

John Lewis, Lying in State, Is Honored as Part of a ‘Pantheon of Patriots’

A cross-section of influential lawmakers paid respects to the civil rights icon before his body was moved outside so the public could honor him.



The coffin of Representative John Lewis was carried up the steps of the Capitol on Monday.

By Luke Broadwater
WASHINGTON — When the honor guard placed Representative John Lewis’s coffin in the Capitol Rotunda on Monday, the civil rights icon’s body lay upon the same catafalque that President Abraham Lincoln’s did.
It was a fitting tribute:

The raised box that once supported the president most responsible for ending slavery now carried the first Black lawmaker to lie in state in the Rotunda, a man who dedicated his life to ensuring that with freedom came equality.
“Under the dome of the U.S. Capitol, we have bid farewell to some of the



Mr. Lewis’s coffin inside the Capitol Rotunda.

greatest Americans in our history,” Speaker Nancy Pelosi said during an emotional ceremony Monday afternoon to honor Mr. Lewis, a Georgia Democrat who endured numerous arrests and beatings in his lifelong push for civil rights. “It is fitting that John Lewis joins this pantheon of patriots.”
Speakers recalled Mr.

Lewis’s remarkable rise in American life, from a farmhouse in Pike County, Ala., with no running water or electricity to his leading role in the effort to end segregation and his ascent to the halls of Congress.
Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the majority leader, invoked the

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COVID-19 Update: Child Care Ratios to be Lifted, Additional Restrictions Announced for Local Fairs

Governor Mike DeWine today provided the following updates related to Ohio’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
CHILD CARE RATIOS
Governor DeWine announced that child care providers in Ohio may return to their normal, statutory ratios and class

sizes beginning on August 9, 2020.
Child care providers have a choice to increase the number of children and staff members to the normal statutory ratios or to maintain their current, lower ratios to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is structuring a

financial incentive to providers that maintain smaller ratios and classroom sizes.
“Children cannot learn unless they are safe and cared for, and without access to child care, parents may resort to less-than-ideal options for their child’s care, such as relying on an elderly grandparent who is at greater risk for contract-

ing COVID-19. By allowing normal ratios to resume, we’re giving parents more options,” said Governor DeWine. “We will continue to closely monitor reports of COVID-19 in child care, as well as compliance with rules and best practices, so that we can respond as needed to keep our children, families, and

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Four Area Schools Will Hold Classes Online For The First Nine Weeks of the School Year

MIAMI VALLEY — Four local districts are going online for the first nine weeks of the school year this fall.
Yellow Springs Exempted School District, Middletown Schools, Tecumseh Local and Trotwood-Madison will all be holding class online at the beginning of the school year.
Yellow Springs Exempted School District Superintendent Terri Holden said the district will hold classes entirely online for students for the first quarter of the

2020/2021 school year.
This comes after Holden held a virtual board of education meeting Saturday after hearing concerns from parents, teachers, and staff due to the rising case in the state of Ohio this month.
“My first priority is safety. Safety for students and family, safety for my staff, so that was a big part of the decision,” she said.
The plan will include providing computers and supplies to students, delivery food service for students in need, and allow teachers to teach from the



classroom with access to materials.
Trotwood-Madison City Schools will go virtual for the first nine weeks of the

school year.
Middletown Schools also announced that the first part of the school year

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Petty President Trump Says He Won't be Visiting the Capitol to Pay Respect to John Lewis

President Donald “I’ve Always Been Good to You People” Trump is the Miss Millie of male Karens and the Milli Vanilli of white saviors. Sure, he can make the bold claim that he’s done more for Black Americans than any president since Abraham Lincoln (while citing bare-minimum policies that have mostly proven ineffective in changing the socio-economic conditions that Black people in America live under), but when it comes to the Black Lives Matter movement,

he’s been nothing but belligerent and unsupportive. So it shouldn’t surprise absolutely no one that the commander-in-golf courses will not be visiting the Capitol to pay his respects to civil rights icon and 17-term Georgia House Rep. John Lewis.
Just before leaving the White House for a trip to North Carolina, Trump was asked by a reporter if he would be viewing Lewis’ casket, which arrived at the U.S. Capitol on Monday. Trump replied with a simple, “I won’t be going, no.”
The casket will be dis-



played outside at the top of the steps of the Capitol later Monday so that members of the public can pay their respects while maintaining distance because of the coronavirus pandemic. The outdoor public

viewing will be continued during the day Tuesday.
Trump ordered flags at the White House to fly at half-staff in honor of Lewis for part of the day following his death. The President said that day that

he was “saddened” to hear the news of Lewis’s death, calling him a civil rights hero in a tweet, but has otherwise said little about his death publicly.
Don’t get it twisted: Lewis didn’t mess with Trump any more than Trump messed with him (or non-Sunken Place Black people, in general). So, we can all rest assured that Lewis wouldn’t be offended that Putin’s better half didn’t show the same willingness to put politics aside that other presidents have shown when a fellow elected official who they may have had a beef

with has died. I’d imagine no one in Lewis’ family wants the Oompa Loompa-in-chief there anyway.

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Mary McLeod Bethune 1875 –1955

Mary McLeod Bethune was a child of formerly enslaved people. She graduated from the Scotia Seminary for Girls in 1893. Believing that education provided the key to racial advancement, Bethune founded the Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute in 1904, which later became Bethune-Cookman College. She founded the National Council of Negro Women in 1935. Bethune died in 1955.



Moody Bible Institute) in Chicago. Bethune completed her studies there two years later. Returning to the South, she began her career as a teacher.

For nearly a decade, Bethune worked as an educator. She married fellow teacher Albertus Bethune in 1898. The couple had one son together—Albert McLeod Bethune—before ending their marriage in 1907. She believed that education provided the key to racial advancement. To that end, Bethune founded the Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute for Negro Girls in Daytona, Florida, in 1904. Starting out with only five students, she helped grow the school to more than 250 students over the next years.
Bethune served as the school’s president, and she remained its leader even after it was combined with the Cookman Institute for Men in 1923 (some sources say 1929). The merged institution became known as the Bethune-Cookman College. The college was one of the few places that African American students could pursue a college

Born Mary Jane McLeod on July 10, 1875, in Mayesville, South Carolina, Mary McLeod Bethune was a leading educator and civil rights activist. She grew up in poverty, as one of 17 children born to formerly enslaved people. Everyone in the family worked, and many toiled in the fields, picking cotton. Bethune became the one and only child in her family to go to school when a missionary opened a school nearby for African American children. Traveling miles each way, she walked to school each day and did her best to share her newfound knowledge with her family.
Bethune later received a scholarship to the Scotia Seminary (now Barber-Scotia College), a school for girls in Concord, North Carolina. After graduating from the seminary in 1893, she went to the Dwight Moody’s Institute for Home and Foreign Missions (also known as

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Bidder’s Conference for Application for Funding CFY 2021

Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) will be releasing the Application for Funding (AFF) for program proposals to be implemented January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Applications are being accepted for treatment and supportive services for mental health and substance use disorder. Proposals should address the behavioral health needs in the Montgomery County community and align with Montgomery County priority populations identified in the ADAMHS Community Plan. Statutorily mandated services will be given priority.

Those interested in applying for funding must meet the applicable funding guidelines and complete an online application. Applicants may attend a non-mandatory Bidder’s Conference on Wednesday, August 5 at 1 p.m. Due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, this year’s Bidder’s Conference will only occur online via Zoom.

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:
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Password: 701688
Or Telephone: Dial:
USA 602 333 0032
USA 8882709936 (US Toll Free) Conference code: 273610

ADAMHS reserves the right to reject proposals and/or fund less than the requested amount. Any agency that receives ADAMHS funding will enter a contract with ADAMHS prior to any payment of allocated funds. All decisions of ADAMHS on the allocation of funds are final and are contingent upon the receipt of allocations from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS). ADAMHS acknowledges that Medicaid rules override any conflicted ADAMHS policy and procedure.

All requestors must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Hold OhioMHAS licensure/certification for requested services
- Hold National Accreditation (JCAHO, CARF, COA) for requested services
- Affiliate of NAMI Ohio
- Member of Ohio Recovery Housing and have completed peer review
- Serve as a Governmental entity
- Serve as an Education entity under the jurisdiction of the Ohio Department of Education or the Ohio Board of Regents

Applicants shall address all requirements and shall contain the full name of each agency/company and shall be electronically signed by officials authorized to execute a contract.

Bidder’s Conference:
Wednesday, August 5, 2020, 1:00 p.m.
Refer to website (www.MCADAMHS.ORG) for full details and listing of FAQ’s.

Role of Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services

Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) serves as the community mental health, alcohol and drug addiction services planning entity for Montgomery County. The duties of ADAMHS specifically include the evaluation, development and assessment of community mental health, alcohol, and drug addiction needs, services and programs under the Ohio Revised Code (340). Through this work, ADAMHS is considered a safety net for people with behavioral health needs in Montgomery County.

In this role, ADAMHS ensures services are available for all people living in Montgomery County and is obligated to prioritize safety above all else. Priority will be given to certain populations that fall under the statutory responsibility of Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services: people with severe and persistent mental illness, people with severe mental illness, children and youth with severe emotional disturbance and people with severe to moderate substance use disorders.

Funding Guidelines

Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services allocates funding throughout the Calendar Fiscal Year 2021, which runs from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. All funding requests for services or programs must meet the following guidelines:

- The organization must be certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and/or nationally accredited in order to receive funding, excluding those organizations that are educational and/or government entities. Additionally, the organization must be certified to provide the service or program for which they are applying.
- Funding for services and programs is based upon availability. ADAMHS has a variety of funding sources including federal, state and local dollars. Some funding streams are mandated by the state to be used for specific purposes, and some funding streams are for specific services or programs. All other funding is based upon the priorities and needs of the local community. Funding is on a year-to-year basis.
- An Application for Funding (AFF) is the primary channel for allocating resources. All programs must submit an AFF to be considered for funding. AFF for CFY21 will be released on Wednesday, August 5, 2021. Completed AFF’s are due to ADAMHS on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 by 4 p.m. Late or incomplete proposals will not be accepted.

Additional Instructions

- All funded programs will be required to report outcomes to ADAMHS per contract guidelines.
- Funding agreements will be finalized using a mutually agreed upon signed contract. It is expected final allocations will be made at the October, November and December 2020 board meetings.
- All AFFs are reviewed by ADAMHS staff. Recommendations for funding are reviewed by the Program and Services Committee and the Executive Committee. The decision to fund a program rests with the ADAMHS Board of Trustees.

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Juneteenth Fun and Educational Event



(L-R)Tamera Stevens, Xvier Marable, Haley Jones, and Kyra McClure

Benette DeCoux, Staff Writer

On Juneteenth this year I spent time with four talented youth who organized a fun and educational event to share the significance of June 19, across the country, This first information first appeared in the June 25

-July 2 edition on page two, Below is the photo of young, gifted and African American leaders who have done civic minded activities while attending Northmont City Schools. Keep sharing your talents wherever your paths take you after you earn your degrees.

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degree. Bethune stayed with the college until 1942.

In addition to her work at the school, Bethune did much to contribute to American society at large. She served as the president of the Florida chapter of the National Association of Colored Women for many years. In 1924, Bethune became the organization's national leader, beating out fellow reformer Ida B. Wells for the top post.

In 1935, Bethune became a special advisor to President Roosevelt on minority affairs. That same year, she also started up her own civil rights organization, the National Council of Negro Women. Bethune created this organization to represent numerous groups working on critical issues for African-American women. She received another appointment from President Roosevelt the following year. In 1936, she became the director of the Division of Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration. One of her main concerns

in this position was helping young people find job opportunities. In addition to her official role in the Roosevelt administration, Bethune became a trusted friend and adviser to both the president and his wife Eleanor Roosevelt.

One of the nation's leading educators and activists, Bethune spent much of the rest of her life devoted to social causes after leaving Bethune-Cookman College in 1942. She took up residence at its new National Council of Negro Women headquarters in a Washington, D.C., townhouse in 1943 and lived there for several years. An early member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, she helped represent the group at the 1945 conference on the founding of the United Nations along with W.E.B. DuBois. In the early 1950s, President Harry Truman appointed her to a committee on national defense and appointed her to serve as an official delegate to a presidential inauguration in Liberia. Eventually returning to

Florida in her retirement, Bethune died on May 18, 1955, in Daytona, Florida. She is remembered for her work to advance the rights of both African Americans and women. Before her death, Bethune penned "My Last Will and Testament," which served as a reflection on her own life and legacy in addition to addressing a few estate matters. Among her list of spiritual bequests, she wrote "I leave you a thirst for education. Knowledge is the prime need of the hour." Bethune closed with "If I have a legacy to leave my people, it is my philosophy of living and serving."

Since her passing, Bethune has been honored in many ways. In 1973, she was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame. The U.S. Postal Service issued a stamp with her likeness in 1985. In 1994, the U.S. Park Service bought the former headquarters of the NCNW. The site is now known as the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site.

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Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a friend of Mr. Lewis's, who once said that "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

"But that is never automatic," Mr. McConnell said. "History only bent toward what's right because people like John paid the price to help bend it."

Typically, when a lawmaker with the stature of Mr. Lewis is honored in the Capitol, the building hosts thousands of visitors. But the coronavirus pandemic limited the crowd inside the Rotunda to about 100.

The crowd was mostly a cross-section of influential lawmakers from both parties, including several potential Democratic vice-presidential picks, along with a few other notable guests. Members of the Congressional Black Caucus wore masks that read "Good Trouble" — a nod to one of Mr. Lewis's favorite phrases encouraging people to stand up against injustice.

During Ms. Pelosi's remarks, she played parts of Mr. Lewis's 2014 commencement address at Emory University in Atlanta in which he implored students to "find a way to get into trouble — good trouble, necessary trouble."

One notable absence from the commemoration events was President Trump, who told reporters he had no plans to attend the ceremony for Mr. Lewis, whom he had criticized in recent years.

"I won't be going, no," Mr. Trump said.

Vice President Mike Pence, however, was expected to pay respects, according to his public schedule, as did Joseph R. Biden Jr., the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee.

Several lawmakers

were brought to tears by the vocal artist Wintley Phipps, who sang the Christian hymns "Amazing Grace" and "It Is Well."

Before the ceremony, a solemn crowd gathered outside the building to watch the motorcade carrying Mr. Lewis arrive.

Debra Long-Doyle, 65, a retired assistant U.S. attorney, said she could not miss paying her respects, even amid a pandemic. So she biked from her Capitol Hill home wearing a face mask.

Ms. Long-Doyle said Mr. Lewis had been an inspiration in her life through "everything that he's done for us and for Black people for our country."

Mr. Lewis spent only a few hours lying in state under the Capitol dome after the invitation-only ceremony on Monday afternoon.

On Monday evening, his coffin was moved outside

to the Capitol steps, and members of the public lined up — with masks required and social distancing enforced — to view it from the plaza below.

The public viewing of Mr. Lewis's coffin will continue all day Tuesday. Mr. Lewis's family discouraged people from traveling from out of town to the Capitol amid the pandemic, instead asking for "virtual tributes" using the hashtags #BelovedCommunity or #HumanDignity.

Mr. Lewis, who as a 17-term congressman was the senior member of the Congressional Black Caucus, died July 17 after battling pancreatic cancer.

During the ceremony Monday, the Rev. Grainger Browning Jr. of Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church in Fort Washington, Md., said he believed Mr. Lewis had now joined two of his friends, Mr. Cummings and Dr. King, in the afterlife.

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Date of Notice: June 17, 2020

Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic Eligibility List

Scope of Selection Process:

- National Testing Network (NTN) Written Exam.
- Completion of Candidate Physical Agility Test (CPAT) (Current at time of application) or Kettering Sports Medicine "Firefighter Pre-Placement Physical Abilities Test" (Current at time of application)
- Oral Interview(s)
- Voice Stress Analysis
- Drug & Alcohol Screen
- Background Investigation
- Physical & Psychological Exam

Minimum Qualifications:

- CPAT or Kettering Sports Medicine "Firefighter Pre-Placement Physical Abilities Test" current at time of application
- Achieve a passing score of 70% on the National Testing Network written examination at time of application
- Successful completion of all phases of the selection process
- US Citizen & at least 18 years of age, and less than age 41 at first appointment
- HS Graduate or GED
- Valid Ohio Drivers' License with less than 6 points
- Eye sight correctable to 20/20
- Possess the physical ability to perform the tasks associated with the position
- State of Ohio Firefighter II certification (at time of appointment)
- State of Ohio certification at Paramedic level (at time of appointment)
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Candidates must take the written test through the National Testing Network (NTN). This is a Virtual testing process.

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- Choose the departments you are testing for
- Complete the questionnaire
- Take the written exam
- Obtain a passing score of at least 70% to be considered for employment

*The Candidate Physical Agility Test (CPAT) must be scheduled with the Miami Valley Fire & EMS Alliance by calling (937) 512-5103.

*The Kettering Sports Medicine "Firefighter Pre-Placement Physical Abilities Test" must be scheduled through Kettering Sport Medicine by calling (937) 395-3910.

The application packet for this position may be obtained from the Human Resources Department at the Trotwood Government Center 3035 Olive Rd., Trotwood, OH 45426 or completed online at www.trotwood.org. (HR or Fire & Rescue pages).

Proof of Military/Reserve service (DD-214) must be provided at registration to receive additional credits on a passing written examination.

Applications must be submitted to Human Resources by 4:00 PM, August 19, 2020.

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teachers safe."

All child care providers must comply with stringent health and safety requirements including:

Face coverings for all staff and children over 10, unless they have a health exemption; Symptom and

temperature checks when staff and children arrive; Washing hands throughout the day, including upon arrival and before departure; Frequent cleaning of high-touch surfaces; and Regular deep cleanings. Additionally, provid-

ers must report any COVID-19 cases to ODJFS and their local health department.

COUNTY AND INDEPENDENT FAIRS

Governor DeWine announced today that coun-

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Editorial & Comments

Jobs, IN HONOR OF GEORGE FLOYD - Part Two

The stage was set. The land was the Indian’s no more. In “negro” slaves’ vanacular, “the master” was the white man. Displacing Indians from the face of the earth, the European owned North America’s colonies and territories. Slaves the “three quarters of a man” free labor who would perform the jobs “of the people by the people for the people” determined necessary to make “the more perfect union.”

In the event of slaves’ reluctance, recalcitrance, or incorrigibility, the American overseer was born. White, some with “shack bully,” slave assistants, the plantation’s overseer policed the plantation. beatings for from the failure to make quotas after dawn to dark picking cotton to disobedience to all manner of instructions, prohibitions and demands began a system of sanctions and laws tolerated by society against black people. The hunting down of slaves if they escaped, with its posies, rifles, guns, horses, and dogs was rampart. All were the paraphernalia of the enforcer of the renowned and accepted southern plantation’s policing-slaves system. From ships to auctions between one white owner and another, a bid for

the price of blacks: male, female, children, families alike. All American enterprise. A commodity of this system, female slaves, were the original “me too.”

And so, America, we find ourselves today. The end of the 20th century in the beginning of the 21st. We find capitalistic democracy based upon competition and theft is on steroids. The explanation for Indians’ vacancy is that everyone knows they have been compensated for their continents with casinos and government contracts. Plus, it is a shame about all those broken treaties. And everyone knows they lost all those battles. Then the rest live on reservations.

The 19th century overseer lives, and the hunting has not stopped. The job title of overseer is now police. The black slave lives on the red-lined, zip-coded, and the ghetto as the plantation. Concrete jungles’ city streets, alleys, parking lots, highways, stairwells, Section 8 housing complexes have replaced the bayous, rivers, mountains, blue grass, and towering woods. Left are the anticipation of the hunt, the adrenaline rush of the chase, the suspense of the creep, the gotcha catch, the steel aim, the steady shoot, the thrill of the kill. Left are African

American males: vigorous, vital, fast, agile, fleet of foot, fast-running high jumping, quick thinking, hard to take down, African American men, not just disproportionately, but overwhelmingly shot, killed, dead. Overseas, turned police, have short of capturing, killed their athletic human prey, and put them in America’s prisons and jails. Either way, African American men are vacant from our neighborhoods, families, and jobs.

Entering the beginning of the 21st, the American Indian is gone, and African American male is not to be found; both are out of sight. Each century has left black men out. We work for, even govern, the cities of Chicago, Dayton, New York, Los Angeles. But where are the African American males’ jobs on our streets, highways, skyscrapers, new private and municipal housing units, the suburban plats popular throughout the U.S.A. or on our government structures such as our municipal public schools? Our women too? Nonexistent; or meagerly so; nights, women behind buckets, teachers in classroom, drivers of our city and interstate buses. Except for the homeless’ living, dining, and bedding in our cities’ downtowns’ public plazas, parks, libraries, bus

stations, and McDonald’s, African American men do not exist; specifically, they do not have jobs.

Louisville, Nashville, more of the same. And yes, you too, Boston, Cleveland, Tulsa. Is it all Black men or just black men who do not know the computer? Is it we could not obtain the bonding? Did somehow the job skills pass us? Or, is it we are on drugs, selling them or both? Maybe it’s that we kill each other. Or are all of us in prisons? Or is it the newest populist slogan, “Black men don’t want to work”?

Have mercy to all sayers of the lies; principalities, economists, Secretaries of Labor, Presidents of the United States with your self-serving songs of laudatory praise, “the lowest levels of unemployment,” “the highest rates of unemployment” and “the highest stock rates.” For Black men have lived the “Did Not Get the Job” truth of “How Many Times will I Be Turned Down”; or another, “Applying While Back”; or “Black Man with a Fine, a Record, or a Warrant.” We live in the untruths and profiles to make us accept less, to be paid less, to be less; for our pragmatic votes to count less.

But today I am not less. I am more! The Late Great Honorable George Floyd,

a man, a son, a Father, a brother, an overcomer. Of substance abuse? “Yes.” Reported passer of a counterfeit 20-dollar bill? Knowingly or not, “Yes, and that too.” Health insurance? “No, I didn’t have a job.” How about a job? “No, I was to report to one next week.” A DWB AKA driving-while-black man, stopped, pulled over, pulled out, picked up, thrown down on State Street, has shown the world “The last shall be first,” “The one sacrificed for the greater good’s death shall be to save us all,” and “The lesser of us are angels too.”

George, laid there on State Street in the city of Milwaukee, body and head on the ground with the white policeman’s full body above his and with policeman’s left knee on the neck of a Black man as George lay dying in another street in “the wilderness of America’s” byous, river bottoms, back dusty roads. How many times did George call out as he looked into the cell phone’s camera, a look to the many, many as he lay there and said, “I can’t breathe.” Could 5-foot eleven inch 233-pound George somehow free the cop’s knee from his neck enough to save himself? Yet George lay, took his last breath, and died. Yes, George; the camera got it.

Let us honor George Floyd. George, the castigated, the denigrated, the poor, the uninsured, the jobless; but the real, the truthful, too. You are the uniter of the world. You are us. Knees are on our necks. “We can’t breathe.” We are witnessing our own deaths. Instead of succumbing as African American casualties of a viral war of racism exposed by COVID, “the least of these” around the world are rising up: “No more!” Thank you for 2020 mankind’s Agreement that the foot is on our neck. We feel you and we honor you. George.

George. George. How sweet the name. In honor of your laying down your life in the street on June 4, 2020 for the greater good of the many-many, let us start by taking one jobless African American male and replacing his joblessness with a job. Then let us take another jobless African American male and provide him with an opportunity to work. Then let us take another and do the same; then another and another. In this “Wilderness of America,” let us take to those blood-soaked streets, “Jobs for All.” In honor of General George Floyd, “a BM-WAJ, black man with a job.”

Something to Consider:

The Choices We Make Shape Our Lives

By: Brenda Cochran
Contributing Writer

Our existence includes what we make. This could be something as simple as drinking milk in the morning to attending a lecture that you would like to skip, or buying a brown shirt at a favorite store or a green one, to adding an extra spoon of sugar to your coffee, from painting your living room wall pink, etc.

We all make a great number of decisions, make choices and have to deal with the consequences. Choices are everywhere. Despite the fact that our parents made most of our decisions toward making a bright future for us, we start learning how to choose between the op-

tions placed in front and make decisions between the options placed there.

The choices you make and the decisions you make have a very long-lasting impact on your life; they make a distinction between you and everyone else. The fact is that our lives are a series of choices that we’ve made and we live with those choices for the rest of our lives. Whether you feel it immediately or not, your life is being shaped by the choices that you may be making right now.

The past is unalterable, it offers you an insight in the mistakes you make and the present is a gift you need to make the best of. The present time is the core of your future comprises for each and every decision you have ever



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taken.

Suppose you decide to take a graduate class in political science, but after trying to study for three months, listening to lectures and doing assignments, you begin to wonder if you made the correct choice?

Sometimes we make bad choices and then have to live with the misery of regret realizing that we’ve made a mistake. Let’s face

it – this is a part of being human. We can’t undo the past, but we can always learn from it. Choices can really be described as building blocks of our lives and despite all of the mistakes that we may make, a new day brings new opportunities and a whole new world of choices.

Your starting point in life really matters a great deal. You may have been born with good genes or not so good ones. You might have been born into a rich family or a poor one. You may have been raised in a toxic environment or a healthy one.

When you think about it – these are all things that you do not choose. You didn’t choose your talent, skin color, mother or parents. You didn’t even

choose your own name.

Recalibration of your starting point also matters a lot in life. We can call this kind of recalibration a stroke of luck that has nothing to do with our efforts, or different situations where you gain a lot by investing a fraction of the benefits.

Think about the friend who wins the lottery and hires you, even if your skills don’t match the job. What about the first person you fall in love with is the perfect person for you? Recalibration as your starting point are more or less way out of your control. Where you currently are is your starting point plus the sum of your past decisions. No matter where you start, good choices lead to better life and bad choices lead

to a low quality of life. You make choices constantly, consciously and unconsciously and they have really do have a great impact on your life.

Like many topics for discussion or study, there are many quotes concerning the choices we make. The first one is: **“The choices we make have a major impact on how you live. Make the right choice on a daily basis so that you can live an authentic life that is true to what you want to be.” Anonymous**

“You are free to make whatever choice you want, but you are not free from the consequences from the choice.” Anonymous

“May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears.” Nelson Mandela

Opinion

By Stacy Washington

The Chinese Communist Party poses a dire threat to America and the rest of the free world. Party leadership actively covered up the initial coronavirus outbreak -- and even persecuted doctors who tried to warn the public. China's leaders hoarded masks and other medical supplies, which resulted in shortages of personal protective equipment in the United States.

This communist malfeasance has cost hundreds of thousands of lives. To prevent it from happening again, the Trump administration is trying to economically decouple from China. White House officials are considering "Buy

American" measures that seek to reshape medical supply chains.

President Trump and his aides unquestionably have the right instincts. But countermeasures must be based on facts, not fear mongering. Otherwise, we risk overreacting. To paraphrase our commander in chief, we can't let the cure be worse than the disease.

Some China hawks claim the communist dictatorship has a "choke hold" on essential drugs, with 80 percent of the active pharmaceutical ingredients that make up Americans' medicines supposedly coming from China.

Those claims have been widely debunked. Only 13 percent of facilities making our active pharma-

ceutical ingredients come from China. Of the 370 drugs deemed "essential" by public health experts, only three rely on ingredients sourced entirely from China.

Simply put, America relies on China for some medicines -- but our supply chain isn't wholly dependent on the Middle Kingdom. There's no need to overreact with hasty, ill-planned measures.

In fact, America produces most of its own medical supplies at home. U.S. suppliers satisfy 70 percent of domestic demand for medical equipment.

That's especially true now that companies are churning out PPE, which has been in unprecedented demand worldwide. We've seen the success of the

private-public partnerships set up by the Trump administration. Stalwarts of American industry, like GE and Ford, helped achieve the president's goal of 100,000 ventilators in 100 days -- the highest production in history.

Decoupling from China is still a worthy goal. But we can do so via well-planned industrial policies, rather than rushed mandates.

Congress and the administration could start by incentivizing companies to build manufacturing facilities in America. Getting a FDA-approved factory up and running is no small feat -- it often requires up to \$2 billion and 10 years to complete.

Tax credits or a lower

corporate tax rate could sway firms to make investments here, rather than abroad. When it comes to tax support for R&D expenditures, America ranks near the back of the pack.

More investments in workforce training would also help. China produces over twice as many STEM graduates per capita as the United States. If we're serious about dominating hi-tech manufacturing, we'll need to pour resources into education and job training.

There's no question that China poses a threat to our public health and national security. And it's smart to decouple our economies.

But we can do that without disrupting medical supply chains. Poorly targeted "Buy American" or-

ders, which force companies and government agencies to purchase domestically, would alienate friendly nations like Germany, Switzerland, and Canada. If those countries retaliated, it could lead to shortages and higher prices for American consumers.

The best way to beat China is a steady, well-planned push to "invest American" -- and build up an innovative manufacturing sector that puts the communists to shame.

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Religion

Tenth Anniversary: Sharing Ministries, LLC

By Benette Waugh De-Coux
Staff Writer

Readers, by the time you read this, somewhere in the world another person will have committed suicide. In fact, someone commits suicide every 40 seconds (around 800,000 a year), making suicide the 10th leading cause of death in the United States. (ScientificAmerican.com).

Headquartered in Dayton Ohio, Mrs. Daria Dillard Stone created “Sharing Ministries” as the Founding CEO. She is an Author, International Speaker, Coach, Mentor, Singer, and Minister. On a personal note, she is my friend

Daria Dillard Stone

over many years. As a community leader, she and her team at “Sharing Ministries” focus on changing lives through This event a loving and nonjudgmental community to empower others to live life to the fullest by finding, following, and fulfilling their God-given purpose.

Today, you are invited to participate in the inaugural celebration of the 10th year celebration of

Sharing Ministries International. This year’s focus is on your life’s experiences, as speakers share why they never gave up. Even more, she will be walking you through the process of overcoming your fears. Eight speakers include Elena Rahiig, Rev. Dr. Denise Gilmore, Terra Pernell, Dr. Karen Townsend, and others equally qualified. Please log on to the website to see photos of the speakers, the door prizes and other important details for this uplifting event. This anniversary will be held on August 8, 2020.

Sharingministriesinternational.com. There is an early bird discount so register immediately.

40 People Infected with COVID-19 After Alabama Church Event

Warrior Creek Missionary Baptist Church in northern Alabama had a spike in COVID-19 cases among members following a revival.

After holding a week-long revival, more than 40 members of a northern-Alabama church are infected with COVID-19.

Alabama reports that Warrior Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Cullman County had a majority of its congregation contract the coronavirus. Pastor Daryl Ross says he along with other members have tested

positive for COVID-19.

“We had church Wednesday night. We were in revival, morning and night services,” Ross says to Alabama. “On the way back over Thursday is when we found out. I got a call that one of our guys in the church has tested positive. So, we shut down revival and, by Friday night, I’ve got church members sick everywhere.”

Ross tells Alabama he believes the outbreak is the result of one member who tested positive, although the man showed no symptoms.

“He had three guys at

work that came down positive...From work, they made him test, and he came back positive. No symptoms.”

Many of the church goers have mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19.

“I can’t smell or taste, a little sinus, that’s all I’ve had. The whole church has been running fever and headaches and terrible respiratory (issues), and I’ve been building fences and bush-hogging,” Ross told Alabama.

He also notes that two members had more serious cases and are recovering.

“One respiratory, he al-

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“DEAR GOD, one of the many things for which I am grateful are the songs in my soul that I learned as a child in the church. Every day when I rise, I have come to depend on a Soror who sends out a prayer for the day ahead. For every prayer, my soul finds a song. Her prayers and the song in my soul gets me through these times of isolation, negative news, the spread of COVID-19, the death of children (85 in Texas), community unrest in Portland, murders in the streets of Chicago, discontinuation of unemployment support, a deadline this weeks’ end for eviction protection, the death of two Civil Rights Icons, and two personal friends – Dr. Eva Evans and Sister Yvonne Delilah Marrow (friend and mentor since 1982). Last time Delilah and I spoke, we talked about her 90th birthday party scheduled for November 2nd, 2020.”

On July 30th and August 6th, TRIUMPHANT THURSDAYS with Chaplain Pj, our guest – Chaplain Maureen Burns, is a literary contributor in THE MIDAS TOUCH along with Joe Vitale. Her chapter is titled A DREAM DEFERRED.

Perhaps that is where we are worldwide, caught up in a zone where a dream for social justice, peace of mind, the joy of heart, and divine connectedness feels more like a dream denied. Holy Writ, however, promises that dreams deferred are not dreams denied. Many people in the world are scattered like seeds, relying on their way, and unaware of divine realities. Not so few could do with THE MIDAS TOUCH and a song in their soul.

The song in my soul today is THERE’S A BRIGHT SIDE SOMEWHERE, by James Cleveland. He sings, “Don’t you stop ‘til you find it. There’s a bright side somewhere.”

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most got put in the hospital, but he’s OK,” Ross said. “The other one fought it off with two days in bed.”

Masks were not a requirement at the revival and some church members decided to stay home. For those who did attend, social distancing policies were encouraged, with many sitting with family only.

“We social distanced. Most of them sat with their own family. If you were comfortable shaking hands, you shook hands. If you didn’t, you didn’t,” explains Ross.

The pastor also insists that although the revival resulted in a COVID-19 outbreak, it was beneficial and he does not regret the event.

“We knew what we were

getting into,” Ross says to Alabama. “We knew the possibilities. But, my goodness, man, for three days we had one of the old-time revivals. It was unbelievable. And everybody you ask, if you talk to our church members right now, they’d tell you we’d do it again. It was that good.”



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Sports

Cincinnati Reds Are Back in Action

By: Deon Cash
Staff Writer

Seventeen Marlins players, staff test positive after 1st weekend

The Cincinnati Reds played their first game of Major League Baseball last weekend, as they were the first of the three major sports to start their season, amid the COVID-19 situation.

The Reds, who played the Detroit Tigers, won the season opener at Great American Ballpark but coughed up the final two games of the series as relief pitching sealed the fate of the Reds. The Redlegs, as they were formally known as, had a lead late in Game 2 and was tied in Game 3 (1-1) into the 9th when a two-run blast by the Tigers gave them the cushion to win 3-2 and win the series.

While the league had good success this weekend with mostly all games being played, MLB came back with 17 players and staff that tested positive over the weekend with one cancelled game due to COVID-19.

All of those players were from the Miami Marlins team. This caused the game between the Marlins and the Baltimore Orioles to be postponed along with other games.

While they will trace

all of the steps that the Marlins made over the last 4 or 5 days, it's not going to be that simple to find the solution. They did play in Atlanta recently.

The biggest hope is that these 8 players will be able to come back and play within the next week or two.

If Manfred and MLB were smart they would suspend the Marlins organization for 2 weeks, or until they have control of the situation in their clubhouse.

A couple of tests were okay but seventeen was much, much more than 10% and that could become a major problem if they can't isolate and handle these COVID-19 cases, and get the Marlins in some type of control.

Everyone is watching very, very closely, and the outcome of what happens with baseball will definitely have an effect on what happens with other sports as well in the near future.

The biggest problem with baseball is they are too old school in the way that they handle their business, but this one must be handle with a sense of urgency.

One thing for sure: It felt really good to watch some Major League Baseball.

Good luck MLB.

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What's The

WORD On The Street

The Oregon District Mass Shootings Happened One Year Ago This Week...Feels Like It Was Yesterday!



Terri M Sims



Raven Cash



Kim Victoria

By LaTonya Victoria
Staff Writer

On Sunday, August 4, 2019, Dayton, Ohio was in the national headlines for an event that seemed like it was taken from the pages of a Hollywood horror movie. No one would have thought that the Oregon District, a frequent hangout for many, was about to become notorious for such a horrific crime. Just past midnight, the headlines began to fill our local and national news and Facebook feeds. This event wasn't from some distant place, it took place here in the city that we call home. On that day an armed man murdered nine innocent people and wounded 17 others. Those killed were our neighbors, relatives, and loved ones.

I spoke with several people in the Miami Valley and asked them where they were when they got news about the horrific event that happened in the Oregon District: Terri M. Sims who lives in Dayton is the CEO and owner of New Direction Learning Center, Playtime Nursery School, and New Dimensions Learning Center, a nonprofit Charter school. Terri replied, "It was 4:30 in the morning and I had just turned on the news. When I saw it, I just started crying because I could not believe it. For the rest of my day I just prayed for everybody because the people were so impacted by it. And when the young mom called someone on the phone and asked them to take care of her children.... As a mother, all I could think of was oh my God, what was she going through, and how are the children even going to handle this. It is something that they are not going to be able to forget and move on. It was so sad."

Raven Cash is an entrepreneur and works in the health care field and lives near the Oregon District. Raven said, "I was home and my husband had left for a birthday celebration. The Oregon District was one of the places of their possible stops. So, when I heard about it, I was calling all my friends to try to get the exact location of where it had happened. I remember being fearful and hearing sirens. Thankfully, he wasn't there."

Kim Victoria lives in Beavercreek. Kim is an inspector at Navistar. Kim said, "I was home alone and scared to death. My daughter had just been there the night before and both Guy and Brandon (her sons) were out with friends and were headed that way right before the shooting but had changed their minds and went somewhere else."

Four Area Schools Will Hold Classes Online For The First Nine Weeks of the School Year...
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will be held online.

According to a release by Superintendent Marlon Styles Jr. the decision was made with the Board of Education after seeing that the risk to the health and safety is too great for students and staff to return to the classroom.

“When it is safe to do so, we will make a decision on returning to an in-person classroom environment with a virtual option with guidance and support from our area health departments,” he said.

The plan includes school-issued laptops for grades 3-12, meal pick-ups for students, and using Schoology or Google platform for access to all school materials at the student’s pace.

Both school districts have their 2020/2021 back-to-school plans available on their websites.

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chial and charter school administrators whose schools will be severely impacted. RTA itself was not ready for this decision.

In a strongly worded memo from State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria on July 8th, DPS was reminded that yellow school buses are not for the exclusive use of the district’s students. The memo also noted that DPS cannot impose requirements on nonpublic or community schools in terms of providing staff support or other expenses to meet DPS’ obligations.

Preston and others delivered a petition to the Dayton Public Schools Administrative office calling for the restoration of yellow bus transportation, signed by more than 500 concerned individuals.

Author's Book Helps Children When They Begin To See Racism And Notice Differences...

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their culture. And so begins an entertaining and educational journey as Ella explores her American culture and her parents' heritage. Through this multicultural book series, Ella discovers that learning about your family can be fun!

Garcia's most recent book to date, the 7x10 color paperback in the fiction / cultural heritage category is available worldwide on book retailer websites such as Amazon and Barnes & Noble for a suggested retail price of \$14.95. Ella: Who Am I? is also available in its 8.5 x 11 color casebound edition for \$19.95. The webpage at www.outskirtspress.com/el-lawhoami was launched simultaneously with the book's publication.

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ty and independent fairs with an opening day on or after July 31, 2020,



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will be limited to specific junior fair events.

"We've seen several fairs that have been doing an excellent job to keep fair-goers safe, yet other fairs have been connected to outbreaks; some have disregarded social dis-

tancing; and we've also seen a lack of enforcement of the statewide mask order. It's just a real shame," said Governor DeWine. "Because it is becoming increasingly clear that we cannot have a regular, safe fair in the summer of

2020, I believe we must now scale fairs back."

Junior fair activities such as livestock competitions and 4-H and Future Farmers of America competitions for kids and teenagers may continue as planned, but junior fairs

must develop a plan that reduces crowding in barns, such as limiting entrance to only the immediate family of those actively showing their animals or projects. A 10 p.m. curfew will also be instituted for the barns, buildings, and

midways.

Harness racing can proceed with no spectators, but rides, games, and grandstand events will be prohibited to limit crowds and better prevent coronavirus spread.