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City of Dayton Joins with the World to Protest Another Senseless Murder



BLACK LIVES MATTER

By Dr. Charles White and Donerik Black
Photo Credit: Kenny Wilkinson

The City of Dayton has seen its share of turmoil over the past year or so. This time last year Dayton was reeling from the devastation

of several tornados that passed through our city on Memorial Day Weekend. Three days prior to that we had nine racists show up for the KKK rally that had a City of Dayton price tag of over \$600,000 dollars. And then the unthinkable happened. A mass shoot-

ing in the Oregon District that claimed the lives of nine people on August 4th. Need I even mention the negative emotional and economic impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on us. As the summer just starts to kick off, the Day-

ton community, along with many other cities in our country and throughout the world is dealing with another incident that has left us reeling. The sad thing is that this isn't anything new. Another senseless murder of an unarmed Black man in

police custody. Although this incident didn't happen in the Miami Valley, we like many other residents of cities throughout the country mourn the death of George Floyd, a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota who was killed while bystanders begged

for white police officer, Derek Chauven of the Minneapolis Police Department to remove his knee from Mr. Floyd's neck. Neither Chauven nor the other officers at the scene did anything while Floyd begged for

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Roth Quarterback Butch Caldwell Never Gave Up



Butch Caldwell graduated on May 16, 2020.

By Barbara Vinzant, Staff Writer

Butch Caldwell was a 1972 Roth High School graduate, football player and son of Jim Caldwell who served as the football coach at Roth and Roosevelt High School and served as the Principal of Roth for 14 years. Butch Caldwell was recruited as the first Black quarterback to play on the University of Iowa's football team.

Caldwell said "It was a true adjustment and big culture shock as I became one of the 300 Black students among a student body of 27,000." Caldwell refused to give up or give in and went on to spend three years doing what he became known for "that of making a difference." Caldwell seemingly had it all as he had the fame that comes with being most valuable player on the 1976 University of

Iowa football team, a recognition derived from 616 passing yards, three passing touchdowns, 389 rushing yards and four more scores on the ground. A highlight of his senior season came at No. 11 Penn State where he carried the ball on three of the first four plays – and 17 times in the game as Iowa won 7-6. In Caldwell's final game, Iowa crushed Michigan 30-17. It was

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BLACK HISTORY
A Moment In Time
Know The Past, Shape The Future

Rebecca Lee Crumpler 1831 – 1895

Rebecca Lee Crumpler was an American physician and author. After studying at New England Female Medical College, in 1864 she was the first African-American woman to become a doctor of medicine in the United States.[a]



women and children. In 1883, she published A Book of Medical Discourses. Dedicated to nurses and mothers, it focused on maternal and pediatric medical care.

Crumpler graduated medical college at a time when very few African Americans were allowed to attend medical college or publish books. Crumpler first practiced medicine, primarily for poor women and children, in Boston. After the American Civil War ended in 1865, she moved to Richmond, Virginia,

believing treating women and children there was an ideal way to perform missionary work. Crumpler worked for the Freedmen's Bureau to provide medical care to provide medical care to freed slaves. She was subject to "intense racism" and sexism while practicing medicine. She later moved back to Boston to continue to treat

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Miami Valley Weather

Friday

Rain
High 85
Low 69



Saturday

Cloudy
High 86
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Sunday

Mostly Cloudy
High 80
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5 day Forecast

Monday

Sunny
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Tuesday

Cloudy
High 50
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What's The

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On The Street

How Will You Live in our Covid-19 World



Gwen Cooper



Charles L. Jones, Jr.



Ravyn Jackson

By LaTonya Victoria

As of this week there have been just under 36,000 cases of COVID-19 in the State of Ohio and 2,200 deaths according to the Ohio Department of Health website. There is so much information out there on what we are to do or not to do that sometimes it's hard to put our head around it. I spoke with several people from the Miami Valley and asked them as we re-open the State of Ohio what are they going to do to keep them and their families healthy and received several different responses.

I spoke with Gwen Cooper who is fifty-seven years old and lives in Clayton. Gwen works in Banking. Gwen says, "I'm enjoying a slower pace, spending time at home and checking on family members. I've limited my trips to the grocery store to once a week and I plan to still continue to do that. I find wearing a mask to be very inconvenient, but I do wear a mask because I have to be very cautious about my exposure due to my elderly parents who live around the corner from me. Both myself and my husband have changed our socialization or entertainment habits. Now we just try to limit ourselves to entertaining ourselves at home on our patio. If we do have any company, we keep it under ten people."

I spoke with Charles L Jones Jr who is fifty-one years old and is from the Miami Valley. Charles works in education, is a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and currently lives in Indianapolis, IN. Charles replied, "I'm doing things differently. I carry my mask and my hand sanitizer with me at all times. The good thing is I'm seeing a lot of people that usually wouldn't wash their hands and wear a mask that are now doing so. I tell my son that if you really don't need to be in a crowd, don't...like going to the movie theatres. Just wait until it comes out on HBO or Netflix. I'm being very practical about this. My life is not my own. I can't do anything foolish and cut my life short. My son needs me and I need him."

I spoke with Ravyn Jackson who is twenty-one and works in the health-care field. Ravyn lives in Dayton. Ravyn said, "I don't think that we're 100% ready (to go back to normal). We need to get people information so that they can be knowledgeable about ways to stay safe when they go out. Viruses like this are more heightened for those that don't have good immune system. That comes with change and time. That's what we need to do to get things back on track."



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RTA Launches Tapp Pay—A Mobile Fare Payment Option Through Transit App That Helps Riders Plan & Pay For Their Trip

The Greater Dayton RTA is making it even easier for customers to ride with the launch of Tapp Pay—its new mobile fare payment system, today, June 1. Tapp Pay is available only within the Transit app— RTA's official, free real-time information and trip planning mobile application—which allows customers to purchase and use bus fare with their mobile devices.

The RTA is excited to expand its partnership with Transit, which thousands of its customers already use for trip planning, tracking rides, and making multimodal connections, while bringing in new partner Masabi, a fare payment provider, to further simplify the riding experience.

"We're thrilled for the launch of Tapp Pay and what it means for our customers, especially during a time where customers can utilize this as a way to increase their social distance while riding," said Brandon Policicchio, Chief Customer and Business Development Officer for the RTA. "Now they can manage their entire transit experience from a

single app."

Today's announcement further expands upon the RTA's efforts to keep both passengers and employees safe during the COVID-19 outbreak. Tapp Pay's launch is coming ahead of its expected summer launch in order to assist passengers with their social distancing efforts as those making essential trips can purchase both regular and reduced-fare passes using Transit without interacting with anyone else and store them in a wallet inside the app for later use. Once they are ready to board, passes can be activated and visually validated by the bus driver from a safe distance, which also speeds up the boarding process and limits issues at the fare box, RTA officials said.

"We want to make it as easy as possible for people to ride public transportation. During the coronavirus response, drivers and essential workers depending on transit as a lifeline need to stay safe, and this solution helps them do that," said David Block-Schachter, chief business officer at Transit. "RTA's passengers already rely on



Transit to find their next trip and track their ride. Adding Tapp Pay gives riders everything they need in one app. And by minimizing contact between drivers and riders, Tapp Pay in Transit helps keep everyone a little bit safer."

The RTA joins more than a dozen other agencies offering mobile ticketing through partnerships with Transit and Masabi, including those in Cincinnati, Butler County, and Northern Kentucky. Mobile ticketing in Transit is made possible through Masabi's Justride SDK, which allows Transit to request fare types, make payments, and deliver visual and dynamic barcode tickets to riders through secure ticket wallets. With the launch of Tapp Pay, the RTA gains access to the Justride Hub, giving it

real-time sales, usage, and validation data as well as an extensive customer services interface.

"Providing a safe way for riders to access tickets and pay for transit services is crucial in helping transit

agencies keep both riders and operators safe and keep crucial services going during the COVID-19 response," said Brian Zanghi, CEO at Masabi. "The RTA has accelerated this launch and should be commended for the great work it has done, together with our partner Transit, to get this service live for riders in a short amount of time."

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Destini Holt and her son Brandon Holt were at the rally Saturday afternoon. Brandon's sign and Destini's tee shirt express the sentiments of all who attended.

his life saying, "Please...I can't breathe." He took his final breath approximately minutes later.

Protestors gathered at the Walter Rice Federal Building at noon on Saturday, May 30th to protest the murder of George Floyd. Hundreds of people of various races, religions, and socioeconomic statuses gathered to show solidarity with the citizens of Minneapolis and demand justice for Floyd and other Black men and women who have died at the hands of rogue police officers. Various clergy, elected officials, and community members provided encouragement, education, and inspiration to stand for equality and with intentionality build a more just and compassionate society. Donald Dominick, Chairman of the Dayton Chapter of the New Black Panther Party, along with Bishop Cox and Dr. Chad White were the organizers of the protest. "I felt that the first part of the protest was excellent," said, Dominick when asked about how he thought the event went. "I was pleased with the diversity and the unity. I was also pleased with the city commissioners that attended. Even Mayor Nan Whaley stated that we have some viable concerns that we should discuss regarding the rally. Our goal is to open up dialogue and discuss these issues." When asked about the destructive behavior that took place later that day Dominick stated, "I don't agree with the destructive activities. We appreciate the passion, support, and participation of our out of town allies, but we need to focus on appropriate responses. When things like that take place the message that we are trying to convey gets lost. Unfortunately, our residents allowed protestors, many whom were not from Dayton, to hijack the message."

Kenya Baker, one of the speakers at Saturday's event said, "the protest allowed people to express their sentiments regarding the killing of George Floyd, it is always good to have a release when there is so much built up tension. Dayton Police need to require cultural sensitiv-

ity training and de-escalation training. Moreover, the police force should more closely resemble the people that it serves."

Erica Fields, Executive Director of the City of Dayton Human Relations Council, an organization who is responsible for the enforcement of anti-discrimination ordinances said, "The Dayton Human Relations Council stands with our community today in calling for justice in the horrific events that ended George Floyd's death. We are painfully aware of the work that remains before we can say that we live in a just society. For change to occur, we must begin to look at racism as a public health issue. We call on policy makers on all levels of government not to shrink from action by ensuring that justice is served in a fair and equitable manner and that necessary action is taken to address the casual taking of Black lives throughout our nation."

After the rally, attendees marched to City Hall and took a knee for approximately nine minutes to commemorate the length of time the police officer knelt on George Floyd's neck. The march transitioned into a protest and made its way through the Oregon District to Wayne Ave. There the marchers were met by a wall of law enforcement officers and ordered to disperse. The police were dressed in riot gear and deployed pepper

spray as well as using rubber bullets to prevent protestors from moving down Wayne towards Hwy 35. After a long standoff between protestors and law enforcement officers, the demonstrators dispersed and headed back towards the Oregon District.

This past weekend more than half of the nation's governors called in the National Guard to help quell the unrest. At least 45 million Americans were under a curfew last Sunday night, including citizens here in Dayton, causing businesses in and around the Downtown Dayton area to close earlier than usual.

Even Michael Jordan, who has always been noticeably silent on controversial issues made a statement in which talked about how we must show compassion and never turn our backs on senseless brutality. Jordan said, "My heart goes out to the family of George Floyd and to the countless others whose lives have been brutally and senselessly taken through acts of racism and injustice."

Former President Barack Obama penned a piece speaking out against the murder of George Floyd, saying in part, "Going forward, we can channel our justifiable anger into peaceful, sustained, and effective action, then this moment can be a real turning point in our nation's long journey to live up to our highest ideals".

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As The Earth Stood Still, Black Covid-19 Patients Died Disproportionately In Hospitals



African American man with coronavirus

By Kevin L. Antoine, JD
A superpower made powerless. The world's healthcare organizations have no medical cure. The global economy halted. Airplanes grounded. Cars parked. Schools and college campuses closed. Record-setting unemployment. Hospitals, morgues,

and funeral homes overwhelmed. These are the days the earth stood still. However, even during the pandemic, African-American COVID-19 patients are dying disproportionately. One study suggests that race is a major factor in COVID-19 treatment. The study found

that Black patients with COVID-19 symptoms are tested far less than white patients. Around the world, it's the poor who live in overcrowded conditions and make up the essential workforce for most
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Editorial & Comments

Will Dayton Ever See Real Change?

The scar on my left rib that rips my skin in a way that seems to perfectly underline the etched Chinese symbol for Hope, a tattoo I got as a tribute to my mother who bears that name, is still trying to heal. A scar I obtained at the hands of a Dayton police officer while peacefully protesting the death of George Floyd; a man who suffered far more than a flesh wound. The world watched in horror, as Officer Derek Chauvin of the Minneapolis Police Department choked the life out of George Floyd by kneeling on his neck with his hands in his pocket for nine agonizing minutes. This after seeing a video of an unarmed black man, Ahmad Aubrey, hunted down and killed by two white men in Glynn County, Georgia. This after hearing the story of Breonna Taylor, a young black woman killed by police while sleeping in her own home during the botched execution of a search warrant. This, all occurring at the tail-end of a month-long stay-at-home order executed by various government officials throughout the world as to protect us from a deadly invisible enemy named Covid-19.

People were and are scared, frustrated and angry. In Dayton, Ohio, we took to the streets in solidarity to protest the injustices we had all witnessed. In this, an opportunity presented itself whereby the Dayton Police Department could have expressed a unified outrage of the ever present injustices by joining the community in a peaceful demonstration protesting police brutality and the underlying systemic racism in which it is rooted. Instead, the citizens of the Greater Dayton region found themselves in an "us against them" style standoff with the very same police officers who had sworn to protect them. It can never be known how many Police Chiefs around the country had the benefit of discussing a unified strategy with their community before the demonstrations occurred, but I can say that Police Chief Richard Biehl of the Dayton Police Department indeed had that opportunity. I know because it had been my job since October of 2016 to facilitate such discussions between the police and the community.

My name is Jared Grandy and I served as the City of Dayton Human Relation Council's Community-Police Coordinator for over three and a half years. I no longer serve in this role, I resigned af-

ter witnessing the abhorrent treatment of peaceful protesters at the hands of Dayton police officers on the sunny Saturday afternoon of May 30th, the day the people chose to exercise their first amendment right. But, who cares, this article is not about me, this about how the City of Dayton does a great job identifying the issues that plague Dayton's black community, how city officials pay lip-service to those very issues and how they fail to make any substantive effort to actually resolve them. It should be noted that issues that face the black community of Dayton are national issues that require federal policy to address them, however it is also noteworthy, that some local governments do a better job than others at tackling these inequities. Dayton, Ohio residents find themselves with a government that is willing to attack these issues, only to the extent whereby it can check a box that says it indeed addressed the issue.

The Dayton Human Relations Council (HRC) was founded in 1962 after years of unrest as the country was dealing with the issue of race as it still is. The HRC was established by the City of Dayton Commission Office to enforce the City of Dayton's civil rights ordinances. Since its inception, there has been fierce debate about how much investigative and enforcement power the agency should actually possess, but little to no debate with regard to if such an organization should exist. Overtime, the agency was charged with providing minority and other disadvantaged small businesses with technical assistance. Later, the HRC was to include "community outreach" initiatives resulting in several programs such as an immigrant integration program titled "Welcome Dayton" and community-police relations initiatives that included the Community Initiative to Reduce Gun Violence and the Community Police Council.

Many tales are told about the days that the HRC was a force to be reckoned with. A small City agency with the ability to hold Dayton's largest corporations such as Mead and National Cash Register accountable for violations of Dayton's civil rights ordinances and forcing the City of Dayton Government to do a significant amount of business with its local minority owned small businesses. But, eventually that power waned, and the political will needed to empower the agency faded. However, in July of 2011, a 20 year old black man from Dayton, Ohio named Kylen English died while in Dayton Police custody, under what many believed to be suspicious circumstances. This ignited Dayton resi-

dents. Demonstrations began and local politicians responded to calls for action. Former Dayton City Commissioner Joey Williams spearheaded a campaign to bring about positive community-police relationships. This eventually led the creation of the Community Police Council (CPC), a council of community-leaders from the business, non-profits, media, and faith-based communities that were charged with meeting regularly to address the barriers in the way of creating working and trusting relationships between the community and police. In retrospect, this effort was doomed from the start.

I lived in Cincinnati for eight years while attending college at the University of Cincinnati and Law School at Northern Kentucky University. Soon, after I graduated in 2015, I moved back to Dayton, Ohio and started to pay attention to the local politics. It did not take long to notice that the commission did not disagree on much of anything. I noticed that almost every single message coming out of the commission was positive and upbeat. In 2016, I would be employed by this very organization, the HRC being one of only two agencies directly under the City Commissioners Office. As I began working alongside Chief Richard Biehl who seemed to always have the exact right words for every moment I felt encouraged. America had just witnessed an onslaught of murders of black men and women at the hands of police starting in 2012 with the Murder of Trayvon Martin at the hands of George Zimmerman, a wannabe cop vigilante. I thought we had a real opportunity to make a real difference here in Dayton, Ohio. But, as the months passed, my illusions faded. I learned that HRC effectively became the place where complaints of mistreatment and discrimination came to die. It served as a shield for the City Manager's office as well as the City Commission and the CPC as an entity of the HRC suffered the same fate. As long as the HRC existed, city leaders had a convenient political talking point, they could simply say, we know these issues exist, we hear your cries and we are working on it. All the while, behind the scenes, the HRC, the agency "working on it", constantly received push back while trying to advance the interest of the marginalized by the very same leaders who had claimed to hear the people's cries.

I found this to be especially true when it came to the issue of policing in Dayton, Ohio. After dozens, if not, hundreds of conversations with Chief Biehl, it became abundantly clear, he was not

Something to Consider:

Difficult Roads - Often Lead to Beautiful Destinations

By: Brenda Cochran
Contributing Writer

Difficult roads are not as appealing because there is the possibility that they will just automatically lead to a destination that is not beautiful. If we could only reach that beautiful destination without so many difficult roads to get there, it would be so much better. Thinking about this spiritually, choosing the road to follow often has important internal consequences for everybody involved.

Our lives are filled with many obstacles and often it seems that it is impossible to stay above water. With the constant pressures on us to do a good job at work, keep up with chores at home, or even to maintain a good personal life, there is no end in sight to the tests that life brings. Every morning, many of us wake up with a sense of dread because we know that there will be some level of stress that we will have to experience, but if we are able to shift our perspective a little, we would see that every day is another opportunity to change our lives. Every new day brings with it a new chance to start over and perhaps see the light shining through the clouds. Perhaps we go through hardships in life in order to fully appreciate the beauty that surrounds us daily.

There are several reasons why difficult roads lead to beautiful destinations. The first is that we can't appreciate the good without experiencing the bad. In essence, the hard times in life can be a blessing in disguise. I think this is because they allow us to be more grateful for the many good times we do have. Think about this – we have to go through

interested in anyone's perspective but his own. The issue of community policing was at the forefront of American's minds. President Obama even organized a taskforce to address the very issue. Best practices and suggestions for better policing were out there and, indeed, CPC members had made many suggestions, almost all of which were ignored. In February of 2019, a woman by the name of Quinshayla Necole Kelley intervened when she perceived officers using excessive force against a man she believed was in grave danger, like the officers in Minneapolis should have. She was arrested with what many would call excessive force. The video of that incident went viral, it was shared thousands of times and viewed hundreds of thousands of times. The CPC was called for an emergency meeting to discuss the incident in question. Many members of the CPC called the use of force used to arrest Ms. Kelley



Brenda Cochran

a storm to see a rainbow, so remember this the next time you want to give up.

Once the storm passes, the sun will shine one again and you will see that the challenges you face were really worth it. Enduring difficult times makes us more resilient people which will benefit us the next time we come upon road blocks in life.

Another reason is perseverance does lead to victory. Let's just say you might have to climb a mountain and have to go over a desert before you reach an oasis. The fact is that eventually you will reach your goal. If you want something badly enough, life will reward you with it as long as you work hard.

Many people may have traveled the road before you and got off due to weariness or frustration, but little did they know that if they had walked to the end, they would find a spectacular treasure.

Some may have had less than a mile to go, but if they had seen the cliff at the end, the successful place would have been visible to them.

An additional reason why difficult roads may lead to beautiful destinations is that it teaches us patience. Most would agree that patience is a virtue and unfortunately one that many people have forgotten. We live in

a culture of instant gratification – there are so many who don't work for anything. They just want things handed to them. However, for those who don't give up when the going gets tough, will experience the gift of allowing life to happen, rather than forcing it.

For those who go through the hard times rather than going around them will gain the gift of patience. Once they've passed the test, they will arrive at a new place in their mind. They will find a place of peace and non-resistance toward whatever may be happening around them. Their life may not change, but they will have reached a new level mentally. This is what really matters in the end.

Life can be so ironic and requires a lot of sacrifices and understanding. I believe that it takes sadness to know happiness, it takes pain to know pleasure, and weakness to know strength. It also takes the hard times for us to know the good times, which those difficult roads may lead us to.

The bumpy roads we sometimes walk down may toughen up our feet and help to show us our true paths. Choosing the wrong path at the fork in the road isn't a waste of time, in fact, it just helps us to deepen our understanding of ourselves and lead us to the right path.

Here's a good quote: *"I'm stronger because of my hard times, wiser because of my mistakes, and happier because of my sad experience."*

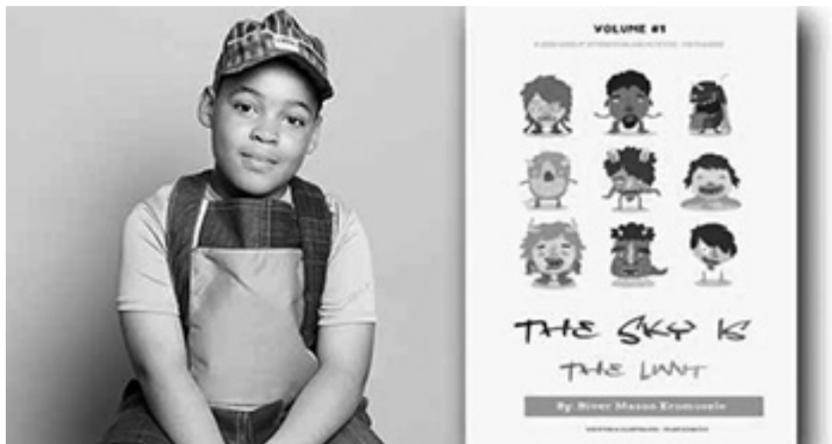
excessive, further, and more importantly many members of the CPC, including myself, called for the Chief to use "restorative justice" a concept he championed, as opposed to criminal justice, a system that is broken. Restorative justice would have resulted in an opportunity for Ms. Kelley and the involved officers to sit down with the City of Dayton Mediation Center and resolve the issue. Instead, Ms. Kelley eventually plead to one charge of disorderly conduct and now has that conviction on her record indefinitely. There is no evidence that Chief Biehl made a good faith effort to employ the practice of restorative justice, which he often verbally championed.

This epitomizes the problem with the City of Dayton with regard to its local government. Chief Biehl always has the right words for the right moment, but as the great American writer James Baldwin put it "I can't believe what you say, because I see what you

do." Much lip service is paid to issues that black Americans face, including the black community of Dayton, Ohio. The HRC sits there as evidence of Dayton's efforts to make substantial change, but the agency is restricted by the same entities paying lip service. Dayton residents, I urge to pay attention to what is done as opposed to what is said. After three and a half years of hearing the right words but seeing the wrong actions, I had enough. After hearing conversations with the community and the Dayton Chief of Police, after hearing his response and seeing the abhorrent treatment of peaceful protesters at the hands of his officers, I had enough. Dayton, Ohio, at some point we have to say enough is enough.

Education

9-Year Old Actor River Mason Eromosele's New Book Helps Kids Learn Meditation During COVID-19 Homeschooling



River Mason Eromosele, author of *The Sky is the Limit*

River Mason Eromosele is a famed actor and model. He is following in the steps of his mother, celebrity wardrobe stylist Pilar Scratch, and his aunt, Hip-Hop icon Rah Digga, as he stepped into the entertainment industry. He has made appearances on Nickelodeon for "Love Tribe Apparel," Evil Lives Here on Investigation Discovery, John Legend's Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas which debuted on ABC, Hustlers starring J. Lo & Cardi B, Durand Jones & The Indications video "Morning in America" debuting on Billboard, Laurie Berkner Band's This Mountain which debuted on PBS Kids, Fox's Dr. Oz, VH1's Love & Hip Hop New York, and CBS' The Good Fight. River has made cameo appearances in countless commercials for PWC For the Tribeca Film

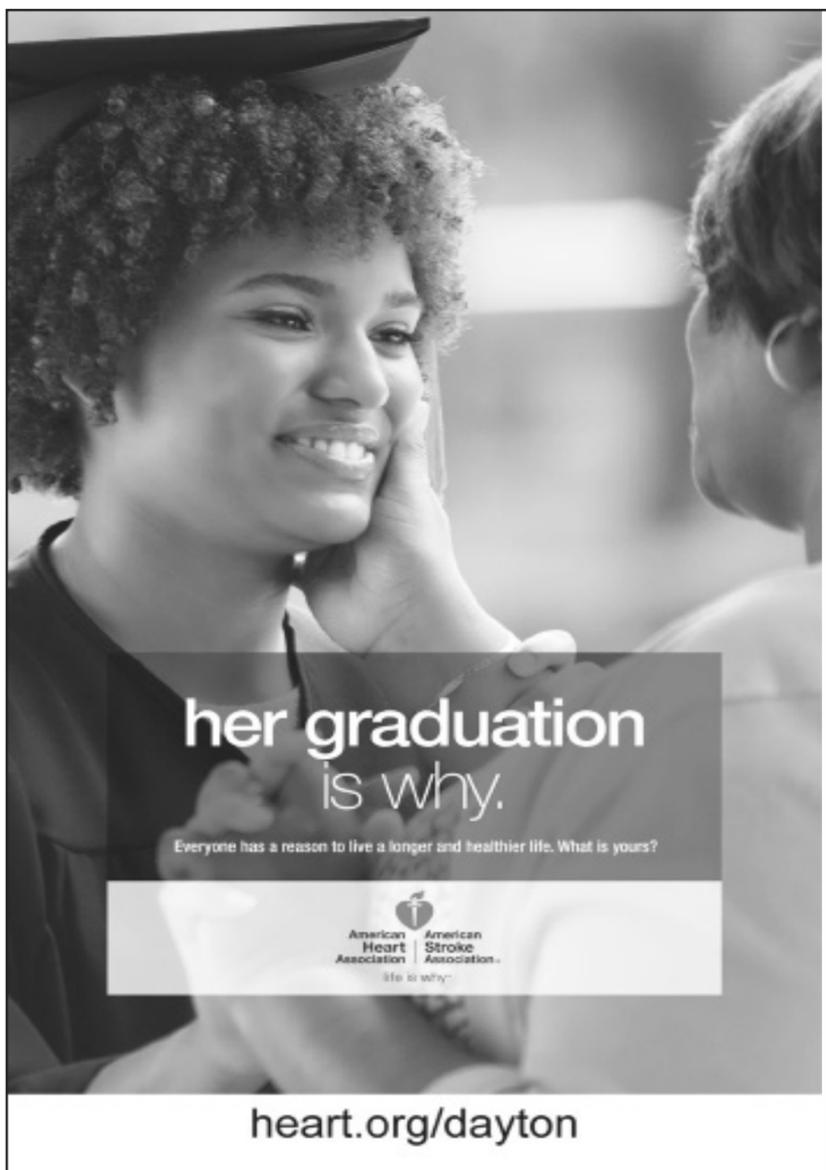
Festival, 10 percent Hap-pier digital commercial, Love Pop Greeting Card, and the scholastic school commercial for Walmart.

In 2019, the actor turned author published his first children's book entitled *The Sky Is The Limit*, which is already on its way to becoming a best seller. River sold close to two thousand copies in its debuting week - all-in-all selling 1,868 physical copies and 102 ebooks of his book through social media platforms. The children's book is sold and distributed in the retail chains of Walmart, Barnes & Noble, Indigo, Amazon.

With the continued success of *The Sky Is The Limit*, River is set to be a positive example for adolescents of all ages. The innovative book sets the bar for children to live their dreams at any age because the sky is truly the limit. River's book has been celebrated by vast

celebrities sending him their congratulatory memorandum on the success of his new book. The list of celebrities celebrating the release of River's first children book includes: iHeart Radio personality Madison Jaye, Celebrity Stylist to Beyonce Ty Hunter, TV personalities The Von Boozier Twins, Hip Hop icon Rah Digga, celebrity make up artist Nydia Figueroa, and YouTuber Ifueko Igbinovia among many others.

In February 2020, Pilar and River set out on a press tour for the book. The first leg of their tour landed them on iHeartMedia - Chicago "Lunch with the Brunch", 92.3 Soul FM, and 106.3 FM "Intellectual Show". Pilar & River's story went viral landing them features on ABC News, Boston Herald, International Business Times, The Star Tribune, and News Break. This caused their social me-



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dia handles to escalate to over 150,000 followers. The dynamic mom & son duo isn't stopping anytime soon.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, River has been taking to his Instagram platform to read his book to his 30,000 social media followers. Being the young innovator he is, River has conveyed to his following process of meditation. Also, he has shown social media how to assist with the stress of being home-schooled. All while grow-

ing the popularity for his book.

River commences his live feeds with daily affirmations that have helped him and his schoolmates through the pandemic: "I affirm I am patient." "I affirm I am smart." "I affirm I will get through this." All of these affirmations make the transition of distance learning tranquil. In fact, his live series has grown his following by 5,000.

River has taught his peers that you can heal the trauma of COVID for

good. The book also educates children on how to become stronger through eating better, active, and positive affirmations. The book has demonstrated through the pandemic that collective activities and meditation are all powerful ways to process for children.

For more details, visit RiverMasonEromosele.com or follow him on Instagram @RiverMason_

Roth Quarterback Butch Caldwell Never Gave Up... Continued from Page 1

the Hawkeye's first win at Spartan Stadium since 1960. After the season, Caldwell signed a free agent contract with the Baltimore Colts but tore a hamstring on a kickoff return. Caldwell tried playing in Canada but returned to the United States and signed as a free agent with the San Francisco 49ers. Another torn hamstring ended his professional career in the NFL. So, in 1977 when Caldwell

should have marched across the stage to receive his diploma he was absent from the group because he had his eyes set on a bigger prize "that of being a notable player with the NFL. So, Caldwell accepted the fact and shared that "I had chased the NFL long enough and I had a family to feed so I had to get a job."

So, get a job is what he did - a job that led him to more than 30 years spent coaching high school

football and girls' track and field. Caldwell also worked several football camps where he preached faith, family, education and sports. After preaching the same sermon year-after-year to the high school students to use their athletic talent as a means to obtain a college degree," Caldwell shared "I felt like a hypocrite for I failed to do as I preached to others." For more than 25 years his mind was plagued with the thought

to return to Iowa to finish his degree. It was while attending a Hawkeye football game that he broached the subject with Andy Piro, executive director of the Varsity Club and he was introduced to Liz Tovar, who as associate athletics director, Student-Athlete Academic Services, oversees Iowa's Degree Completion Program. It only took the completion of a few forms and Caldwell was accepted as a returning student. Caldwell was

hooked up with a place to stay which revealed to him "That once a Hawk - always a Hawk". Tovar calls Caldwell's situation a unique special story and that it is never too late to complete the Iowa Degree Completion Program and the Dayton Weekly News Manager, Donerik Black, shared the same sentiment and thus this story to never give up on your dream. Says Caldwell, I felt like Fred Flintstone visiting George Jetson as I entered

the classroom to finish what I started 43 years ago surrounded by the youth of today. But, I did it!

On May 16, 2020, Caldwell was among a group of 300+ graduates to receive his diploma in communication studies and film production with a minor in television which happened to be 43 years after his original expected graduation date. Lacking thirty-five

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"No More Conversations"

I don't think any of us who looked at the MSNBC program tonight, "Everyday Racism in America," heard anything we hadn't heard before. Same-ol, same-ol, same-ol. Again, nothing new was said. Our grandparents black and white used to say: "Talk is cheap." And today blah, blah, blah revisits that Proverbial truth. Conversations, especially, when they are "on race," are at bargain basement, the giveaway that nothing will be done. That black people once again are being given the short end of the stick, sold out AKA "a sack of potatoes with a hole in it."

As part of one of the largest demographics in America who has seen 360 degrees of conversa-

tions on race ranging from "Let me feel your hair," to "What are chitterlings?" on white campuses in the 60's, to Malcomb, H. Rap, Huey's black pride, to Dr. King's peaceful non-violence, to Bill Clinton's get yourself an African-American friend and loosen up, I am tired. Tired of what? I'll be precise. As an African-American female, tired of prostrating myself baring my naked body, pulling my dress above my head; as a male, my pants down, begging "Please like me, Mr. White Man" or better still, "Please Ms. White Female, look at me, see me." Taking it to another level, "You don't have to love me as your fellow human, but simply respect, not me, but my ability to cover my space." Yes, "My space."

I can hear you saying, "Now don't get upset." Because I'm an African American female, its, "Don't become angry" as in the adage, "Angry black female." But, as I take what is my last time to speak on the subject, I pray that you, White American, "Listen"; and Black American too. Let's not talk but do. Do? Yes, "Do." Do as in taking the begging "E" in emotions down and out. Over the "E" lets put "I" for intellect. In sum, I over E; Intellect over Emotion.

Once the two of us discount the emotions, now we're moving toward empiricism, what can be seen, touched, counted and measured. As another adage goes, "Numbers don't lie." One plus one equals two all over the world.

Conversations, not so. On the subject of counting versus conversations, we are obviating conversation and moving toward doing and results. What can be measured are one by one replacing one jobless African-American male with one BMWAJ; namely, one Black man with a job. Now one down, let's move to the next, and another and another. As in the Bible's Acts, the modus operandi is spread one by one.

Let's take Uncle Derrick who has been sitting on the couch for 30 years because he has an undiagnosed phobia against leaving the house and feels safer sitting on the couch in our living room playing video games. He didn't know the afternoon he decided he was good at them,

thirty years later he would be the undeclared champion of the world. Phobia because he doesn't know what happened to that ticket ten or was fifteen years ago. After-all, he hasn't lived at that address for twenty years. Phobia because if he's stopped on Hillcrest by the cops, up pops a warrant, plus the new ticket for which he is currently being stopped. And "bingo," he won't make it home tonight and for how many more nights before the family can raise the money. And they need the money for rent and food and for the kids.

As an African American woman, give me back my husband, my son, my brother, my uncle, my family. Don't make me have this conversation. Or, if you want to have it,

don't ask me until my family has a roof over our heads, food on the table and clothes on our backs. Why am I still begging for this? Why do you keep on wanting to hear it over and over? Why do you want to see me down here on my knees saying it? Why do I still want to say it to you of all people?

If we ever talk again, it won't be about race. But I will be in my home, feeding my family and my children will have shoes that fit. Now, where is my husband's job?

Alavrene N. Owens
Editor's Note: This editorial was written on May 29th 2018.

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Religion

As The Earth Stood Still, Black Covid-19 Patients Died Disproportionately In Hospitals...
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economies that are dying at alarming rates. Humanity for all of its advancements in science, technology, pharmaceutical research and development, and DNA research, is in a battle for survival. Once the poor die the rich will die too. COVID-19 has given humanity a glimpse of the blueprint that could cause humanity's extinction. In biblical terms, it's as deadly as the third horseman of the apocalypse, plague riding the pale horse. Worldwide COVID-19 has infected over 6 million people and almost 400,000 have died. It didn't have to happen. China could have been more transparent. The World Health Organization could have acted sooner on data it had that the coronavirus could become a pandemic. The United States' reluctance to take the coronavirus seriously in January and February 2020 has resulted in un-

precedented death and illness in America the beautiful. In the US over 1.5 million people have been infected and over 100,000 people have died. For all that has gone wrong in the response to the coronavirus, humanity can still turn this around and defeat COVID-19. There is no, American cure, Chinese cure, or European cure. There is only a global cure that requires global cooperation not seen since the end of World War II. At the close of World War II, every country on the planet cooperated in forming the United Nations, drafting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Just as the end of World War II served as the catalyst for uniform global cooperation in the mid 20th century, COVID-19 is now that catalyst for the early 21st century. Even as Trump begins the United States' withdrawal from the World Health Organi-

zation, global cooperation and leadership will still be needed. If Trump is defeated in November, the United States can participate again in a global effort in vaccine research and development, antibody research and development, non-discriminatory distribution of the cure when discovered, and universal free access to the cure regardless of race, gender, disability, or economic status, for all afflicted by this contagion. This is humanity's "Great Crusade" of the 21st century! Those with ears let them hear! Kevin L. Antoine, JD, is a Fulbright Specialist Scholar and former Fellow of the Harvard School of Public Health. He's the Vice President & Chief Diversity Equity and Inclusion Officer at Bucks County Community College in Pennsylvania. He can be contacted by email at kevinantoine@icloud.com



Religious Leaders Condemn Teargassing Protesters To Clear Street For Trump

Religious leaders around the country are condemning the use of tear gas on peaceful protesters outside the White House Monday evening to clear the area for President Trump to walk across the street to be photographed in front of a church. St. John's Church was damaged by fire during demonstrations over the death of George Floyd in police custody in Minneapolis. Reports indicated that the fire was mostly in the basement of the church and did not seriously damage the sanctuary. "The President of the United States stood in front of St. John's Episcopal Church, lifted up a bible, and had pictures of himself taken," Bishop Michael Curry said in a statement. "In so doing, he used a church building and the Holy Bible for partisan political purposes. This was done in a

time of deep hurt and pain in our country, and his action did nothing to help us or to heal us." Trump at St. John's Church on Monday. (Patrick Semansky/AP) Trump at St. John's Church on Monday. (Patrick Semansky/AP) In a hastily delivered statement from the Rose Garden on Monday, Trump vowed to use the military to put an end to violence and looting that has marred protests in several cities. As he spoke, Washington, D.C., police and the National Guard used tear gas and rubber bullets to clear Lafayette Square (located between the White House and the church) and the surrounding area. On Tuesday afternoon, the Washington Post reported that Attorney General William Barr had personally ordered the area around the church cleared.

At least one Episcopal priest was among those teargassed. The Rev. Gini Gerbasi told Religion News Service that she was on the church's patio when she and a seminarian were teargassed by police in riot gear. "I'm there in my little pink sweater in my collar, my gray hair up in a ponytail, my reading glasses on. ... I was suddenly coughing from the tear gas," Gerbasi said. Trump and White House aides walked across the street to the church, where Trump posed for photos holding a Bible. When asked by reporters if it was his Bible, Trump said it was "a Bible." Outrage over Trump's photo op transcended faiths.

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Sports

Book It: Sports Back Open as Governor Allows Schools to Open Training

After the last 3 months with no high school sports due to COVID-19, there was a question of whether or not sports would even be back for the 2020-21 season. After the basketball tournament had been postponed, sports were halted right before the start of March Madness.

For a while, it seemed that we would be able to come back in May and resume spring sports and finish the basketball season. But that was nixed when it was found that the schools were not allowing students to be back in the schools until further notice. Once it was revealed that there would be no end to the season frustration settled in for many student

athletes, parents and fans. After the 2nd month, there were reports that there would be a real possibility that there could be no sports in schools in the upcoming year. With numbers increasing little by little, the future didn't look good.

But fast forward a month later, and, after all the craziness that has ensued look for sports to save the day and come back sooner than later. Our reasoning for this?

Other countries are already playing. One thing about America, is that we hate to be behind on current events. The fact that Germany, Korea, and other countries are playing sports has ramped up the US antennas to get sports back out on field. Another reason is that people are

bored. Despite what you think, sports have a major impact on everyday life. That has been no more evident than it is right now. Another reason is that billions being lost. While the owners and players will not get full salaries and profits from games with little or no fans, they could still salvage a season that would be lost otherwise.

While there is no perfect strategy in moving forward, the high schools opening sports is a good sign for the masses. It's simple, if COVID-19 numbers don't go through the roof, expect to see high school sports in August.

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credit hours now required in foreign language will require Caldwell to take two Spanish classes this summer before officially being awarded his diploma. "This is gratifying and very rewarding and it makes me appreciate what I didn't appreciate before. I regret not being able to walk across the stage, shake hands, pose for pictures and receive my diploma," but Caldwell looks at it as another brush with history. "I was one of the first African-American quarterbacks to start at a major university; and a member of the first class to graduate that was denied the chance to march because of the coronavirus; I will make history again." Life won't change much for Caldwell after receiving his diploma and at the age of 66 he is not sure about accepting a full-time job. After all there are five grandchildren and six great grandchildren to spoil. But first Caldwell, "throw the ball and let the celebration begin!"



Butch Caldwell

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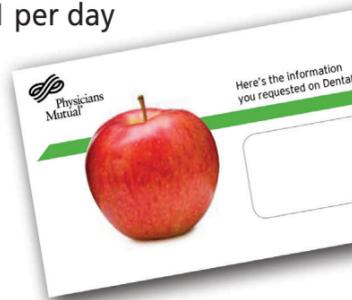
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The Social Security Administration introduced the expansion of online services for residents of Ohio available through its my Social Security portal at www.socialsecurity.gov/my-account. Andrew Saul, Commissioner of Social Security, announced that residents of Ohio can use the portal for many replacement Social Security number (SSN) card requests. This will allow people to replace their SSN card from the comfort of their home or office.

“We are here to serve the public and this option helps us improve service by offering a safe, secure, and more convenient choice for doing business with us online,” Commissioner Saul said. “I am pleased to offer Ohio residents the added convenience of replacing a Social Security card through the my Social Security portal.”

The agency is conducting a gradual roll out of this service; Ohio is one of the many states, including the District of Columbia, where this option is available. Throughout 2020, the agency plans to continue to expand the service option to other states. This service will mean shorter wait times for the public in the more than 1,200 Social Security offices across the country and allows staff more time to work with customers who have extensive service needs.

U.S. citizens age 18 or older and who are residents of Ohio can request a replacement SSN card online by creating a my Social Security account. In addition, they must have a U.S. domestic mailing address, not require a change to their record (such as a name change), and have a valid driver’s license, or state identification card in some participating states.

my Social Security is a secure online hub for doing business with Social Security, and about 50 million people have created an account. In addition to Ohio residents replacing their SSN card through the portal, current Social Security beneficiaries can manage their benefits online—change an address, adjust direct deposit, obtain a benefit verification letter, or request a replacement SSA-1099. Medicare beneficiaries can request a replacement Medicare card without waiting for a replacement form in the mail. Account holders still in the workforce can verify their personal earnings history and obtain estimates of future benefits by looking at their Social Security Statement online.

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