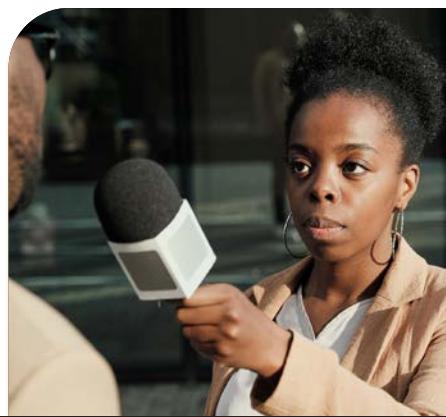


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Atlanta Medical Center patient Anthony Ford, 66, doesn't feel good about the hospital closing. "Grady is okay, but I like it here because it's close". Photos by Donnell Suggs/The Atlanta Voice

The faces of Atlanta Medical Center

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thunderstorm

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A t-storm in the
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Closing Atlanta Medical Center will affect thousands who count on the hospital for care

BY DONNELL SUGGS

Here are some of their stories.

The old man made his way down the sidewalk and over to the 809 bus stop at the corner of East Avenue and Boulevard. MARTA is how he gets to the hospital and how he would get home on this warm Thursday afternoon. Anthony Ford, 66, was at Atlanta Medical Center for his semi-monthly checkup. The hospital is due to close in a few months and Ford isn't sure what he's going to do when it does.

Atlanta Medical Center is near his home and when he feels up to it he walks to his appointments. Ford isn't looking forward to the impending closure and a different bus route to another hospital in another neighborhood. "I don't feel good about it closing because it's in the neighborhood," Ford said. "Grady [Hospital] is Ok, but I like it here because it's close."

Wellstar Health System, which owns and operates Atlanta Medical Center, recently announced that there are plans to close the hospital, a 120-year-old, 460-bed facility on Parkway Drive in the Old Fourth Ward neighborhood. The accessibility for area residents and many others allows for easier access to an emergency room and doctor visits similar to the way Grady Hospital is for residents of downtown.

In a statement regarding the closure Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens said, "This decision will have deep and reverberating consequences for the half a million residents of Atlanta."

Atlanta Medical Center is one of two Level 1 trauma centers in Atlanta, along with Grady. Wellstar plans to gradually reduce the hospital's functions, according to reports. A tentative date for closure is November 1, according to multiple reports. The reduction of those services will have an effect on many, but the biggest impact will not be on the doctors, nurses, hospital administrators and staff; it will be on the people that count on Atlanta Medical Center for care.

"I don't think they should be closing it because you're taking away from people that don't have money to travel to Buckhead and Druid Hills for care," said Gwendolyn Fears.

Fears, 65, is another patient at Atlanta Medical Center and doesn't have the kind of insurance that will allow her to switch over to other hospitals in the area. She doesn't drive and lives on a MARTA line, so Atlanta Medical Center has always been her default option for medical care. The day she talked to The Atlanta Voice for this story she was wearing a knee brace and had seen her doctor about the knee. "The community needs those hospitals and the people that



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work here need their jobs," she said.

The hospital employs close to 3,000 workers.

Politics as usual

The impending closure of Atlanta Medical Center has become a political issue with gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams blaming Georgia Governor Brian Kemp, in part because of Kemp's lack of movement on Medicaid expansion.

At a press conference held on the hospital grounds Friday, Abrams, who made a point to say that half of the state's population lives in the Metro Atlanta area, said, "If this hospital, when this hospital closes the people of Georgia are going to once again lose the opportunity for health care, the opportunity for jobs and the opportunity for survival."

Abrams was surrounded by local politicians and healthcare workers from the hospital. As of the publishing of this story Governor Kemp had yet to make an appearance at Atlanta Medical Center but his office has commented that the decision to close belongs to Wellstar. The Atlanta-based health care system has been public about the lack of Medicaid expansion not being a reason the hospital is on the chopping block.

Wellstar reported that the hospital lost \$107 million last year and continues to lose money while the hospital remains open.

Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens has called a meeting with Wellstar and Atlanta Medical Center leadership in order to get clarity or potentially find a solution that does not include closing the facility.

'That's the name of that tune'

Old Fourth Ward resident and Atlanta Medical Center patient Roland Young has come to grips with the fact that there is little he can do about the center closing. "That's the name of that tune," he said while leaving a doctor's appointment Thursday afternoon. "You accept the things that come to you, and the things you can't change you leave up to God."

Young, 76, lives just a few blocks away and walks to his appointments at Atlanta Medical Center. "I'd hate to lose [it], because that means I'm going to have to go to Grady or Emory."

At his age those appointments won't be within walking distance. After talking to The Atlanta Voice for this story, Young walked south on Boulevard in order to get to a local community center that serves lunch most afternoons. "If I hurry up I can make it in time," he said with a smile. Lunch service ended at 1 p.m. and Young had more than an hour to spare and was just a few blocks away.

LOCAL

Atlanta Technical College and Acuity Brands partnership announcement postponed



Atlanta Technical College is located at 1560 Metropolitan Pkwy, SW, Atlanta.

BY TIYANA JORDAN

Wednesday mornings 10:30am announcement to reveal a new partnership between Atlanta Technical College and Atlanta-based lighting and building management firm, Acuity Brands was cancelled according to Atlanta Technical College's media relations.

Dr. Victoria Seals, Ed.D, President of ATC was set to host Acuity Brands as their new partnership announcement involved a strategic plan to provide additional workforce development opportunities in the city. Acuity

Brands has nearly 13,000 associates based in over 7 different countries with a vision to light the way to a more brilliant, productive, and connected world.

City of Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens was scheduled to appear but tested positive for COVID-19 this morning, according to a Twitter post by the City of Atlanta. The post added that "The Mayor will isolate at home and will continue to hold meetings virtually."

The new press conference will be announced as soon as it is confirmed.

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"I was walking through [Harvard] Yard in the evening, and a Black woman I did not know was passing me on the sidewalk ... She leaned over as we crossed and said, 'Persevere.'"

— KETANJI BROWN JACKSON

The Superpower of the 'Squad'

DAWN SUGGS

It might be difficult to see through the veil of celebrity — and the adrenaline from interacting with famous boss women working to change national public policy — that members of the “Squad” have many of the same struggles and challenges that most women of color have.

But I saw this first-hand in early August when three members of “the Squad” — Representatives Ilhan Omar of Minnesota, Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts, and Rashida Tlaib of Michigan, came to St. Louis to stump for fellow squad member Rep. Cori Bush, a couple of weeks before her August 2 primary. Bush handily won against her challenger, Missouri State Senator Steve Roberts, Jr.

And as we turn our sights toward the midterm, I keep thinking about the Squad’s superpower.

To improve unbearable conditions and fight for equity, the Black women in the Squad are laying claim to painful experiences as women of color. They know about the consequences of inadequate and harmful governmental policies — and the insights they’ve learned from their experiences enable them to take action in their roles as congresswomen.

“Many people really don’t understand that when you’re a member of Congress, and you say you represent the people, that in a representative democracy, you are truly supposed to have fluency in the day-to-day struggles of the people you seek to represent,” Omar said during



U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar of Minnesota and Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts campaigned for 1st dis. congresswoman Cori Bush Friday night July 22, 2022 at a concert venue called the Golden Record in the city’s Gravois Park neighborhood. The two were in town to campaign for Bush for the Aug. 2 Democratic primary. Photograph courtesy of Wiley Price/St. Louis American.

a conversation with members of the local activist community, who gathered to discuss abortions rights, and later to celebrate Bush’s birthday at Golden Records in St. Louis’ Gravois Park neighborhood.

Together, the members of the Squad keep underscoring the importance of being representatives who understand and relate to poor, working class, and middle class people. In turn, they’re striving to hold the entire nation to higher standards of governance.

This is their superpower, and it allows them to serve the priorities and needs of their constituents. With this knowledge and pride for who they are racially and ethnically, members of the Squad aren’t looking to use old playbooks; they’re seeking a more inclusive, more compassionate mode of operating as members of Congress.

“What we are ushering in is a paradigm shift,” Press-

ley said. “We know that you can’t poll transformation. We have gone behind the wall where we are making assumptions about who desires and deserves a table at the seat of democracy.”

Before she became a member of Congress, Bush often spoke with courage and candor about previously being homeless and having been sexually assaulted. She continues to talk about having survived domestic abuse and homelessness, which leads St. Louisans and people throughout the nation, especially some of the most marginalized, to believe that she knows how they feel because she’s been there herself, on the margins.

This understanding is an undeniable superpower, and Bush uses it to fight consistently to make a difference, to bring change, and to bring relief to her constituents. She brought \$1 billion in federal relief funds to Missouri in less than two years in office

and led a demonstration in Washington, D.C. against the lifting of the federal eviction moratorium. She spent the night on the steps of the U.S. Capitol with other members of Congress and activists, including the Squad.

Even with accomplishments like Bush’s, and even though they’re some of the most highly regarded progressive politicians in the United States, members of the Squad still have to weather the daily micro-aggressions of racism, sexism, and more that most women of color have to contend with at work, in public spaces, and private spheres.

Bush, Omar, and Pressley know the hostility the average Black woman experiences when she ventures into public spaces. True, they receive the support and affection of many of their constituents and admirers nationally, but they also deal with death threats, and they’re sub-

jected to extreme trolling.

“You know with this work, we are vilified,” Pressley told the activists at the Golden Record. She pointed out that as congresswomen of color, they’re quickly blamed or scapegoated when legislation fails. And, when they’re a force behind successful legislation, they don’t get the credit or fanfare that their white colleagues get for similar efforts and accomplishments.

“If there’s a victory and we play a role in it, we’re often erased from it. If there’s a defeat, we’re often blamed for it,” Pressley said.

She admitted, “This work can be incredibly lonely,” and gave credit to their respective teams. “They cover us, they embolden us, they anchor us,” Pressley said. “They become our chosen family.”

“And who knows more about being closest to the pain than Black women?” Pressley asked.

Indeed, Black women face being disrespected at work, in school, while interacting with strangers and acquaintances, and may be told by a medical practitioner — even of the same race — that they’re not really experiencing pain when they’ve made it explicitly clear that they are. Or, they’re called out of their name or harassed while walking down the street. Such is the unprovoked rudeness and hostility one might experience just for being a Black woman, unapologetically.

To read the rest of this article go to <https://wordinblack.com/2022/09/the-superpower-of-the-squad/>

BUSINESS

Gov. Kemp Awards Over \$62M to Address Homelessness and Housing Insecurity

STAFF REPORT

Tuesday, August 30th, 2022, Governor Brian P. Kemp announced that the state will distribute over \$62 million in awards to housing initiatives that are focused on fighting homelessness and housing insecurity exacerbated by the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"As Georgians faced the unprecedented challenges and economic downturn of the pandemic, COVID-19 robbed some of their financial stability, expanding the homeless population in vulnerable communities," said Governor

Brian Kemp. "Those who were already homeless faced even greater difficulties, with many already struggling with mental health or substance abuse issues. By investing these funds in those who are already making a difference around our state on these fronts, we will provide those most in need with resources that will aid them on the road to personal and financial recovery."

In total, 20 projects amounting to \$62,449,245 will be awarded from the American Rescue Plan and the State Fiscal Recovery Fund for these initial award announcements. Additional awards under this program will be an-

nounced in the coming weeks. Projects receiving awards include construction of new affordable housing, improvements to existing properties, and assistance for those experiencing mental health problems while homeless. Housing insecurity issues were exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to more individuals and families facing uncertainty about their living situation. Each project was chosen following a competitive application process.

Awards:

- 3Keys, Inc.: \$4,930,601.00
- Advocates for Bartow's Children, Inc.: \$2,695,000.00
- Athens Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc.: \$4,326,703.00
- Atlanta Land Trust: \$808,427.00
- Decatur Housing Initiatives Corporation: \$2,000,000.00
- Ebenezer Building Foundation: \$5,000,000.00
- Focused Community Strategies: \$2,500,000.00
- Georgia Works, Inc.: \$5,000,000.00
- Habitat For Humanity Troup County, Inc.: \$1,861,400.00
- Housing Economic Reinvestment Opportunities, Inc.: \$3,850,000.00
- Houston Co. Habitat for Humanity: \$200,000.00
- Mercy Housing Southeast: \$5,000,000.00
- MicroLife Institute Inc.: \$2,500,000.00
- Paladin, Inc.: \$5,000,000.00 (Cherokee County)
- Paladin, Inc.: \$1,987,114.00 (Manchester City)
- Quest Community Development Organization, Inc.: \$5,000,000.00
- Resource Housing Group, Inc. and Staff: \$2,290,000.00
- SUMMECH Community Development, Inc.: \$1,000,000.00
- Tapestry Development Group, Inc.: \$1,500,000.00
- West Georgia STAR: \$5,000,000.00

LOCAL

Advance with Africa roadshow aims to strengthen U.S. business relations with continent

BY DONNELL SUGGS

The seats filled quickly as people walked into a conference room at Russell Innovation Center for Entrepreneurs (RICE), box lunches and bottles of water in hand, to hear how a new opportunity for American business and African businesses can better work together in the near future.

In an effort by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business organization, to further engage with small and medium business owners in African nations, the chamber has launched "Advance with Africa." Tuesday's luncheon and reception at RICE offered an opportunity to hear special guest speakers and small business owners discuss how the two nations can better work together.

A nationwide roadshow, Advance with Africa, held an official sendoff Tuesday morning at the Russell Innovation Center for Entrepreneurs in downtown Atlanta. Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens, Georgia Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Chris Clark, U.S. Chamber of Commerce - Africa Business Center President Scott Eisner and Dr. Elsie S. Kanza, ambassador of Tanzania to the United States were in attendance.

Advance with Africa will make stops in Texas and throughout the Pacific Northwest, as well as be available for viewing online. With China having firm business and



Rick Wade, senior vice president of strategic alliances and outreach with U.S. Chamber of Commerce moderated a panel with (left to right) Dr. Elsie Sia Kanza, Travis Adkins and Naana Frimpong at the Advance with Africa forum. The event was held downtown at the Russell Innovation Center for Entrepreneurs. Photo by Donnell Suggs/The Atlanta Voice

development relations in Africa and Japan continuing to expand its trade and investment opportunities in Africa, America is what many on the panel called "behind the curve" on small business relations with African countries.

"This is the time, this continent of incredible resources has youth to tap into those resources, and we need to engage with them," said Naana Frimpong, a partner with DLA Piper, a London-based multinational law firm with an office in

Atlanta. Frimpong, who was born and raised in Africa, added, "There are exciting ways to grow more connectivity with the African continent."

Scott Eisner, the president of the U.S.-Africa Business Center at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Chris Clark, the president and CEO of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce welcomed dignitaries, economists and attorneys that are familiar with the subject, what one called "Myth-busting" about the possibili-

ties of doing business with African nations.

"A big part about what this roadshow is about is myth-busting," said Travis Adkins, president & CEO of U.S. African Development Foundation (USADF), a Washington, D.C.-based government agency. "At USADF we believe that Africa is the continent of now and of the future."

Adkins said that all of USADF's staff located in African countries are native Africans, which makes working with their fellow countrymen

easier in terms of communication and trust.

Dr. Elsie Sia Kanza, the Ambassador of Tanzania to the United States, was on hand and made note that Tanzania has more than 120 tribes, giving an example of the many small business opportunities and the diversity of that country. "Most of our countries are still informal, which means it is harder to exchange information with businesses in the United States," she said.

Kanza believes the rise of virtual work will also help many African small business owners be able to reach customer bases in the United States. "I don't know how many of you know this but prior to COVID-19, the five fastest growing economies in the world were in Africa."

Home to over 1.5 billion people, Africa and its many nations will be home to 1 in 4 people of the world by 2050, according to many estimations. "The goal here is when they talk about Africa they talk about the business relationship the United States has with Africa," said Eisner. "In rooms like this is where deals are going to be made."

City of Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens was scheduled to appear but tested positive for COVID-19 this morning, according to a Twitter post by the City of Atlanta. The post added that "The Mayor will isolate at home and will continue to hold meetings virtually."

COMMUNITY

Feeding GA Families is trying to make a difference week after week

BY DONNELL SUGGS

The first car in line, a black Honda CRV, pulled up to a yellow line spray painted on the ground outside of the Feeding GA Families headquarters. As soon as the car stopped a network of workers led by Feeding GA Families co-founder/CFO Alicia Rivera approached with one mission in mind: feeding the people. Some of the patrons pre-registered online making the process faster and more efficient, others made their requests through their passenger side windows. All received boxes of food that are donated from all over the state and kept fresh by Feeding GA Families week after week.

The driver in the black CRV popped the trunk and what followed was a synchronized dance only made possible by people that have been doing this for a long time. Once Rivera was done checking the driver in via an online registration on her phone she shouted to Feeding GA Families staffers stationed behind her, "One of everything," and the crew went to work. Boxes of food and bags of vegetables were placed in the trunk. Then it was done and they were on to the next vehicle. This sequence would play out from 4 p.m. to a little after 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29. The food drive is scheduled every Monday from 5-6:30 p.m., according to the Feeding GA Families social media accounts and its website, but word of mouth travels fast, particularly during a time when food and gas prices are rising steadily. "This is about health and to have the resources here for people to improve their well-being," said Rivera when asked what the goal of the food drive was.

Rivera and her husband/co-founder William Joyner, the star of the social media videos on the company's Instagram and Facebook accounts, started the non-profit 12 years ago and on Mondays more than 150 cars line up down West Point Avenue near I-285, not far from Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, to receive donations of fruit, vegetables, grains, meat, vegan options, and perishable items such as female hygiene products and diapers.

The goal is help get people from week-to-week and the impression of them being in line for donations because they are poor or unemployed is way off. Stereotypes and race



(Top) Feeding GA Families co-founder William Joyner uses a forklift to position a pallet of food before Monday's food drive. Photos by Donnell Suggs/The Atlanta Voice. (Bottom) Volunteers for the 12-year-old nonprofit organization surround the next car in line and place food and perishable items into the truck. At the end of the night the last car is packed and sent on its way. The food drive was supposed to end at 7 p.m. but went until 8:30 p.m. in order for everyone in attendance to be served.

were non-existent Monday night as a white Mercedes-Benz pulled up behind an older model red Ford F-1 pickup truck with trash piled in the cab and on the bed. The drivers were Black and white, with kids in tow and without, senior citizens and young couples. On a couple occasions there were people that walked up and were allowed to collect their food. "This is about feeding Georgia families and providing them with good clean food and a warm meal," said Janet Silverman of The Good Charcoal Company. Silverman was on site to help deliver barbecue sandwiches to the people in line.

Something extra

"5 vegan," yelled Rivera from her position at the front of the line. Silverman would take those sandwich orders and hustle over to the trailer that was there to distribute the warm food.

A partnership with The Good Charcoal Co., a New York-based business that makes its product with pure acacia hardwood lump charcoal, allowed for Athens-based Biggum's Bar-B-Que to be on site to distribute close to 300 barbecue sandwiches to patrons throughout the night. "It makes us feel good to know that we are helping someone,"

Biggum's owner/operator Krista DeFoor said. She was working with her daughter and son who were packaging the sandwiches and bags of chips.

The Good Charcoal Co. and Feeding GA Families have gotten together several times this year to make the Monday food drive a little easier on families waiting in line by getting a hot meal in their hands after a long wait. All profits from every bag of the company's charcoal sold online at HomeDepot.com -its not available in stores yet- goes to Feeding GA Families. "We are doing this all over the country, and if it can

work in small cities like Bentonville, Arkansas, we can do it anywhere," said Silverman.

The Good Charcoal Co. started in New York during the pandemic in 2020 and since then there have been participation in food drives at pantries like Feeding GA Families all over the country, Silverman says. "This year we have been in Boynton Beach (FL), Minneapolis, East Nashville, Tuscaloosa (AL), Houston, Seattle and we are headed to The Bronx next," she said. "I love making a difference, it is our company's mission."

Group effort

Feeding GA Families get assistance from a number of sources. The buckets of flowers that were delivered to every car in line Monday were donated by Trader Joes. The palates of dog and cat food that lined the sidewalk were gifts from The Atlanta Humane Society. The organization donates the pet food every 4-6 weeks. The Atlanta Community Food Bank also donates food while the Walmart in Riverdale has donated returned home goods such as vacuums, blenders, microwaves, lawn trimmers. "It takes a village," Silverman said.

There are also donations of socks and underwear, for example, from citizens, says Joyner. "People are always looking to donate items and we truly appreciate it."

The Hello Fresh food stacked high in the freezers was donated by Saving Our Sons and Sisters International (Sossi), an Atlanta-based non-profit.

Last year 240,000-plus people received groceries and household items from Feeding Ga Families, according to Joyner, who drives a 20-foot refrigerated box truck around the city during the week, making pickups in order to prepare for Mondays.

What's Next

Feeding GA Families is looking to move into a bigger space in the near future. The current headquarters is twice the size of the former offices but has quickly grown smaller due to the donations and needs of the community. The company is currently raising capital for a future move. The rent on the current space has gone up the year and will continue to do so as Atlanta-area

Feeding GA Families is located at 2514 West Point Avenue. People looking to donate to the organization can find out how via its website feedinggafamilies.org.



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Do you think Fulton County District Attorney, Fani Willis, should be able to use the rap lyrics of the "DrugRich Gang" against them in court?

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JENN OLIVIER
Atlanta

"I think that, as far as artists being held accountable for their lyrics, that's a little sticky one because rap is artwork and it's a form of expression and you are telling your story... it sucks because it feels like someone is using your story against you. However, I, also, feel like, if you can put it into a song, and put it out there for the world to listen to, you are ready to stand by whatever comes with that... If the rappers are willing to put it out there, then yeah, you are going to have to be held accountable."



SPENCER GREENE
Atlanta

"I'm honestly really torn on the question. I'm an artist first and I feel like my instinct is always going to lean towards that. So I wouldn't [condone] using someone's art against them like that. But I understand that I don't know much about the case, much about politics. We elect someone to do their job and I think she's doing it, so how she gets it done, this person I elected, I have to trust her to do that."



TYRONE GRIFFIN
Hiram

"Do the lyrics match up with the evidence that the D.A. has? If it does match up, then, technically, you don't need it, because you already have the evidence. If it doesn't match up then, you can't use it."



KENYA DURDEN
Atlanta

"I strongly believe that Fanni Willis has the right to prosecute anybody that uses lyrics admitting to a crime. I feel like if you are dumb enough to use your lyrics in a rap saying that you committed a crime, you should do the time."



LYDEA CHRISTIE
Stone Mountain

"I don't believe that the DA should be able to use rap lyrics, to be admissible in court, because we all deserve freedom of speech and I believe that using rap lyrics would be a direct violation of that."

Nearly a Century Later, Historians Recall Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters With Awe

The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters began in 1925 and became the first Black union to bring a powerful corporation to the negotiation table.

By Stacy M. Brown

On a relatively comfortable 84-degree day in Harlem 97 years ago, a group of hard-working Pullman porters gathered to discuss changing working conditions, including receiving fair pay and claiming their dignity.

Organized by A. Philip Randolph and Milton Webster, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (BSCP) began on Aug. 25, 1925.

The historic launch of the union also began an approximate 12-year journey that culminated with this African-American group of workers forcing negotiations that ultimately led to a more suitable working environment, including wages that allowed them to properly care for their families.

"Their eventual triumph marked the first time in American history that a Black union forced a powerful corporation to the negotiating table," Lucy Kinsella, who has produced documentaries for A&E and the History Channel, told



WTTW in Chicago.

"It was a significant step forward for Black equality," Kinsella noted.

Black railroad workers "were denied access to the union and strikes, so to combat their mistreatment, the porters banded together to create the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters – the first all-Black labor union in the U.S.," Civil Rights Attorney Ben Crump wrote on Twitter.

With Harlem already Ground Zero for the struggle for civil and economic equality, the Brotherhood held firm to its values.

It enhanced their position by educating themselves on organization and negotiating skills.

"They discovered that even in a time of great prej-

udice in America, Blacks could effect change if they stood together and persevered," Kinsella wrote in "Pullman Porters: From Servitude to Civil Rights."

Kinsella noted the connection of Randolph and others to the Civil Rights Movement, adding they'd later apply the same techniques during that struggle.

But decades before the movement for social justice and equality, and during the middle of Jim Crow, the Brotherhood displayed its collective will and strength.

On Aug. 25, 1937, 12 years after the forming of the union, the porters signed a contract with the Pullman Company that raised pay, approved compensation for overtime work and provided a uniform allowance for 10

years.

Two years earlier, the National Mediation Board had certified the union which helped it gain recognition and victory.

"Working-class Negroes won a decisive victory [earlier] when the National Mediation Board certified the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters as the duly authorized representative of the porters and maids employed by the Pullman Company," Edward Berman wrote for *The Nation* in 1935.

"This certification and the election which preceded it were the climax in a courageous struggle for labor organization and collective bargaining which has been carried on for more than a decade against great odds," Berman said.

Berman summarized the plight of the porters before unionization.

"It is one of the ironies of the status of the Negro in American life, however, that the Pullman porter is one of the worst-exploited workers in the country," he wrote.

"A survey covering the year from March 1934 to February 1935 shows that the annual income of all porters covered by the sample investigation was \$880. Porters on regular assignment received in that year \$1,056, while those on extra service received \$624."

Further, since extra porters had to remain on call, they weren't able to supplement their income by other means.

The average wage received by all porters directly from the company was \$879; the sum of \$237 was received in tips. But \$236 was spent for occupational expenses, Berman continued.

"The weekly income of all porters covered in the survey was only \$16.92, that of porters on regular assignment \$20.30 and that of extra porters only \$12," Berman said.

He noted that porters did not receive large tips and used gratuities to offset oc-

cupational expenses that the company didn't provide.

"But this is not the whole story. Hours of service are barbarously long. The porters are paid on a mileage basis, the basic wage being earned when they have traveled 11,000 miles per month," he said.

"But they work before and after the trains get into motion and for this 'preparatory' and 'terminal' time, as it is called, they get no pay."

According to historians, the influence and legacy of the Brotherhood continue.

"The Brotherhood of the Sleeping Car Porters' influence in the labor movement included a role in assisting the Great Migration by dispersing information about job opportunities and greater equality for Black people in the North," Brittany Hutchinson wrote in a blog for the Chicago History Museum.

"As the passenger car industry declined after World War II, A. Philip Randolph and the BSCP became early influential figures in the Civil Rights Movement, as the fight for labor rights is inextricably linked to civil rights," Hutchinson concluded.

CNN anchor Bernard Shaw dead at 82

BY VERONICA STRACQUALURSI, CNN

Former CNN anchor Bernard Shaw died Wednesday of pneumonia unrelated to Covid-19, Shaw's family announced in a statement Thursday. Shaw was 82.

Shaw was CNN's first chief anchor and was with the network when it launched on June 1, 1980. He retired from CNN after more than 20 years on February 28, 2001.

During his storied career, Shaw reported on some of the biggest stories of that time -- including the student revolt in Tiananmen Square in May 1989, the First Gulf war live from Baghdad in

1991, and the 2000 presidential election.

"CNN's beloved anchor and colleague, Bernard Shaw, passed away yesterday at the age of 82. Bernie was a CNN original and was our Washington Anchor when we launched on June 1st, 1980," Chris Licht, CNN Chairman and CEO, said in a statement Thursday. "He was our lead anchor for the next twenty years from anchoring coverage of presidential elections to his iconic coverage of the First Gulf War live from Baghdad in 1991. Even after he left CNN, Bernie remained a close member of our CNN fam-



Courtesy of CNN

ily providing our viewers with context about historic events as recently as last year. The condolences of all of us at CNN go out to his

wife Linda and his children." Funeral services for Shaw will be closed to family and invited guests only, with a public memorial service

planned at a later time, his family said.

"In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Bernard Shaw Scholarship Fund at the University of Chicago. The Shaw family requests complete privacy at this time," the family said in their statement provided by former CNN CEO Tom Johnson.

In a statement, Johnson said Shaw "exemplified excellence in his life" and will be "remembered as a fierce advocate of responsible journalism."

"As a journalist, he demanded accuracy and fair-

ness in news coverage. He earned the respect of millions of viewers around the world for his integrity and independence. He resisted forcefully any lowering of ethical news standards or any compromise of solid news coverage. He always could be trusted as a reporter and as an anchor," Johnson said.

"Bernie was my personal friend and colleague for more than 55 years. I will miss him enormously," he added. "My wife Edwina and I extend our most genuine condolences to Bernie's wife Linda and to his family."

EDUCATION

Teacher organizations say teacher shortage will cause burnout, more resignations

BY TIANA ALLEN

Georgia educators face a potentially stressful new school year as what felt like a mass exodus of teachers during the pandemic caused an even steeper teacher shortage in public schools.

According to The National Center for Education Statistics 44% of public schools will report teaching vacancies at the start of the year and more than half of those were resignations resulting in thousands of teaching vacancies across the country.

To fill the vacancies, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp enacted Georgia House Bill 385 earlier this year. The bill permits retired teachers to return to the classroom, still be paid full-time while receiving their pensions. For a retiree to return to work, they must have had a full 30 years of teaching experience.

Georgia Association of Educators president Lisa Morgan shared what she believes are the limitations of this bill saying, “Unfortunately, there has not been a great impact from that bill because the average retiree in Georgia has less than 26 years of work experience.”

Verdailia Turner, president of the Georgia Federation of Teachers, weighed in, referring to HB 385 as a “band-aid approach” to the shortage.

“Although this bill was somewhat helpful, we are not surprised about this teacher shortage. The pandemic caused many teachers to either stop out or die out,” she said.

As teachers continue to leave the profession in unprecedented numbers, school districts have chosen the path to be under Strategic Waiver School System (SWSS) Partnership Contracts which ac-

ording to the Georgia Department of Education, “is a local school district that operates under the terms of an SWSS contract between The State and Local Board of Education. The system receives flexibility in the form of waivers of certain state laws, rules and guidelines in exchange for greater accountability for increased school performance.”

With this power, Morgan states, “Many districts chose to waive the teaching certification requirement for those applying for teaching positions. Now we have non-educators in our profession, and no one has dared to look at the learning outcomes of students from this decision.”

Turner added, “Hiring unqualified teachers to teach is a market driven, political money grab, they are just trying to get warm bodies in the classrooms. School districts

are giving incentives up to \$5,000 in teaching bonuses, but I’ve not seen much else. Teachers need to take a stand and say ‘Hell no, we are not going to take this anymore’. If we don’t stand up for this profession, we are going to continue to have these problems.”

“There is a lack of respect for teachers” Morgan mentions. “Teaching is a very important profession and educators aren’t being seen as experts in the field. They aren’t paid as such either.”

“This along with the amount of non-instructional duties that are expected each week like filling out 6-7-page templates for grading, is causing burnout and it’s only going to get worse,” added Morgan.

To resolve this, it is going to take a culture change in some way, she suggests. “Educators were considered ‘superheroes’ during the pandemic. “Now we are ‘super zeros’

and told to ‘shut up and teach,’” said Morgan.

“If I could wave a magic wand to resolve this teacher shortage,” Turner stated. “Teachers would have negotiated contracts with school districts that are mutually agreed upon and address all concerns. Additionally, we can use more trained teacher’s aides, have seasoned teachers’ mentor newer teachers that come into the profession, have more unified teaching organizations that are making a difference politically, cultivate kinder communities that communicate, I’d even like to see churches adopt schools and expose children to life skills.”

Overall, “teachers are afterthoughts,” said Turner, “At some point we must ask, is this truly the best we can do for our students?”

ECONOMY

53-year low in national unemployment bodes well for Black workers

BY DONNELL SUGGS

Black employment numbers are looking up, or rather, looking down after rising as high as 16.8% in May 2020 (compared to 14.7% overall unemployment during the same period), early in the pandemic.

The overall employment numbers in Georgia are also doing quite well. In fact the 2.8% unemployment rate (through July) is a historical low for the state.

The country’s overall employment rate of 3.5% is a 53-year low.

An August 24 report titled, “Pandemic shifts in Black employment and wages” projected positive upgrades for Blacks pursuing jobs in several industries. The 2022 labor market can be described as being in the middle of a high labor demand, according to the report. When that happens Blacks are most often likely to reap the benefits of the availability of employment, says Jared Bernstein, a member Council of Economic Advisors to the President. “If you give Black workers the opportunity, which is at the core of Biden-nomics, they will take big time advantage of it,” he said.



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The type of work that has become more readily available during the pandemic -transportation, utility sector jobs, and professional and business services- are in abundance in metro Atlanta.

This time of steady raises in salary and job status can’t be looked at through a crystal ball as how things are going to remain going forward, but Bernstein believes the efforts by many, the White House included, are a result of effort. “It’s not just about a historically strong labor market, it’s about a bunch of people working really hard to take advantage of a strong market,” he said.

The recent student low debt relief legislation (\$10,000 of debt cancellation for non-Pell Grant recipients and \$20,000 for Pell Grant recipients) will help to further the stretch of people’s checks.

Again, Black workers will feel a bit of an advantage from the student loan debt cancellation due to the amount of Pell Grant recipients since the student financial aid program was created in 1972. More than 70% of Black student loan borrowers received Pell Grants, according to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics.

HEALTH

Why These Five Diseases Disproportionately Affect the Black Community— and How to Avoid Them

BY MYLIKA SCATLIFFE
AFRO Women's Health Writer

The United States is generally considered to be one of the most powerful nations in the world both economically and in terms of military power. It's also generally known to lag behind most other developed countries when it comes to health and health care— leading to significant racial health disparities.

Deputy Director for the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Equity, Deidra C. Crews, is a nephrologist and professor of medicine in the Division of Nephrology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Her research program aims to advance equity in kidney disease and hypertension outcomes, by focusing on social drivers of health inequities. Nephrologists specialize in treating acute and chronic kidney disease and its associated high blood pressure.

When asked about the top five conditions that disproportionately

affect the Black community, Crews listed, in no particular order, a range of cardiovascular disorders— to include heart disease and stroke, kidney disease, hypertension, diabetes, and obesity.

"They are all cardiometabolic conditions and the same root causes contribute to them, including lack of access to high quality health care, racial residential segregation, and intrapersonal discrimination," said Crews.

Although the Affordable Care Act has increased health insurance options available to low- and middle-income households, where Black people are overrepresented, the large disparities in health insurance coverage related to race and ethnicity are a long-standing characteristic of health care in the United States, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Black people are still underinsured and uninsured at a higher rate than White people. Those who

are uninsured and underinsured visit a doctor at a lower rate than those with health insurance coverage, perhaps only visiting urgent care centers and emergency rooms when faced with a dire health problem.

"The ability to benefit from early detection and preventive care is affected when there is no regular access to quality health care. For example, early detection of kidney disease can result in effective treatment with medication, so it doesn't become severe enough to need dialysis or a transplant," said Crews.

The traditional focus of research and public health intervention for cardiometabolic diseases and disorders has been on increasing physical activity, improving diet, and reducing alcohol and tobacco usage, according to the National Institutes of Health. Dietary and lifestyle changes are notoriously difficult to make, and they influence multiple risk factors for car-

diometabolic diseases.

Racial residential segregation is a serious by product of historical discriminatory practices including Jim Crow and redlining. The practice of redlining restricted Black people from obtaining mortgages to live and operate businesses in desirable neighborhoods. "When a community has been continually disinvested, there are tremendous barriers to access services that promote good health— education, fitness and green space for exercise, and healthy food," said Crews.

In addition, the stress caused by psychological effects of intrapersonal discrimination can be a major contributing factor in developing obesity and hypertension. Not only is the risk of obesity impacted by access to healthy food and fitness opportunities, but it is also frequently seen as a moral or personal failure.

"Even during medical visits, racism among providers is evident in

their practice with patients and colleagues. There is a severe weight bias in the healthcare field and weight is often blamed on any issue without a thorough investigation of the cause," said Angela Burden, a public health nurse in Baltimore for the last 30 years.

Obesity can be a primary driver of hypertension and diabetes, although all sufferers from these disorders are not overweight. In the United States, the leading cause of kidney disease is diabetes, followed by high blood pressure. Other causes of kidney disease include lupus, HIV, autoimmune disorders, sickle cell disease, and some genetic diseases. Black Americans have more than three times the risk of kidney failure than Whites, with the gap being larger than any other condition, according to Crews.

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BUSINESS

Mzekewe Ltd. Co. fights for the Culture

BY ANN HILL BOND

"Land is essential because it is critical to wealth," explains Nubiyn Mzekewe to a group of his peers in a small coffee shop in the middle of Glenwood Park.

Mzekewe moved to Florida in 1991 to begin his career with the United States Navy. After three years, he enrolled in Southern University in Baton Rouge. He decided that he wouldn't pursue a Ph.D. in history like his fellow classmates; with a love for words and research Mzekewe would instead become an attorney.

His first case he worked on as a law clerk at Ed Downs and Associates was a foreclosure case. "They're going to take my house," was the first thing Mzekewe remembers how the client described his case. Although the case didn't go the client's way, it pushed Mzekewe to continue to practice, starting his law firm in Riverdale the same day he passed the bar.

Mzekewe always carried with him a deep understanding from his days as a history undergraduate student that land was the most critical thing we (humans) have besides each other.

"My mentor was Edward R. Downs, Jr. of Ed Downs & Associates," Mzekewe said. "I met Mr. Downs when I was 32 years old, and he had already been practicing 33 years. His mentorship allowed me the opportunity to fine-tune my craft at his law firm. I am grateful for his guidance."

MZEKEWE Ltd. Co. is a specialized real estate, business, and probate litigation law firm. Despite his background in general practice, Mzekewe established a law office to handle business and real estate needs. During his career he has helped many clients, winning awards for damages, costs, and attorneys' fees; negotiating agreements and settlements and satisfying clients to resolve

problems that sometimes seemed insurmountable. Mzekewe emphasizes maximizing client interests and getting a fair deal at the negotiating table or courtroom.

Mzekewe has been practicing for nearly 13 years averaging seventy-five cases per year. His clients are both seasoned or budding entrepreneurs living locally or abroad. Mzekewe aims to deliver good representation and advice to the public to help combat the growing need for affordable housing. Serving the Greater Metro Atlanta region, Nubiyn has actively worked with Atlanta's Black residents to understand that even with the less access to funding and the grueling process of ownership, the key to understanding money, transactions, and property would come down to partnerships.

Besides practicing law, Mzekewe spends time with family and friends

and combs the globe for good food, festivals, and music. He loves to trek and travel with family and comrades. Coming from a large family, he believes that keeping the property in one's family name is the key to furthering the narrative of a community.

"Land in the family gives the family the right of dominion to everything on, over, and above the property," Mzekewe. "That's essential. When you own land (the corner store), you get to create a community and culture. It is my job to inform people like us about the protection of ownership and enterprise."

Nubiyn Mzekewe can be reached via his website: mzekewe.legal

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COLUMN | SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

Just how strange are you willing to be for God?



BY JAMES A. WASHINGTON
The Atlanta Voice

You know, God uses people in the strangest ways to carry out His will. Maybe I should say that God uses the strangest people to carry out His will. After all, the Bible is full of men and women who were chosen by God to do His will on earth who they themselves felt uneasy accepting the tasks.

Moses was a murderer. Paul killed a few Jesus lovers in his time. Rahab was a whore and Jacob was, well y'all know all about Jacob's shortcomings.

The point is that God uses the least of us to carry out His plan in spite of what we think we're capable of or, what we think we're worthy of. I mean most of the prophets were reluctant participants in how God's message for His people was delivered.

As a matter of fact, most did not want anything to do with carrying the Word, either because they didn't think they were worthy, or they didn't think the people would listen or, they didn't feel the people were worthy of God's blessing and deliverance in the first place.

Whatever the reason, we should all be mindful that the hand of the

We all must still obey according to what we're called to do.

Lord is at work where He deems it will do the most good.

Regardless of what we think, anyone and everyone is a candidate for greatness in the eyes of the Almighty, including you; yes, even including me.

I used to think that only the ones called to preach had the gift of ministry. Try telling that to anyone who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and see how quickly that misguided thinking gets you in trouble.

Slowly, I've come to accept that we all have a ministry according to the will of God. Neither economic status nor social class or educational attainment means anything if God says it's your turn to do His bidding carry His message or simply let others see Him through you.

One thing is for certain. You cannot refuse God when He comes a-knocking. Just as importantly,

ask yourself as I have lately, What are you reluctant to do in the name of God?

Only you will know if you're in denial. Only you will know if you're trying to convince God to choose somebody else.

The question is how long will it take you to realize as did the others, that sooner or later, you're going to do what God is telling you to do?

I think you might want to get to that conclusion before God stops asking you do anything and starts telling you. You know, God just might take no as your answer and abandon you all together.

The prospect of that gives a whole new meaning to, "When I say to a wicked man, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sins, and I will hold you accountable for his

blood." —Ezekiel 3:18.

I now believe that the measure of your life and mine is how we respond to God's call, and not how hard we work, even if that work is somehow judged by us as benefiting others.

We all must still obey according to what we're called to do.

The question, then, is how do we know when God is talking to us?

I must confess to you that I believe God will not allow Himself to be confusing to you. I believe He is talking all the time. The key for us is to make a very deliberate and conscious effort to hear Him. That requires persistence and prayer. Together they ensure that listening becomes habitual.

To all of you who hear what I'm trying to say, know I'm trying to hear God each and every day.

In doing so, I'm obligated to share with you that maybe my job and my calling is to accept as a blessing this platform, use it as but another wonderful conduit for God's will and continue to say very loudly and clearly that Jesus is Lord and if you also believe this, then you better tell somebody.

May God bless and keep you always.

ON-THE-GO!

Arts & Entertainment Calendar

(EVENTS MAY CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. PROMOTERS ARE REQUIRING HEALTH CHECK)

Jungle - Sept 6, 8 p.m. The Eastern, 777 Memorial Drive, Building C, Atlanta 30316

Kevin Hart - Sept. 8 & 9, 7 p.m., State Farm Arena. Atlanta.

Alan and Lita Blake - Sept. 9, 8 p.m., The Social House Restaurant, 1227 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, Ga.

Rick Braun - Sept. 10, 7 p.m. Mable House Amphitheater, 5239 Floyd RD., Mableton. 770-819-7765.

Amy Schumer - Sept. 11, 7 p.m. Coca-Cola Roxy Theater, 800 Battery Ave SE, Atlanta,

Silk - Sept. 17, 7 p.m. Mable House Amphitheater, 5239 Floyd RD., Mableton. 770-819-7765.

Elton John, The Final Tour. Sept. 22, 8 p.m. Mercedes Benz Stadium, Atlanta.

Nas/Wu Tang Clan - Sept. 22, 7

p.m. Aarons Amphitheatre at Lakewood, 2002 Lakewood Way, Atlanta
Alicia Keys - Sept. 23, 8 p.m. Cadence Bank Amphitheatre at Chastain Park, Atlanta.

Blues on the Lawn with Albert White - Sept. 24, 8 p.m. American Legion Post 291, 4588 Boulder Park Dr., Atlanta

Karol G/Aguidelo888 - Sept. 27, State Farm Arena. Atlanta

Wade Ford Concert Series: Kirk Whalum, Phil Perry, Keiko Matsui, Oct. 1, 7 p.m., Mable House Barnes Amphitheatre, 5239 Floyd RD., Mableton. 770-819-7765.

A-T-L Jazz Series: Larry Carlton & Paul Brown, Oct. 1, 7 p.m., Center Stage Theater, Atlanta

Atlanta R&B Music Experience, Oct. 1, 7 p.m., State Farm Arena, Atlanta

Marcus King - Young Blood, Oct. 1, 7 p.m. Tabernacle, Atlanta

Rapper Big Pooh, Oct. 1, 8 p.m., Vinyl, Atlanta

Eric Roberson, Oct. 1, 8 p.m., City Winery, Atlanta

Kevin Gates - Big Lyfe Tour, Oct. 1, 8 p.m., Lakewood Amphitheatre, Atlanta

Mahalia - Letter to Ur Ex Tour, Oct. 3, 7 p.m., The Masquerade - Hell, Atlanta

Bino Rideaux - Sorry For The Wait 2 Tour, Oct. 4, 7 p.m., The Masquerade - Hell, Atlanta

Channel Tres, Oct. 4, 8 p.m., Variety Playhouse, Atlanta

Young Bae, Oct. 5, 8 p.m., Variety Playhouse, Atlanta

Smokey Robinson, Oct. 7, 8 p.m., Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, Atlanta

Keith Urban - Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m. State Farm Arena, 1 State Farm Drive, Atlanta. Statefarmarena.com

Billy Joel - Nov. 11, 5:30 p.m. Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta

Chris Stapleton - Nov. 12, 5 p.m. Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta

Goodie Mob/Sleepy Brown/

Mr. Collipark/DJ Smurf. - Nov. 23, 8 p.m. The ITIS, 777 Memorial Dr. SE, Building C, Atlanta. www.theitis-atl.com

THEATRE

"Everybody" by Branden Jacobs-Jenkins. Sept. 2 - Oct. 2. Alliance Theatre, Woodruff Arts Center, 1280 Peachtree St., Atlanta. 404.733.4600.

"Natasha, Pierre and The Great Comet of 1812" by Dave Malloy. Sept. 30 - Nov. 6. Horizon Theatre Company, 1080 Austin Ave., Atlanta.

FESTIVALS

ONE MusicFest, Oct. 8-9, Central Park, Atlanta

EVENTS

Jazz In The Garden - Sept. 18, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Featuring singer Tony Hightower. Closing exhibit of Joe Barry Carroll. Hammonds

House Museum, 503 Peoples St., West End, Atlanta. Gen. Ad. \$35 (Bring your own seat); VIP-\$50; Table: \$400.

2022 Lillian Smith Book Awards - Sept. 29, 7-9 p.m. Recognizing authors whose books, through high literary merit and moral vision, honestly portray the South, its people, its problems, and its promise. Register at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../2022-lillian-smith-book...>

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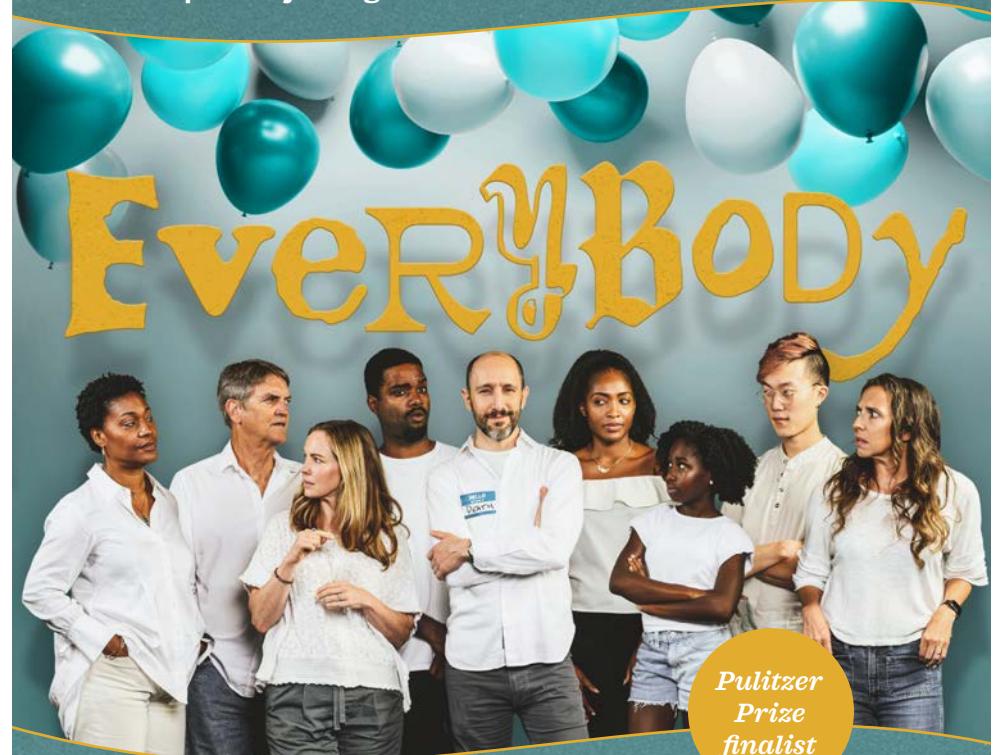
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SPORTS

Morehouse College falls to University of West Alabama 24-16

BY MENRA MAPFUMO

Morehouse College suffered a 24-16 loss in their season opener against University of West Alabama Saturday night. This game was one of two consecutive home games for the Maroon Tigers.

Maroon Tiger defensive back Darien Pittman had an interception during West Alabama's first drive of the game. The Maroon Tiger offense would manage three points on their opening drive following a big run from running back Ernest Davis III.

West Alabama quickly answered back to take a 7-3 advantage after a long run after a catch by wide receiver Darius Nalls put them deep in Morehouse territory. A touchdown pass to senior tight end Caleb Bass from freshman quarterback Tucker Melton gave the Tigers their first lead of the game.

During the second quarter, West Alabama opened the quarter with



The Morehouse Maroon Tigers lost the season opener 24-16, Sat., Sept. 3, 2022. Photo by Menra

a touchdown run from junior running back Bry Webb.

Later in the quarter, West Alabama's punter Trey Sullivan punts Morehouse against their own in-zone with a punt that was received on the 4-yard line. Morehouse's

offense fumbled and the ball was recovered by West Alabama's defensive tackle Terrence Monroe on Morehouse's 5-yard line.

A touchdown run followed from graduate student and running back Demetrius Battle extended West

Alabama's lead to 18 points. The teams went into halftime with the score 21-3.

During the third quarter Maroon Tiger junior receiver Keenan Anunay scored a touchdown, catching a pass from freshman quarterback Jaylon West. The touchdown brought the Morehouse deficit to 10 points.

West Alabama only managed to score three points during the fourth quarter.

Later in the quarter the teams exchanged fumble recoveries; West Alabama recovered a fumble from Morehouse during a punt and then a big hit from Morehouse's defense forced a fumble which was recovered by the Maroon Tigers.

Morehouse's offense moved quickly down the field resulting in its second touchdown of the game. The Maroon Tigers defense held West Alabama scoreless again.

On offense, a big carry from West

put Morehouse in the red-zone again. With five seconds left on the game clock, West attempted a quarterback keeper but was stopped by the Tigers defense to end the game.

Morehouse will next host the University of West Georgia Wolves September 10.

Clark Atlanta wins opener on the road

The Clark Atlanta Panthers began the football season with a 39-34 victory at Edward Waters Saturday.

The Panthers scored 10 or more points during the each of the first three quarters of the game, taking a 23-14 lead into the halftime break.

Panthers quarterback Sean Stephens went 19-32 for 193 yards with four touchdown passes. Both Darren Stephens and Ronnie West each caught seven of those passes in the process.

Clark Atlanta will make its home field debut Saturday at 4 p.m. against Erskine College.

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STREET LINES

'What's cool about electric?' The 2023 Chevy Bolt EV and EUV

BY MENRA MAPFUMO

Chevrolet has revealed their new Chevy Bolt EV and EUV. Compared to other electric vehicles, Chevrolet has made their Bolt EVs affordable. The starting price for the Bolt EV is \$25,600. The starting price for the Bolt EUV is \$27,200.

Chevrolet is giving their customers an incentive if they make the switch to a Bolt vehicle. Chevrolet describes their "Plug-In Promise" initiative as "a fun and responsive all-electric vehicle that offers the perks of driving a Chevrolet along with less scheduled maintenance, new ways to charge and innovative ways to make owning a Bolt EV or Bolt EUV easier than ever."

Consumers can charge their Chevy Bolt EV and EUV at home or at public stations. In fact, Chevrolet will install an at-home charging station when a customer purchases a Chevy Bolt EV or EUV.

There are three different char-



2023 Chevy Bolt EUV. Photo courtesy of Chevrolet

gers for at home charging. Level one charging is a standard electrical outlet used with a 120-volt household outlet. The Bolt will get 4 miles of range per hour of charge.

There are two level two chargers. The difference is, with the 240-

Volt Appliance Outlet, the Bolt EV gets 26 miles of range per hour of charge. With the 240-Volt up to 80 amp, the Bolt EV gets up to 39 miles of range per hour of charge.

There are over 40,000 public charging stations. In Atlanta,

EV owners will find most public charging stations in the Buckhead area.

There are two kinds of chargers at public charging stations. The level 2 charger that gets up to 39 miles of range per hour of charge

and the DC fast charge that gets up to 100 miles of range in 30 minutes.

The Bolt EV has an EPA-est. 259 miles on a full charge. The Bolt EUV has an EPA-est. 247 miles on a full charge.

Chevrolet has inducted a hands-free driving feature in the Bolt EUV only called "Super Cruise." According to Chevrolet, Super Cruise includes adaptive cruise control, enhanced automatic emergency braking, and lane-centering. With lane-centering, the Bolt EUV will "Detect curves with real-time cameras, sensors, and GPS."

As California and Virginia will ban gas powered vehicles by 2035, and as 15 states are implementing zero emissions vehicle requirements, the nation is moving toward electric vehicles to save the environment. What the Chevy Bolt EV and EUV offer is ahead of the curve, while in the long term, General Motors also plans to build an electric vehicle charging station network across America.

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