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Georgia Power's Energy Efficiency Programs Save Customers Money

ATLANTA — Georgia Power continues to encourage customers to minimize the impact of increased energy use and maximize savings on electric bills by making use of the company's energy efficiency offerings. Amid a hot summer, everything from simple energy-saving tips to home improvement programs can yield significant energy savings and lower bills.

The company estimates that participating residential customers have recognized approximately \$300 million in savings over the past five years through Georgia Power's energy efficiency programs, developed in consultation with and approval by the Georgia Public Service Commission. In terms of an individual's savings, these can range from saving several dollars per month to up to 50% reductions in energy use on some efficiency improvements.

In addition to communicating energy efficiency tips for homeowners, renters and businesses, Georgia Power offers programs such as:

• The Home Energy Improvement Program

(HEIP). HEIP educates customers on various improvements as well as provides rebates of 50% of the cost up to \$600 per year. Energy and monetary savings from improvements continue for years. The program's Individual Improvement approach allows Georgia Power customers to receive incentives for installing one

home to an ENERGY STAR® -qualified LED bulb. LEDs use up to 90% less energy than standard bulbs and can last up to 15 times longer.

• When used properly, a programmable Smart Thermostat can help you save energy when you're asleep or away from home. Use the thermostat's pre-

www.GeorgiaPower.com/SaveMoney, which also includes access to energy tips, as well as rebates and incentives for both homes and businesses. The Online Energy Checkup resource provides a customized report to help customers understand their home's energy use and find ways to save money. Additionally, Georgia Power's

Senior Citizen Discount— Georgia Power customers 65 years of age or older who meet the income requirements for eligibility can receive up to \$24 a month off their bill.

• Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)— Georgia Power supports the Division of Family & Chil-

Visit www.GeorgiaPower.com/EnergyAssistance for more information.

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or more qualifying individual energy efficiency measures, including air sealing, duct sealing, attic insulation and more.

• Georgia Power has also continued offering separate energy efficiency options throughout the pandemic, including rebates for LED lighting and programmable Smart Thermostats.

• Save energy and money by changing a standard light bulb in your

programmed energy-saving setpoints as a guide for summer, winter and vacation modes. According to ENERGY STAR®, with proper use, programmable thermostats can save about \$180 per year in energy costs.

Tips, Tools & Resources— Whether customers own a home or rent, a variety of energy efficiency programs and resources are available at

My Power Usage program allows customers to track their daily energy use, project their monthly bill, and set daily or monthly usage alerts.

Energy Assistance Programs— Georgia Power also partners with nonprofit, community and faith-based organizations to offer assistance programs to those in need. These programs include:

• Georgia Power's

dren Services to help qualifying, low-income households pay their home energy bills.

• The Salvation Army's Project SHARE— Established in partnership with The Salvation Army, Georgia Power customers can provide assistance to residents in the same community for expenses, such as utility bills, housing, food and medical necessities.

Spiritual Force of *The Inquirer*

BY JOHN B. SMITH, JR.

Since *The Inquirer's* founding, the newspaper always had divine forces working along with it and the Civil Rights Movement. The late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was not only a minister and vocal leader of the Movement, but had also been a part of *The Atlanta Inquirer* board and has submitted articles and writings. As the recently-deceased John R. Lewis rose from student to Civil Rights leader, he, too, had been a spiritual force supporting the efforts of *The Inquirer*. Many other ministers and church congregations in the metro Atlanta area devoutly supported *The Inquirer*, including ministers and pastors of Union Baptist Church, Ebenezer Baptist Church, West Hunter Street Baptist Church, Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, Friendship Baptist Church, Wheat Street Baptist Church, Big Bethel AME Church, Allen Temple AME Church, Antioch Baptist Church - North, and Providence Baptist Church, First Congregational Church (United Church of Christ).

In its early days of the publication's existence throughout today, Reverend Dr. Otis Moss, Jr. stands out as one of the strong, spiritual leaders that supported the Movement as well as *The Inquirer*.

Reverend Dr. Otis Moss, Jr. is currently a retired pastor and currently in the Ohio area. His friendship and support of *The Atlanta Inquirer* extends far beyond the offices of the newspaper. Moss was born and raised in LaGrange, Troup County, Georgia and had been a longtime friend of many whose roots also stretched from LaGrange. LaGrange was home to the late Honorable Horace T. Ward (1927-2016) (a former Senior Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia); Wynona Moore Lipman (1923-1999) (former New Jersey Senator); Dr. Louis Tompkins Wright (1891-1952) (Harlem Hospital surgeon and Civil Rights activist); Dr. Clinton E. Warner, Jr. (1924-2012) (Atlanta physician/surgeon, Civil Rights activist, and *Inquirer* board member); and John B. Smith, Sr. (1935-2017) (high school educator / administrator and longtime publisher of *The Atlanta Inquirer*). Moss has been a friend and confidante to many of those that were from LaGrange since childhood. He continues to be a very good friend and supporter of *The*

Inquirer.

With a bachelor's degree from Morehouse College, a Master of Divinity degree from Morehouse School of Religion / Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) and Doctor of Ministry degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, Reverend Dr. Otis Moss, Jr. con-

He served as an advisor to former U. S. President Jimmy Carter at Camp David and, in 1994, he was the special guest of former U. S. President Bill Clinton at the Peace Treaty signing between Israel and Jordan. He formally served on former U. S. President Barack Obama's White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnership Council. In 2009, he co-lectured with Rajmohan Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, during a

Knight Without Armor (The Rev. Otis Moss Story)
By the late William H. (Bill) Strong, former editor of *The Atlanta Inquirer*
Re-printed from May 6, 1961

I first met Rev. Otis Moss when I returned to Morehouse College, from the service, in 1954. He was a sophomore that year, quiet, unassuming, but even then, when one peered closely into his calm brown eyes, and listened to him express his religious convictions, one could sense the fires of volcanic intensity smoldering underneath his calm exterior; and, it was almost predictable, that a few short years later this zeal would be translated into a driving force, which would place him in the vanguard of the fight for human rights, justice and dignity for all.

Rev. Otis Moss, Jr. was born in 1935 on a farm, six miles from LaGrange, Georgia. His parents were sharecroppers, and at the time, they had three other children, three daughters. Later, a son was born. Rev. Moss was truly a child of adversity. It would appear that "all his early years were stalked by tragedy. When he was four years old, his mother died. By this time, he and his father were living alone on the farm. When he was a junior in high school, sixteen years old, tragedy struck once again, his father was killed in an automobile accident.

Although, left alone in the world, at an age when most children rely heavily on their parents, Otis Moss was not bitter, nor did he give up. He had developed early an abiding faith in divine guidance and his whole life has been shaped around this principle. Even now, he talks reminiscently of his days on the farm and the pleasant times he and his late father had there. He also ascribes most of the principles of character he has developed to his father's influence. For instance, he inherited a thirst for formal training from him. During his early school years, it was necessary for "Rev. Moss to walk six miles each way to attend school. He now admits, that at the time he did not find this so enjoyable; but today, he is proud of it.

At his father's death, young Otis Moss went to live with the family of Mrs. Eliza Flowers in the city of LaGrange. He remained with the Flowers as a member of the family, until his graduation from high school. While living with these sainted people, a profound change took place in his life. He had been a member of Old Mount

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Reverend Dr. Otis Moss, Jr.

Left: Photo from a 1961 issue of *The Atlanta Inquirer*.

Right: Present-day PHOTO BY JOHN B. SMITH, JR., photo taken in 2018.



tinues to be one of America's most influential preachers and leaders.

In 2008, Reverend Moss retired from Olivet Institutional Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio following thirty-three years of distinguished service. Prior to this service, he held pastoral positions at the Old Mount Olive Baptist Church in LaGrange, Georgia, Providence Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, Mount Zion Baptist Church in Lockland, Ohio and as co-pastor with Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr. at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

Moss served as the chairman of the Morehouse College Board of Trustees for over ten years. He served as board member and regional director of SCLC during Dr. King's tenure as founding president. He also served as a national board member and trustee of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change, and served as Chair of Rainbow/PUSH National Coalition's Board of Directors. He was the first Chair of the Progressive National Baptist Convention's Civil Rights Commission.

multi-city tour of India illuminating the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi.

Moss received the Leadership Award from the Cleveland, Ohio chapter of the American Jewish Committee in 1996. He was inducted into the 2007 Class of the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame. In 2004, Dr. Moss was bestowed the unique honor of the Lyman Beecher Lectureship on Preaching at Yale University. He was twice named by *Ebony Magazine* as one of America's Greatest Black Preachers. In 2012, he was inducted into the Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame.

Moss is married to Mrs. Edwina Hudson Moss and is the father of Kevin Moss, Daphne Moss (deceased) and Otis Moss, III.

It is with great pleasure that we re-publish an article about Reverend Dr. Otis Moss, Jr. that was written by one of our deceased editors, William H. (Bill) Strong. It was printed in our May 6, 1961 issue of *The Atlanta Inquirer*. The 1961 article is entitled, "Knight Without Armor (The Reverend Otis Moss Story)."

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Hawks Talon GC Completes 2020 NBA 2K League Season

ATLANTA—Earlier this evening, in front of an international viewing audience, Hawks Talon GC, the official NBA 2K League affiliate of the Atlanta Hawks, won their first series but lost their second series as part of THE TICKET powered by AT&T, the NBA 2K League's third and final in-season tournament. In the first round, Hawks Talon defeated Magic Gaming, the official affiliate of the Orlando Magic, by scores of 63-55 and 70-67. In the second round, they lost to 76ers GC, the official affiliate of the Philadelphia 76ers, in two games with scores of 65-57, 50-63 and 61-73. As a result, Hawks Talon has been eliminated from THE TICKET and has officially ended the team's 2020 campaign.

"We are disappointed that we couldn't find a way to close out against 76ers GC," said Hawks Talon GC Team Manager and Head Coach Wesley Acuff. "Personally, I am grateful to have the opportunity to coach this team all season long. While frustrating to have our season end this way, we can all look back and say we continued to play better together as the season went on, and we are very happy with the talent that we have on our roster."

In the first game against Magic Gaming, Hawks Talon's BP (Michael Diaz-Cruz) put together the game's lone double-double performance scoring 28 points and dishing out 10 assists. LEE (Lee Lamb), who finished the regular season ranked second among rookies in rebounds per game, collected 19 rebounds to go along with eight points. MRSTYLEZ

(Andrew Valle) totaled 14 points and a team-high three steals. Atlanta's own KEL (Mykel Wilson) added 13 points, while ARKELE (Derrion Elmore) finished with four rebounds. In the second game against Magic Gaming, BP led all scorers with 40 points and five assists, while KEL had 13 points. MRSTYLEZ notched 11 points including a game-winning three in the final seconds. Rounding out the group was LEE who totaled six points and nine rebounds.

In the first game against 76ers GC, Hawks Talon's BP led all scorers with 39 points and five assists. MRSTYLEZ, who concluded the regular season ranked 12th in the NBA 2K League in steals per

steals. In the third game, BP led all scorers with 27 points. ARKELE, who finished the regular season first in the NBA 2K League in 3P%, notched 12 points after going a perfect four-for-four from three-point range. LEE finished with 11 points, a team-high 11 rebounds and a game-high four blocks. KEL scored nine points, and MRSTYLEZ had a team-high three steals.

To stay up to date on Hawks Talon Gaming Club, visit HawksTalonGC.gg and follow the team's social channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Hawks Talon GC is the Atlanta Hawks affiliate team in the NBA 2K League. Led by Head



Coach Wesley Acuff. Hawks Talon GC was one of four expansions team in the second season of the NBA 2K League, a professional competitive gaming league co-founded by the NBA and Take-Two Interactive Software, Inc. (NASDAQ:TTWO). The NBA 2K League features the best NBA 2K players in the world competing as unique characters in 5-on-5 play against other teams in a mix of regular season games, tournaments and playoffs. For more information on Hawks Talon GC, visit hawkstalongc.gg or follow the team on Twitter and Instagram.

game, finished with a game-high six steals. Also contributing for the club were LEE who had 16 points and nine rebounds and KEL with seven points and two assists. Atlanta native ARKELE scored three points and collected four rebounds. In the second game against 76ers GC, LEE recorded a double-double performance after totaling 11 points and 15 rebounds. BP contributed with a team-high in points (20) and assists (four). KEL added 14 points and a team-high four steals, while ARKELE had three points and four rebounds and MRSTYLEZ had two points and three

WNBA and Facebook's Oculus Tip Off Partnership

NEW YORK—The Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) and Oculus from Facebook, a leading virtual reality platform, will tip off the newly-announced, multiyear partnership that makes Oculus an Official Marketing Partner and the first-ever Virtual Reality Headset Partner of the league with a 20-game regular season schedule on Oculus Venues and Facebook Watch.

As part of the new partnership, Oculus will also make live WNBA games available in 2D through Oculus Venues on Oculus Quest and Oculus Go headsets, while streaming games on Facebook Watch, beginning tonight when the Dallas Wings meet the Minnesota Lynx at 9:00 p.m. ET.

"We are excited to partner with Facebook and Oculus to provide fans a new and truly immersive experience to view WNBA games this season and beyond," said WNBA Commissioner Cathy Engelbert. "Providing more opportunities to view WNBA games on innovative platforms will drive expanded coverage to our growing fan base, and combined with our other broadcast partners, will help sculpt the future landscape of the fan experience."

Facebook's schedule tips off Wednesday, Aug. 19, when the Dallas Wings, led by Arike Ogunbowale, coming off a 33-point performance in a win on Sunday, meet 2019 WNBA Rookie of the Year Napheesa Collier and the Minnesota Lynx. The schedule also features Diana Taurasi, Brittney Griner and Skylar Diggins-Smith and the Phoenix Mer-

2020 WNBA Schedule: Live Games on Facebook

Date	Game	Time (ET)
Wednesday, Aug. 19	Dallas Wings at Minnesota Lynx	9:00 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 20	Seattle Storm at Indiana Fever	8:00 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 21	Washington Mystics at Dallas Wings	8:00 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 23	Dallas Wings at Los Angeles Sparks	6:00 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 23	Phoenix Mercury at Washington Mystics	8:00 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 28	Minnesota Lynx at Atlanta Dream	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 30	Phoenix Mercury at Minnesota Lynx	6:00 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 30	Atlanta Dream at Los Angeles Sparks	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 1	Indiana Fever at Atlanta Dream	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 1	Phoenix Mercury at Las Vegas Aces	9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 2	Minnesota Lynx at Chicago Sun	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 3	Indiana Fever at Phoenix Mercury	10:00 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 4	Minnesota Lynx at Dallas Wings	8:00 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 4	Seattle Storm at Los Angeles Sparks	10:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 5	Connecticut Sun at Indiana Fever	4:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 5	Las Vegas Aces at Atlanta Dream	6:00 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 6	Seattle Storm at Minnesota Lynx	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 9	Phoenix Mercury at Connecticut Sun	7:00 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11	Atlanta Dream at Connecticut Sun	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 12	Washington Mystics at New York Liberty	4:00 p.m.

cury taking on A'ja Wilson and the Las Vegas Aces on Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 9:00 p.m., and a battle of MVPs when 2018 WNBA MVP Breanna Stewart and the Seattle Storm meet two-time WNBA MVP Candace Parker and 2016 WNBA MVP Nneka Ogumike and the Los Angeles Sparks on Friday, Sept. 4 at 10:00 p.m.

"When we discussed WNBA marketing opportunities, we wanted to make sure that our investment helped connect the league with its current and future generation of fans," said Rob Shaw, Facebook Director of Sports Media and League Partnerships. "This sponsorship achieves that, as people around the world will now be able to experience and engage with the WNBA and its incredible players like never before on Oculus and Facebook Watch."

As an Official Marketing Partner of the WNBA, Oculus will become an associate partner of the WNBA's Believe in Women platform. In addition, Oculus will have a presence during the league's 24th season in Bradenton, Florida at IMG Academy, the Official Home of the 2020 WNBA season, which features a 22-game schedule for each of WNBA's 12 teams and will include Oculus signage throughout the site.

In addition to Facebook, WNBA games are available this season on ABC, ESPN, ESPN2, CBS Television Network, CBS Sports Network, NBA TV, WNBA League Pass and Twitter, as well as select regional sports networks. Regular-season play is currently scheduled to conclude on Saturday, Sept. 12, and be followed by a traditional playoffs and Finals format.

The WNBA is a bold, progressive basketball league that stands for the power of women. Featuring 12 teams, the W is a unique sports property that combines competition and entertainment with a commitment to diversity and inclusion and social responsibility. Through its world-class athletes, the in-game fan experience, TV and digital broadcasts, digital and social content and community outreach programs, the league celebrates and elevates the game of basketball and the culture around it.

In 2020, the WNBA and the Women's National Basketball Players Association signed a groundbreaking eight-year CBA that charts a new course for women's basketball—and women's sports overall—with a focus on increased player compensation, improvements to the player experience, expanded career development opportunities and resources specifically tailored to the female professional athlete. Key elements of the agreement are supported through the league's new partnership platform, WNBA Changemakers. Inaugural WNBA Changemakers include AT&T, Deloitte and Nike. For more information, visit WNBA.com.

The Oculus team at Facebook lets people defy distance—connecting with each other and the world—through world-class VR hardware and software. With global departments dedicated to cutting-edge research, computer vision, haptics, social interaction, and more, Oculus is committed to driving the state of the art forward through relentless innovation.

Atlanta Hawks Unveil Timeless New Uniforms That Are Forever True To Atlanta

ATLANTA—The Atlanta Hawks today revealed new uniforms, inspired by the franchise's signature colors and marks synonymous with the team and its history in the city of Atlanta since 1968. In addition to the uniforms, the team also released new primary and secondary logos along with new 'Atlanta Hawks' wordmarks. The team will begin wearing these uniforms to start the 2020-21 season. See the full collection at hawks.com/forever.

Infinity Black and Legacy Yellow rejoin Torch Red and Granite Gray to create a visual identity derived from the Hawks proud heritage. These core colors have been present throughout the Hawks' time in Atlanta, having adorned more than five decades of Hawks Basketball including Hawks Legends Lou Hudson, Pete Maravich, Dikembe Mutombo and Dominique Wilkins.

"Now more than ever, it's important for Atlantans to come together. We know sports has the power to unify and for years, true Hawks fans have shared their passion for our classic colorways. With the guidance of our ownership team and the talents of our brand creative and merchandising teams led by Shirley Zhang and Amy Serino working alongside our Nike design partners, we have found a sweet spot of classic and modern for the future of the franchise. This new look will stand the test of time and exemplifies our brand mantra, forever True to Atlanta," said Melissa Proctor, Atlanta Hawks & State Farm Arena Chief Marketing Officer.

Each color symbolizes integral components of the Hawks franchise and its commitment to the state of Georgia and city of Atlanta:

Torch Red: Red is a consistent thread throughout Atlanta Hawks teams from our beginning in 1968. This primary color symbolizes the heart of our unending quest for excellence, our red-hot spirit and fiery passion for the game.

Infinity Black: Affirms the Atlanta Hawks' bold and relentless pursuit of a championship, fueled by the support of our unwavering fans and a love for our city that will never die.

Legacy Yellow: This signature color is an homage to the golden era of Hawks basketball. A hue that shines brightly, reminding us of the shoulders on which we stand.

Granite Gray: Signifies our firm foundation comprised of deep character, class, strength and integrity. Dedicated to supporting each other and our community.

Torch Red, Legacy Yellow and Infinity Black have been staples of the Hawks since arriving in Atlanta in 1968. With our new uniforms, we wanted to usher in a new golden era of Hawks Basketball while embracing the rich history and legacy of basketball in our great city," said Atlanta Hawks & State Farm Arena CEO Steve Koonin.

Designed with Nike, the NBA's official uniform and apparel provider, the retro colorway will take shape on Nike's three signature uniform styles: The Association, Icon and Statement editions.

The Statement edition pops with an Infinity Black base and Hawks stitched across the chest in Legacy Yellow with a Torch Red outline. Legacy Yellow fills the letters, numbers and marks with a subtle Torch Red outline. Torch Red and Legacy Yellow alternate along the sides of the jersey

and shorts, intersecting with the Evo primary icon logo on both sides of the shorts. The waistband sports the new 'A-T-L' secondary logo. The Sharecare jersey patch is placed just above the heart on all three versions of the new Hawks uniform. Jordan Brand's Jumpman logo, located at the right jersey strap is a daring addition to the kit symbolizing the legend's approach to the game and will appear on all NBA Statement Edition uniforms beginning with the 2020-21 season.

Both the Association and Icon editions have Atlanta emblazoned across the chest with the Swoosh logo below the strap on the right side and directly across from the Sharecare patch. White makes up the primary color of the Association uniform with Torch Red filling the numbers, letters and marks and Legacy Yellow borders and alternating stripes on the sides. The shorts of both uniforms feature the iconic Evo logo on both legs with the club's new secondary 'Hawks' wordmark appearing at the mid-section of the waistband.

With the new uniforms, the Hawks join the College Park Skyhawks, the official NBA G League affiliate of the Hawks, and Hawks Talon Gaming Club, official NBA 2K League affiliate of the Hawks, in completing the brand's visual unification featuring the classic colorways.

Since 2017, the Atlanta Hawks have held a multiyear partnership with Sharecare, the Atlanta-based digital health company that helps people manage all their health in one place. Through this partnership, Sharecare serves as both the team's inaugural jersey patch sponsor and its partner in the Sharecare Movement—a community-driven initiative launched by both organizations to make Georgia one of the healthiest states and Atlanta one of the healthiest cities in the country.

Fans can go to hawksshop.com to sign up for early access info on the new Hawks jersey preorder and other swag.

#TrueToAtlanta #

Committed to entertaining and uniting the city of Atlanta since 1968, the Atlanta Hawks & State Farm Arena, under the leadership of Principal Owners Tony Ressler and Jami Gertz, continue to build bridges through basketball by following its True to Atlanta mantra. On the court, the Hawks' exciting young core is led by All-Star point guard Trae Young as the organization received the NBA's top ranking in overall in-game experience for the last two seasons. Off the court, the Hawks organization focuses on positively impacting the lives of Atlantans through providing access to youth basketball, fighting food insecurity, and the recent transformation of State Farm Arena into Georgia's largest-ever voting precinct for the 2020 elections. The Hawks family also includes the College Park Skyhawks (NBA G League) and Hawks Talon Gaming Club (NBA 2K League). Atlanta Hawks Membership, which includes your seat for every home game for the 2020-21 regular season, is on sale now at or by calling 866-715-1500. For more information on the Hawks, log on to or follow us on social media @ATL-Hawks.



Landon Lyons Wins in Playoff To Capture APGA Tour

SILVIS, Illinois—Former LSU standout Landon Lyons topped two-time APGA Tour winner Tim O'Neal on the first playoff hole to complete an improbable comeback and win the APGA Tour at TPC Deere Run tournament Monday. The Austin, Texas, native now residing in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, birdied the first extra hole for the second APGA Tour title of his three-year career.

O'Neal, the Savannah, Georgia, winner of two APGA Tournaments earlier this year, held a two-stroke lead heading into 17 and 18 but Lyons birdied both, chipping in on 18 to forge the tie after 36 holes. Lyons was the first round leader with a three-under 68 on the prestigious, PGA TOUR-owned course but fell behind during a rough stretch as the round progressed. Located two hours west of Chicago, TPC Deere Run annually plays host to the PGA TOUR's John Deere Classic, which this year was canceled due to COVID-19 concerns.

The field consisted of 53 players competing under social-distancing and health/safety guidelines in conjunction with regional authorities. Lyons took home the first place check of \$7,500 from a purse of \$24,000. He also earned 600 points to move into third place in the season-long Lexus Cup Point Standings behind O'Neal and second place Kelby Burton.

"It was one of the best finishes I've ever had," said Lyons, who won the APGA Tour at Long Beach event in 2018 and finished second in the Lexus Cup race that year. "I knew I needed something special to happen. It was a true roller-coaster."

Lyons and O'Neal finished at five-under par 137 with Willie Mack taking third, two strokes back. Florida A&M golf team standout Mulbe Dillard of Chicago was the top amateur finisher with a two-over 144, which tied for seventh overall.

Competition continues later this month with the APGA Tour Los Ange-

les, a one-day event on Sunday, August 30, at Montebello Golf Course in Montebello, California. The APGA Tour Championship Presented by Lexus will then take place on September 1-2 at Pacific Palms Resort in City of Industry, California.

The APGA Tour Presented by Lexus is a non-profit organization with the mission of bringing greater diversity to the game of golf. Now in its 11th year, the tour consists of 10 events offering over \$250,000 prize money. TPC Deere Run is one of several TPC courses hosting APGA Tour events as part of the APGA's partnership with the PGA TOUR.

The season concludes in October with the APGA Tour Salute to African American golfers at Chester Washington Golf Course in Los Angeles. The double-tournament event includes a seniors competition on Oct. 11-12 and the Lexus Cup Invitational on Oct. 11-13 featuring the top 26 players in the Lexus Cup Point Standings plus four amateurs.



Landon Lyons (left) and Cole Smith conduct the prize money presentation following Lyons' playoff victory over Tim O'Neal Monday at the APGA Tour at TPC Deere Run tournament in Silvis, Illinois. The sixth event of the APGA Tour season was the second APGA Tour title for Lyons in his three-year career.

PHOTO COURTESY OF APGA TOUR.

APS Raises Minimum Wage for Full-Time Employees

ATLANTA—Some Atlanta Public Schools (APS) employees will be getting a raise after the Atlanta Board of Education (ABOE) voted to increase the minimum wage for full-time employees to \$15 per hour during its monthly meeting, Monday evening.

The Board voted to increase the minimum pay rate from \$12.70 to \$15 per hour. The increase covers the following positions: clerks, custodians, food assistants, in-school suspension (ISS) monitors, non-instructional aides, paraprofessionals, parent liaisons, school bus monitors and school bus drivers. Bus drivers and monitors will also see their base pay increase from a minimum of 4 hours per day to a minimum of 6 hours per day.

The District recommended the pay increase after reviewing the results of a survey of principals and teachers, local market compensation studies, and focus groups such as the APS Teacher Advisory Committee. The raise is effective August 3, 2020, and will be included in paychecks beginning August 31, 2020.

“With Atlanta Public Schools’ focus on equity and ensuring that we retain high-quality staff, I am thrilled that this pay raise will benefit some of our lowest-paid workers and continue to support our ongoing recruitment efforts,” said Dr. Lisa Herring, Superintendent of Atlanta Public Schools. “As we move forward, I am hopeful that we will be able to implement the other strategies our Human Resources team developed in partnership with teachers and staff, including teacher pay raises, stipends for high needs schools and subject areas, and converting the remaining hourly special education paraprofessionals to full time with benefits.”

Atlanta Public Schools is one of the largest school districts in the state of Georgia, serving approximately 52,000 students across 87 schools. The District is organized into nine K-12 clusters with 58 traditional schools, 18 charter schools, six partner schools, two citywide single-gender academies and three alternative programs. To learn more about Atlanta Public Schools, follow us on social media—Twitter (@apsupdate), Facebook (Atlanta Public Schools), and Instagram (apsupdate)—or visit us online at www.atlantapublicschools.us.

IRS Extends Deadline For Economic Impact Payments

The IRS has extended its deadline to September 30, 2020, for people to provide information to the IRS using its Non-Filer Tool at www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here. People should do this if they:

- * receive Social Security retirement, survivors, or disability benefits, or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments;
- * did not file a 2019 or 2018 tax return;
- * have a qualifying child under age 17; and
- * did not already enter information in the IRS’ Non-Filer Tool for themselves and at least one child.

If someone already entered information in the IRS’ Non-Filer Tool before, and even after, the IRS’ previously announced deadlines (April 22 if receiving Social Security; May 5 if receiving SSI) they do not need to do anything. The IRS will automatically make an EIP payment in October 2020 based on the information provided to them.

Read the IRS’ August 14 press release at www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-takes-new-steps-to-ensure-people-with-children-receive-500-economic-impact-payments for more information.

For other Social Security information, please visit the agency’s COVID-19 web page at www.socialsecurity.gov/coronavirus/.

Fulton County Chairman Seeks Private Sector Support to Expand Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes

Following recent announcements from the U.S. Postal Service, Fulton County Chairman Robb Pitts is seeking private sector partners to ensure voters can safely drop off their absentee ballots.

USPS has recently announced concerns about their ability to efficiently handle the volume of absentee ballots for the upcoming November 3 General Election. Georgia is one of 40 states affected by this issue.

Earlier this year, the Georgia State Election Board allowed secure drop boxes to be used for the first time for voters to drop off their ballots. Pitts wants to expand that through partnerships with businesses.

“Given the potential problem of the return of absentee ballots in a timely manner by the U.S. Postal Service, I am asking certain private corporations that have stores in neighborhoods across Fulton County to partner with us and allow us to place drop boxes in their stores,” said Pitts.

“Specifically, stores like CVS, Walgreens, Publix, and Kroger would be ideal partners for us. They are well known, located in our neighborhoods and have, or can have, the required security,” continued Pitts.

Working with his special Elections Task Force, Chairman Pitts has set a goal of 40% of votes cast in future elections to be cast through absentee ballot by mail. Almost half of voters in the state voted absentee in the June 9 election.

In Georgia, ballots must be received by election officials before the polls close on Election Day, Chairman Pitts plans to seek support from Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger and the State Election Board for this novel idea.

‘SickleTini Saturday’ Benefits Sickle Cell Disease Association

(Black PR Wire) Sickle Cell Disease Association of America will hold “SickleTini Saturday,” a virtual fundraising brunch with special guests, on Aug. 29 from noon to 1:30 p.m. The event will benefit the association and those living with sickle cell disease.

“SickleTini Saturday” will feature special guest actor Dexter Darden of “The Maze Runner,” “Joyful Noise” and “Cadillac Records.” Child ambassador Kiarra Roseburgh and musical artist Karter Jaymes, guitarist, drummer and singer-songwriter featured in the Teddy Pendergrass documentary “If You Don’t Know Me,” will also join.

In addition, guest bartenders during the event will demonstrate how to make specialty brunch beverages The Sicketini, The Penicillin and The COVID Colada.

Registration (available online) is required with a suggested donation of \$25. For more information, contact Natasha Thomas at nthomas@sicklecelldisease.org.

Sickle cell disease is an inherited blood disease causing red blood cells to take a sickle shape, which leads to blockages that prevent blood from reaching parts of the body. As a result, people with sickle cell complications can experience anemia, jaundice, gallstones, stroke, chronic pain, organ damage and premature death. No universal cure exists. (sicklecelldisease.net)

Job Fair at Sadie G. Mays

Atlanta—Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehabilitation Center will host a Job Fair on Thursday, September 3, 2020 from 12:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. at its location on 1821 Anderson Ave., NW, Atlanta, GA 30314. There are immediate job openings for CNA’s, LPN’s, RN’s, Dietician, Security Officer, Floor Tech and more. Open interviews will be held in a safe, socially-distanced setting. Benefits include sign-on bonuses, competitive pay, health benefits, paid time off and more!

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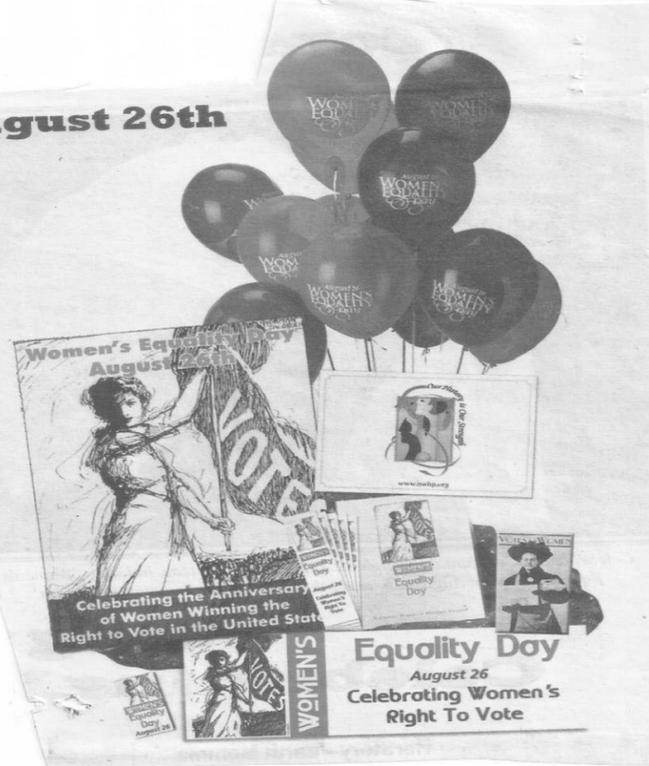
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WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

August 26th



Sparkling Specialties

BY M. PAULYN MORGAN WHITE

August 26, 2020 Celebrates The Centennial of Women Winning The Right to Vote

Amid the 2020 pandemic of the global COVID-19, experienced by humanity, the Civil Rights ills of equality and justice, citizens of the United States, especially women, have been celebrating the Centennial of Women, winning the battle and struggle for the right to vote. It has been a commemoration of events throughout the COVID-19 pandemic that have included, films, books, proclamations, exhibits, phone meetings and zoom and skype, other virtual gatherings and more, recognizing the women’s 100 years of battle, from the struggle of the Suffrage Movement, as well as the 20th and 21st century women, who have continued the struggle, fighting against recognition and opportunities in employment, poll taxes, literacy tests, voter rights roll irregularities, roll purges, voting denials, suppressions, recognitions for talents and more, in the recent century.

After decades of the women’s suffrage movement of rejection, Congress passed the 14th Amendment June 1919, and 15 months later of campaigning all the way to August 26, 1920, with help of course from men. [The right of citizens of the U.S. to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the U.S. States or by any state on accounting sex.]

Equality Day—A special emphasis for this Centennial Celebration of Women’s Winning the Right to Vote is “Equality Day” focused this month on Wednesday, August 26, 2020. It celebrates the passage of the 19th Amendment that happened in June, 1919 and when Congress passed the Amendment and 36 states ratified on August 26, 1920, enshrining it in the U.S. Constitution.

However, the vote was not ratified in Georgia until 1970, nearly fifty years later.

Even after the Women’s Suffrage Movement victory, according to history, racial evidence was apparent, organizational representation and issues through the National American Women Suffrage Association, regarding Black, Asian Native Americans and others was evident.

We cannot forget women who have been significant in the suffrage movement. Women like Ida B. Wells, Mary Church Terrell, Ella Barker, Anna Cooper, Frances E.W. Harper, Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, Mary McCloud Bethune, Frances Tubman, Julia Ward Howe, Lucy B. Laney, Ida Bells Wells-Barnett, Harriett Tubman, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Marie Foster, Helen Keller, Myrtle Davis and Grace Towns Hamilton, founder of the Atlanta Urban League Guild.

Let us not forget the role the National Association of Colored Women, League of Women Voters NAACP, the National Association of Business and Professional Women, The National Alliance of Women, as well as the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Equality Day...Let us celebrate this week Women! Women! Women! in Atlanta and across America, starting Wednesday, August 26, 2020 for 100 years of a hard fought battle and continual struggle just for winning the right to vote and to be equal to be recognized.

In Atlanta, Equality Day Celebration, begins August 22, with a Power of the Vote event in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

Also mark your calendar for October 23, 2020 at Georgia State University. More info later...

75th Birthday—The Reverend Dr. Normal Lee Phillips hosted her 75th Birthday Party virtually, with a host of family, close friends, high school and college teachers and neighbors via zoom, Saturday, August 15, 2020, joyfully participating. Coordinated by her loving son, Bernard S. Williams, III, she is a retired Social Security Administrator and founder, CEO of a New Thing Ministry, Incorporated and board chair of the 26 year faith based ministry of Citizenry and community support.

Wedding Bliss—Congratulations to Reverend Dr. Gerald L. Durley and Mrs. Mariel Durley on their 52 years of a beautiful and loving marriage, August 17, 2020. Dr. Durley is Pastor Emeritus of historic Providence Missionary Baptist Church and Board Chair of Interfaith Power and Light Association, a campaign of The Regeneration Project.

And to Atlanta Artist/Entrepreneur, Raymond Cody and Mrs. Cynthia Wyatt Cody for 43 years of joyful happiness on August 6...

Sparkling Specialties also sends a special congratulations to Reverend Dr. Gregory Vaughn Eason, Sr. and Mrs.

Linda Tyson Eason for 35 years of marriage, love, joy and happiness on August 9th. Dr. Eason is Senior Pastor and Mrs. Eason is First Lady at the Flipper Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church on Student Movement Drive in Southwest Atlanta.

Newly Elected Officers – Women for Morris Brown College, Incorporated, elected and held installation virtually for leadership posts 2020-2022. The positions are as follows: **President**, Le Tanya Swearingen; **First Vice-President**, Bola Tilghman; **Second Vice-President**, Sandra Dixon; **Secretary**, Chris Abron; **Recording Secretary**, Allyson Brown; **Corresponding Secretary**, Verlie Cowan; **Financial Secretary**, Liveve Jackson Hawk; Immediate Past President is Wilene White-Smith.

The National Women’s History Alliance—The National Women’s History Alliance, based in Santo Roza, California, serves as the clearinghouse for multicultural women history helping to restore women history information and resources of their valiant battle for the civil rights to be recognized for equality and justice in America.

This is a special year, not only for the visibility of women and human suffrage, as the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of women in the United States, winning the right to vote, but it is also the 40th Anniversary of the National Women’s History Alliance. Looking Ahead...

The leadership, vision and application, like that of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mrs. Coretta Scott King, as Congressman John Robert Lewis said during one of his messages to mankind, will move forward for reform to a new generation. A generation that not only grew up with women making history, currently as never before, it has been noted, women like Kamala Harris, Shirley Franklin, Michelle Obama, Oprah Winfrey, Stacey Abrams, Keisha Lance Bottoms, Fani Willis and others across the country, making significant contributions and witnessing recognition for their efforts.

For 40 years, the National Women’s History Alliance, has been on a journey of helping to write women back into history and I am proud to be a member of the alliance and to have had the opportunity to help write women back into history, by writing in the Atlanta Inquirer and by coordinating events during Women’s History Month, that have honored and recognized the achievements and contributions of African American women, during the past 25 years, working with Molly Murphy MacGregor, Executive Director.

This experience has been a heartwarming and a respectful journey, one that I am deeply grateful to have witnessed. Please join me in my quest to continue to write women, especially Black, back into history, however, I can for their civil rights contributions, achievements forward for reform of equality, peace and justice.

Reception and Induction Ceremony—The Atlanta Business League honored the legacy of service for three beloved Atlanta heroes during a virtual Reception and Induction Ceremony. The annual event, titled Men of Influence, recognized recent Legacy Honorees of 2020, Reverend Dr. Joseph Echols Lowery, Reverend Dr. Cordy Tindell Vivian and Congressman John Robert Lewis.

Sponsored by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Jazz Radio Station WCLK 91.9 and PNC Bank. The League inducted Kenny Leon, Artistic Director Emeritus and co-founder of Kenny Leon’s True Color Theatre Company, into The Legends Hall of Fame. It was held August 18, 2020.

Leona Barr Davenport is the President of the Atlanta Business League. For more details, visit the League’s website.

Saddened—The Sparkling Specialties Team expresses deepest sympathy and offers prayers for peace, joy, happiness and contentment to the family of Board Member Emeritus, Mrs. Marie Saxon, a long time officer of the Board of Directors of The Gate City Day Nursery Association... And to The Reverend Dr. William Edward Johnson, Sr., spouse of Dr. Vivian El Amin Johnson, current Morris College Chaplain... As well as Elder Brooks, United States Army retired veteran and retired Fulton County Police Department’s Culinary Staff. He was the widower of the late Mrs. Juanita Turner Brooks, a retired Atlanta Life Insurance Company executive and an Atlanta Public Schools Elementary teacher.

EDITORIALS

Guest Editorials

To Be Equal BY MARC H. MORIAL

Kamala Harris Selection Represents Unprecedented Moment of Racial Reckoning, Outsized Role of Black Women Leading The Nation Through Crisis

"I just sat with that for a minute. I just sat there. And then I found, out of nowhere, just tears coming down—like they are now. I thought about Betty Shabazz. I thought about Coretta Scott King. I thought about Maya Angelou. I thought about Dorothy Height. And I thought about everything that they have poured into us. ... It took Joe Biden to say, 'It's time to come out from the shadows.' To say, 'I see you.' He saw her. He saw her qualifications despite all the negative stuff that was being thrown at her. He made history, but I think he will never know how much history he has made." Political strategist

The selection of Senator Kamala Harris to be the Democratic Vice Presidential nominee represents many "firsts." The first Black woman to be nominated on a major party ticket. The first person of South Asian descent. The first HBCU grad.

More importantly, though, her candidacy is emblematic of this unprecedented moment of racial reckoning in America, and the outsized role that Black women are playing in leading the nation through this period of crisis.

It's no surprise that Black women have emerged among the nation's strongest and most competent leaders. The formidable challenges that women, particularly women of color, must overcome to achieve positions of prominence, are like the fire that tempers steel.

The National Urban League has had a strong relationship with Senator Harris for many years. We honored her as one of the first recipients of our "Woman of Power" awards in 2004, just after she was elected District Attorney of San Francisco. In 2017, when she assumed office as California's third female U.S. Senator, and the first of Jamaican or Indian ancestry, we honored her with the Hiram Revels Award for Achievement, named for the first African American to serve in the U.S. Congress.

While we've worked closely with her since her election to the Senate, her fierce advocacy for underserved communities since the onset of the pandemic has been invaluable. She, along with Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey, was a prime sponsor of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act in the Senate. We recently joined her and other members of Congress to announce legislation that would allow those at risk of eviction to access legal representation, and help protect their credit. As a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, she famously held Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh and Attorney General nominee William Barr to account during their confirmation hearings.

Her groundbreaking selection to the position of vice presidential nominee has drawn comparison to the legendary Shirley Chisholm, whom she often cites as a source of inspiration. In 1968, Chisholm became the first Black woman to serve as a member of Congress, and in 1972 became the first Black woman to seek the nomination of a major party for President.

When she launched her presidential campaign, Harris chose a red and yellow design for her logo that resembles Chisholm's campaign buttons.

Chisholm faced abhorrent racial harassment on her campaign, and nearly half a century later, the racist attacks not only have not subsided—they're amplified through social media. But it's not just crude slurs hurled on Twitter by anonymous trolls—Within hours of the announcement that she had been selected as Joe Biden's running mate, a major magazine amplified a racist "birther" conspiracy theory about her.

Chisholm was realistic about the obstacles her candidacy faced. "I just want to show it can be done," she often said.

Harris was a child when Chisholm ran for President, just to show it could be done, and now she stands a realistic chance of being the first woman to hold the second-highest office in the land.

As Joe Biden said the day after announcing his choice, "This morning, all across the nation, little girls woke up, especially little black and brown girls, who so often feel overlooked and undervalued in their communities, but today, today just maybe, they're seeing themselves for the first time in a new way, as the stuff of presidents and vice presidents."

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Kamala Harris's Problem Isn't Her Identity. It's Her Character.

BY THOMAS L. KNAPP

As you no doubt know by now, Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden has chosen US Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA) as his running mate.

You've probably also noticed the first salvo of Republican attacks on Harris: She's "not really black," and she may not even be a "natural born citizen" as required by the Constitution to hold the office of president or vice president.

No one sane or intelligent finds either of these attacks convincing.

One need not be a direct descendant of slaves in the antebellum American South to be "black." Harris, the daughter of an Indian mother and a Jamaican father of African descent, has been treated as a member of the African-American community, both by that community and by society at large, for her entire life.

Nor must one be the child of American citizens to be a "natural born citizen." Harris was born "in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof," per the 14th Amendment. Her claim to "natural born citizen" status is better than that of 2008 Republican presidential nominee John McCain (born in Panama) or 2016 Republican nomination contender Ted Cruz (born in Canada, with a Cuban father).

These attacks on Harris miss the point entirely, and I find that neither surprising nor coincidental. The attacks that actually make sense boil down to this:

Skin color and eligibility concern trolling aside, Kamala Harris would make a perfect post-Nixon Republican candidate for any office, including president or vice president.

Harris made her name as a "tough on crime" prosecutor.

As San Francisco's district attorney, Harris dramatically increased the number of prosecutions for marijuana possession (thereby encouraging higher arrest rates). Nearly 2,000 San Franciscans found themselves entangled with the "justice" system over possession of a plant she now jokes about smoking herself and says she wants to legalize.

In her one-and-a-half terms as attorney general of California, Harris oversaw the incarceration of nearly 45,000 new African-American, and more than new 80,000 Latinx, prisoners, several thousand of them for victimless "drug crimes." When it comes to persecuting African-Americans, Bull Connor had nothing on Kamala Harris.

When she wasn't hassling people of color, Harris spent her time as AG protecting corrupt and violent cops, fighting against the release of exonerated prisoners, and engaging in showy arrests without legal basis (e.g. her instantly dismissed charging of Backpage CEO Carl Ferrer with "pimping" for publishing material she disliked).

Harris doesn't seem to be a Democrat based on any particular conviction—at least not any conviction matching the current Democratic mood. She just climbed the political ladder of the party in power where she happened to live. Republicans who question her racial background and citizenship status would carry her to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue on their shoulders if she had an "R" next to her name.

Martin Luther King, Jr. dreamed of a world where people "will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." By that standard, Kamala Harris is completely unfit for the office of vice president.

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This Healthcare 'Watchdog' Is No Friend of Coronavirus Patients

BY PAUL C. LANGLEY, Ph.D.

Finally, there's a bit of good news in the fight against COVID-19.

The FDA issued an "emergency use authorization" for remdesivir, an anti-viral drug that could help coronavirus patients recover faster. The medicine isn't a silver bullet, but it's the first therapy that has shown success in clinical trials.

Yet one self-styled healthcare watchdog seems determined to rain on the parade. The Institute for Clinical and Economic Review, better known as ICER, routinely analyzes the "value" that new drugs provide. The organization

suggests that insurers should pay as little as \$10, and at most \$4,460, per 10-day course of treatment. ICER is in no position to act as an arbiter of drug spending—especially at a time like this. COVID-19 has already claimed over 170,000 American lives and cost our country trillions of dollars. Spurring the creation of vaccines and treatments ought to be our top priority. Jawboning drug companies over the cost of therapies isn't helpful.

Of course, it's imperative that treatments and vaccines are affordable. But ICER's report is little more than a publicity stunt, considering that remdesivir's

creator, Gilead Sciences, has already pledged to donate its entire existing supply of the drug. Gilead also entered into agreements with five generic manufacturers, which will expand the supply of the treatment to more than 125 countries around the world.

And Gilead isn't alone—nearly every company working on coronavirus vaccines and treatments has promised these drugs will be widely available, and in many cases, completely free for patients.

ICER states that since the manufacturer is repurposing remdesivir—which was originally a failed Ebola treatment—the

company has already recouped the full cost of research and development. As such, it could sell the drug at cost, for only \$10 for a ten-day treatment.

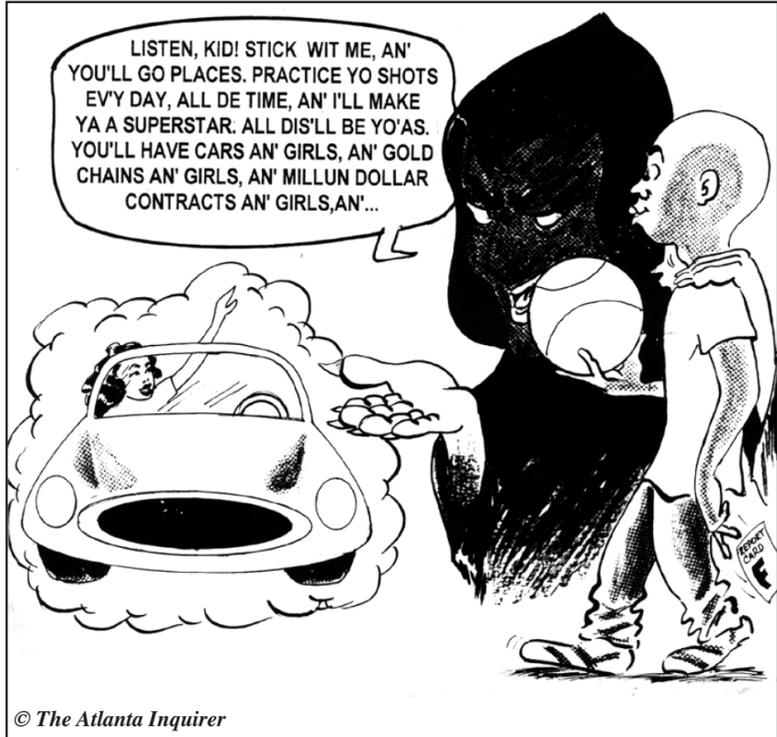
This claim, frankly, makes no sense. Remdesivir hasn't generated any real revenue thus far—after all, it failed in Ebola clinical trials.

If ICER's misguided notion—namely, that insurers should only pay drug companies enough to recoup their immediate manufacturing costs—goes mainstream, it would discourage pharmaceutical manufacturers from researching new treatments for COVID-19 and many other diseases.

That calculation doesn't merely neglect the massive upfront costs of drug development. It also ignores the economic benefits that new treatments provide. Our global economy was shuttered for months, and billions of people are waiting for COVID-19 treatments or vaccines. The idea that a medicine that helps reopen the economy and get millions of people back to work is only worth \$10 is ludicrous.

ICER has made it abundantly clear that it's willing to put a price on patients' lives. Unfortunately, this price is as always a nonsense creation. It's revealing that a self-appointed advocate for patients is grandstanding about the price of the only effective coronavirus treatment—a treatment that the manufacturer has already promised to give away for free.

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Laws Are Weapons of The Unjust BY OSCAR H. BLAYTON

We read in disbelief that a Black man who has already spent almost 23 years in a Louisiana prison for stealing a pair of garden clippers has now been denied any measure of mercy and must spend the rest of his life behind bars for his minor crime.

Fair Wayne Bryant, 62, was convicted of stealing the clippers in 1997 when he was 38. And five white men who sit on the Louisiana Supreme Court decided that it served justice to destroy a life for such a minor crime.

The only dissent came from the court's sole Black, and only female, Chief Justice Bernette Johnson. Chief Justice Johnson wrote a blistering dissent that shines a spotlight on how law is used as a weapon by oppressors against the oppressed.

Bryant had been convicted of three previous crimes and all four of his convictions resulted from his attempts to steal something. Chief Justice Johnson argued from the bench: "Such petty theft is frequently driven by the ravages of poverty or addiction, and often both. It is cruel and unusual to impose a sentence of life in prison at hard labor for the criminal behavior which is most often caused by poverty or addiction."

Bryant's infractions over the years were the acts of a desperate man, a man forced into poverty by a system designed to

keep him in a state of poverty so that others could live more affluently. But the Louisiana courts used the pattern of his behavior as evidence of the need to keep him separated from society. And while the white men in black robes would never admit it, the courts in the state of Louisiana were not seeking to punish Fair Wayne Bryant as much as they were sending a message to the oppressed Black people of that state.

Reading between the lines, we can see the dehumanizing process used by the courts to inflict pain upon Black people in order to ensure their compliant and subservient behavior. The language used by a lower court in Bryant's case tortures logic while denying Bryant's appeal of his cruel and unusual punishment. The Louisiana 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals issued an opinion that stated in part that the "litany of convictions and the brevity of the periods during which the defendant was not in custody for a new offense is ample support for the [life] sentence imposed in this case." In short, this statement argues that Bryant should stay in jail for life because he has spent time in jail before.

The three-word opinion of the five white justices—"Writ application denied"—was as chilling and final as a death sentence. They gave no explanation for their decision

because they did not believe they had to. But Chief Justice Johnson was not having it and wrote a dissent that pointed to the historical underpinnings of such an unjust and oppressive use of the law.

In her dissent, Chief Justice Johnson pointed to the "Pig Laws" that had been enforced in Louisiana in years past. These laws were designed to trap impoverished African Americans in a legal web designed to keep them poor and "in line."

When slavery was abolished by the 13th Amendment in 1865, Southern plantation owners in states like Louisiana found themselves without enough manpower to keep their fields operational. But they soon found a loophole. The 13th Amendment stated: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime ... shall exist within the United States."

Pig Laws were passed to unfairly target and entrap poor former slaves and force them into a penal system that provided free labor for plantation-owning whites. They were dubbed "Pig Laws" because many of them made it a crime to steal farm animals. And newly freed slaves without the means of acquiring food legitimately often were reduced to theft. This was forced criminality by design and the Pig Laws and other Black Codes provided a steady supply of free Black

labor to replace the emancipated slaves.

Poverty has ravaged Blacks since emancipation, and poverty's frequent companion, addiction, has followed in its wake as the oppressed attempt to self-medicate in order to ease their pain and suffering.

Laws are tools for social design. They are passed to make people behave in a particular way. In the hands of an oppressor, laws are tools to extract subservient behavior from the oppressed. And when used for that purpose, these laws are no more just than midnight lynchings or other barbaric assaults to enforce subservient behavior. Like lynchings and beatings, these laws are the oppressive weapons of the unjust.

Most of the laws used to police black and brown bodies today are pig laws that have evolved to adjust to the modern realities of our time. This is why excessive force is constantly applied to people of color and local, state and federal institutions contort logic to defend it.

Too many laws as they are applied to people of color are unjust and we must fight our way to the polls to root out the people who design them and utilize them.

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Witness for Justice

BY RACHEL HACKENBERG

In advanced swimming lessons and in lifeguard training, many years ago, treading water was my favorite part of the final tests. Far from being a challenge to exert as much energy and strength as possible, treading water was a challenge to conserve energy as much as possible, to slow down, to rest and let the water support you.

By contrast, we live in a society that values energy and strength, speed and power. Keep up, or you risk losing out. Fight the deluge that assumes your disposability, or you risk drowning in it.

In 2016, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that 1 in 3 American adults do not get enough sleep for physical health and mental well-being. Lack of healthy sleep was disproportionately prevalent in the lives of indigenous and Black Americans.

The recent end to the eviction moratorium and the lapsed federal support for unemployment insurance puts 20 million people at risk of not having a place to sleep at all—let alone sleep well—according to the Covid-19 Eviction Defense Project.

Rest and well-being are privileges re-

served for the few in our society.

Even in the work of justice. The resistance of unjust social structures can easily, temptingly, even logically assume the same conditions as those structures: testing exertion and requiring multi-tasking, calling for both urgency and endurance, leveraging power and speed, matching the pace of injustice with the pace of organizing. In the name of God and for the sake of one another, we rally to the cry that nothing less than 110% is acceptable.

As Madeleine L'Engle writes in *Walking on Water*, "We have to be braver than we think we can be, because God is constantly calling us to be more than we are, to see through the plastic sham to living, breathing reality. Earthbound as we are, even we can walk on water."

The work of walking on water must be paired with a delight in treading water. In the New Testament, Peter was weary from a long night of wrestling against waves and wind in the disciples' boat when Jesus invited him to take walk on water.

God knows, Jesus is no less demanding when we are tired than when we

Treading Water

are well-rested. We may have the faith to walk on water, but we are not made from dust that can be sustained in hyperdrive.

The cry of justice can only be just when it is

paired with an invitation to rest. To prioritize well-being as much as labor. To value rest alongside restlessness. To fight for

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Remembering the Families of Lowery, Lewis, and Vivian

BY M. PAULYNE MORGAN WHITE

Indepth efforts, exhibiting a sweet, sweet spirit during the journey of reform, is the only way to honor the legacy of vision, selflessness and service, that was established for humanity, by the three peaceful warriors, Congressman John Robert Lewis, Reverend Corley Tindell Vivian, and Reverend Joseph Echols Lowery.

Amid the raging ills and pains of the global COV"ID-19, I have been enveloped in a daze of wonder about the pandemic experiences, learning, wisdom and sacred remembrances.

I have been enveloped in a sweet, sweet spirit of love, thanks and appreciation to these legacy warriors who I have shared priceless experiences with these fearless, God-fearing men and women, who have been voices for the voiceless, for opportunities and recognition, for men and women's civil rights, equality and justice and more.

I got to know **Congressman John Roberts Lewis** through Xerona Clayton Grady, a civil rights activist, a founder of the Atlanta Association of Media Women and a television broadcaster at the time, and the love of his life, Lillian Miles Lewis. We were all charter members and traveled in and out of town where we attended media events, cruises and parties, that were often planned by Xerona, as well as, at her Cativo Drive, S.W. residence. After Xerona introduced Lillian and John, we all were present for the wedding and reception at her home. We were a part of the shower of John Miles and also of the parties through Congressman Lewis' political campaigns, elections and career.

It was to listen to him speak of his trials and tribulations.

The marriage, of John and Lillian, social activities included many gatherings at their home, attended by Atlanta's who's who. We enjoyed John's dancing techniques.

As media women, Lillian and I, participated in the Atlanta University Center wide media gatherings and always had John to be one of the speakers for workshops or luncheons.

I remember *Lillian Miles Lewis* was a good looking, charming and gracious, and articulate woman, who used her gifts and talents to enhance Johns' speaking engagements and plannings.

I met **Reverend Cordy Tindell Vivian** when the sweet joy and love of his life, his spouse, Octavia Geans and I worked as Associates in the Office of Public Relations for Morris Brown College.

A loving couple, I always thought, he was a kind, gracious, perfect gentleman, always listening to everyone he met and praising the work and love and understanding calmness of Octavia, "The Wife", as he fondly called her or "Baby". His commentary and behavior early in his life revealed "he cared about human life," his daughter, Denise Vivian Moore, said about her father in an interview one day.

The Vivians owned a house near the Morris Brown College Campus in the Atlanta University Center. So then, whenever he was not traveling out of town or a special project or assignment or with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, he would walk Octavia to the Morris Brown College Office of Public Relations daily. Sometimes he would sit and talk with the students and staff in this office or momentarily have some advice on whatever, sometimes on special occasions, he would visit with Dr. Robert Threatt, then President of the college, and discuss special canter-wide projects, he would stroll on the campus, engage in conversations with the students, cross the bridge over Hunter Street (now Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive) down and to the Herndon Stadium, again engaging with the athletes, staff and

students, for his daily exercises. Whatever his timing on the campus experience, he would always return to the office in the afternoon to walk Octavia home.

Their six children all attended Atlanta University Center institutions. Son, Mark, attended Morris Brown and I got to observe closely C.T. and Octavia's mannerisms in his cordial and youthful student behavior.

I remember the times whenever he was out of town, after working hours, Octavia and I would leave campus and walked down Mitchell Street, S.W., to the Central United Methodist Church, where **Dr. Joseph Echols Lowery** was the senior pastor.

I was introduced to pastor and Mrs. Evelyn Gibbs Lowery by Octavia. We worked with her volunteering and became a part of the planning for the founding of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference SCLC/Women, Inc, which began a lasting friendship and SCLC/Women, Incorporated's membership, the annual civil rights tours and Drum major for Justice Annual Awards Luncheon, held annually in April.

Then on other days when we left the office, Octavia and I would walk over to ITC on Beckwith Street, S.W., where Coretta Scott King's office was at the time, to volunteer. Octavia admired Mrs. King and introduced me to work with her. Octavia had already written a book about Mrs. King titled, **CORETTA**, (the story of Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.), published in 1970, by The Fortress Press.

The book was a part of the vast home library of books and art the Vivians had. The book is dedicated to her husband, Rev. C.T. Vivian because it was Rev. Vivian who introduced Octavia to Mrs. King.

I was delighted Octavia presented me with a copy of the book, that I cherish, on my birthday at a party, before she retired from the Office of Public Relations, in appreciation for my support and recognition of her work in the office.

Octavis Geans Vivian's warm and cordial loyalty and respect and sisterly encouragement, started me on my journey of service, serving as a volunteer and membership in SCLC/Women, Inc. Southern Christian Leadership Leadership Women and The Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Salute to Greatness Awards Dinner Program and Host and Hostesses Committees.

I am grateful for having been blessed to have known and worked close up with these servant Trojan God-fearing men and women, whose lives and contributions and their families, impacted humanity globally.

I remember during one National Women's History Month Celebration Symposium Luncheon, as coordinator, I recognized Mrs. Evelyn Gibson Lowery, Mrs. Coretta Scott King and Mrs. Octavia Geans Vivian, posthumously, an award. Dr. Vivian came and graciously accepted. It was held in the ballroom of the former historic Wauhaje Apartments Hotel at the Atlanta Job Corps Center on West Lake Avenue, N.W.

The aforementioned involvements have been memorable experiences I will always cherish.

Although we are currently plagued with a global pandemic of health issues, global weather warming, storms/hurricanes, an economic living crisis. Civil rights unrests, inequalities and injustices and freedom of speech and more, I pray we will honor the memory of these peaceful warriors and their families who sacrificed for us in a sweet, sweet spirit of love and forgiveness, in our own journeys to help erase the ills of love from evil, because we are one humanity, seeking the same destiny, of world reform one day. Hopefully!

Atlanta City Councilman Indicted For Attempting To Defraud Several Financial Institutions

ATLANTA—Atlanta City Councilman Antonio Brown has been indicted on multiple fraud charges in connection with Brown's attempts to defraud several financial institutions by taking out loans and making credit card purchases—and then falsely claiming that he was the victim of identity theft and was not responsible for the charges or repaying the loans.

"For years, Antonio Brown allegedly sought to defraud a number of banks and credit card companies by falsely claiming that he was the victim of identity theft," said U.S. Attorney Byung J. "BJay" Pak. "Brown's scheme was eventually brought to light, resulting in his indictment by the grand jury."

"This investigation is another example of the power of partnerships in combating financial fraud and identity theft," said Tommy D. Coke, Postal Inspector in Charge of the Atlanta Division. "Postal Inspectors are dedicated to pursuing individuals who seek to defraud for their own financial gain."

"We are committed to working with our Federal law enforcement partners to aggressively pursue those who falsely claim their identity was stolen in an attempt to defraud financial institutions," said Gail S. Ennis, Inspector General of Social Security. "I thank the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and IRS Criminal Investigation for their efforts in this case, and the United States Attorney's Office for bringing these charges."

According to U.S. Attorney Pak, the charges, and other information presented in court: Beginning in 2012, Antonio Brown opened a number of credit cards, which he then used to make thousands of dollars' worth of purchases for his own personal benefit. Brown also obtained over \$60,000 in automobile loans to finance the purchases of a Mercedes C300 and a Range Rover. Despite opening and using these credit cards and despite taking the money for the two automobile loans, Brown allegedly falsely claimed that his identity had been stolen and that someone else had made the credit card purchases or had taken out these loans.

The indictment further alleges that Brown provided false information to Signa-

ture Bank when applying for a \$75,000 loan in August 2017. During the loan application process, Brown provided a personal financial statement falsely claiming that he earned \$325,000 per year and had \$200,000 in available cash or assets. Brown allegedly knew this information was false because he had recently submitted other loan applications reporting far less income and available cash or assets. For instance, in a July 2017 loan application to another bank, Brown submitted a 2016 federal income tax return reporting that he earned \$125,000 per year (which was \$200,000 less than what he represented that his income was to Signature Bank). Further, in an August 2017 loan application to yet another bank, Brown claimed he had an annual salary of \$175,000 (which was \$150,000 less than what he told Signature Bank), and only had \$25,000 in available cash and assets (which was \$175,000 less than what he told Signature Bank).

U.S. Attorney Pak noted that the charges in the indictment all relate to conduct that occurred before Brown was elected to the Atlanta City Council.

On July 29, 2020, the Grand Jury charged Antonio Brown, 35, of Atlanta, Georgia, with wire fraud, mail fraud, bank fraud, and making false statements on a bank loan application.

Members of the public are reminded that the indictment only contains charges. The defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the Social Security Administration Office of Inspector General, and the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation Division are investigating this case.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Thomas J. Krepp and Jeffrey W. Davis, Chief of the Public Corruption and Special Matters Section, are prosecuting the case.

For further information please contact the U.S. Attorney's Public Affairs Office at USAGAN.PressEmails@usdoj.gov or (404) 581-6016. The Internet address for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia is <http://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga>.

The Baba's Demand

Stop Racism—Stop Lynching—Stop Police Murders

B.I.S.C.R.A.K. is an acronym for Brothers In Service to the Community with Random Acts of Kindness. It is a community-based organization which was founded February 9, 2013 with five co-founding members. The purpose of B.I.S.C.R.A.K. is to meet and serve the needs of our community. Our mission is to make a positive and productive impact on our community in the areas of health, spiritually, political awareness, disaster readiness and in support of black businesses. For example, B.I.S.C.R.A.K. has made donations to families, women's shelters for abused Black women, Hosea Feed The Hungry and donations of clothing to several organizations assisting people in need. In 2017, B.I.S.C.R.A.K. served as volunteer readers at Ber Hills Elementary School. Also, B.I.S.C.R.A.K. has made financial donations to flood victims in the U.S. and the Caribbean. B.I.S.C.R.A.K. is actively moving forward into the future with greater determination to make a greater impact in our community, in the spirit of the American tradition. B.I.S.C.R.A.K. incorporated into its name the Circle of Elders, affectionately known as the Babas.

AMC Theatres® Reopens Its Doors By Celebrating 100 Years Of Operations With 'Movies In 2020 At 1920 Prices'

Leawood, Kan.—In 1920, the Dubinsky Brothers began operations with a single movie screen in Kansas City, Missouri. That single screen would serve as the foundation for what is known today as AMC Entertainment (NYSE:AMC), the largest theatrical exhibitor in the United States, in Europe & the Middle East, and in the world. One-hundred years later, as AMC reopens its doors to U.S. moviegoers for the first time in more than five months, AMC is celebrating its history with a throwback to the year it all started by offering "Movies in 2020 at 1920 Prices." When the first wave of more than 100 AMC theatres reopens on August 20 of 2020, moviegoers can again enjoy the magic of the big screen at 1920 ticket prices. For one-day only, on August 20, all tickets at AMC will be priced at 15 cents (plus sales tax).

This is part of a phased plan to reopen AMC in the United States. AMC currently expects to open approximately two thirds of its more than 600 U.S. theatre locations in time for the September 3 release of Warner Brothers' TENET, following Disney's August 28 release of TNE NEW MUTANTS. The remainder of AMC's U.S. theatres will open only after authorized to do so by state and local officials.

The one-day 15 cent ticketing celebration kicks off several promotions that guests will find as they return to AMC around the country. After August 20, bring-back titles such as the special INCEPTION 10th anniversary event, as well as titles like **Black Panther, Back to The Future, Ghostbusters, Grease and Star Wars: Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back** will be priced at only \$5. AMC is also offering an array of \$5 food and beverage treats, including regular popcorn, regular Coca-Cola Freestyle drink and KidsPacks, through the end of October. And all AMC Stubs members will earn double points on all ticket and food & drink purchases through the end of October.

Adam Aron, CEO and President of AMC Theatres, commented: "We are thrilled to once again open our doors to American moviegoers who are looking for an opportunity to get out of their houses and apartments and escape into the magic of the movies. As our guests return on our first day of resumed operations on August 20, we invite them to join us in celebrating a return to the movies, and in celebrating 100 years of AMC making smiles happen with movies at 1920 prices of only 15 cents each."

In addition to the throwback movie titles that start August 20, guests can enjoy new movie releases almost immediately, which will be available at normal admissions prices.

August 21—Unhinged, Train To Busan Presents: Peninsula, Cut Throat City, Words on Bathroom Walls, Inception 10th anniversary event

August 28—The New Mutants,

Spiritual Force

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Olive Baptist Church, La-Grange, since he was ten years old, and an ardent worker. In 1952, after much prayer and careful thought, Otis Moss felt the divine call. As a consequence, on the second Sunday in September, 1952, at Old Salem Baptist Church, Rev. Otis Moss preached his first sermon. That same evening, he left to enroll in Morehouse College. On the fourth Sunday of the same month he was licensed and was ordained one year later.

Rev. Moss admits, when he arrived at Morehouse, he did not have the slightest idea how he would pay his fees. Nevertheless, with faith in God, hard work and the assistance of many friends, he was graduated from Morehouse in June 1956. While a student at Morehouse, Rev. Moss was active in campus affairs. He served as president of the Ministers Union, was an active member of the Campus YMCA and the NAACP. In 1954, his junior year, Rev. Moss was called to the pastorate of Old Mt. Olive Baptist Church, he accepted and served them until, 1959.

On graduation from Morehouse, he was called to the pastorate of Providence Baptist Church of this city. He accepted in 1956 and continued to serve his home church until 1959. While serving both churches, he continued his studies at Morehouse and in 1959, was awarded the Bachelor of Divinity Degree.

The year of 1959 was a banner year for Rev. Moss. For, it was in this year he married the lovely Miss Sharon Jo Ann Howell, of Detroit, Michigan, on August ninth. They are expecting their first child this coming August. Rev. Moss is eloquent in the praise he gives his wife for having been a constant source of inspiration to him.

From the outset of the beginning of his pastorate, Rev. Moss has been an active worker in the community for social advancement. He had always worked with the NAACP and other groups dedicated to improving the lot of man. In 1957, he became an ac-

Personal History of David Copperfield

September 3—Tenet

September 11—Infdel

September 18—The King's Man,

War With Grampa

For full title and showtime information, moviegoers should check their theatre's webpage on amctheatres.com.

AMC Safe & Clean—Upon returning to the movies, AMC guests can expect to experience AMC's comprehensive health and sanitation program: AMC Safe & Clean, which was developed under advisement of current & former faculty of Harvard University's prestigious School of Public Health as well as the No. 1 U.S. cleaning brand, The Clorox Company.

AMC Safe & Clean components include significant reductions in the maximum tickets available for each showtime and seat blocking in reserved seating auditoriums to allow for appropriate social distancing between parties, enhanced cleaning procedures that include extra time between showtimes to allow for a full, thorough cleaning and nightly disinfecting utilizing electrostatic sprayers, use of high tech HEPA vacuums, upgraded air filtration efforts including the use of MERV 13 filters wherever possible, new guest and associate safety protocols that include mandatory mask wearing by all guests and associates, hand sanitizing stations throughout the theatre and the availability to guests of disinfectant wipes. The entire AMC Safe & Clean plan can be found at amctheatres.com/amc-safe-and-clean.

AMC is planning to open more than 100 theatres on August 20, with additional theatres to follow during the next two weeks. As currently planned the following theatres are set to open on August 20, when guests can enjoy movie tickets for just 15 cents each (plus tax).

AMC is the largest movie exhibition company in the United States, the largest in Europe and the largest throughout the world with approximately 1,000 theatres and 11,000 screens across the globe. AMC has propelled innovation in the exhibition industry by: deploying its Signature power-recliner seats; delivering enhanced food and beverage choices; generating greater guest engagement through its loyalty and subscription programs, web site and mobile apps; offering premium large format experiences and playing a wide variety of content including the latest Hollywood releases and independent programming. AMC operates among the most productive theatres in the United States' top markets, having the #1 or #2 market share positions in 21 of the 25 largest metropolitan areas of the United States. AMC is also #1 or #2 in market share in 9 of the 15 countries it serves in North America, Europe and the Middle East. For more information, visit www.amctheatres.com.

tive member of the Love, Law and Liberation Movement of this city. In 1959 he was elected vice-president of the Atlanta Branch of the NAACP, a position he still holds.

In 1960, in the wake of a nationwide wave of student protests against the indignities heaped upon the American Negro, Rev. Moss took his energy, his ability, his experience and his zeal for the freedom of all mankind into the Atlanta Student Movement. His leadership there was so courageous, so forthright, so inspiring — that the name of Otis Moss, Jr. is known and respected throughout the length and breadth of these United States, wherever free men assemble. For, Rev. Moss carried into the ranks, a sense of purpose sent from God, a moral challenge, a super integrity and a sincere I desire that all men live as brothers because it is God's will.

This young man justly deserves the praises heaped upon his shoulders by the nation at large. For, his has been a crusade without thought of personal gain or glory, deep inner convictions that God meant all men to be free. Recently, he was persuaded to leave his beloved Providence and accept a pastorate in another city. In the meantime, another church in the city approached him and offered him a higher salary. I think his letter to them best illustrates the character of this young man; the letter follows:

2175 Gordon Road SW
Atlanta 10, Georgia

April 29, 1961

West Hunter Baptist Church
775 Hunter Street NW
Atlanta 14, Georgia

Fellow Christians:

This is a very trying hour in my life, therefore, I call upon you to understand my plight.

You are great people. The young people of your church are alert, strong, inspiring and devoted to the cause of Christ. Your officers and members-at-large are sincere, loyal and church-loving people. You are a people that any minister and particularly a

young minister would be challenged and privileged to serve. I humbly urge you to understand my plight.

On the 18th of January, 1961, I was unanimously called to the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Lockland, Ohio (suburb of Cincinnati). I prayed daily over this matter, there were others, I am sure, who were praying also. But the decision was mine alone. After I reached a decision in my own heart and soul, I announced it to no one. No one knew what the decision was until I got to a business meeting in Ohio. Not even my wife knew what my decision was until that night — she just expressed her love and support no matter "what or where." I gave the people of Ohio my decision after much prayer.

On the 8th of March I gave my resignation to the people of Providence, they have not officially accepted the resignation even now.

I have made both a decision and a commitment. Since that time, I have made some eighteen recommendations that the church has unanimously adopted. They have secured a place for us to live — a place of my own choosing. They have changed much of their church policy and spent money in preparation for my coming.

It would be morally wrong to turn around now even if I had the desire to do so. I could not live with myself. I do not believe West Hunter would respect me if I did. But most of all I believe God would be displeased.

West Hunter I love you. I can never dismiss you from my heart. I pray that you will not misunderstand me for doing what is right,
God Bless You,
Otis Moss, Jr.

In olden times, a true knight was known by his courage, his virtue, his moral integrity, fidelity to duty and facility with arms. Rev. Moss has exhibited his courage, his virtue, his integrity, his devotion to duty. At use of his arms, he is a past master. For, his arms are faith and belief in God's divine guidance and love of his fellow man.

Truly he is a "Knight Without Armor."

Treading Water

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healthy sleep as much as we fight for healthy work. To believe that none are expendable to satisfy the storm's torment. To insist that water—that life—can work for those most vulnerable, not against them.

Reach out.
Breathe.
Pull in. Breathe.

Kick. Breathe.
Rest.
Breathe.

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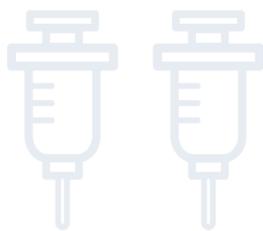
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Joining a clinical trial is an important and personal decision. We hope it is one you will consider.

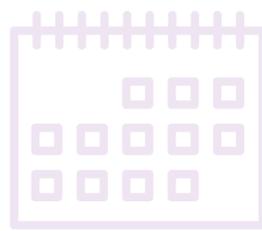
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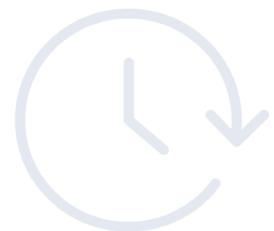
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