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Summer 2021 program Connecting Kids To Meals serving 100,000 meals so far



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"The Amazing Kids" of the 'Broadcasting Camp and Media Mentorship Program at the Mott Library (L-R) Arwen Wiley ((in pink top), Cyrus Jones, Mason Mays, Jaxson Mays, Naomi Jones, Rileigh Parnell, and Program Director Tisha Mays, came outside to enjoy a quick and an amazing lunch break at the 'Connecting Kids To Meals' Site at the Mott Branch Library. They were served by 'Connecting Kids To Meals' servers Aalyian and Anastasia Shabbaa (standing in the back)

By Michael Daniels
Journal Staff Writer

Since 2002 Connecting Kids To Meals, which was formally called 'Feeding Lucas County Children', makes sure children in Lucas County get at least one nutritious meal every day. The program is especially relevant during the summer months, when school is out and kids still need lunch.

This summer in 2021 the program is still going strong and there are approximately 185 sites in operation around Lucas County. Some of these sites are located at the public libraries or public parks near you. The times and days of service vary by site. To find out more information, go to <https://connectingkidstomeals.org/> online, or if it is best you can just call 419-720-1106 to find out where and when meals are served.

The summer program ends mid-August, again you need to call to see when it ends in your area.

Connecting Kids To Meal provides a free, well-balanced, diet. The menus are varied. Most meals are steam-cooked, to lock in nutrients, without adding fat. According to program officials, "We never offer fried foods and the food we serve is minimally processed.

Wendi Huntley, program administrator said, "We have served thousands of kids so far this summer about 100,000 meals. We serve kids ages 18 and under free, healthy meals.



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(L-R) Site Supervisor Angelica Resto (seated) and 'Connecting Kids To Meals' server Anastasia Shabbaa (with pizza) prepare a take-home lunch for Eden, Kavern, Jeava and mother Koketta Knowles at the 'Connecting Kids To Meals' Site outside the Mott Library.

Meals include a protein, whole grains, fruits, vegetables and milk. We provide a hot main item four days a week and serve meals Monday through Friday, and distribute weekend meals on Fridays. Meals we be available at more than 100 sites through Aug 13th."

Program officials said that, last summer, they partnered with 145 sites and provided more than 7500 nutritionally balanced meals each day. They trained hundreds of individu-

als to serve and deliver meals at site locations. This summer, they are expecting approximately 185 site locations and to possibly reach a new record number of daily meals. And, feeling confident that they will more than surpass the 250,000 meals that were served last year during the summer."

Connecting Kids To Meals is a non-profit year-around program and is always in need of volunteers, they also welcome financial donations.

Site Supervisor Angelica Resto at the Mott Library Site said, "There are lots of children who are hungry, and it is rewarding to see the smile on their face when we can feed them here."

Koketta Knowles a mother of four, who tutors children in her home, also said, "I really can't afford to feed all these children lunch every day, it's great that we can come here for lunch because a hungry child cannot learn. This program is an asset to the community."



UPCOMING EVENTS



Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union
Building Better Futures



23
JULY

Prayer Breakfast

Date: Friday, July 23, 2021
 Time: 8:00 AM
 Location: Glass City Metropark Pavilion 1001 Front Street, Toledo, OH 43605
 \$10 Tickets available at Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union
 - 1441 Dorr St, Toledo, OH.
 Honorees: Lee Campbell, Zahra Collins, Michael Day Sr, & Bishop Larry Mack

African American Parade

Date: Saturday, July 24, 2021
 Time: Kickoff at 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Parade Location: Dorr & Detroit
 Festival: 2:00 PM
 Location: Promenade Park, 224 Water Street, Toledo, OH 43604

Festival -
 DJ Money Knox
 Emcees:
 Alexis Means
 Big Trice

24
JULY

African American Festival

Date: Saturday, July 24, 2021
 Time: 2:00 PM
 Location: Promenade Park, 224 Water Street, Toledo, OH 43604


FEATURING:
 Shirley Murdock
 Lyfe Jennings
 Jay Rush
 Bobby G

Lakeside
 The Zapp Band
 Tim Cunningham

Tickets for the festival are \$20 for General Admission and \$50 for V.I.P. (special seating), on sale now and available at Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union and all TicketMaster.com.
 For More information about this year's festival or for Sponsorship, Vendor, Advertisement and Parade Participation please call 419-255-8876 or email AAFestival@ToledoUrban.net
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What do you think can be done or should be done about teen gun violence in Toledo, other than providing basketball and various sporting activities?



**Nathaniel Allen Sr.
Press Operator**


It starts with education. If our teens are properly educated, then they won't go around shooting people. Teens who don't have education don't see the value of life, so they kill other people.

**Dymond Jones
Nurse**




More community centers and churches need to be open that will provide mentors and activities, such as camping or just taking the teens out of town.

**Kevin Smith
Self Employed**




City leaders need to sit down with those who are committing the crime and ask them what the problem is and really listen to what the teens say. The young people will tell the city leaders what the problem is and that's when the problem can be solved.

**Jimmie Hayes
Factory Worker**




I've been working with teens for about 20 years and I know you can provide all the activities possible, but if they don't feel love, no activity will stop them from harming others. That love has to start at home. When I work with teens, they show me more love than their parents; because I care. We may not be able to save them all, but if we save a few of them, then that's a good thing.

**Tara Ously
Production Worker**




Money is the key to ending the shootings. If city leaders would provide good paying jobs to the young people and their families and teach them how to properly fill out resumes, then we would see an end to the violence.

**Shaheed Rashad
Business Owner**



We need to start mentoring young people at an age where they're more receptive to listening; catch them before they become teens. At a young age, they're more moldable and will listen. They'll understand consequences and be less likely to commit crime.

**John Richardson
Self Employed**




A lot of teens are angry about the fact they come from broken homes. They see their parents constantly fighting or just not communicating, which makes the teens very angry. So to control that anger, a lot of those teens need to go to anger management classes.

**July 16, 2021
Warren Sherman Fundraiser...
BBQ & RAFFLE**

Friday July 16th, 3 E. Bancroft Parking Lot. 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm RAFFLE 6 (6\$50 Gift Certificates, Seaway, Krogers, Walmart, Kohl's Target & Bed Bath and Beyond. **Need not be present to win!** Further information call office at **419-250-7944 or 567-249-8788**

**July 30, 31, & August 1, 2021
Pickett Elementary
School Reunion**



Hello everyone! If you went to Pickett this ad is for you. You don't have to know anyone come and meet your Alumni. There will be door prizes/ dinner/ DJ and Liquor all included in your ticket price. Tickets will go up at the door \$7.00 more. To make your reservation you can go to www.eventbrite.com or email me at sandy010@ameritech.net, or send to Cassandra Moore, P.O. Box 3093, Toledo, OH 43607

**JULY 25, 2021
CHURCH OF NEW BEGINNINGS
PRESENTS CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS!**

*"In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a Holy Temple in the Lord
Ephesians 2:21"*

Program starts Sunday, July 25 at 11:30 am at Walbridge Park (2761 Broadway St, Toledo, OH 43609)
Presented by Pastor Aaron Roberts & Lady Roshona Roberts
Food, fellowship, and backpacks filled with school supplies to be distributed to the first fifty students in attendance.

**July 15, 2021
BLACK NURSES & OHIO UNITY COALITION
ARE HOSTING "CHAT WITH A NURSE" ,A
COMMUNITY WELLNESS CHECK.**

Thursday, July 15, 2021 - 11 am - 5 pm
2903 Dorr Street Toledo, OH 43607
Come out have your blood pressure checked, get information on High Blood Pressure, Diabetes and Strokes and take the health care discrimination survey.

Food, Refreshments and giveaways.
Free to the public.

Coming Events

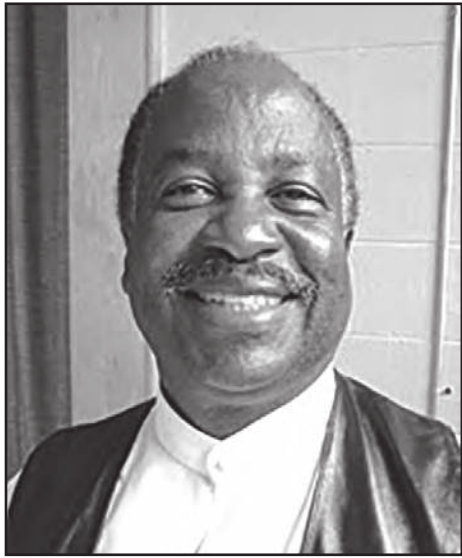
Toledo Municipal Operational Update
The Toledo Municipal Court will no longer require face coverings to enter the court's building. Face coverings are strongly recommended for individuals who are not vaccinated. Entry to the building is still restricted to individuals having a scheduled court date or appointment. Individuals who have a warrant for their arrest may enter the building to turn themselves in on the warrant. Friends or family may not enter the

building due to restricted entry. Individuals who wish to speak with a Prosecutor can call 419-245-1975 or visit during the Prosecutor's Office hours.

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 Pickett Pool, 3000 Medford Dr., and the Savage Splash Pad at 645 Vance St. are all open to the public. The hours are: 12-8 p.m. from Now to Aug. 15. Roosevelt Pool is closed Mondays. Pickett/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.

JUST THINK ABOUT IT...



Lafe Tolliver, Attorney

[1] Reparations are needed now.

I know, I know...white folks will rather wrestle with a forty-foot anaconda than sit down and have a rational conversation about the need for reparations, including direct cash payments to the affected people of color.

The mental image that they may have of reparations is a long line of people named DeMarcus, Lakeesheyasha, De'breoyanna and Jarrillious, waiting for a handout and then spending the dough on lotto tickets, back child support and three-hundred-dollar Michael Jordan footwear.

The need for concrete discussions of hundreds of years of not being compensated for labor, skilled and unskilled; and the shameless denial of fair treatment in housing, education, employment, government benefits and living under the glare of pure meanness for no other reason than being Black, escapes them.

And why does it elude them? Simple. The American history of education has deliberately and with surgical precision excised the laudable history of Black and brown and indigenous people out of the history books.

Those historical books were written for the most part by white male historians who were not inclined to include "us" in the existential corpus of knowledge of who made and built America, but they would rather propagate a plethora of stories and incidents that demean and ridicule Black people and their progeny.

History does not write itself. It takes an impartial observer and scribe to

observe, weigh, investigate and assess what is and what is not in order to record what is later presented for purposes of remembrance; and if the recorder has biases against you, for whatever reason, that history will be fraught with errors, lies, half-truths and invented myths.

When Japanese Americans were interned in camps during WWII for fear that they would be a "fifth-column" in the United States, they were eventually awarded reparations for being vilified as traitors and enemies.

Class actions are routinely filed on behalf of aggrieved consumers when commercially available products cause death or injury and many of the injured parties are awarded millions of dollars for their losses, psychic or otherwise.

But. Somehow. When it comes to assessing the grievous harm and

free labor, labor that built the critical mass of capital that allowed the US to become a world superpower.

[2] BLM matter needs to redirect some of its efforts, money and energy to the embarrassing and sticky issue of Black-on-Black crime. If we say, "Black Lives Matter!", does that include slowing down the pace at which "we" kill and maim each other? If we do not respect and love ourselves, who will and why would they?

If news reports show that we have killed each other over a dispute about a fried chicken wing, or being cut off in traffic or catching the baby's momma with another man or doing drive by shootings at a birthday party that we were not invited, something is wrong.

No amount of blaming the "white man" will suffice when it is shown that the white man was not the instigator of senseless crime perpetuated by us

to come from within a person and dictated by a moral code that eschews senseless crime and killings. There, I said it.

If you do not view your intended victim as a valuable person made in the image of God (as you were also) and you have no fear of judgment, now or later, you do not deserve to live in community because you have shown that you are unable to be at peace with others.

[3] The concept of a BIG LIE...is not new. Not at all. Despite the ongoing blatant lies of former President Trump and his conscience seared followers, the BIG LIE he is floating about that he is a victim of an election theft, is not new.

America fomented a BIG LIE starting from the year 1619 when they invented out of whole fabric the outrageous lies that the Africans brought to these shores were less than human and as such were not entitled to any rights that a white person needed to respect (a one-time actual Supreme Court case law!). From that BIG LIE sprouted slavery, Jim Crow, The Civil War and present day de jure (lawful) and de facto segregation.

America's original sin was not just slavery but the BIG LIE that people of color were not human and thus, could be enslaved. In Hitler's Germany, the BIG LIE was about Jews being less than human and accordingly, much of the German public was indoctrinated to the point that concentration camps exterminated millions of Jews, gypsies, political dissidents and "other" foreigners.

And the granddaddy of all the BIG LIES? I am glad you asked! Go to the Book of Genesis where the Serpent (The Devil) first convinced Eve and then Adam, that despite God saying to them not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil or they would surely die, they believed Satan's BIG LIE and the rest is history.

So, in conclusion, a BIG LIE can get traction if it appeals to your "fleshly" instincts or appetites and you will do mental gymnastics in order to justify negative and wayward conduct.

In the above BIG LIE examples, we are still living with the negative repercussions.

Lafe Tolliver, Attorney



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damage done for hundreds of years to the former slaves and their progeny, America gets tongue tied and they suddenly lose the key to the bank.

President Biden knows that if he were to back the concept of reparations, the GOP would act as if their hair were on fire; and the Trump infested Republican base would howl to the moon and the Democrat Party would lose the shirt off their political back.

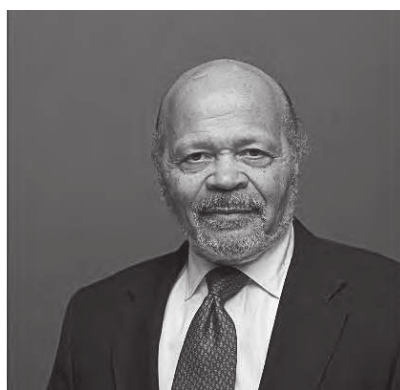
America has no plans to cough up about 12-14 trillion (yes, trillion) dollars over any period to compensate Black people for their hundreds of years of

and against us.

You can be poor as a church mouse and still that is no reason to plunge a steak knife in your live-in companion. You can be mad to the world about living in substandard housing but that is no reason to randomly shoot people. You can be rooked out of a profitable drug deal but that is no reason to kill the seller or the buyer.

Unless and until certain people are willing to change their behavior and cancel negative thoughts that they feed into their mind, Black on Black crime will not be abated by any social programming since the change needs

The qualified immunity of whiteness



By Oscar H. Blayton
Wire Writer

The systemic racism in the American criminal justice system is obvious to all who care to see it. And one of its worst abuses is the policy of qualified immunity. It is not enforcement that is meant to be protected by qualified immunity; it is whiteness.

While there are tendrils of qualified immunity stretching back to the days

just after the Civil War, this policy cemented a wall of protection around police forces across the county by the U.S. Supreme Court during the civil rights era.

In 1956, segregated bus terminals were held to be unconstitutional. And in 1961, 15 Black and white priests, organized by the Rev. Robert L. Pierson, were arrested by local police when they entered a "whites only" section of a bus terminal in Jackson, Miss. A local judge sentenced each of the priests to the maximum four months in jail, plus a \$200 fine. The charges later were dismissed on appeal. The priests then sued police Capt. J.L. Ray and two other officers under Section 1983 of the Ku Klux Klan Act for violating their constitutional rights through unlawful arrest. The suit against the police officers made its way to the U.S. Supreme Court and was decided in 1967 in the case known as Pierson v. Ray. Chief Justice Earl Warren stunned

civil rights advocates when he wrote the opinion of the Supreme Court ruling against the priests and handing down a decision that held that while police do not have absolute and unqualified immunity, they should not be held liable when acting in good faith.

Although Chief Justice Warren had come to be viewed as a champion of civil rights for all Americans, his opinion in Pierson v. Ray poisoned the well of law enforcement for people of color from that day through the present.

In this case, the racist police officers had argued that they only arrested the priests to prevent violence, while the priests argued that the officers' intent was solely to enforce segregation in violation of the priests' constitutional rights.

Given the history of fire hoses, dogs and batons being used to abuse African Americans of their civ-

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The Road to Economic Recovery Has Potholes - Pace Faster for Whites Than for Blacks

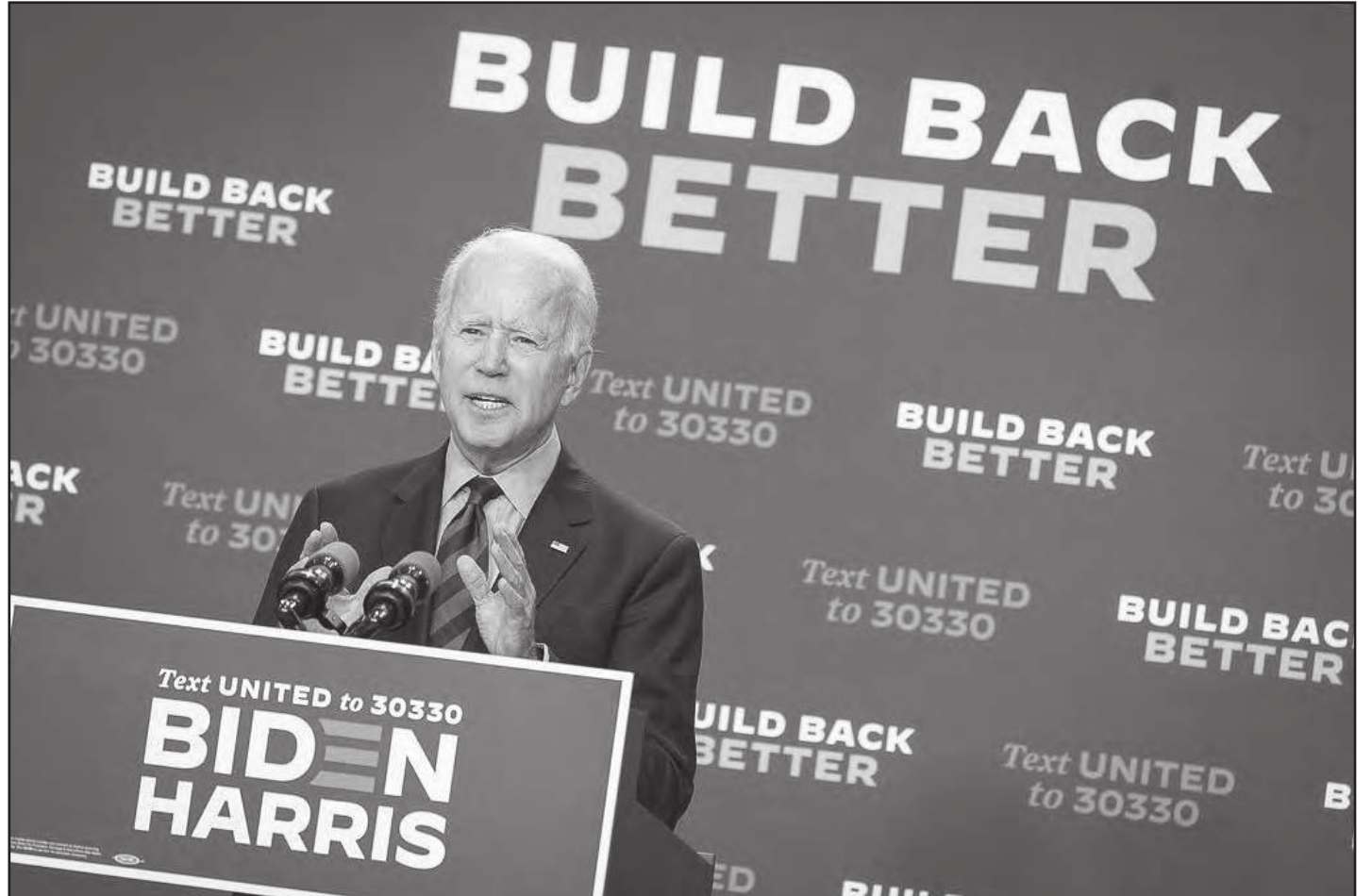


By Julianne Malveaux
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - There is lots of great news in the June Employment Situation report (<https://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.nr0.htm>). Eight hundred and fifty thousand jobs were created!

And while the unemployment rate remained essentially unchanged at 5.9 percent, the labor market is showing signs of life. The Biden-Harris administration doesn't mind crowing about it, either, noting that the three million jobs that have been created since they took office in late January is the best running start that any administration has experienced in modern history. The legislation that has pumped money into the economy and quickened the pace of COVID vaccinations is working, even though the vaccination pace has slowed and the administration has missed its July 4 goal of two million vaccinations.

A careful look at the data, though, shows that a rising tide doesn't lift all boats. And in the boat called this economy, some folks are riding and some are rowing. Some are enjoying the benefits of economic recovery, while others are waiting for the benefits to trickle down. The pace of recovery, not unsurprisingly, has been more rapid for Whites than for African-Americans. The unemployment rate for Whites dropped from 10.1 percent a year ago to 5.2 percent last month, a reduction by almost half. In contrast, the Black unemployment rate was 15.3 percent in June of 2020, and



it dropped to 9.2 percent last month – a less steep drop than the white rate. White women's unemployment rate more than halved from 10.7 percent to 5 percent, while Black women's rate dropped from 14.1 percent to 8.5 percent, a reduction of 65 percent, which is much lower than the 114 percent reduction white women experienced.

The uneven rate of recovery is a pothole that the Biden-Harris team must acknowledge. It isn't enough to talk about equity. Solid proposals to both close the unemployment rate gap and to increase the pace of recovery among African Americans is imperative. We haven't fully studied the ways COVID affected Black people, but the fact that fully half of all African Americans were not working in June 2020 is illustrative (45 percent of whites were not working). How does one recover from long-term unemployment. To its credit, Congress put money in people's pockets last year, and the Biden-Harris administration has followed up with significant leg-

islation to assist those economically affected by the pandemic. Some of the protections are expiring, though, including the protection against eviction. People are simply camping out on the street because housing has become unaffordable and they have nowhere to go. This problem will get worse before it gets better.

Meanwhile parsimonious members of Congress raise the possibility of inflation as a reason to offer less relief to those who are in economic distress. It is delightfully true that wages are rising, up by more than 3 percent last month. But the myth of labor shortages is exactly that, a myth. The reality is that the pandemic forced people to reevaluate their work and family choices, with many women choosing to stay home instead of returning to work because of limited child care options. Others are rethinking work, especially when their old jobs required 60 or 80 hour workweeks. The Biden-Harris focus on caregiving jobs and the human infrastructure is most

welcome now.

Inflation is certainly real, especially in some sectors. That's partly because of pandemic uncertainty and poor forecasting. Who knew that the Biden-Harris team could get shots in arms so quickly that the nation is opening back up? Who knew, American Airlines, that passengers were so eager to get out of their homes and into the unfriendly skies that they'd fill seats on planes to the brim? I think inflation will shake out in a few months as people, in some cases motivated by incentives, return to work.

The Biden-Harris team has much to celebrate. Unfortunately, the uneven pace of recovery means that Black America has less to rejoice about. President Biden says he has Black America's back. Now is the time to prove that by closing gaps, and increasing the pace of recovery for those who elected him.

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The qualified immunity of whiteness

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il rights, it is incredible that the high court could have found any credence in the version of facts presented by the racist police officers, but it did.

"Good faith" has become the "get-out-of-jail-free card" for so many vicious police officers who solemnly claim that they feared for their safety, or thought it was the best course of action to take at the time – as they stand over the body of a slain person of color.

The lack of justice in the policy of qualified immunity is glaringly obvious when a police officer of color is called to account for injuring or killing a white person.

Prior to the conviction of Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin for the horrendous murder of George Floyd in broad daylight and caught on cell phone video, the only Minnesota police officer to be found guilty of an on-duty killing was Mohamed Noor. Noor, who is Black, fatally shot Justine Damond, a 40-year-old white

woman who had called 911 to report a possible assault of a woman in an alley behind her house. Noor testified at trial that when he and his partner arrived at the scene, he heard a loud bang against their squad car and his partner yelled, "Oh, Jesus!" Noor then testified that he then saw a blonde woman in a pink T-shirt raise her right arm outside the squad car's open window and he then made a split-second decision to use his gun to protect his partner's life.

No qualified immunity here. The prosecutor made a point of the victim's blondness when arguing his case to the jury, and Mohamed Noor was sentenced to 12 1/2 years in prison.

In 2017, Marksville, La., Deputy Marshal Derrick Stafford was convicted in the death of a 6-year-old white boy. The boy, who was a passenger in his father's car, was fatally shot after the father, Christopher Few, led officers on a two-mile chase.

Stafford said he shot at the car because

he feared Few was going to back up and hit Deputy Norris Greenhouse Jr. with his vehicle. Stafford said Greenhouse had stumbled and fallen to the ground as he tried to back away from Few's car.

No immunity here. Stafford was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

White fear of Blackness is a "get-out-of-jail-free card" not only for the police, but for civilians as well. In 2013, 28-year-old George Zimmerman was acquitted of murdering Trayvon Martin because the armed Zimmerman said he feared for his life during an altercation he initiated with the 17-year-old unarmed African American high school student who he had followed through his Florida neighborhood and accosted for no valid reason.

The policy of qualified immunity is a means of showing empathy for white people that is not afforded to people of color. This leads to lesser sentences for crimes or findings of innocence where there is palpable guilt.

The operative qualification in qualified immunity is whiteness. There is no other way to account for the difference in outcomes when America's criminal justice system weighs the actions of people of color as opposed to those of white people. While the base of qualified immunity is a floor that allows for people acting in good faith to be allowed some degree of grace, its bumpy sub-flooring is constructed of a racist bias that sees people of color as less deserving of grace.

Systemic racism has rendered the American judicial system grotesquely out of balance. Laws have been interpreted to serve an oppressive segment of our society at the expense of the oppressed. This systemic racism must be dismantled brick by brick, and the brick to start with is qualified immunity.

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Financial Advisor Lamont Stewart advises African-Americans to Learn more about investing

By Michael Daniels

Ever wonder why our daily TV news always reviews the results of the stock market every day, just like the weather? The answer is simple, that's where the money is! What money, you ask? This money belongs to a large majority of Americans, who invest in the stock market every day. Investing in the stock market is the American way, and it is as American as apple pie. This is how some people make money and in many cases, a lot of money, it's a way of life. They depend on this money as much as they do a paycheck from their regular job. It's a second stream of income, which is by the way taxed at a much lower rate than the earned income from your regular job. For others, who are good at the game, they don't even have a regular job, playing the stock market and investing is their job.

As usual, many African-Americans, due to lack of knowledge don't get any of this American apple pie, therefore denying them the benefits of enjoying that all American reward which is money, money, and more money. This lack of knowledge has its roots in slavery. When African-Americans rose up out of slavery, no one taught them anything about financial responsibility with money, let alone the stock market or investing. As they estab-



lished their own household's financial responsibility, such as budgeting and saving money, was learned out of the necessity to survive. Investing in the stock market was something rich people did in another world that black people, with a few exceptions, were not a part of.

All that has changed

now, yet in some ways, it's still the same when it comes to investing.

Financial Advisor Lamont Stewart says, "You can't expect someone to take you by the hand and teach you the importance of investing your money. That's why you need me, I'm a necessity, just like you need a doctor to look

after your health, and a mechanic to fix your car, you need a financial advisor to look after your money. The money you spend with me will be well worth it in the end!

In every case, I take the money you give me and make you more money. In fact, I don't make any money until I make you some money,

which is a good enough incentive for me to do just that."

"Depending on your situation, anyone can start to invest," said Mr. Stewart, "you don't have to start big, but you have to start." Start by adding a line in your budget for investments. Figure out what you want to do, prepare for

retirement, establish a second stream of income, build your kid's college fund, leave a legacy, etc.

Take the money you set aside for investments to Mr. Stewart, let him know your goals, and he will get the ball rolling. "Investing your money is like planting a garden," said Mr. Stewart, "you plant your seeds, water them, add fertilizer, wait, and let it grow. At the end of the seasons, you reap your rewards, fresh vegetable to eat. Investing is the same thing. Place your money in the right place, let it grow, and collect your dividends later. What's the right place? You have to ask Mr. Stewart that!

African-Americans as a whole have missed out on the advantages of investing for far too long. If we want to build substantial long-term wealth in our community, we must learn to invest. Our ancestors passed on to us how to budget and save money, now this generation needs to take things one step further and play the game that's going on all around us every day in America. We need to learn to invest our money! To get started, call Financial Advisor Lamont Stewart at 419-724-4881. He is located at 3450 W. Central Ave., #332, Toledo, Ohio (The Westgate Building in the old Sears parking lot.) Call for an appointment today, time is money lost or made.

Siblings in Atlanta Surprise Their Mom By Paying Off Her Mortgage

June Hassan, a mother from Atlanta, Georgia, says she was pleasantly surprised when her children decided to help her pay off her house. It started out as a joke. June had always made fun of tell-

ing her son and daughters to pay off her house someday.

But her children (and grandchildren) took it seriously and made it come

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GenoaBank Celebrates Ribbon Cutting Ceremony At The New Operations Center

Photo and article Submitted

GENOA, Ohio - GenoaBank, a locally owned, independent, community bank, today announced a ribbon cutting ceremony held on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 5:30 PM for their newest Operations Center in Genoa.

The bank is excited to celebrate the expansion of its newest Operations Center, located at 622 Main Street in Genoa, Ohio.

Attendees at the ribbon cutting ceremony included county commissioners from Ottawa County; the mayor of Genoa; the chamber members from Genoa; and a few team members of GenoaBank.

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"The Operations Center stands as a symbol of our mission to preserve and grow GenoaBank for generations to come," Chairman, President and CEO Martin P. Sutter said. "We are confident the new office, which provides up to 30 workspaces, will have a positive impact on our ability to collaborate more efficiently across many bank functions, while providing premium office space for our employees. There is genuine excitement about our new facility and, more importantly, even greater excitement about GenoaBank's future," continued President Sutter.

The Operations Center building provides the perfect opportunity for expansion as the operations staff has grown to support the nine Genoa Bank branch offices.

About GenoaBank

GenoaBank, founded in 1902, is now in its second century of providing a broad range of banking services to business and private customers in Lucas, Wood, Ottawa, and Sandusky Counties. The bank has assets of \$505 million and operates branch offices in Genoa, Elmore, Maumee, Millbury, Oregon, Port Clinton, Rossford, Sylvania, and Downtown Toledo



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Pictured (L-R) Mark Coppeler, Matt Mackenzie, Mayor Tom Bergman, Brian Huston, Luke Sutter, Chief of Police Matthew Herrig, Marty Sutter, Bill Kegerize, Mark Stahl, Jenny Caughorn, Megan O'Brien

Siblings in Atlanta Surprise Their Mom By Paying Off Her Mortgage

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true on her birthday. Inside the birthday card, they gave her was a check for the remainder of her mortgage.

"We were just as surprised as she was that we were able to do it," Tony, June's son who is a lawyer told 11Alive. "A part of me never thought it was possible. It meant as much to me as it did to her."

Tony said he had always thought of giving this gift to his mother since he was 14-years old. So, for the last 2 years, he teamed up with his two sisters, Sheri and Jessica, to start saving up to finally make it happen.

The siblings say that one of their sisters died last October and that it was obviously very devastating for their mom. "After that, we said we have to do this for her," Tony said. "You never know how much time you have with someone."

June says that she feels blessed to be able to proudly celebrate the moment with both her children and grandchildren.

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Stimulus and Child Tax Credit Checks Still Not Claimed: Deadline is July 15

Internal Revenue Service Web Portal for Child Tax Credit Gives Non-filers Until July 15 to Declare Eligibility

By rtmadminadv

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Internal Revenue Service announced the launch of two web portals designed for American parents to access the child tax credit, giving many parents just four weeks to declare their eligibility for the benefit ahead of the first of six monthly payments.

The expanded child tax credit, passed in the American Rescue Plan in March, will begin disbursements of \$250 – \$300 per child each month, totaling \$3000 – \$3600 starting on July 15.

Those who typically don't file taxes or have had significant changes in permanent residence or child custody will be able to notify the IRS of their eligibility or changed circumstances using one of two web portals.

For the Americans who stand most to benefit, ensuring their eligibility is confirmed with the non-filer portal for those with an income below the federal poverty line of \$12,200 before that date is of critical importance.

Virtually all children below the poverty line are eligible for the payments,



and if implementation of the benefit is successful, it is expected to cut poverty by at least 45 percent according to a Columbia University study.

However, some polling suggests that awareness of the policy is low enough to cause concerns about the payments reaching their full potential. According to a poll conducted by Data For Progress, 53percent of Americans know little or nothing about the child tax credit.

“Those struggling to keep up with their expenses are likely not keeping up to date with the newest changes to federal tax policy,” said Greg Nasif, political director of Humanity Forward. “We’ve got to make sure as many people as possible know how to file with the IRS and get the money they’re owed.”

The web portal can also be used, according to the IRS, to claim any of the uncollected stimulus checks from the three rounds of direct cash relief delivered since March 2020.

According to The Hill, a group of more than 50 House members is urging the IRS to use the information it obtained from a stimulus payment-related web tool to increase outreach about the tax credits that benefit low-income families who may not be aware of their

eligibility.

“The IRS has a limited-time and unique opportunity, while the information is still fresh, to conduct targeted outreach to these low-income non-filers who may be unaware of their eligibility for these important refundable tax credits,” wrote the lawmakers in a letter to the IRS.

For advocates in Washington of the expanded child tax credit’s extension, which is currently being discussed, an effective rollout of the child-poverty slashing legislation would strengthen their case to make the expansion a long-standing part of the tax code.

However, the low level of awareness at present puts the policy’s long-term ambitions in a state of uncertainty.

Humanity Forward is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization dedicated to building bipartisan coalitions to advance the economic interests and policy priorities of the American people.

If you are interested in covering Humanity Forward’s work advocating for direct cash relief, or to hear what we have to say about this one-in-a-half-century policy revolution, please contact our press secretary Greg Nasif at press@movehumanityforward.com or 804-742-2076.

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What women should know about the COVID-19 vaccine and its side effects

By Torrance Stephens

Side effects of the COVID-19 vaccine vary from individual to individual and can be a function of age and sex. The main reason for this is because we all have unique qualities regarding our immune systems. This is true for women, especially young women, according to researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Research has thus far demonstrated that younger women tend to have the most severe side effects upon receiving their coronavirus vaccines. This has been shown for the Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. Typically, younger women commonly report having higher rates of fatigue, headache, and pain at the injection site than older adults and men.

The report released by the CDC in its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) dated Feb. 26, 2021, notes that younger women have more severe and frequent side effects after receiving the second dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. The CDC documents that of the first 13.8 million COVID-19 vaccine doses given to Americans, reports of side effects were coming at a higher rate from women. More noticeable was that 79 percent of side effects reported were from women, although just 61 percent of the vaccines were given to women.

The report noted specifically, "Headache (22.4%), fatigue (16.5%), and dizziness (16.5%) were the most frequently reported symptoms after vaccination with



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either vaccine.” There were also reports of anaphylaxis after receipt of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine and the Moderna vaccine.

For decades, women have exhibited a stronger response to other vaccination protocols when compared to men. Scientists suggest that this is because in women, predominantly premenopausal women, estrogen levels aid in the activation of the immune response to illness. In comparison, men have higher levels of testosterone, which slows down the same response. Thus, females have a stouter response to vaccines because their bodies act faster and stronger when the vaccine is introduced into their bodies. Estrogen also boosts the body to produce more T-cells. These are the cells in the body designed to protect us by fighting off an infection or virus when a vaccine is introduced.

Women also have to deal with another concern as it relates to the contraction of COVID-19. Women with COVID-19 often report changes to their menstrual cycles. It has been reported that women experience less severe symptomology when they are menstruating. Moreover, some indicate that the duration of their periods are shorter than normal.

According to physicians and scientists interviewed by MedPage Today, Obstetrics and gynecology specialists observed that pregnant patients seemed not to experience an increased risk of severe outcomes from being infected by the virus when compared to other viral infections. They also noted that the number of pregnant patients in ICU was no greater than individuals who were not pregnant in the ICU when matched by age.

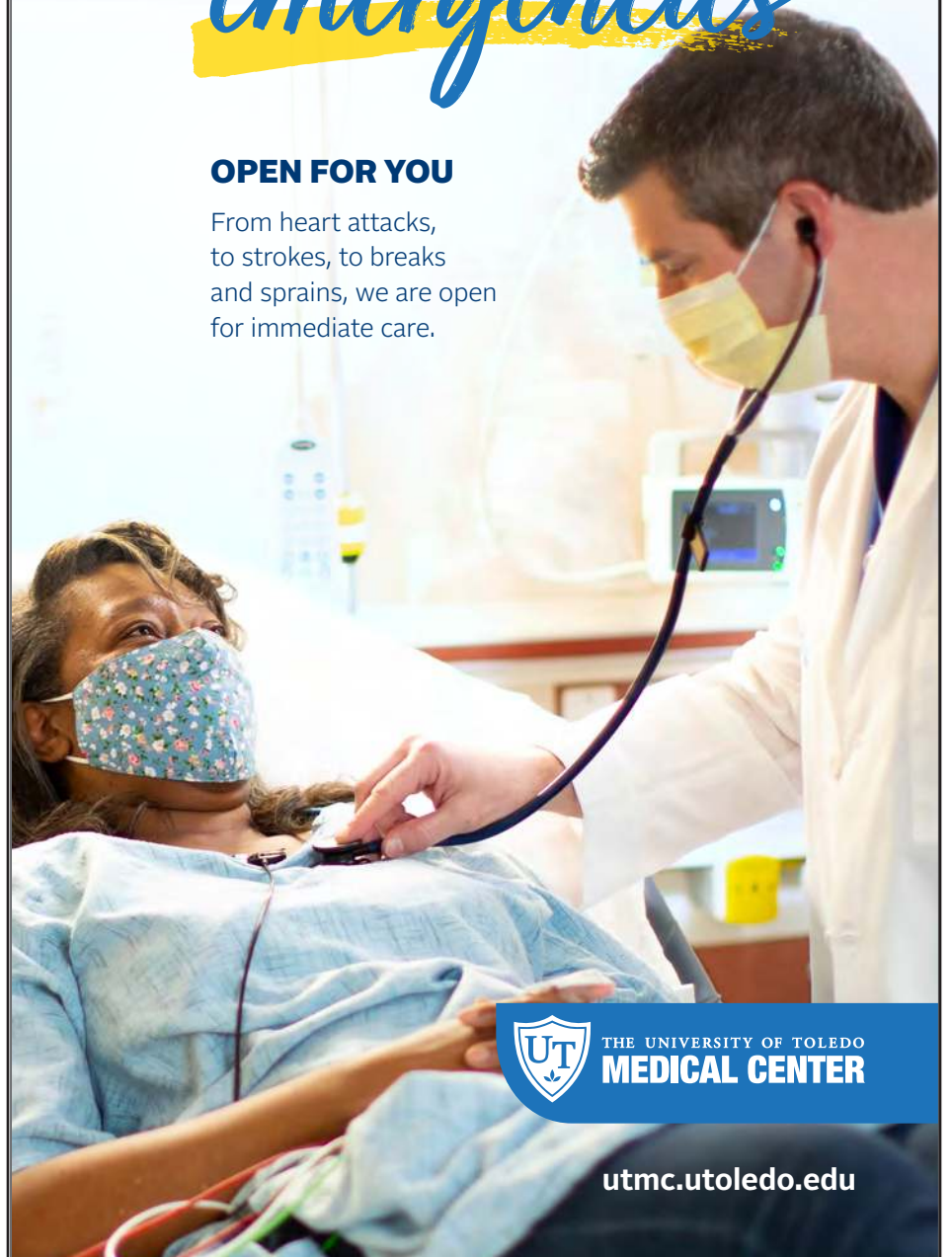
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Rev. Dr. John E. Roberts transitions to heaven July 9, 2021

Submitted

Rev. Dr. John E. Roberts was born March 9, 1927 in Bryant, Mississippi. He got his clearance to take off at 2:30am on July 9, 2021. He was the son of George and Melvina Roberts. He had three siblings Mattie (Roberts) McClain, Anne Gertrude-Adams and Brother Alex Loggins, all who preceded him in death. His early education was in Mississippi. At twelve years old he accepted Christ and was baptized. He worked with his grandfather, who was a sharecropper. His grandfather called him preacher growing up.

After his grandfather passed, at the age of 17, he came to Toledo, OH to be with his mother. He finished his high school education in Toledo, attending Scott and graduating from Libbey High School. He was employed at Woolworth's, Martin Box, Toledo Steel and Tube and Toledo Public Schools, where he retired as a bus driver.

He was united in holy matrimony to Bernice Thompson on April, 6,

1950. Pastor said he liked the way she pat her foot in church. To this union 3 sons were born, Rev. Dr. Derrick E. Roberts, Rev. Jeffery J. Roberts and Tracey B. Roberts. Pastor and Mother Roberts celebrated 71 years of marriage on April 6, 2021.

Pastor Roberts loved to tell stories about his baseball expertise with his friends John Butts, Charles McDaniel and Willie Perryman Sr. They ruled Swayne Field's baseball diamond. He also had a killer left hook and he played center on his basketball team.

Pastor Roberts' faithfulness and dedication has been demonstrated by the various roles he has accomplished at the Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, along with his commitment to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He has been an active member of Indiana since its organization in February 1946, where he was a founding member. He has served and walked in the footsteps of most positions in the church,



demonstration of the Spirit and of the power of God in the man. All the most important successes of his life were the results of upright living and prevailing prayer. Rev. Dr. John Roberts tried to live what he preached.

He saved numerous marriages, curtailed many youngsters from leaving home and has sent a lot of youngsters back home; helped countless others deal with bereavement and illness.

He has been instrumental in moving the congregation from the basement to the upper level, then into the present sanctuary, which he designed and later the building of the Stephenson-Roberts Fellowship Hall. When Pastor Roberts was first elected Pastor, the church had no parking facilities, but under his administration we purchased over thirty-nine (39) houses to provide the church with four existing parking lots. Later accomplishments have been the building of the Stephenson-Roberts Fellowship Hall and the establishment of the Hall of Farmers.

Christ-like in devotion: strong in faith and mighty in prayer. His life, with its results, is a never-failing inspiration and challenges people of all ages and races, creating strong men around him.

Not only has Pastor Roberts been a leader in the church, but he has given a religious aspect to the community. Our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Roberts has received numerous accolades and recognitions through the years, resolutions, and commendations from local, state, and federal officials. He has walls full of plaques, shelves of gifts and three keys to the City of Toledo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, son Rev. Dr. Derrick E. Roberts and grandson John Jeffery Roberts. He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife and friend of 71 years Mother Bernice, sons Rev. Jeffery and Tracy, daughters, Deborah and Crystal, grandchildren Jeremy, Jelise, Juston, Traci, Teontré, Darius and 5 great-grandchildren, and a host of beloved nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews, cousins, church family, adopted family, kind friends and The Indiana Ave. Missionary Baptist Church family.

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As a Pastor, he has

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As a Teacher, he has opened the eyes of many that were stumbling in spiritual darkness and led them to the light through his preaching and the Bible study of the Word of God. Under his leadership, the Christian Board of Education was organized, and the positions of Director and


Advisor of Christian Education were created. Other auxiliaries organized under his leadership are Junior Church, Couples Fellowship, Singles Fellowship, Widows Fellowship, Recreation Department, Youth and Young Adult Departments and many others.


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Tanitoluwa Adewumi has become a National Chess Master at the age of 10

By Kevin Seraaj

Tanitoluwa Adewumi, the young New Yorker of Nigerian descent who came into national and international prominence about two years ago after he was discovered as a homeless chess genius, is now reportedly a United States National Chess Master.

The prodigy is still only 10-years-old and a fifth-grader. Adewumi's new status was reported by New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof, one of Adewumi's earliest media hype men. He also reiterated that the former Nigerian refugee still has a roof over his head as well.

According to the website of the body that oversees chess competitions in the US, the United States Chess Federation, the national master title is given "to any player who reaches a rating of 2200. Less than one percent of rated players hold the title. An Original Life Master is a National Master who has played 300 games with a rating [of] over 2200" points accrued from games.

The average age of a US National Chess Master has actually decreased over the decades even though Adewumi is thought to be one of a kind. For those born after 1990, the average US National Chess Master is around 19 years old. Adewumi was born in 2010.

There are growing expectations among those in the chess-playing community that Adewumi could be a Grandmaster (player with 2500 points) before he turns 21. Such has been the meteoric rise of the young boy since 2019.

In late 2019, it was reported that Paramount Pictures have secured the rights to the project around the boy whose family relocated from Nigeria to the States as refugees. Daily Show host, Trevor Noah, is set to produce the biopic.

A film project is not the only thing Adewumi and his family will have about their life. A three-part book is set to be released by W Publishing in 2020 about the travails of the family that had to escape the violence of the terrorist group, Boko Haram.

The film will be sourced from the books. However, on his part, Noah has yet to comment on his role as a producer through his company, Day Zero Productions.

The post Tanitoluwa Adewumi has become a National Chess Master at the age of 10 appeared first on The Orlando Advocate.



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Tanitoluwa Adewumi.



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Submitted

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Reading improves brain function. A person who reads every day gets better at it over time. It can even improve memory and critical thinking skills and has been linked to a lower risk of Alzheimer's disease.

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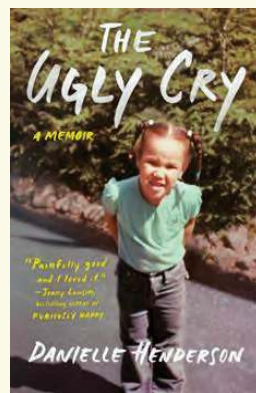
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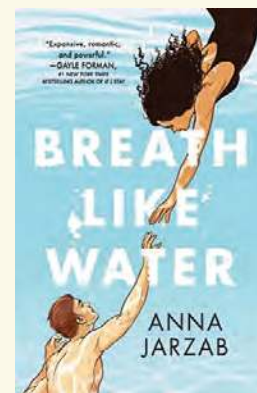
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Violence Interrupters to patrol city to help stop the rise in shootings

BY JURRY TAALIB-DEEN
Journal Staff Writer

During the months of April and May, the newly formed government department, The Mayor's Initiative to End Gun Violence, held a series of town hall meetings to get the public's feedback on how to stop the rise in gun violence. Headed by the department's Commissioner, JoJuan Armour, some of the suggestions from the community would be enacted to try and resolve the problem.

Violence Interrupters, individuals who would patrol certain targeted areas is one plan, that is currently in motion, to address the shootings. Modeled after Chicago, Illinois', Cure Violence initiative, the plan is to have paid individuals who, would be city employees, patrol a selected part of town. That first area to be patrolled is the Englewood and Junction Corridor of the central city, as explained to The Toledo Journal by Gretchen DeBacker, legislative director for the city of Toledo.

She further explained that the city is approaching the shootings as a health crisis. Therefore, the Violence Interrupters would be people who either live in the area they're patrolling or have once lived in the area. They would be familiar with the people, who live in that area, as well as, have an idea of the people who are doing the shootings.

"They will be trained how to mediate conflict," Ms. DeBacker said. The individuals are not law enforcement officers and will not be armed, but they will be individuals who are known and trusted in the areas they patrol and will be identified by their uniformed shirts.

The Toledo Journal mentioned to Ms. DeBacker that during the gun violence town hall meetings, the moderators always said the main cause to violence, particularly shootings, is extreme economic deprivation, therefore, how does Violence Interrupters address extreme economic deprivation? Ms. DeBacker said Violence Interrupters are



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JoJuan Armour, commissioner for The Mayor's Initiative to End Gun Violence, asking people to share their thoughts on how to stop the shootings, at one of the town hall meetings addressing the rise in shootings.

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just one piece of the puzzle to helping end the shootings and there are other government agencies and private sector organizations that will be working to address that point.

"This is not an overnight solution; this could take years. But, the Cure Violence model has been used across the country and even some parts of the world producing results. This isn't the only solution, but just a part, that will begin to help alleviate the problem," she said.


When asked how much the Violence Interrupters will get paid and where was the money coming from that will pay them, Ms. DeBacker said initially, the money will be coming from the Mayor's 2021 city budget and after that, they're hoping to use the money from the American Rescue Plan to cover the expenses.

Currently, the City of Toledo is looking to hire four Violence Interrupters for the Englewood and Junction Corridor areas. In 2022, their plan is to hire more people, who will patrol other parts of town.

For more information on how to apply and the qualifications, visit the City of Toledo's website and search under jobs.

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Submitted By Candace Mays, Black Voice News



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Qualified applicants should have excellent organizational and communication skills. Spanish speaking preferred. Relevant hotline or call center experience is preferred. Excellent typing and computer skills, including proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite software, is required. Qualified applicants must be able to relate well with low-income people, be dependable, competent, trustworthy, and have a commitment to legal services and working with people living in poverty. Compensation based on relevant experience. Comprehensive benefits.

Applications should be **submitted by July 19, 2021**, by emailing a cover letter, resume and references to:
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 **LEGAL AID OF WESTERN OHIO, INC. (LAWO)**
RECEPTIONIST POSITION
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Qualified applicants should have excellent organizational and communication skills; ability to work in a team environment; excellent interpersonal skills and ability to interact with diverse clients and staff. Spanish speaking preferred. Excellent typing and computer skills, including proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite software. Trained in cultural competency in client services or willing to be trained. Salary based on relevant experience. Compensation based on relevant experience. Comprehensive benefits.

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 Subject: Receptionist

Don Cheadle marries Bridgid Coulter after 28 years together



By rolling out

Don Cheadle has married his longtime partner Bridgid Coulter after 28 years together.

The 56-year-old actor has confirmed he and the 52-year-old actress — who has two children, Ayana, 26, and Imani, 24, — wed in secret last year.

During his appearance on “The Ellen DeGeneres Show” on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, guest host Wanda Sykes — who had previously assumed the couple was already married — told Cheadle: “You texted me at the top of the year, I guess, and you told me that you just got married.

“And I was like, ‘Oh damn, the pandemic got to Don and Bridgid.’

“I was like, ‘What the hell happened, man?’... I think I just texted something back, like, ‘Hey, if you’re happy, I’m happy for you.’...

“I was like, ‘Cheadle went Hollywood.’”

He replied: “That’s understandable given that we’d been together

28 years before we got married.

“I hold you blameless.”

The couple has been dating since 1992, and they have starred alongside one another in the 1997 movie *Rosewood*, and TV series “House of Lies” and “Black Monday.”

In 2010, the *Hotel Rwanda* actor insisted he really wanted to “make sure [his] relationship stayed together”, and that he was there for the “important parts” of his kids’ lives amid his movie career.

He said: “I am somebody who really does want to make sure my relationship stays together and that I am there for the important parts of my kids’ life.

“There’s going to be a time where they’ll be like, ‘Please go away for three months and do a movie.’

“But while they’re still like, ‘Daddy, I want you here,’ then I want to deliver for them. So it’s a juggling act. It’s really tricky.

“But it’s worth everything it takes.”

The post Don Cheadle marries Bridgid Coulter after 28 years together (video) appeared first on Rolling Out.

10 Refreshed Etiquette Tips for Today’s Wedding Attendees

Submitted

(StatePoint) Even before the pandemic, wedding etiquette was tricky. After a year like no other, the dos and don’ts around “I do’s” and being a good guest have become even more complicated.

Some protocols remain true. Do RSVP quickly. Don’t be late to the main event. Others are less clear. Should you send a gift for virtual ceremonies? What’s the best way to greet others at in-person events?

Hilton, a global hospitality company that hosts thousands of weddings annually, encourages travelers to make new memories and reconnect this summer. And to help you maintain perfect wedding guest status, they’ve partnered with international etiquette expert Diane Gottsman to provide these tips:

1. Put a stamp on it: Even if the invite says you have months to respond, it’s best to reply within one week. Waiting too long is a sign you are hesitant.

2. Dress to impress: Let the suggested attire on the invitation or couple’s website be your guide. Still unclear? Reach out to the hosts. As a general rule, dress up rather than down to show you put thought into the event. Finally, don’t wear white. It’s reserved for the bride.

3. Honor air hugs: “Ev-



eryone has a different comfort level with closeness right now,” says Gottsman. “Pay attention to non-verbal cues. If someone reaches out for a handshake, hug or fist-bump, reciprocate if you feel comfortable. If you’re not ready for physical contact, offer another friendly gesture, such as a heartfelt nod. It’s okay to pull back, smile and say cheerfully: ‘I can’t wait until I feel comfortable with

hugs; I’m just not there yet.”

4. Know posting protocol: Unless the couple guides you otherwise, “They get the right to post the first photos on social media,” says Gottsman. If they encourage you to post at will, it’s A-OK to share your snaps. Use provided hashtags and remember that the official wedding photographer and videographer get first dibs on great shots.

5. Stash your smartphone: Use your phone to take photos, but once you’re done, tuck it away. It’s potentially distracting for you and off-putting for others.

6. Get accustomed with other customs: Before attending a wedding incorporating cultural customs unfamiliar to you, do some pre-nuptial prep. “Every culture has different customs,” says Gottsman. “Knowing how to dress,

how to gift and what to expect is the responsibility of a good guest.”

7. Connect with courtesy: If staying at a hotel with friends and family, keep courtesy top-of-mind. For instance, if you booked connecting rooms through Hilton’s new Confirmed Connecting Rooms by Hilton option, “Think about how often you’ll spend time together and when you’ll keep the connecting doors shut

and open,” says Gottsman. While you and your roomies may embrace the up-all-night slumber party vibe, nearby guests may not. Keep the volume down and the fun contained to your cozy cove of connecting rooms.

To book two or more connecting guest rooms ahead of a wedding or summer reunion trip, visit [Hilton.com/Connecting-Rooms](https://www.hilton.com/Connecting-Rooms).

8. Duck debate: “Conversation will no doubt turn to hot topics, like politics, religion and vaccines. A gracious guest will make every effort to steer clear of volatile debate,” says Gottsman.

9. Give comfortably: The first etiquette rule: send a gift, even if you can’t make the event. The second: don’t feel pressured to give more than is comfortable. Gone are the days when guests are expected to cover their per-head cost. Not sure what’s appropriate? Follow the registry. Cash and checks are great alternatives as well.

10. Get glam for the cam: Attending virtually? Grab the suit instead of sweats. “The same courtesies apply,” says Gottsman. “RSVP swiftly, dress for the occasion, arrive on time, show your smiling face and send a gift. Even if it’s virtual, a wedding is a celebration and time to reconnect.”

5 tips to make your 2021 road trips successful and safe

(Family Features) It's officially summer road trip season, which means it's time to pack your bags, pick a destination on the map and go. According to the U.S. Travel Association, while nearly 9 in 10 American travelers have plans to travel in the next six months, it won't be overseas. With cities starting to loosen travel restrictions and more parks reopening, this summer offers the perfect opportunity to visit places you've always wanted to see and the people you've missed the most.

As you get ready to pile into your car, there are a few things you should check to make sure your vehicle is ready to face both the miles and the elements. Automotive DIY experts Emily Reeves and ChrisFix recommend these tips before you step on the gas.



Check your oil. Motor oil is the lifeblood of your car - it keeps your engine running smoothly and reduces wear and tear caused by the open road. For those driving older cars, it could be the determining factor between keeping your engine intact or a costly trip to the repair shop. Make sure you have the correct level of oil and that it's fresh. Your vehicle should have a dipstick to help check the level, and the owner's manual should contain details on when it's time to change it.

Keep your engine cool. Coolant is crucial to keeping your car cool during your trip. It prevents your engine from overheating and protects it from the extreme temperatures that come with operating your vehicle. This includes extended time on hot pavement or stop-and-go traffic when passing through bigger cities. Also, when using your air conditioning, you are putting extra strain on the cooling system, so making sure it is in good shape is important to keep you cool as well.

"I recommend PEAK 10x†Antifreeze†& Coolant as it not only helps keep your engine from overheating, but also has additive properties that help keep your coolant system healthy," Reeves said. "Based on extensive research and development, the product has been developed to ensure it protects from the elements while also flushing out any residue from previous use."

Kick your tires. Make sure your tires have tread and appropriate air pressure. If they're too low it, could create drag, which decreases fuel mileage and can wear the tires out. Also be sure to check the air pressure in your spare.

Keep the bugs and rain away. It's important to ensure you have enough washer fluid and your windshield wiper blades are intact should you drive into a swarm of bugs or a surprise torrential rainstorm.

"Maintaining clear visibility is extremely important when driving, whether it be keeping your windows clean or being able to see the road through rain," ChrisFix said. "Keep your eyes on the road by using PEAK's +32 BugCleaner Windshield Wash or +32 Summer Windshield Wash to help remove bugs and dirt from the glass."

Pack the essentials. Should the worst situation arise and you need an immediate fix, having car care essentials on-hand is a time and money saver. Packing extra washer fluid, coolant, a portable toolbox, tire patching solutions and a first aid kit can help avoid an emergency. While it can be a little costly upfront, a small jump starter kit earns its dividends should you stall out.

For additional insights on how to maximize your car's potential, visit peakauto.com.

Sha'Carri Richardson: Suspension agency now facing congressional investigation

By Anton Daceyah

Sha'Carri Richardson's suspension from the 2020 Tokyo Olympic games has shaken up the sports world. Now, it seems that Congress is also involved.

On July 2, Rep. Jaime Raskin (D-MD), chairman of the House Oversight Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, penned a letter to the United States Anti-Doping Agency regarding Sha'Carri Richardson and the agency's decision to suspend her from the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

"This punishment, which is not supported by any scientific evidence, may prevent Ms. Richardson from competing in the 2021 Tokyo Olympics just after she inspired the country with her performance in the Olympic Trials last month," Raskin says in the letter.

"We urge you to reconsider the policies that led to this and other suspensions for recreational marijuana use, and to reconsider Ms. Richardson's suspension. Please strike a blow for civil liberties and civil rights by reversing this course you are on."

In a press release on Friday, July 2, USADA CEO Travis T. Tygart reit-



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Sha'Carri Richardson

erated that "the rules are clear."

"The rules are clear, but this is heartbreaking on many levels; hopefully, her acceptance of responsibility and apology will be an important example to us all that we can successfully overcome our regrettable decisions, despite the costly consequences of this one to her."

In a previous rolling out article, we reported how this very same committee handled the situation differently regarding Michael Phelps when

he was caught smoking marijuana in 2009, prior to the Beijing Olympics.

Rep. Raskin's letter was co-signed by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY). Via Twitter, she elaborates on Richardson's situation.

"I worked with [Rep. Raskin] and the Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties to formally ask [the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency] to end Sha'Carri Richardson's suspension," the New York congresswoman mentions.

"Their decision lacks any scientific basis. It's root-

ed solely in the systemic racism that's long driven anti-marijuana laws."

With a hashtag of #LetShaCarriRun, Rep. Cortez emphasizes that "major league baseball, hockey and football" have all removed former marijuana penalties from their policies. So, she and Rep. Raskin request that the USADA follow suit.

USADA is expected to respond by July 9.

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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.

SUMMER FREE FUN DAYS!

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ALL DAY EVERY DAY: Toledo Museum of Art is FREE. www.toledomuseum.org
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Now - Aug. 27th

Ritter Planetarium at UToledo Reopens to the Public

The University of Toledo Ritter Planetarium is reopening to the public to transport families through space and time to view the wonders of the universe. The first program, "Firefall," will be shown on the full dome every Friday at 8:30 p.m. from now through Aug. 27. The immersive show explores how impacts from comets and asteroids have shaped Earth's history. "We are really excited about the reopening because it means we get to share the wonders of the night sky with the Toledo community again," said Dr. Michael Cushing, professor of physics and astronomy and director of Utoledo Ritter Planetarium.

"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 weekend of 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, framing, and local foods. A map of participating urban farm and community hardens on the tour can be found at tinyurl.com/MetroBeet2021Facebook.

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. 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

This summer VBS will be July 19--23. The theme is "Animal Crackers," which was developed by Heifer International. 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 Now - July 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 concourse 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 physical or mental disability. 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 Starts This Week

Students from Toledo School for the Arts will perform for residents in smaller neighborhood parks for the jazz series. All of the Jazz in the Park shows will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., weather permitting. The other shows scheduled this summer are:
July 15 at Drummond Woods Park
July 29 at Friendship Park

The free Engage Toledo Drop Off Refuse and Recycling event will be

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) FY 2021 through 2023 Goals

The purpose of this notice is to afford certified Disadvantage Business Enterprises (DBEs), general contractor groups, minorities, and woman's organizations an opportunity to participate and comment on the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) draft FFY-2021 to FFY-2023 DBE program and Goal.

The TARTA DBE program proposed goal and methodology may be reviewed for 30 calendar days starting with the first day of publication of this notice during normal business hours from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday at the TARTA administrative office, located at 1127 Central Ave., Toledo, OH 43610.

Questions and comments regarding the goal setting process, the draft DBE goal and the final FFY-2021 to FFY-2023 DBE goal may be mailed or emailed to the email addresses below.

It is the policy of TARTA to provide Disadvantaged Business Enterprises the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or part with federal funds. In accordance with the requirements of Title 49 CFR 26.45, TARTA is publishing its DBE goal for Fiscal Years 2021 - 2023 of 11.65%. TARTA's proposed goal and its rationale are available for inspection at www.tarta.com.

To request a copy of the DBE Program or goal, or further information about the DBE program please call Chris Kirk at 419-245-5201 or email ckirk@tarta.com.

TARTA will accept comments on the goal for 45 days from the date of this notice.

Comments may be addressed to:

Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority
TARTA DBE Liaison Officer - Samuel Henderson
1127 West Central Avenue
Toledo, OH 43610
Or 419-245-5202 or email at Shenderson@TARTA.com

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