several men at SCI-Phoenix who told the Black Press that he has helped them turn their lives around.

The board also said the 84-year-old entertainer hasn’t developed a parole release plan and has not participated in or successfully completed a treatment program for sex offenders and

violence prevention.

A jury convicted Cosby in 2018 of aggravated indecent assault, and the trial judge designated him as a sexually violent predator. He was sentenced to three-to-ten years in prison, though Cosby continues to maintain his innocence.

Cosby is awaiting a Supreme Court decision, hoping the state’s highest court will reverse his conviction.

During the Supreme Court hearing in December, the justices appeared unimpressed with the prosecution’s explanation for using Cosby’s controversial civil deposition and prosecutors’ use of hearsay witnesses.

“I tend to agree this evidence was extraordinarily prejudicial to your client,” Justice Max Baer told Cosby’s attorney, Jenni Bonjean, during the hearing.

“A defendant must be tried for what he

did and not who he is,” Bonjean argued. “He had no shot. The presumption of innocence just didn’t exist for him at that point.”

Prosecutor Adrienne Jappe argued that the hearsay testimony showed a typical pattern, claiming Cosby befriended and isolated women and then drugged them to have sex with them.

During the trial, Andrea Constand, the lone victim, said the two never had intercourse.

She admitted to some forms of intimacy but claimed she was “unconscious” when Cosby put his hands inside her pants during their last intimate encounter.

Justice Christine Donohue told Jappe, “Frankly, I don’t see it.”

Chief Justice Thomas Saylor and Justice Kevin Dougherty also expressed being troubled by the hearsay testimony.

“The news that the Pennsylvania State

Parole Board has denied [Cosby’s] parole is not a surprise to Mr. Cosby, his family, his friends, and his legal team,” Cosby’s spokesman Andrew Wyatt said in a statement.

“It was brought to our attention by Mr. Cosby that over the past months, members of the PA State Parole Board had met with him and empathically stated, ‘if he did not participate in SVP [Sexual Violate Predator] courses that his parole would be denied,’” Wyatt continued.

“Mr. Cosby has vehemently proclaimed his innocence and continues to deny all allegations made against him as being false, without the sheer evidence of any proof. Today, Mr. Cosby continues to remain hopeful that the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court will issue an opinion to vacate his conviction or warrant him a new trial.”

New Law Allows Georgia College Athletes to Get Paid

By Dr. Beverly Kee
Contributor to The Florida Star/
The Georgia Star

Over the years, there have been debates on whether college students should get paid for playing sports. The issue is no longer a debate. Georgia Governor Brian Kemp signed a bill recently that will allow student athletes in Georgia to make money off their images. The law, which takes effect in July, will protect student athletes from punishment.

There are a number of stipulations, however. Student athletes must submit to financial literacy and life skill workshops. The universities have wide

discretion over funds which can create an unfair system of distribution to say the least. For instance the institution can take up to 75 percent of an athlete's endorsement.

"I think it's just a sign of things to come and gives us another tool in the toolbox. And sure this issue will develop over the years," Kemp said.

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"Thanks to the bill, student athletes from across the country will have Georgia on their mind when they're looking for a campus and a university that

can give them a world-class education but also the chance to compete at the highest levels of college athletics." The universities can place

a hold and place in an escrow account or pooled for athletes who can withdraw the year after they graduate or leave the school.

Toledo Summer Pool Schedule Change

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Because of a shortage of qualified lifeguards, only three city pools will open as planned on June 1, rather than all six public pools and the Savage Park Splash Pad, Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz announced today.

Navarre Pool, 1001 White St.; Roosevelt Pool, 910 Dorr St., and Pickford Pool, 3000 Medford Dr., will open on June 1. The hours will be 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. from June 1 to July 4.

The hours will be 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. from July 5 to Aug. 15. (Roosevelt Pool will be closed on Mondays. Pickford and Navarre pools will be closed on Tuesdays.)

"We previously announced that all six public pools and the Savage Park Splash Pad would open for the 2021 summer season



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beginning on June 1," Mayor Kapszukiewicz said. "Based on the current number of life-

guards we have, we will be able to safely open only Navarre, Roosevelt, and Pickford pools."

Willys Pool, 1375 Hillcrest Ave., will open on June 7 if the current class of lifeguards successfully completes certification.

The city needs at least eight more qualified lifeguards to open the remaining

pools and the splash pad – Jamie Farr Pool, 2000 Summit St., and Wilson Pool, 3253 Otto St., and the Savage Park Splash Pad, 645 Vance St.

"Like many pool operators, locally and across the nation, we have struggled to hire qualified lifeguards," the mayor said.

All lifeguard certification costs are paid in full by the city. Information on how to apply is posted at toledo.oh.gov/pools.

Grady Brewer passes at 63



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Morehouse Maroon Tigers men's basketball coach Grady Brewer celebrates his 300th victory.

By Donnell Suggs
The Atlanta Voice

Brewer is survived by his wife Loletta and sons, oldest Ryan, also a Morehouse graduate (Class of 2010), Xavier, a Maroon Tigers forward, and youngest son Jordan.

Morehouse College long-time head basketball coach Grady L. Brewer passed away last month. Brewer, 63, was a member of the Morehouse Class of 1980, a former Maroon Tigers basketball stand-out, and the head coach for the past 21 years. Including his 13 years as an assistant coach,

Brewer's career will go down as one of the most successful in Historically Black College and University history.

Under Brewer, the Maroon Tigers amassed an overall record of 315-214, the second-most victories in program history. His former head coach and Morehouse College legend Arthur McAffee is the program's all-time leader.

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Ongoing Events

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Free Disposal Day at Hoffman Road Landfill and Free Engage Toledo Drop Off Refuse and Recycling Event This Saturday

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. Residents are permitted to bring a truck or trailer load of bulky solid waste items for free disposal to the landfill, 3962 Hoffman Rd., subject to terms and conditions. Proof of Toledo residency is required. . Residents may call Engage Toledo at 419-936-2020 or visit our website, 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., Saturday at Waite High School, 301 Morrison Dr.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m., June 12 at the Frederick Douglass Center, 1001 Indiana Ave.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 19 at Scott High School, 2400 Collingwood Blvd.

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

Monroe Street Church and Neighborhood Center Freedom School

During this Free program, young scholars will spend 6 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. June 14-July 23, 8am-3:30pm, FREE. Registration: call 419-473-1167, Ext. 213

June 19th Greater Toledo Cricket Club - Introduction to Youth Cricket

Want to try something new? Grab a friend and give credit a try! A real cricket pitch is installed at Winterfeld Park. Cricket Clinics @ Winterfeld Park, 4555 Hill Ave. Saturday, 11am-2pm | All youth, FREE Registration: toledo.oh.gov/summer

June 19th
Community Celebration & Pop-Up Shop
Juneteenth Freedom Day, Saturday 11am-6pm, 1500 Dorr St. (The grounds between Detroit & Smead). Sponsor By: The Junction Coalition Community Connections JC 2020. More info: 419-408-0998.

The Padua Center Free Summer Camps
Once again this summer The Padua Center will offer a variety of summer camps. During the week of June 21-25 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 to achieve peace within and make peace with others while also learning Yoga. Vacation Bible School July 19-23. Theme is "Animal Crackers," developed by Heifer International. The campers will study animals, relate them to Bible Stories, do activities and fundraise to buy a flock of chickens for a 3rd World Country. Gardening Camp - Padua Potters - will also be July 12-16. Other camps will focus on racism. For details call Avery Cooper at The Padua Center 419-241-6465.

Holistic Hands Wellness Gallery 20/20 Art Expo and Small Business Showcase
June 17 event 11am-3pm - entry is FREE!!!
We are in search of artists that use ANY medium. Artists will display their work during the event and encourage their family and friends to attend and vote for their piece. Follow the link to apply: <https://form.jotform.com/toniquinnfit/2020expo> More info: HolisticHandsWellnessGallery@gmail.com

June 17th
Performing Arts
(Dance, Music, Theatre)
Thursday 12pm-2pm, all ages, FREE Walbridge Park, 2761 Broadway St. Registration: Walk-up

June 19th
Toledo Lucas County Public Library Sippin' in Summer
Chef Rob shows you how to make some smoothies and shakes - perfect for summer. Saturday, 9:30am-10am, ages 6-10, FREE. Online Programs: YouTubetoledolibrary.org

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a girl from Denmar, SC that wants to MAKE IT and be somebody, and for you to see my hard work means the world. Thank you so much. God, I thank you. You are so great and amazing! Thank you for blessing me when I thought my hard work was going unnoticed. I'm living out my dreams. God's Plan," she posted on Instagram at that time.
After getting her Bachelor's degree in 2019, she went on to pursue her Master's degree in Public Health at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.
"Everything I went through was so worth it," James said in 2019. "Thanks to Drake, I'm probably stressing about classes and work, but I'm not stressing about tuition."

Support for K-12 Schools

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open for in-person instruction. Creating the conditions to make it happen should be a top national priority.
"For K-12 that's why we triple Title I funding that will be a key component to not only leveling the [educational] playing field but also creating equity in that space and making sure the communities that need the money the most get the most."
"Look, we have to get children back in the classroom, continued Richmond. "Parents can't go to work if they have to do virtual schooling. That's why we have a \$130 billion dollars we have in the plan to get students back in the classroom in a safe manner and we protect the teachers and their families that they go home to.
These are things we are going to have to do in terms of testing, smaller classroom sizes, better ventilation and the infrastructure of partitions."
In an online statement from President Biden, the commander-in-chief had this to say "... if we do this wrong, we will put lives at risk and set our economy and our country back."

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