

Volume 81 No. 9

“And Ye Shall Know The Truth...”

January 10, 2024

“Intelligence plus character — that is the goal of true education.”

“If we are not careful, our colleges will produce a group of close-minded, unscientific, illogical propagandists, consumed with immoral acts. Be careful, ‘brethren!’ Be careful, teachers!”

“True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice.”

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

“We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor, it must be demanded by the oppressed.”

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. ‘Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.’”

“Out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope.”

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.”

“We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of Now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy.”

“I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.”

“The time is always right to do what is right.”

“Be a bush if you can’t be a tree. If you can’t be a highway, just be a trail. If you can’t be a sun, be a star. For it isn’t by size that you win or fail. Be the best of whatever you are.”

“For when people get caught up with that which is right and they are willing to sacrifice for it, there is no stopping point short of victory.”

“We’ve got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn’t matter with me now because I’ve been to the mountaintop... I’ve looked over and I’ve seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land.”

In This Issue...

Tolliver
Page 3

MLK Day Activities
Page 5

John Harris on Tomlin
Page

HBCU Students
Page 11

Classifieds
Page 14

About Claudine Gay
Page 4

Rep. Clyburn on Biden
Page 6

Blue Gill Donation
Page 10

Book Review
Page 13

Ohio’s MLK Honorees
Page 16

Pathway Inc. Brothers and Sisters United celebrates the life and legacy of **Dr. Martin Luther King**



“The group consisting of mother, father and child is the main educational agency of mankind.” -- **Dr. Martin Luther King**



The Twilight of American Democracy

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

"Due to the sensitive nature of this report, Lafe Tolliver is reporting, for safety reasons, from an undisclosed location in Toronto, Canada. Due to security concerns, his location will be changed every two weeks."

Dateline: January 25, 2025. The highly contested presidential election is over, and Donald Trump assumed the title of President in a swearing in ceremony at Mar-A-Lago presided over by a smiling Justice Clarence Thomas, with the Bible held by his wife, Ginni Thomas.

Only Fox News, Newsmax and OAN reporters were allowed into the brief ceremony. Jim Jordan, his surprise V.P. pick, read off the list of well-wishers which included telegrams from Kim Jung-un, Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping, all expressing their hopes for a successful four-year term.

After a congratulatory meal of McDonald's Big Macs, fries and shakes, President Trump and his chosen chief of staff, Stephen Miller, and his Secretary of Homeland Security, Steven Bannon, got down to business.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR DAY ONE:

- (1) An executive order terminating all entries into the US from the southern border until further notice.
- (2) A repeal of Obamacare with a plan yet to be determined.
- (3) An order to the Justice Department, now headed by Mark Meadows, to bring criminal charges against Joe Biden and his son, Hunter Biden, for "conduct unbecoming US citizens which can be deemed detrimental to the US government."
- (4) A four-year extension of the Tax Relief Act which will provide billions of tax credits for the nation's richest one percenters.
- (5) A "self-executing" presidential pardon for all the J6 "hostages".
- (6) An indefinite hold on all current legal matters involving Donald Trump and the Justice Department and the firing of prosecutor Jack Smith.
- (7) A cessation of military aide to Ukraine.
- (8) A 25 percent reduction in social security benefits and Medicaid benefits, effective in 30 days.
- (9) The US to reduce its payments to NATO by 70 percent, effective in 60 days.

There were more "executive" orders issued on that fateful date, but my inside source was unable to stay in the same room as those decisions were being made due to her transmitter being blocked by unknown radio frequencies and, so as not to blow her cover, she quietly left the White House before risking being accosted by Trump's new personal security corps.

In cities across America, millions of Americans were in the streets protesting these outrageous measures, but they were held in check by the federalized national guard and all cell phone towers were blocked under the guise of being part of a national conspiracy to overthrow the government.

In both the House of Representatives and the US Senate, both chambers were deadlocked due to neither party having a majority by which the Democrats could pass legislation protesting these draconian measures.

In the dead of the night of January 24, 2025, Chuck Shumer, Jamie Raskin, Governor Galvin Newsom, Kamala Harris and The Morning Joe host and his

wife were ostensibly kidnapped by members of the Oath Keepers but whose whereabouts are still unknown.

The new head of the FCC, Marjorie Taylor Greene, issued guidelines stating that ABC, NBC, CBS and CNN were to re-evaluate their "biased" news coverage and allow for more diverse views of news reporting.

In order to continue to receive federal funding for education purposes, each state must submit to the Department of Education, as headed by Rudy Giuliani, detailed reports regarding the elimination of references to CRT, DEI, and "wokeness", the failure of which would result in the elimination of federal funds to their state coffers.

As I report these alarming developments, I can only think of the polling that showed that young people and some minorities, for reasons unknown to the pollsters, were considering voting for Trump despite his known dangers and unstable mental condition.

But seemingly to no avail, enough voters believed that Biden's age was a factor against him, and that Trump was good for the economy.

When quizzed about the ninety-one felony charges against him and his known records for being a pathological liar and proven con, those voters shrugged it off as just, "being politics."

Contact Lafe Tolliver at tolliver@juno.com



EXPERIENCE
more from the most
experienced

Understanding that every patient and family is unique, our experienced team of experts provides specialized medical care as well as emotional and spiritual support that is specific to each individual. Care and guidance are provided in the home, a nursing home, assisted living facility or one of our freestanding Hospice Centers.

As a community-based organization with more than 40 years of experience, no one is ever turned away due to complexity of care or inability to pay.



HOSPICESM
OF NORTHWEST OHIO

The area's first and only independent, non-profit agency solely dedicated to caring for the terminally ill.



hospicenwo.org | 419-661-4001

Community Calendar

January 14

Glenwood Lutheran Church Hosts MLK Celebration: 4 pm; Keynote speaker State Sen. Paula Hicks-Hudson: 847-899-4829

January 15

United Day (Virtual) hosted by Alexis Means and presented by the Human Relations Commission and the University of Toledo.

The event will be virtual from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and streamed on the City of Toledo's Facebook page, BCAN, and the University of Toledo's website and at the Human Relations Commission page featuring influential guest speakers and local performers.

LoSalem Baptist Church Annual MLK Celebration: 10 am; Guest speaker will be Pastor Marquisa Horton of the Corinth Baptist Church; Following the service, there will be a symbolic march around Savage Park, (weather permitting), and free lunch given at the MLK Kitchen for the Poor.

January 25

Wayman Palmer YMCA Vision Board Workshop: 5:30 to 7 pm; 1) Create a vision; 2) Develop a visual representation of goals; 3) Receive clarity & tools to stay accountable.

The Eminent Danger Facing All of Black America

By Stacy M. Brown

News Analysis

One of the most in-your-face and undeniable moments that shows the direction most Republicans and so-called conservatives are attempting to take America is the utter witch hunt meant to destroy Claudine Gay, who is now the former president of Harvard. Make no mistake about it; it was a witch hunt.

A Black woman leading one of the most prominent educational institutions in the United States of America? The powers-that-be couldn't stand too long for that. A Black man, in their racist eyes, desecrating the White House and having the audacity to place his name on the very health care that has rescued countless people from complete and utter misery and even death, including the majority of White people, is, in their view, as repugnant as anyone else.

With racist conservatives repeatedly trying to repeal Obamacare, we are reminded of a scene from the popular sitcom "The Jeffersons," which aired in the 1970s. In the scene, George saves the life of a member of the Ku Klux Klan. When the racist realized that it was a Black man who had performed the lifesaving act, with bitter and resentful eyes, he declared, "You should have let me die."

They'd rather White people die than choose a life-saving health plan under the Affordable Care Act.

- ADVERTISEMENT -

While President Biden continues to trail in popular polls and hopes that the MAGA movement will help make America realize its mistakes, Black America must remember that it is not Biden or the people who look like him whose lives and livelihoods are in jeopardy. Black Americans have everything to lose, and African Americans can't help but feel they're losing.

Who has pretended not to know the true meaning of Make America Great

Again? It implies that Claudine Gay must know her place. It means that George Floyd deserved a knee in his neck, though they'd just assumed the police officers had used a noose. It means women have no say over anything, including and especially their own bodies.

It means that affirmative action is the slave master grabbing the whip—affirmatively acting, if you will—when the African American is out of line.

An event that took place in 2020—and no, it had nothing to do with George Floyd—highlighted all of this. The video is infuriating. A Black woman was hogtied and forced to sit headfirst, legs up, and behind her on the floor of a police cruiser in Aurora, Colorado, for more than 20 minutes.

It becomes more abhorrent when, as she desperately calls out that she can't breathe and begs for mercy from the White officer, she resorts to calling him "master." The bodycam footage of Shataeah Kelly was released a few months before Floyd's murder. Officer Levi Huffine was fired and, of course, appealed his termination because, after all, the Black woman who called him master was just a slave.

A brand-new board game honoring the riot at the US Capitol on January 6, 2021, which started New Year's weekend, once again highlights the brazenness of White supremacy. On the third anniversary of the Capitol attack, a game called "Storm the Capitol—TrueAnon Edition" hit stores.

To win the game, you need to collect 100 ballots and reach the last room, where Trump awaits players. He plans to use a helicopter to change the 2020 election results in his favor "or ratify the real results of the 2020 election," so he can claim victory.

Consider also that, over the last three years, 18 states have adopted laws restricting what teachers can say about race and the U.S. history of race relations. White fear of losing power has jeopardized not just democracy but also the plight of African Americans.

Defining African nations as "shithole countries," Trump also attacked Mexicans as criminals, demanded a ban on Muslims, and dubbed Charlottesville white nationalists "very fine people."

Trump displayed no remorse for the deadly violence he incited during the Capitol riots on January 6, 2021. Impeached twice during his presidency, Trump's been indicted four times, bragged about sexual assault, and a judge ruled he committed massive business fraud. All of this has left the Black community uneasy as the political situation changes, causing concern for both ordinary people and prominent figures.

The potential return of Trump and his administration's policies may worry many African Americans. However, people are starting to consider a wider range of perspectives. Many Black citizens have concerns about Trump's promise of authoritarian rule, fearing a loss of more civil liberties and an up-

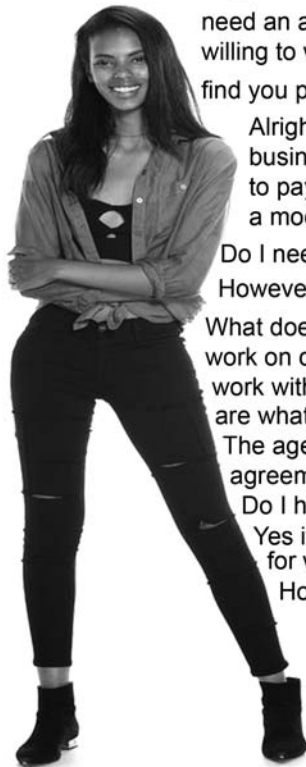


Claudine Gay, PhD

...continued on page 6

Modeling is a career, it is not an activity.

If you are seriously thinking about getting into acting or modeling you are going to



need an agency that will be willing to work with you to find you paid assignments.

Alright let's get down to business, Do you have to pay to be a client of a modeling agency? NO

Do I need to pay for photos? Yes, However not out-of-pocket....

What does that mean? Agencies work on commission and some will work with you, now that digital photos are what they work with.

The agency will have that in your agreement.

Do I have to sign with the agency? Yes if you want to be considered for work through the agency.

How much do I get paid?

You are paid 80% of what the assignment pays and the agency 20%.

you will get more information from your agency.....

submit your photo to: expressionsmodels@gmail.com



151 N. Michigan St. Suite 316 Toledo, Oh www.ximodels.com

GLASS CITY GRIND

Saturdays @ 8 AM
Sundays @ NOON
Anytime on VOD

Find us on:

City and UToledo to Host MLK Day Celebrations

By Dawn Scotland

The Truth Reporter

The City of Toledo held a press conference on January 4 to announce this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations. The events, which will span four days this year from January 12- Jan 15, will feature thought provoking and impactful events, keynote speakers and engaging community activities. During the announcement, Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz presented Toledo native and fashion designer Darryl Brown, founder and creative director of Midwest Kids Inc. and Darryl Brown LLC a Key to the City of Toledo.

The City of Toledo, University of Toledo, and Human Relations Commission of Toledo are collaborating this year to bring the 2024 MLK Experience and Unity Day Celebration Programming. This celebration will be the 23rd annual Unity Day. The theme this year is "I AM the Dream."

The press conference Thursday featured Mayor Kapszukiewicz; Dr. Gregory Postel, University of Toledo president; Erin Baker, Chair, Human Relations Commission, and Malaika Bell, director of UT's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Mayor Kapszukiewicz presented the Key to the City to Toledo native and 2004 Rogers High School graduate Brown in recognition for his outstanding achievements in the fashion and entertainment industries. Brown will also be a featured speaker for the upcoming event.

The 2024 MLK Weekend Experience programs:

Friday January 12, 2024 – Kick-off Open Mic at Poetry Night at Lucille's Jazz Lounge

The theme is Celebrating 50 Years of Hip Hop. The doors open at 7:15 p.m. and performances will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are available in the range of \$10 to \$32, providing an opportunity for everyone to participate in the celebration of poetry and spoken word. It promises to be a night filled with inspiration and cultural resonance, setting the tone for a weekend dedicated to honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy.

Saturday, January 13, 2024 – The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.'s 32nd Annual MLK Scholarship Breakfast.

Join the community in commemorating the achievements of our College Scholarship Awardees in an event dedicated to fostering education and community support. Attendees are encouraged to get their tickets early because space will be limited.

Sunday, January 14, 2024 – Rest, Rejoice, and Restoration

This a day for Rest, Rejoicing, and Restoration at the place of your choosing.

Monday, January 15, 2024 – MLK Unity Day (Virtual) hosted by Alexis Means and presented by the Human Relations Commission and the University of Toledo.

The event will be virtual from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and streamed on the City of Toledo's Facebook page, BCAN, and the University of Toledo's website and at the Human Relations Commission page featuring influential guest speakers and local performers.

The keynote speaker Rosa Alicia Clemente, an influential organizer, independent journalist, producer, and scholar activist, will highlight the



Malaika Bell, Director of The University of Toledo Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



Erin Baker, Chair of the City of Toledo Human Relations Commission

event. Born and raised in the Bronx, NY, Clemente is renowned for her activism and advocacy in the Black-Latinx community. She is the first Afro-Latina woman to run for vice president in 2008.

In addition, the discussion on "I AM the Dream" promises to be a highlight, inspiring reflection and engagement at the Unity Day Celebration.

Other speakers include:
• Dr. Gregory Postel, President of the University of Toledo

- Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz
- Rep. Marcy Kaptur
- Sen. Sherrod Brown

- Gabrielle Mukiira, Kid Mayor
- Malaika Bell, Director UT's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Erin Baker, Chair of the City of Toledo Human Relations Commission

- Special Performances by:
- Alexis Means + Toledo Opera
 - Hip Hop Poetry Cypher
 - JP Dynasty
 - Tahyah Dance Studio



Mayor Kapszukiewicz and Darryl Brown

...continued on page 6

Worship with Experience
Join Us!
Every Sundays at 5:30 p.m.
Let's FELLOWSHIP together - Acts 2:42

Dr. John W. Williams, Pastor

Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church
2102 Mulberry Street, Toledo, Ohio 43608
(419) 726-1180, FAX: (419) 726-6240
E-mail: EasternStarMBC@aol.com
Website: www.drjwilliams.org

Honoring
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
"Everybody can be great...because anyone can serve." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

State Bank GIVES
State Bank GIVES (Gathering Individuals to Volunteer, Empower and Serve) is a Volunteer program created to provide local nonprofit organizations access to State Bank employees who volunteer their time to make a difference in the lives of the people and communities where we live, work, and play.

Request volunteers at YourStateBank.com/GIVES

Member **FDIC** EQUAL HOUSING LENDER

sb statebank
YourStateBank.com

NMLS 403044
Loans Subject to credit approval.

1900 Monroe Street, Suite 108
Toledo, OH 43604

President Biden's Lasting Legacy

By Assistant House of Representatives Democratic Leader James E. Clyburn
Special to The Truth

Much ink has been spilled about what President Biden hasn't done with little regard for the successes that would secure any previous administration's legacy as being the most productive since President Lyndon B. Johnson's Great Society. This administration has secured \$132 billion in student loan debt relief for 3.6 million borrowers, including \$53.5 billion for public servants and nearly \$12 billion for borrowers with disabilities. However, the prevailing narrative centers on the Republicans-led rejection of his targeted student debt relief plan that was upheld by a right-leaning U.S. Supreme Court.

I've heard rumblings that this president has failed the Black community when, in fact, he has invested over \$7 billion in HBCUs in 3 short years, produced the lowest Black unemployment rate on record, and begun the earnest work of closing the digital divide for Black families by making broadband accessible and affordable.

The November Consumer Price Index revealed that inflation fell to 3.1 percent — down two-thirds from its peak; that consumers are paying less for essentials such as milk, eggs, and other appliances; and the median gas price has fallen below \$3.00. With wages higher than before the pandemic and the creation of 14.1 million jobs, can anyone honestly argue with President Biden's record?

Despite this incredible record, what will arguably become President Biden's greatest and most lasting achievements was reached this month with the confirmation of his 160th judge to lifetime appointments on the federal bench. I repeat and italicize for emphasis: 160 judges confirmed for lifetime appointments on the federal bench. This number includes well over 100 women, more Black female appellate judges than all former presidents combined, and roughly 60 percent being women of color. This number also includes the first Black woman on the Supreme Court, Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson; the first South Asian woman judge; and the first Navajo federal judge.

It's hard to overstate the importance of this milestone.

Every president selects judges whose record reflects the values they hold dear. Donald Trump's Federalist Society-sponsored selections reflected his extremism and penchant for vitriol. Trump's appointed judges are wreaking havoc today, as evidenced by this summer's U.S. Supreme Court overturn-

ing of affirmative action and Roe v. Wade.

We should all take pride in the fact that under President Biden, the daughter of two public school teachers can ascend to the highest court of the land and that a first-generation Chicago native can make history as the first Muslim woman on the federal bench. It's only fitting that this process made possible another glass-breaking moment: this month, Vice President Harris set the record for breaking the most ties in the Senate by a vice president. The record was previously held by John C. Calhoun, a staunch defender of slavery. How poetic is it that the first woman, the first Black American, and first Asian American to be elected vice president of this great country at the behest of Joe Biden, has set a new standard and brought us into the 21st century?

This is what this country is all about: moving the needle closer toward justice at every possible turn. With President Biden's legislative successes, from clean energy investments in the Inflation Reduction Act to the manufacturing renaissance made possible by the CHIPS and Science Act, to the historic investments for veterans in the PACT Act, we are laying the foundation for a more secure, stable and successful future for our children and grandchildren.

But foundations are worth little without a complete structure. When undergirded by the decisions his judicial nominees are capable of rendering, President Biden is framing structures that will ensure that "the greatness of this country will be accessible and affordable for all Americans" for generations to come.



Congressman Clyburn

A WILL IS NOT ALWAYS THE WAY

Getting Your Affairs in Order Workshop

Join us for this informative session on
Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
 at the Toledo Lucas County Public Library – Main Branch
 325 North Michigan St, Toledo, OH 43604

Learn what you can do to better prepare you and your family.

DATES & TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

Saturday, January 27, 2024
 Getting Your Affairs in Order Properly – Launch

Please RSVP by January 23, 2024 at the following Link:
<https://events.toledolibrary.org/event/9688155>

Saturday, March 16, 2024
 Bank Account Information (Individual, Joint & POD)

Saturday, June 22, 2024
 Power of Attorney (Durable & Healthcare) & Trust

Saturday, October 19, 2024
 Living Will, Transfer on Death Deed & Insurance

SPONSOR:
 MAJOR Area Office on Aging

Free & Open to the Public
 Lunch Available

For questions please call 419-259-5311

This session will at the very least get the conversation started with your loved ones.

Black America...continued from page 4

tick in racial tensions.

That concern may also lie within the ranks of wealthy African Americans and celebrities. Despite their wealth and influence, any apprehension from that crowd should stem from the realization that, historically, racism has spared no one.

Shataeah Kelly called a White cop "master" because she felt desperate, showing the power that Trump and his supporters aim to have. The wealth and influence of a few Black Americans won't mean anything to racists who, just like after the Civil War, seized all they could from Black people and will undoubtedly be positioned to do it again. After all, they have the Supreme Court in their favor, with laws being written and other protections struck down.

If you're not yet awake, you may as well keep sleeping because the freedoms that you now enjoy might end a year from now when Trump is sworn in.

Stacy M. Brown is the NNPA Newswire senior national correspondent

MLK Day Celebrations...continued from page 5

- Friendship/UT Choir
- My5tery Music Band
- Nikki D and The Browns

For more information or to buy tickets visit: toledo.oh.gov/mlk

Monday, January 15, the Toledo Museum of Art will open its doors from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. as a gathering place to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Attendees can come and enjoy a full day of free programs and artwork that celebrate Black artists and culture including Silent Hip Hop to celebrate the MLK Experience.

Don't drop the ball.

The deadline to license your dog is January 31.

Anita Lopez, Lucas County Auditor
419-213-4406

1 year: \$25 3 year: \$75 Permanent: \$250

Register online, by mail, or in person
co.lucas.oh.us/dogtags

- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|--|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|---|---|--|---|
| 1. Downtown Library
325 Michigan St
Toledo, OH 43604
(419) 259-5200 | 2. Birmingham Library
203 Paine Ave
Toledo, OH 43605
(419) 259-5210 | 3. Heatherdowns Library
3265 Glanzman Rd
Toledo, OH 43614
(419) 259-5270 | 4. Holland Library
1032 S McCord Rd
Holland, OH 43528
(419) 259-5270 | 5. Kent Library
3101 Collingwood Blvd
Toledo, OH 43610
(419) 259-5340 | 6. King Road Library
3900 King Rd
Toledo, OH 43617
(419) 249-5390 | 7. Lagrange Library
3422 Lagrange St
Toledo, OH 43608
(419) 259-5280 | 8. Locke Library
703 Miami St.
Toledo, OH 43605
(419) 259-5310 | 9. Maumee Library
501 River Rd
Maumee OH 43537
(419) 259-5360 | 10. Mott Library
1010 Dorr St
Toledo, OH 43607
(419) 259-5230 | 11. Oregon Library
3340 Dustin Rd
Oregon, OH 43616
(419) 259-5250 | 12. Point Place Library
2727 117th St
Toledo, OH 43611
(419) 259-5390 | 13. Reynolds Corner Library
4833 Dorr St
Toledo, OH 43615
(419) 259-5320 | 14. Sanger Branch Library
3030 W Central Ave
Toledo, OH 43606
(419) 259-5370 | 15. South Library
1736 Broadway St
Toledo, OH 43609
(419) 259-5395 | 16. Sylvania Library
6749 Monroe St
Sylvania, OH 43560
(419) 822-2089 | 17. Toledo Heights Library
423 Shasta Dr
Toledo, OH 43609
(419) 259-5220 | 18. Washington Library
5560 Harvest Ln
Toledo, OH 43623
(419) 259-5330 | 19. Waterville Library
800 Michigan Ave
Waterville, OH 43566
(419) 878-3055 | 20. West Toledo Library
1320 Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43612
(419) 259-5290 | 21. Gladieux Do-It Best
5120 Navarre Ave
Oregon, OH 43616
(419) 693-0601 | 22. Heatherdowns License Bur.
4460 Heatherdowns Blvd
Toledo, OH 43614
(419) 381-1109 | 23. Marketplace West License Bur.
3606 W Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43623
(419) 698-4100 | 24. Oregon License Bureau
3018 Navarre Ave
Oregon, OH 43616
(419) 698-4100 | 25. Sylvania License Bureau
4900 N McCord Rd
Sylvania, OH 43560
(419) 885-0201 | 26. Lucas County Auditor
1 Government Center, Ste 670
Toledo, OH 43604
(419) 213-4406 | 27. L.C. Canine Care & Control
410 S Erie St
Toledo, OH 43604
(419) 213-2800 |
|--|--|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|--|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|---|---|--|---|



John Harris: Crafting Hopeful Narratives in the Tapestry of Sports and Culture

By Asia Nail

The Truth Reporter

In the realm where sports and culture intertwine, **John Harris** has stood as a beacon of insight for four decades. A seasoned journalist, Harris embarked on a remarkable journey, using his unique perspective to shine a light on the nuances of sports, race, and society.

"My journey started out with me just wanting to write for the newspaper," shares Harris. "I was given the opportunity in 1980 to work at the *Lexington Herald Leader* newspaper in Kentucky. They had an opening for a sportswriter and the rest is history."

Harris' bylines have graced prominent publications such as the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Toledo Blade*, and *Tampa Bay Times*. His recent work, encapsulated in the book *Tomlin: The Soul of a Football Coach*, unveils the layered narrative of Pittsburgh Steelers' head coach, **Mike Tomlin**, and underscores Harris' ability to weave hope through the fabric of American football.

John Harris is a crucial voice in the realm of sports and culture. As a Black man weaving narratives within the sports landscape, Harris brings a profound significance to his work. His articles serve as both a mirror and a compass, reflecting the intricate dynamics of race, opportunity, and legacy within the world of athletics.

In his exploration of topics such as "**Black quarterbacks finding opportunity at small conference schools**," Harris dismantles stereotypes and sheds light on the evolving landscape of diversity in football. His work transcends the scoreboards, delving into the transformative power of sports to provide opportunities and ignite explosive growth for diverse athletes in often-overlooked arenas.

Harris' commitment to amplifying stories that often go unheard is evident in his piece, "**Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee Edgerrin James' roots and legacy tied to HBCUs**." By exploring the connections between a football legend's journey and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Harris not only celebrates achievements but also highlights the vital role these institutions play in shaping the narrative of Black athletes.



John Harris

"Looking back, my time at *The Toledo Blade* from 1998-2006 really helped me to expand my talents and to write about sports from a black man's perspective," says Harris.

Beyond the playing field, Harris' skillset extends into the social justice realm, as seen in "**Prairie View A&M at the forefront fighting against voter suppression**." Here, he magnifies the intersection of sports and civic engagement, emphasizing the role of athletes and institutions in combating social injustices, specifically the critical issue of voting rights in our country.

In uncovering the story of **Moses Fleetwood Walker**, the first African

...continued on page 9



Step in the driver's seat of your career

TARTA offers:

- Sign-on bonuses
- Paid training
- Excellent benefits

Visit www.tarta.com/careers to find out more and apply.

TARTA
TAKING YOU PLACES

John Harris... continued from page 8

American to play pro baseball, six decades before Jackie Robinson, Harris becomes a storyteller of historical milestones. By resurrecting narratives often confined to the shadows, he contributes to a more inclusive understanding of sports history, sharing, "Acknowledging the trailblazers who paved the way for future generations has always been one of my tenets."

John Harris' journalism isn't just about reporting scores though; it's a testament to the transformative power of storytelling. In an era in which representation matters, Harris's work serves as a beacon, inviting readers to explore the rich stories that define not only the games we love but also the broader landscape of American life.

"We lived in Toledo, Ohio for many years, all of them memorable. My wife Yulanda used to work for past mayor of Toledo, Jack Ford. She and my two sons, Myles and Langston, really help me to gain new perspectives on not only sports, but life in general."

Harris' passion for storytelling ignited when, after crafting an inspiring biography on NFL Hall of Famer, Edgerrin James, he sought his most recent project to delve into. His gaze fell upon the Pittsburgh Steelers and, more specifically, Mike Tomlin. Recognizing a void in the literary landscape, Harris embarked on a mission to explore the soul of a football coach whose essence resonates beyond the game.

What sets Harris apart as a writer is his tenacity in capturing the essence of figures like Tomlin, who, despite their prominence, often remain enigmatic.

In a world where media sensationalism often overshadows substance, Harris chose to navigate the uncharted waters of a coach who prefers actions over interviews. Tomlin's reluctance to become the centerpiece of his own biography paralleled Harris' commitment to unveil the man behind the iconic sunglasses and motivator persona.

"My endeavor in crafting this book was a compelling challenge — to artfully capture the essence of Mike Tomlin, illuminating his character and myriad accomplishments," explains Harris.

"This task unfolded through insightful interviews with his former players, fellow coaches, family members, and other key individuals who have been integral to his journey."

Harris goes on to explain that Mike's older brother Ed gave him invaluable insights for the new book as well as many of his past players. "Everyone I've spoken with speaks highly of Coach Tomlin and cherishes his humble demeanor. Mike has always been comfortable interacting and communicating with people who maybe didn't look like him, and still he has never lost sight of who he is."

In their school days, Harris learned that Tomlin was around many other athletes from different backgrounds, which explains why he's such a well-rounded coach today. "He originally wanted to play for the NFL after starting as wide receiver for William and Mary College. When that plan didn't work out, Tomlin was determined to be a coach. He's not only a coach, he's a husband, a dad and an overall good guy."

In the ever-evolving landscape of American football, Harris weathers the changes as both witness and chronicler. His journalistic lens extends far beyond the gridiron, capturing the heartbeat of a nation that grapples with societal shifts. "I do my best to navigate the delicate intersection of sports and culture, using my platform to amplify voices that may otherwise go unheard," says Harris.



John and Yulanda McCarty Harris

transcends the sports pages, providing a lens through which readers can understand the complexities of leadership, motivation, and triumph on a more personal level.

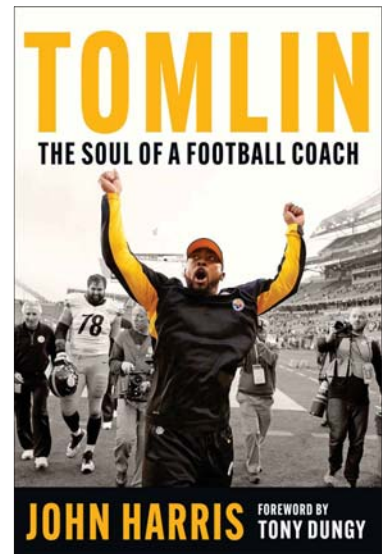
Harris' exploration of Tomlin's coaching philosophy reveals not only strategic brilliance but also the profound influence his representation has on both player and fans alike. "Tomlin is the same when the team plays great and when they play badly. He is consistent, everyday focused on getting better individually and collectively; that transcends race," shares Harris.

Through his meticulous research and interviews, in the book Harris unveils Tomlin's motivations, delving into the psyche of a coach who simply aspired to be the mentor he always wanted as a player.

"Football is the ultimate team sport," explains Harris. "He has the players in the locker room on board with his message, teachings and motivations. If you lose the locker room, as they say, you lose the team. After 17 years he has never lost the Steelers locker room."

As a Black journalist, Harris brings a perspective that enriches the narrative, offering readers a nuanced understanding of the challenges and triumphs

...continued on page 10



Open for wellness

OPEN FOR YOU

Whether you need preventive and wellness care or help managing a complex health condition, The University of Toledo Medical Center's internal medicine providers are the healthcare leaders you want on your team.

UT THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO MEDICAL CENTER

utmcc.utoledo.edu

Through his work, he champions the idea that football is not just a game; it's a microcosm of American society, a stage where narratives of triumph and struggle play out, echoing the broader lessons of life.

As a Black journalist, Harris not only covers sports but has become a storyteller of the human experience. His reflections on Mike Tomlin's journey echo themes of resilience and the pursuit of greatness against the backdrop of race and expectations. In an era where diversity and representation are paramount, Harris' work

Blue Gill Fishing Club Members Donate to Boys and Girls Clubs

The Truth Staff

As always, the generosity of the members of the Blue Gill Fishing Club has impacted yet another organization that works to better residents of the inner city.

On Saturday, January 6, the Blue Gill Fishing Club donated \$500 to the Toledo Boys and Girls Clubs and accepting on part of the Club was Billy Mann, director of Development for the Toledo area clubs.

"The Blue Gill Fishing Club is about the inner city helping out the inner city and taking care of youth," said John Chapman, president of the club. "We don't want the youth entangled with drugs and gangs. We want to try and put them on the right path so they don't wind up in prison – we want to have them have an outlook in life that they can move forward. We don't want them penalized for the rest of their lives for a dumb thing they did early."

The Boys and Girls Clubs provide services to kids from first grade to high school seniors including: after school programs, job training, athletic leagues, leadership skills, summer fishing oppor-



Billy Mann explains the workings of the Boys and Girls Clubs as Nate Green and John Chapman look on



Blue Gill Fishing Club Members present check to Boys and Girls Clubs representative. Standing (l. to r.): Nate Greene, Thomas Walker, Johnnie Walker, Donnie Forrest, John Chapman, Gene Davis. Seated: Perry Helms, Billy Mann, L A Frost

tunities, among others.

The local clubs typically worked with ... continued on page 11

John Harris... continued from page 9

faced by Black coaches and players in a predominantly white industry.

2023 was a very interesting start to the football season because the Steelers struggled. Critics in the media wondered if Tomlin's coaching had run its course in Pittsburgh. "The deciding factor is always how the team responds," adds Harris.

"When the team was at its lowest this season, the Steelers still played their best. Fans agree that had Tomlin lost his team, he would not have gotten this stellar performance from his players."

Harris has become a storyteller who illuminates the paths less traveled. His coverage of Tomlin's challenges, victories, and the delicate dance between players and coaches paints a portrait of a sport that extends beyond the field, carrying the weight of societal expectations and cultural dynamics.

All are welcomed to join John Harris for an engaging evening at his up-

coming Q&A book event, proudly sponsored by the Lucas County Library and the Toledo Blade. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 16, at 7 pm, hosted at the vibrant downtown main library located at 325 Michigan Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604. Don't miss the chance to meet this distinguished author in an enriching discussion about his work.



Mike Tomlin

As Harris reflects on the past 40 years, his journey becomes a testament to the power of storytelling, the resilience of individuals, and the transformative potential of football as a mirror reflecting the soul of a nation. "There's no secret to success as a writer. I simply followed my impulses and my dreams," shares the author.

Through his lens, Harris invites readers to contemplate not just the game, but the people who shape it and, in turn, are shaped by it – a powerful narrative that transcends sports and resonates as a hopeful American story.

Follow John Harris @ andscape.com/contributors/john-harris

REMEMBERING REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Lunch and Learn Seminar with Dr. Shanda Gore

Creating Civil Conversations

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Tuesday, January 16

Franciscan Center Commons

Light lunch provided (while supplies last)



Dr. Gore is the president and founder of Mays and Associates, Ltd., a global consulting company working with individuals and organizations for customized solutions in leadership development, strategic planning, and culture building.

Dr. Gore has more than 25 years of experience and is a teacher, trainer and coach for individuals, small and large public and private organizations including those in higher education, K-12, health care facilities, and national member organizations. She hosts PinLeader™, a podcast available in 175 countries.

Her clients have included a wide variety of organizations and businesses including international engineering firms, law firms, medical colleges and hospitals, school systems, public-serving county agencies, non-profit volunteer organizations, and professional athletic leadership organizations.

This event is free of charge and is open to all. Students may be eligible for class credits, per instructor's discretion.

For more information or to R.S.V.P., contact Sister Barb Vano at bvano@lourdes.edu or 419-824-3861.



Co-sponsored by Sylvania Franciscan Connections and the Lourdes University Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.



It's not just a generator. It's a power move.™

Receive a free 7-year warranty with qualifying purchase* - valued at \$735.

Call 567-326-4027 to schedule your free quote!

*Terms and Conditions apply.



Exciting Opportunity for Fourth Graders to Become Toledo's Next Kid Mayor or Kid Council Member

Attention all fourth graders in Toledo Public Schools and Washington Local Schools. We are looking for thirteen lucky fourth graders who will have the unique opportunity to serve a one-year term as Kid Mayor or Kid Council members.

Do you want to:

- * Learn about Local Government: Kid Mayor and Kid Council meet with city officials, such as the Mayor, City Council members, or other government representatives.
- * Present Ideas: Kid Mayor and Kid Council are encouraged to share their ideas on how to improve the community. They may have the opportunity to present their proposals or projects during special events or meetings.
- * Get Involved: Kid Mayor and Kid Council participate in community events, volunteer activities, and projects that aim to make a positive impact

on the local area, such as having a Litter League team.

* Represent Your Peers: Kid Mayor and Kid Council serve as representatives of their fellow students.

* Attend Special Events: Kid Mayor and Kid Council attend special events, meetings, or ceremonies, giving them firsthand experience in public and civic life.

How to Apply:

All fourth graders within Toledo Public Schools and Washington Local Schools are eligible to participate. Interested students can obtain more information and applications from their teachers or principals. Applications will be accepted from January 8 to January 22.

?How can I get more information? For questions, please email Caryn Maloney at caryn.maloney@toledo.oh.gov

Six Things HBCU Students Can Do Now to Build Financial Health

Special to The Truth

Smart money management is key to thriving in life, especially in college; yet many students often come to this realization late. There are steps you can take now to give yourself an advantage as you continue the 2023-24 school year.

Here are six key considerations for getting started:

1. Set a realistic budget.
 - Whether you have a part-time job, tap into financial aid, or have partial parental support during your college years, a budget will help you decide in advance how you should spend your money – and help discourage negative financial behaviors.
2. Commit to a monthly savings goal.
 - This is a habit that's never too early to start! Setting a monthly savings goal during the college years – when student income varies, and tuition costs loom overhead – is a crucial best practice.
3. Monitor spending.
 - You may think you know where your money goes each month, but the truth is, many people grossly underestimate their spending. Busy students are no exception. It's important to get in the habit of monitoring your bank accounts and credit cards for fraud, available balances, and spending to avoid unpleasant surprises.
4. Get financially engaged.
 - Students can keep their finances in shape by tapping into mobile and on-line interactive tools and resources available to them. Wells Fargo customers, for example, can access predictive banking, an artificial intelligence feature that provides insights into spending patterns and delivers prompts to save.
5. Know your credit score.
 - Your credit score plays a critical role in your ability to get a loan or credit card, and yet many students don't know their credit score.
 - Request a free copy of your credit report from each of three major credit reporting agencies – Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion – once each year at AnnualCreditReport.com or call toll-free 1-877-322-8228.
 - If you notice any errors, report them.
6. Commit to regular financial check-ins.
 - Once you have a budget, savings goals, and general financial plan in

order, set aside time for regular financial check-ins with advisors at your campus money management office or bank. Getting into the habit of doing this early and often will promote responsible spending and savings practices and lay the groundwork for future financial success.

In addition to the steps listed above, there are many resources available that can help students with money management and building greater financial security over time. To access these resources, visit wellsfargo.com/financial-health, or check out Our Money Matters, a free financial wellness hub supported by the Wells Fargo Foundation. To sign up, visit www.our-money-matters.org.

"One of the key things I tell young people is 'practice makes permanent' – practicing good financial habits gives you a solid foundation, even as your circumstances change," said Ben-James Brown, a financial health program manager for the Wells Fargo Foundation.

Courtesy StatePoint

Blue Gill Fishing Club... continued from page 10

around 6,000 kids before the pandemic but had to close doors for a while. However, over the course of the last several years, three new club facilities have opened and the number of kids serviced has climbed into the 4,000 range, noted Mann who is responsible for the clubs' fundraising activities. "This [money] will be used," he said appreciatively to the members.

The Blue Gill Fishing Club was organized in 1992 by five community men, initially as a social club. Over the years, the Blue Gill has also evolved into a service club that raises funds for scholarships, to feed neighborhood youth and to assist community action organizations in their missions.

Thurs. 11-6pm
 Fri. 11-8pm
 Sat. 11-8pm
 Sun. 12-4pm



BERTHA MAE'S KITCHEN
 BEST CATERING TOWA

419-386-1244  Bertha Mae's Kitchen
 840 N. Summit st.  [berthamaeskitchen](https://www.instagram.com/berthamaeskitchen)
 Toledo, Ohio 43604

DIXIE Auto Leasing Toledo, OH

5880 N. Detroit
Month to Month Leasing
 419-476-8674

WE ARE A FULL SERVICE BUSINESS 

Bernadette Joy Graham, LPCC, LLC
 Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor
 419.409.4929
 Mental Health...Get Your Mind Right
www.bjgrahamcounseling.com
 2525 W. Bancroft
 Toledo, OH 43606
graham.bernadette@gmail.com



Welcome Home to Sylvan Lakes Apartments!

Our elegant apartments feature spacious bedrooms with ample storage, high ceilings and breath-taking views! Stop in today to see our beautifully landscaped grounds, resort-like swimming pool and clubhouse with its fully-equipped fitness center. Located just west of King road off of Sylvania Ave.

Sylvan Lakes
 Apartment Homes 

4045 A Langston Place, Sylvania, Ohio 43560
 P: 419-842-8480 E: investekmanagement.com

In the Gap Between January 6 and MLK Day, Once Forbidden History Offers Hope

By Ben Jealous

Special to The Truth

Even Ron DeSantis had to admit, when pressed at a CNN townhall, January 6 was a bad day for America.

Invariably, following this past week's anniversary of the insurrection, we're forced to ask ourselves: Will we ever be able to pull this country back together again?

It's a reasonable question. The fissures run deep.

For the answer to that big, terrible question, I turn to the history books. And to the history of our country that was long kept out of those books.

In the wake of the Civil War, America was still a tinder keg. In 1867, two years after the Civil War had ended and nine years before another almost erupted, Frederick Douglass laid out the argument for why, as Americans, we should remain optimistic about our future and our ability to come together.

In "Our Composite Nation," Douglass explained, a nation's character is defined by that nation at its best, not its worst. And America's character (at our best), our geography, and our already diverse population "all conspire to one grand end" ... to make us the most "perfect national illustration of the unity and dignity of the human family, that the world has ever seen."

It seemed a tall order in those tough times, as it does now. And yet close to 15 years after he gave that speech, a new movement erupted in Petersburg, Virginia that swept across the old Commonwealth uniting freedmen and former Confederate soldiers in a shared quest to save the public schools.

The Readjusters Party emerged amid an attempt by the old plantation owner oligarchs to reassert their influence, following the Hayes-Tilden Compromise.

The Compromise – which both prevented the possible outbreak of a second civil war and unleashed the terror of the Ku Klux Klan – resolved a bitter dispute over the election of 1876 and re-enfranchised former Confederates.



With the Confederates' votes restored, the old oligarchs presumed their political power was assured. But they made a fatal mistake. They tried to dissolve the free public schools created by Black-led Reconstruction governments, claiming war debt made them unaffordable.

With the Readjusters offering a haven, working-class white former Confederates fled the Democratic Party of the plantation oligarchs to defend their children's schools. At the same time, sparked by both President Hayes's betrayal of Black communities in the South and the same concern over public schools, my grandmother's grandfather, Edward David Bland led an exodus of Blacks from the Republican Party to join them.

The math of democracy necessitated that if they were going to save their children's schools, they would have to join up with the white parents who shared their same fears.

The new Readjusters Party quickly took over the state and won the governorship, control of both houses of the legislature, and would appoint both US senators (state legislators still appointed US Senators back then).

In four years, the Readjusters succeeded in saving the free public schools. They radically expanded Virginia Tech to make the college the working white person's answer to the patrician University of Virginia, and aided the creation of what is now called Virginia State University – the first public university for the training of Black teachers. They also abolished the poll tax and the public whipping post, and even pushed the state out of a deficit into a surplus.

However, at the end of the one term any governor is allowed in Virginia, the Readjusters would be swept out of power by a political movement built on disinformation, ruthless violence, and a call to white supremacy. The new political regime of Jim Crow then took steps to ensure that the history of the Readjusters would never make it into the lessons taught to Virginia school children. Jim Crow politicians knew how much of a threat that example was to their power structure, built on lies and hate.

The story of Frederick Douglass's optimism and confidence in America's destiny, and the Readjusters' courage in pursuing it, is a reminder that the people of our country were always more resilient and greater than most politicians were ever willing to bet on.

It also begs the question: If they could unite then in the interest of all their children, what is actually keeping us from uniting now in the interest of all of ours?

Ben Jealous is the Executive Director of the Sierra Club and a Professor of Practice at the University of Pennsylvania.

Connect Anywhere, Anytime.

Enjoy Free Internet Data on Your Mobile Devices with ACP

You qualify today for the Government Free Internet Program if a household of two has an income of less than \$39,440, or if you receive:

- Medicaid
- Veterans Pension
- SNAP
- Survivors or Lifeline Benefits
- SSI
- Tribal Assistance Program
- WIC
- Housing Assistance



maxsip TELECOM

Get a subsidized 4G Android Tablet for \$20

CALL TODAY (833) 431-2358

Leaf Filter GUTTER PROTECTION

CLOG-FREE GUTTERS FOREVER

THE NATION'S #1 GUTTER GUARD

EXCLUSIVE LIMITED TIME OFFER!

15% OFF YOUR ENTIRE PURCHASE
10% OFF SENIORS & MILITARY
0% APR FOR 24 MONTHS**

Promo Code: 285

FREE GUTTER ALIGNMENT + FREE GUTTER CLEANING*

CALL US TODAY FOR A FREE ESTIMATE 1-844-518-2952

Mon-Thurs: 8am-11pm, Fri-Sat: 8am-5pm, Sun: 2pm-8pm EST

A COMPANY OF LEAFHOME

**Wells Fargo Home Projects credit card is issued by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., an Equal Housing Lender. Special terms for 24 mos. apply to qualifying purchases of \$1,000 or more with approved credit. Minimum monthly payments will not pay off balance before end of promotional period. APR for new purchases is 28.99%. Effective 01/01/2023 - subject to change. Call 1-800-431-0011 for complete details. Offer requires consumer reporting agency conducted a 16 month outdoor test of gutter guards in 2019 and recognized LeafFilter as the "#1 rated professionally installed gutter guard system in America." **For those who qualify. One coupon per household. No obligation estimate valid for 1 year. Offer valid at time of estimate only. See Representative for full warranty details. Manufactured in Flometh, Michigan and processed at LMT/Menards Group in Ohio. #1802079L, CT #HIC-064990L, FL #KRC056476, IA #122230, ID #HIC-01604, LA #539544, MA #176427, MD #HIC-148329, MI # 2102212386, #26200022, #26200043, #2105212946, MN #W731004, NY #201762, ND #7304, NE #504522, NJ #15W9993300, NV #008693, NY #008696, NY #119114, #152221, OR #218294, PA #P4039383, #18021354, TN #7656, UT #1076306500, VA #27016448, WA #LEAFHOME022, WI #W056912.

Who Got Game? Basketball by Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Jez Tuya

Special to The Truth

A little less than two feet.

That's how far you can get your two feet off the floor if you're an average kid doing an average vertical jump. Not quite 24 inches, but don't worry: the taller you grow, the higher you could be able to jump. Practice some, dribble a little, shoot more three-pointers, and you might jump right into a book like **Who Got Game? Basketball by Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Jez Tuya.**

c.2023
Workman Publishing
\$16.99
172 pages

Here we are, football season's almost over, and your mind has turned to other things – namely, hoops set high over your head, and a round bouncy basketball. Kids like you who “got game” have had it for more than a century. Yes, the game of basketball was created by Dr. James Naismith in 1891 in Massachusetts.

In the years since, basketball has changed a lot, thanks to what Derrick Barnes calls “pioneers.” Julius “Dr. J” Erving improved the dunk. Before that, in 1950, the NBA first allowed Black basketball players on the teams. There have been super-tall players (Manute Bol and Gheorge Muregan were both seven feet, seven tall) and smaller b-ballers – five-three Muggsy Bogues had a vertical jump of nearly four feet! – and just two years after the game was invented, America had its first women's team.

A lot of off-court people poured themselves into the game, too. Barnes writes, for example, about Pat Summitt, hoopster, leader, and “one of the greatest coaches in all of sports history.” Her record of 1,098 wins ranks her at first-place in coaching women's basketball, and as the coach with the second-most wins overall.

You can probably guess that in a book about buckets, there are bucketfuls of stats. Barnes includes a list of NBA players who jumped to a team right out of high school. He writes about the greatest basketball park ever, he explains why winners cut down the net, how Title IX changed the game, why

backboards rarely break into a zillion pieces anymore, high scores, bad injuries, “hoops movies,” and where in the world you can pick up a game today.

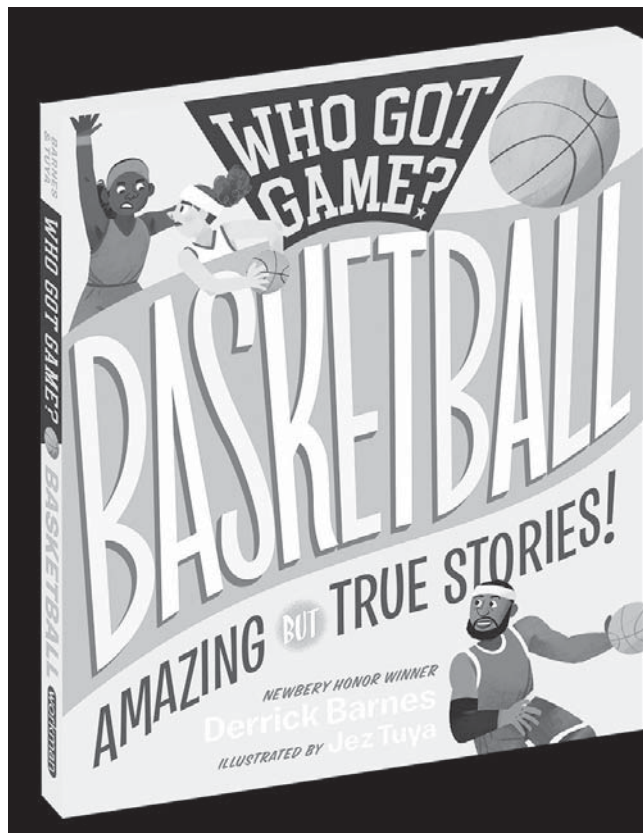
So your nine-to-13-year-old loves basketball so much that she dribbles a ball in her sleep? She thinks her favorite jersey is church-wear? Then you'll be the hero of the day when you bring home *Who Got Game? Basketball.*



Who Got Game Basketball author
CREDIT EyeSun Photography
(Charlotte, NC)

But first, there's one big thing you need to know: this is not a how-to book. There aren't any instructions inside here, no rules or plays to follow. Instead, author Derrick Barnes makes young b-ballers happy by sharing little-known info about the game they love so much, short lists, great stories about great players, wins and losses, and phrases they should know to talk the talk. All this knowledge is supported by colorful illustrations by Jez Tuya that kids will enjoy alongside the facts.

This book is for die-hard young b-ballers, but don't be surprised if an adult finds a thing or two to learn here. *Who Got Game? Basketball* is a book any fan will want to jump on.



Need a Loan? Think Glass City!

- Mortgage Loans
- Home Equity Loans & Lines of Credit
- Home Improvement Loans
- Vehicle Loans
- Personal Loans
- Visa Credit Cards

GLASS CITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
Toledo • Maumee • Bowling Green
419-887-1000 • glasscityfcu.com

Loans & credit cards subject to credit approval & membership eligibility. NMLS ID #445858.



We're working for you!

America's urban community alternative station!

iHeartRADIO

Entrepreneurs
Independent Artist & Producers
Actors
Sports
Fashion
Book Authors
Educators

With your host **DeYonn** aka The Musical Teddy Bear!

Jam Packed Emagazine Morning Show!

All Genres Welcome!

Community Awareness
Health Awareness
Safety Awareness

"We Make Stars Happen!"
Independent Music & Majors welcome!

www.blackbeatmusicgroup.com

Call in days Monday 12 noon - 2pm & Wednesday 12 noon - 2pm
(712) 770-4010 use access code 760462



Do you like working in a friendly team-oriented environment? Look no further! Come join the Gross Electric team as a Warehouse Associate. Our Warehouse Associates are responsible for accurately filling orders, stocking merchandise, ensuring inventory is correct, and supporting the sales team by delivering orders in a helpful, friendly manner. May need to make deliveries to area businesses. The ideal candidate should have excellent communication and problem-solving skills. Attention to detail is critical for this role. Job requirements include, High School diploma or GED, basic computer skills, ability to lift 50lbs and a valid driver's license. Visit our website, www.grosselectric.com to apply or send your resume to careers@grosselectric.com.

Position Available Staff Attorney



Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. (ABLE), a non-profit regional law firm that provides high-quality legal assistance to low-income people and groups in western Ohio, seeks a resourceful, culturally competent, hardworking attorney for its Toledo office who would advocate for systemic changes for child and adult mental health consumers.

Please visit ABLE's website at www.ablelaw.org to review the full details and apply for the position.

ABLE is an Equal Opportunity Employer and places a high value on diversity in our workplace, including diversity in race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and physical ability. We strive to create an environment welcoming to all individuals and we encourage applications from individuals traditionally underrepresented in the legal profession. Applicants requiring accommodation for the interview/application process should contact the recruitment coordinator at ablejobs@freelawyers.org.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL LUCAS COUNTY CANINE CARE & CONTROL (LC4)

Rudolph Libbe will receive proposals for Bid Package #5 on the LC4 project, a 42,000sf single-story canine welfare facility, located at 1301 Monroe Street, Toledo, OH. Bids are due January 19, 2024 at 3:00 pm. Documents and additional information is available upon request from BuildingConnected.com. This project has MBE/WBE requirements. For more information on this project, please contact Andy Wren at 419-725-3291.

OUTDOOR SKILLS INTERPRETER:

Metroparks Toledo is looking for an individual to be our Outdoor Skills Interpreter at Oak Openings Preserve Metropark. The person in this position will connect people to parks through the development, production, and presentation of high quality park programs, special events, and experiences. Bachelor's degree or equivalent combination of education and work experience. Moderate experience in educational and public program development, production, and evaluation and presenting public or educational programs. Some outdoor skills-specific experience required. Must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license. Full time position with benefits. \$19.943/hr. EOE

Go to www.MetroparksToledo.com <<http://www.MetroparksToledo.com>>/careers to view the job description, position requirements and apply online.

FACILITY OPERATOR:

Metroparks Toledo is looking for a Facility Operator for Glass City Metropark. The person in this position will perform a variety of housekeeping, janitorial and basic maintenance. HS diploma or equivalent required as well as a valid driver's license. Some experience in janitorial and minor building maintenance is preferred. Full time position with benefits. EOE

Go to www.MetroparkToledo.com/careers to view the entire job description and to apply.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS HQS/INSPIRE INSPECTION SERVICES RFP23-R014

Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH) will receive proposals for **HQS/INSPIRE Inspection Services in accordance with RFP23-R014**. Received in accordance with law until **January 19, 2024 at 3:00 PM EST**. For documents: www.lucasmha.org; 424 Jackson Street., Toledo, OH 43604; or 419-259-9438 (TRS: Dial 711). Bidders are required to meet Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in Executive Order #11246. This contract opportunity is a Section 3 Covered Contract, and any Section 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to apply.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS HQS/INSPIRE MAINTENANCE SERVICES RFP23-R015 – RFP23-R020

Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH) will receive proposals for **HQS/INSPIRE Maintenance Services in accordance with RFP23-R015 – RFP23-R020**. Received in accordance with law until **January 19, 2024 at 3:00 PM EST**. For documents: www.lucasmha.org; 424 Jackson Street., Toledo, OH 43604; or 419-259-9438 (TRS: Dial 711). Bidders are required to meet Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in Executive Order #11246. This contract opportunity is a Section 3 Covered Contract, and any Section 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to apply.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH), located in Toledo, Ohio is seeking experienced applicants for the following position(s): **LHSC Director**. For complete details, visit <https://www.lucasmha.org> and click on Careers. **Deadline: 12/29/23**. This is a Section 3 covered position. HUD recipients are encouraged to apply and are to indicate on the application if you are a LMHA Public Housing client or Housing Choice Voucher Program participant. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. **NO PHONE CALLS**. Equal employment opportunity shall be afforded to all qualified persons without regard to age, race, color, religion, religious creed, gender, military status, ancestry, disability, handicap, sexual orientation, genetic information or national origin.



Governor DeWine.. continued from page 16

The museum preserves and showcases 19th-century cultural artifacts that tell the story of Appalachian diversity. Tablertown was founded circa 1830 by Michael Tabler, the son of a slave owner, and his wife, Hannah, who had been enslaved on the plantation of Michael's father. A descendant of Michael and Hannah, David Butcher founded the Tablertown People of Color Museum in 2003 to recognize and honor the challenges his family experienced and overcame.

Years before the museum opened, Butcher had a vision for building unity in the community and birthing social change in his family's rural hometowns through meaningful conversations about race and lineage. His community service has included being a board member for the Southeast Ohio History Center, Central Region Humanities Center, and Rural Action. He also served as the board president for the Kilvert Community Center. In addition, Butcher has a 200-mile roundtrip daily commute to Haverhill, Ohio, where he has worked for the past 18 years as a utility worker for SunCoke Energy.

Butcher's nominator said, "His long-term commitment for taking a nonviolent approach to advancing equity among diverse populations is admirable, all while working full time, raising four accomplished children, and being a phenomenal husband, exceptional son, and pillar of support to several other family members, friends, local residents, and professionals."

Over the past two decades, Mr. Butcher has collaborated with numerous community organizations and partners to secure and sustain the future of Kilvert and the Tablertown People of Color Museum.

"I am in awe that his events in Kilvert and surrounding areas have drawn thousands of visitors from across the region and beyond. In fact, as a guest curator at the Ohio University Kennedy Museum of Art, Mr. Butcher's first-ever exhibit, "People of Color: A Multicultural Role in History", displayed in March of 2003, drew the largest crowd of any exhibit ever presented in the Kennedy Museum of Art. Several other events hosted by Mr. Butcher throughout the years have been equally popular, including lectures, private and group tours, and events involving local collaborators and partners," said his nominator.

Youth: Capturing the Vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award – Emmanuela Francique, Columbus

"The Youth Award recognizes young Ohioans who exemplify leadership, nonviolence, commitment to excellence, and interracial cooperation. Nominees must have demonstrated an adherence to one or more of Dr. King's Six Principles of Nonviolence and must have been 20 or younger on Nov. 30."

Emmanuela Francique, 17, is a senior at Columbus Alternative High School who is involved in several volunteer activities and started her own student organization.

She has been a member of the Franklin County Youth Council for more than a year. During this time, Emmanuela has participated in their volunteer program with the Mid-Ohio Food Bank, assisted with its signature event – Trauma From the Lens of Youth, and has completed the Youth-Led Teen Suicide Prevention Training: Sources of Strength (S.O.S).

Franklin County Youth Council is an organization established by area non-profits and government agencies who answered the 2013 call of President Barack Obama to engage young people in conversations addressing mental health and mental illness. The purpose of the council is to engage, encourage, and empower youth to be more involved in community service, build leadership skills, and voice policy ideas and concerns of area youth.

In addition to her involvement with the Franklin County Youth Council, Francique is the founder of Small Hit, Big Impact, a student organization she runs as an after-school club at her school. She incorporated it as a limited liability company. Small Hit, Big Impact focuses on volunteerism, purpose-driven leadership, and fostering personal development. She organizes workshops and volunteer opportunities for students.

She also is active in her church, Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church, where her activities include serving as a youth leader for the Pathfinder program, which is a youth ministry. She also serves as a junior deaconess, youth elder, youth ministries secretary, and as a superintendent for the lower division Sabbath School.

Francique said, "My dream profession is in leadership and the organization of people. I love the responsibility and freedom that comes with entrepreneurship. In my work as a businesswoman, I want my business to respect and nurture a diverse group of people to come together with the common goal of serving their community. I want to create a legacy of community and self-advocacy that promotes positive social change."

Organization Award –Black Art Speaks, Cincinnati

"The Organization Award recognizes organizations that have made significant contributions toward building a sense of unity among Ohio citizens."

Black Art Speaks is a vibrant alliance of artists, organizations, and activists dedicated to celebrating Black art and culture while tackling critical social issues within the community.

Black Art Speaks partners with other organizations and communities to use

the power of art to address cycles of violence and trauma, explore ways to improve quality of life and empower and heal the community.

Originating from the Black Lives Matter mural outside Cincinnati's City Hall, Black Art Speaks quickly made its mark. The poem "We Want What You Want" by Alandes Powell, founder and executive director of Black Art Speaks, inspired a community-wide initiative, turning each mural letter into a collaborative canvas. This project united over 1,000 individuals from various backgrounds, fostering dialogue and highlighting our shared human experiences.

Black Art Speaks engages the community through diverse art forms, including visual arts, performances, and workshops, to ensure inclusivity and education. Notable projects include collaborations that address gun violence and misconceptions about Black men, such as 'The Letter Project' with the University of Cincinnati, Avondale, and Roselawn communities, and a creative partnership with the DiveRight Leadership Development Program involving the Cincinnati Bengals.

The organization's impact extends beyond showcasing Black talent; it fosters unity in Ohio through shared values of humanity and respect. By leveraging art for social commentary, Black Art Speaks champions peaceful expression and dialogue, aligning with Dr. King's principles.

Black Art Speaks confronts racial inequality, promoting equity by raising awareness of systemic biases and encouraging dialogue. Their educational collaborations introduce art and cultural understanding to youth, fostering diversity and learning among student groups.

Black Art Speaks' multidisciplinary collaborations, encompassing arts, business, and social sectors, demonstrate their commitment to unity and understanding. Their approach to using art for education and healing is noteworthy, addressing social justice issues through peaceful means and facilitating essential dialogue.

Lifetime Service Award – McKinley E. Brown, Cincinnati

The Commission will also grant a special Lifetime Service Award to McKinley E. Brown, who retired from the Commission on Dec. 31 after 10 years, including three years as chair.

Brown is a retired police officer who was most recently chief of detectives for the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office. He began his career in law enforcement in 1981 as a patrol officer with the Cincinnati Police Department. Brown, who served in the U.S. Army before entering law enforcement, was a 2010 inductee into the Greater Cincinnati Police Museum's prestigious 1132 Living Legends.

House of Ginnie

Custom designed clothing • sewing workshops & more!!

Mon – Wed --- 10 AM to 7 PM • 567-290-8066

Governor DeWine Recognizes Ohioans for Keeping Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Dream Alive

Special to The Truth

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission announced last week the winners of the annual Ohio MLK Awards honoring the service and achievements of Ohio residents and organizations in areas consistent with the teachings and example of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Congratulations to these Ohioans who are keeping Dr. King's dream alive by promoting peace, service, and community engagement in all they do," said Governor DeWine. "We are incredibly grateful for their spirit of community and compassion."

The Commission will present the awards at noon Thursday, Jan. 11 during the 39th Annual Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration at Trinity Episcopal Church, located in downtown Columbus at the southeast corner of Third and Broad streets. The event, which will be livestreamed and rebroadcast on the Ohio Channel [<https://ohiochannel.org/search?pageSize=12&start=1&sort=BestMatch&dir=DESC&keywords=mlk>], will also feature student speakers from the 2023 Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest.

"This year's award winners truly reflect the values that Dr. King spent his life advocating for," said Christina Rodriguez, chair of the Commission. "The Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission congratulates these outstanding Ohioans for creating positive social change and making a difference in their communities."

The Commission, which receives administrative support from the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, advocates Dr. King's principles of non-violent change and the pursuit of racial, social, and economic justice, and annually hosts the award ceremony in January leading up to the MLK holiday.

The following organization and three individuals will be recognized:

Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Governor's Humanitarian Award—Courtis Fuller, Cincinnati

"The Governor's Humanitarian Award seeks to honor those quiet soldiers who promote the welfare of humanity and the elimination of pain and suf-

fering through their own selfless service, often without recognition. Nominees possess a personal activism that has inspired unheralded long-term service to the community and stands as a model for others to emulate."

Courtis Fuller is a hall of fame broadcast journalist appreciated for spotlighting important issues and accomplishments of people of color and underserved populations. He is a news anchor and reporter for the Cincinnati NBC affiliate, WLWT-TV, where he has spent 35 years of his nearly 44-year career.

In 2023 he was inducted into the inaugural class of the WLWT Hall of Fame. He is a multi-Emmy award winner and a 2021 inductee in the prestigious Ohio Valley Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts &

Sciences Silver Circle, an honor for television professionals who have made lasting contributions to the industry and to the community for 25 or more years.

Consistently, Fuller has shown his leadership and commitment. He is very active in politics and local community issues. He issued the proposal to Cincinnati City Council that led to an inner-city street being renamed in honor of high school honor student Derrick Turnbow, who was shot to death. He led the effort to have the City of Cincinnati and the Cincinnati Reds honor the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's entrance into Major League Baseball. He also conceived and produced an eight-day Cincinnati Jazz and Heritage Festival.

In 2001, Fuller stepped away from the anchor desk to demonstrate his commitment once again to Cincinnati. He gained international attention as a political newcomer by winning the primary election in his bid to become the first directly elected mayor of Cincinnati in 75 years. He received a respectable 45 percent of the vote in the general election.

He returned to WLWT-TV in 2003 after hosting his own talk show on WCIN radio. He is a much sought-after speaker and the longtime host for dozens of events. Furthermore, he has assisted in raising millions of dollars for organizations by volunteering his time.

He is an advisory board member for the Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation and an honorary member of the Cincinnati Opera Board. Previously, he served as a member of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra Board, the Greater Cincinnati Tall Stacks Commission, the U.S. Department of Education's Back-to-School National Advisory Board, and the Executive Board of the National Association of Black Journalists.

Fuller is always looking for ways to serve his community, so in 2010 a scholarship was established in his name to help young aspiring journalists achieve their dream.

Individual Award – David Butcher, Athens County

"The Individual Award recognizes those who have made significant contributions toward building a sense of unity among Ohio citizens."

David Butcher is the executive director and head curator of the Tablertown People of Color Museum, a nonprofit enterprise in Kilvert, Ohio. Formerly known as Tablertown, Kilvert is an unincorporated town in Athens County rich in cultural heritage.



Black Arts Speaks muralists



Courtis Fuller



Emmanuela Francique



David Butcher, curator of the Tablertown People of Color Museum in Athens

The Truth Colours Gallery

**7 East Bancroft
Bancroft & Franklin**

OPEN

**Tuesday to Friday
10am - 5:00pm**

**Saturdays for events
Mondays appointment**

Follow on Facebook
Nikolacolours
For up coming events

LOVE

... continued on page 15