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## Georgia's First Black Nominee for Governor Since Reconstruction



Stacey Abrams, a former State House leader became Georgia's first black female nominee for governor. The general election will determine whether a black woman can win in the Deep South, a region that has not had an African-American governor since Reconstruction. She will face either Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle, the top Republican vote getter Tuesday, or Secretary of State Brian Kemp.

### STACEY ABRAMS ELECTION NIGHT REMARKS –AS PREPARED MAY 22,

Good evening, Georgia. I stand here tonight grateful to the thousands of you who have joined me on this drive to history. We are writing the next chapter of Georgia's future. Where no one is unseen, unheard or uninspired. A Georgia where we prosper – together!

I offer my congratulations to Stacey Evans and her campaign and all of her supporters tonight for a hard-fought race. And I know... for the journey that lies ahead, we need every voice in our party – and every independent thinker in the state of Georgia – energized, and by our side to succeed, so I hope you will join our fight for the future.

But our mission is about more than suc-

cess at the ballot box in November. Our mission is to see beyond the challenges that face us, to create a Georgia where our dreams and aspirations become real and lasting legacies. A state of excellent schools, with jobs that create wealth and opportunity, and good leaders who stand up for all of us. Because that is why we are here. To ensure that all Georgians... from farmers in Montezuma... to mill workers in Dalton know we value them. That educators in Sparta and airport workers in College Park know we see their efforts. That former prisoners across our state working towards more know we believe in their redemption. We are here to ensure that everyone who calls Georgia home has the freedom and opportunity to thrive -- to live their very best lives!

I am a product of the power of that mission. I am the child of a shipyard worker and a college librarian, who were called to become United Methodist ministers. A proud daughter of the Deep South. I grew up the second of six children in a family where we struggled to stay above the poverty line, but we never struggled to know what was right or to believe in our possibilities. My parents instilled in us the core values of faith, family, service and responsibility. Hard work is in my bones.

So is a deep respect for those who wake up early and come home tired but ready to read to their kids - or change clothes for a second job. And all those who are just getting by or are doing well but worry for the next generation. A respect for those who care for their loved ones – or who have earned their rest and retirement. A respect for our service members, their families and veterans that call our state home. Our campaign, and our work, is for them and their security - as we shape the future of this state we love.

### COVER ART

At the turn of the century, W. E. B. Du Bois compiled a series of photographs for the "American Negro" exhibit at the 1900 Paris Exposition. He organized the 363 images into albums, entitled Types of American Negroes, Georgia, U.S.A. and Negro Life in Atlanta Georgia, U.S.A..

## Publisher's Corner

### BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY



On April 4, 2018 our nation and community commemorated a tragic day in our collective history the day Atlanta Historic Westside son Dr. Martin Luther King Jr was stolen from

our midst. I recalled that day vividly. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. I Have a Dream speech played everywhere, "I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons and daughters of former slaves and the sons and daughters of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood".

I watched and listened as my elders analyzed his words and wondered if our nation could address the three evils King spoke of racism, poverty, and war.. Now 50 years later I am now the elder whom wonders too of our capacity as residents and stakeholders of the Historic Westside community's ability to demonstrate to our nation how to build the Beloved Community in MLK birth city and the community he chose to call home.

April 4, 1968 must motivate us not to allow MLK sacrifice to be in vain, we must continue to advocate for the establishment of the Beloved Inclusive Community. Right here right now let us demonstrate the inclusionary community development model, we can do right HERE in the Historic Westside. Let us ring

the bells of freedom, brother and sisterhood in service to God and humanity that echoes and sends shock ways of effective collaborations that shifted at least two of the three evils racism and poverty affecting our nation. We owe it to his legacy to thrive and establish the Beloved Community. Let us continue to unite the Historic Westside around authentic intentional mixed income community housing, affordable rentals, stabilization of existing homeowners and pathways to homeownership for renters. We have made some progress not enough for sure. But along the path we have accomplished some mini wins, diverse challenges will require many solutions and without a road map we are sure to err. But for now, we must celebrate the wins and encourage others to take full advantage of the programs that we as a collective community has successfully lobbied for. Some of our mini wins include:

Westside Future Fund Tax Abatement Program, Acquiring of Property for the development of affordable rental units. Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation, On the Rise Financial Center economic literacy and Path Way to Home Ownership, Westside Works workforce development. And the New Hollis Innovation Academy. Lindsay Street Park, Rodney Cook Senior Park at Historic Vine City and Boone Park West.

Makeda Johnson is a resident of Vine City and founding member of HWN publishing Team.

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# Hagar Civilization Training Missionary

## Provides Affordable Housing For The Underserved



Before and after pictures of Hagar CMT inclusive community redevelopment project in the English Avenue community that now houses underserved legacy residents of the Historic Westside community

Makeda Johnson

Hagar Civilization Training Missionary (CTM) a community lead and driven 501(C) 3 nonprofit volunteer based organization. Is a provider of affordable housing opportunities for underserved at risk residents of Vine City and English Avenue. Recently, they received funding of an \$812,000 grant from the Westside Tax Allocation District (TAD) Community Improvement Fund and an \$812,000 loan from the Vine City Housing Trust Fund to support the redeveloped of 7 vacant properties in Vine City and English Avenue into 20 affordable unsubsidized rental housing units. Hagar (CTM) goal is to ensure residents retention for our most vulnerable residents. Low-income senior, disabled, and veteran residents whom earn below 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI).

Hagar (CTM) received the full support of The Westside TAD Advisory Committee recommended approval of this project, and the Vine City Civic Association and English Avenue Neighborhood Association gave their positive recommendations. Hagar (CTM) has consistently demonstrated exemplary leadership in their development of affordable housing and the promotion of entrepreneur development within the MLK corridor with their catalytic development of the former Bronner Brothers Property.

The following statement from the Invest Atlanta Board Treasures Randy Hazelton as reported in their press release captures it all **“The work that you all [at Hagar CTM] are doing is really admirable, serving that community,”** said IA Board Treasurer Randy Hazelton. **“Unfortunately, organizations**

**like yours don’t get the publicity they deserve, but we recognize and appreciate it.”** Hagar CTM’s work has significantly improved the quality and mix of housing stock in English Avenue and Vine City neighborhoods, while also creating new employment opportunities. Providing a opportunity for a community resident and recent graduate of the Invest Atlanta Community Builders Program Kelly Brown who will be assisting Hagar (CTM) with the project .

We celebrate Hagar (CTM) a community base organization dedicated to the prevention of displacement and economic inclusion

**“Their primary business model is to serve the underserved populations, whether it’s low-income seniors, the disabled, or veterans,”** said Jennifer Fine, VP of Planning & Strategic Initiatives at Invest Atlanta( Invest Atlanta )



Dawn Luke Named VP of National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies

### Congratulations Dawn Luke!

Invest Atlanta Chief Operating Officer Dawn Luke has been named Vice President of the 2018-2019 National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies (NALHFA).

NALHFA advocates before Congress and federal agencies on behalf of legislation and regulations that support affordable housing and provides technical assistance and education to NALHFA members and the public.

With uncertainty looming due to the Trump administrations policies regarding HUD. Dawn’s new position is crucial. To keeping housing affordable in Atlanta. As Vice President Dawn’s will continue to be a leader in the fight to preserve and enhance federal affordable housing resources."

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## Legacy at Vine City Provides Affordable Living for Westside Seniors

By Colette Haywood

Historic Westside News was on hand to celebrate the April 27 groundbreaking of The Legacy at Vine City, a \$20 million, 105-unit affordable housing development for seniors above the

age of 62. All residents will pay no more than 30% of their income on rent thanks to assistance from the Atlanta Housing Authority.

“With this new project, people like my mother and my family, can now still have a place,” said Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms. “As the 60th Mayor of this city and the product of the Vine City and English Avenue community, I say congratulations and the best is yet to come.”



Bishop Dexter Johnson of the Higher Ground Empowerment Center Church boasts, “This project will allow us to have resident retention and it will address the affordable housing needs and concerns that we have in this community,”

During the ceremony, the audience also heard from city officials and community leaders, including: Councilman Ivory Young, City of Atlanta, District 3; Alan Ferguson of Invest Atlanta; Ms. Catherine Buell, President, Atlanta

offer 1- and 2-bedroom affordable apartments for senior living. The Higher Ground Empowerment Center Church (HGECC) is spearheading the development through its community development corporation The Oasis of Vine City, Inc. The Beverly J. Searles Foundation serve as co-developers and will help bring to life the 25-year-old vision of Bishop Johnson.

Invest Atlanta supported The Legacy at Vine City through \$10 million in tax-exempt bond financing, as well as a \$1 million Vine City Trust Fund loan.

Other key financial supporters included the Atlanta Housing Authority, Cabretta Capital, Community Development Trust, Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and PNC Real Estate.

## Adair Court to Bring 77 Affordable Senior Units to Atlanta BeltLine



Invest Atlanta and the Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. (ABI) recently announced the development of a new 91-unit, senior housing facility located on the Westside Trail. Through a \$500,000 BeltLine Affordable Housing Trust Fund loan from Invest Atlanta to The Woda Group, Inc. and Parallel Housing, Inc., this investment will help fund affordable housing projects in the Adair Park Historic District.

Located along the Atlanta BeltLine corridor, 77 of the units will be affordable, while the remainder will be rented at market rate.

“Affordable housing is an essential component of the Atlanta BeltLine and communities like Adair Court help maintain the diverse and inclusive fabric of Atlanta,” said Mayor

Keisha Lance Bottoms. “Building an equitable Atlanta Beltline depends on developments like this to help increase access to quality, affordable housing. This announcement is another significant step forward in ensuring the residents of the Adair Park Historic District can share in our city’s success.”

Adair Court is located at 806 Murphy Avenue. The \$15 million development includes a picnic area, community garden, computer lab, workout facilities, on-site laundry and is only a few blocks from the

West End MARTA station and ABI’s Westside Trail and Urban Farm. Just down the road, Carter Development recently announced its acquisition of the 40-acre Metropolitan property with plans for an \$80 million adaptive reuse project to create office space and residential units. Projects such as this one and ABI’s Murphy Crossing development position the area along the Westside Trail as an imminent redevelopment node with the potential to generate jobs, housing, and economic activity along the transportation corridor.



## Know your options and get busy

By Reginald D. Maisonneuve

As we work to get ahead, stay afloat or keep it together, we too often find ourselves overwhelmed and without good options.

Frankly, it's understandable that we can feel this way. Life is complex with too many things we don't understand; too many people making decisions that impact our lives – uncertain who's really acting in our interests; too many choices to make – uncertain which are the right ones. In the end, it's just too much information to process.

It's no surprise that we can succumb to fear, surrender to circumstance and feel hopeless. When our family was facing a very worrisome problem, an Argentine friend advised us:

*¡No preocuparse, ocuparse!*

Translated from Spanish, it means: don't fret, get busy. There is a lot of wisdom in that phrase. I've never forgotten it and have many times needed to apply it. It's not a platitude like: "it'll all work out" that leaves



things to chance, takes you out of the driver's seat, and strips you of any responsibility to yourself, family and community.

"Get busy" means to get knowledgeable, get involved, and make positive change happen. It doesn't have to be a revolution. It can be incremental ... even unremarkable to the disinterested ... but a sea change for you.

Big things often start with the first small step, but that small step reflects a big mental leap ... a change in attitude, approach or decisions. Those initial steps we can take are monumental. We begin to realize that we're not so helpless. We can influence the outcome. We can begin to level the playing field.

Too many people face difficult circumstances and feel helpless, but many have options they don't know they have, however small, to take that first step and begin their own sea change.

To do so, we must understand what we can control, what we can influence and what we can't. If something is too big to change alone, we can work to change it together, but even those things that are truly beyond our control, as with the weather, we can take steps to protect ourselves.

Government and the economy have huge influences on our lives and set the playing field. We can't control them alone, but we can influence them together. What we can control is how we govern our lives and manage our personal economy. Revisit your options. Take that first small step. Start with your personal economy. Every dollar you save buys you more independence, control and ability to influence. Each extra dollar saved is a victory worth smiling about. But we also have a responsibility to our community. Get knowledgeable about your government and the economy you live in and get involved to make positive things happen.

It has to start with you.  
Get busy.

## Education Design Lab Formalizes Career Pathways Partnership with United Negro College Fund

(Black PR Wire) Washington, DC -- The Education Design Lab announces a three-year engagement with UNCF's Career Pathways Initiative (CPI). African-American unemployment rates remain almost twice as high as unemployment rates for whites. From March 2017 to March 2018, black unemployment averaged 7.4 percent compared to 3.7 percent average for white Americans.

As a response to lopsided unemployment rates, the Eli Lilly Endowment funded UNCF to create a Career Pathways Initiative (CPI) to fund efforts at 24 historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and predominantly black institutions (PBIs) to strengthen institutional career placement outcomes. To support the understanding of employer needs and how they relate to the future of postsecondary education, Education Design Lab (The Lab) has been contracted by UNCF to work with subset of 14 Career Pathways Initiative institutions to hasten and strengthen implementation of their plans.

The Lab will work with the selected institutions in three different cohorts with

distinct focuses:

**Foundational Education cohort:** approaches include curriculum re-design, identification of gateway courses, and first and second year experiences that pose barriers to progression for students.

**Institutions:**

- Dillard University
- Huston Tillotson University
- Jarvis Christian College
- LeMoyné Owen College
- University of West Alabama
- Xavier University of New Orleans

**Workforce Development cohort:** approaches to strengthen the connection between college majors and careers, such as through the development of strategic partnerships with the workforce.

**Institutions:**

- Oakwood College
- Rust College
- Talladega College
- Tennessee State University

**Faculty Development cohort:** approaches used to assist faculty in better understanding the skills and competencies needed in the workforce, and to aid faculty in aligning and deliv-

ering curriculum to those identified needs.

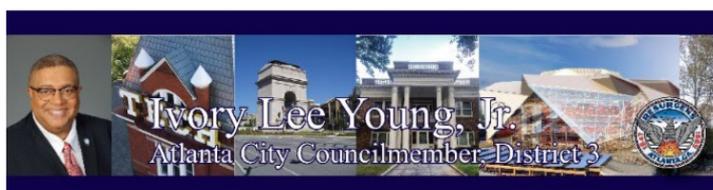
**Institutions:**

- Florida Memorial University
- Morehouse College
- Norfolk University
- Tougaloo College

"The Lab and technical assistance provided will help the selected colleges accelerate and strengthen their ongoing efforts to achieve stated goals," said Edward Smith-Lewis, Director of the Career Pathways Initiative at UNCF. This three-year engagement with UNCF follows a two-and-a-half-day design sprint that The Lab led for all 24 CPI member institutions in June of 2017. Institutions learned about what the Lab can assist with, including the opportunity to design experiments, collaborations and partnerships with high performing ecosystem partners who are producing results at scale for minority graduates.

**About UNCF**

UNCF (United Negro College Fund) is the nation's largest and most effective minority education organization. To serve youth, the community and the nation, UNCF supports students' education and development through scholarships and other programs, strengthens its 37 member colleges and universities, and advocates for the importance of minority education and college readiness.



# Adding Insult to Injury. The Cut and the Box

The Trump administration has proposed that recipients who receive food stamps a.k.a. SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) will receive half of the assistance in cash and the other will come in a box of food and ingredients called “America’s Harvest Box”, presented as similar to “Blue Apron”. It would save the country \$130 million dollars out of a budget of \$71 billion dollars! ‘Think about why someone is okay with your kids eating crap’. M. Obama On Trump/Perdue school lunch rollback

The administration’s proposal to modify the food stamps program, distributing a box similar to a military style Meals-Ready-to-Eat box, is a military-like tactic to force people out of food assistance and deprive them of food choice.

From Genghis Khan and Alexander the Great to Queen Victoria, Hitler, and now Trump, food has been more than satiating morsels to tickle the taste buds, fill the belly, and provide nutrition. Food has been a paintbrush of social and political engineering, forever altering entire populations for the shortsighted and heartless benefit of sinister aims by those in power.

Food has always been used by the governing powers as a tool of control, oppression and war: Following the defeat of the Nazi’s in World War II it was used to restrict the calories of the German population so that they would not have the energy for an uprising against their victors. The well-known ‘Victory Gardens’ name used during the Great Recession was not reminiscent of a way to be food self-sufficient but the name marketed to ask Americans to contribute to the War effort during World War II. Today, the box is used in Native American Reservations causing high blood pressure and heart disease....

This new plan is a two-pronged attack we’re calling Cut and Box.

## CUT

The goal is to CUT food stamps by 30%. It is an attack on 45 million Americans, most of them white and working—which is contrary to the stigma of poor and black that has been cultivated for many years. However, the proposed policy is no less unjust.

After “Ending Welfare” through the work requirement, the steady plan to transfer the wealth of the masses of the weakest has taken on its next step in its assault—attacking Food Assistance.

Cuts mean starvation designed to push people out of assistance programs regardless of whether they are gainfully employed, with no respect to low and stagnant wages. And

it makes no account for the increasing cost of living in every city in America.

## BOX

This new government styled “Blue Apron” called “American Harvest” has no fresh vegetables, fruits, or meat. It includes canned foods, shelf-stable milk, and processed grains—food that is high in sodium and sugar content. It will, in fact, make people sicker.



While we make the comparison in this article of the American Harvest box to the commercial Blue Apron, intended for the upper middle classes, it is a comparison borrowed from the Trump Administration. It is a comparison that masks the reality that “American Harvest” is really

“Starve and Control.” It directly assaults what people who need assistance can eat.

The comparison is also designed to send the message to the working poor, that if you “behave” we will include you in the group of the Blue Apron consumers. You just have to suffer a little, be deprived of choice, with the promise that the sacrifice is worth the prize of mediocre, nutrition less, salt ridden food that will increase your blood pressure, clog your arteries, and deprive you of the energy you need to fight another day.

In this time as in all times before food is a weapon of war. Yet not some war fought in the dusty battlegrounds of a middle eastern desert, or in the humid huts of an east Asian jungle. In the urban environment, the working poor, those who serve as the human pipes, and cranks, and wheels that form the underworking of the infrastructure of America are singularly targeted.

This military-like operation in food deployment to this class has its goal. In the hands of corrupt, and powerful, food is a violent instrument of control, subjection, and oppression. And Trump’s new food plan is no different. Rather, it is barb wires and chain link fences around the hopes of millions of Americans to live lives of basic dignity and decency. They fit the upper-class perception of “those people”, an underclass—ones too malnourished to have the energy to change positively their situation, after two ill paying jobs or stressed as unemployed, too tired to even think of alternatives. Since the privileged cannot say it overtly, they sell it as what they know the “Blue Apron” ( but without the delivery door to door!).

It is a direct attack on the intelligence of the American people. It proposes a deliberate solution that in form looks to provide relief, when in reality it exacerbates and inflames the greatest difficulties and vulnerabilities. These boxes of food are not merciful bounties sent from a gracious and merciful god. For the poor it is just

short of starvation, served salty, a full and frontal, assault on those who need the assistance the most. Aside from an assault on the basic nutrition of millions of children, it is an abdication of the government’s responsibility to create an environment for people to succeed.

It’s time to tell our government that the war on the poor, the threat of food deprivation, the food desertification in so many neighborhoods has ended.

Gil Frank and Sarnaa Archie FJA Food Justice Advocates  
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Gil’s Digs

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**Mr. On Demand**



JR Murphy at Joy and Reflect Garden

Congratulations to Vine City original resident urban gardener, first beekeeper and honey maker. Mr. J.R. Murphy has received many overdue acknowledgement for his dedication and service to humanity and community. Mr. On Demand was featured in the Atlanta Journal Constitution and the Atlanta Business Chronicle and received the 2018 Food Well Alliance Grant.

Looks like harvesttime for his many seeds of service. We congratulate Mr. Murphy's achievements and dedication to urban gardening and bee keeping at his Joy and Reflect Garden. With the funding he plans to expand his garden with the addition of a greenhouse, three queen bees and honey bees for three hives.

"The support from Food Well Alliance will empower me to share my knowledge as with the Vine City Community in Atlanta. In addition to helping grow herbs and vegetables year-round". JR



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**Garden Angel Arthur Hines and the Garden Club at Hollis Innovation Academy**

*The evolution of The Garden Club at Hollis Innovation Academy is reflective of building the Beloved Community from Within. Arthur, a parent, a passionate gardener, community advocate and Historic Westside Garden Angel shares his passion for gardening establishes a sustainable Garden Club at Hollis Academy.*

By Arthur Hines

Teachers from Hollis Innovation Academy were stopping at the red light at the corner of Troy St. and 1211 Joseph E Boone and spotted the Urban Fresh Historic Westside Gardens community hub. I have always volunteer for events at Hollis to support the teachers and students. So, when I heard that every school year a new organizations came in with funding, fixed up the garden and then kinda abandon it when their funding dries out, I through my hat in the arena". After meeting with 5 teachers, whom became my champion's along with Peachtree Road United Methodist Church whose members also volunteered at Hollis there years before, and with my 3 sons who are students who transitioned to Hollis due to the closure of Bethune elementary. I was able to build a stronger bond with the students, teachers and community. the full support of Historic Westside Gardens.

The school embraced us and included the Garden is a part of their STEM program, we also provide nutrition and cooking demos as a part of the of our program.



Students and volunteers at Hollis Innovation Academy



Garden Angel Arthur Hines

To date, we have installed 5 raised bed gardens and planted strawberries, blueberry, carrots, kale, lettuce, tomato, collards, dill, and seasonal flowers and asparagus"

Our objective for the 2017-2018 school season is to wrap up with a field trip to Souper Jenny (a westside restaurant and farm's. As a part of their Zadio project, We bring their soup to children and we bring the children to the farm to learn.

**How the Historic Westside Gardens is Growing a Healthier Community**

By Floyd Hall



If you've ever wanted to grow your own vegetables, chances are there's a Garden Angel just around the corner ready to help! The Historic Westside Gardens (HWG) is equipping Westside residents with the tools and resources to grow their own food, and the Garden Angels — fellow Westside residents who serve as leaders, teachers, coaches, community activists, surveyors and advocates — offer just one of a handful of current programs that assist residents in the community with gaining more access to fresh, healthy and af-

fordable food.

Founded in 2008, HWG has grown from its initial training gardens to include providing garden plots for individuals and families, operating the Westside Growers' Market that allows the public to buy fresh local produce, and supporting the Urban Fresh Community Garden that supplies the Westside Growers' Market and hosts additional space for small plots.

The Westside Growers' Market was started in 2016 as a test initiative of HWG and the Atlanta Food Bank/ Food Oasis, operating at the corner of Lindsay Street and North Avenue.

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Since then, it has grown and relocated to its current location at the corner of Boone and Lowery Boulevards in the heart of the community, operating on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Food Oasis remains committed to the Westside Growers' Market by providing access to the Wholesome Wave, "double-your-EBT" capacity and a small amount to purchase fruits.

Visitors to the Market this spring can find some combination of kale, collard greens, arugula, Swiss chard, snap peas and spinach, as well as okra, tomatoes, squash and peppers that are likely to come in the summer.

According to Garden Angel Rosario Hernandez, a community resident and the lead organizer of the Market, "It's a real asset to the community because it's the only affordable fresh produce market in the neighborhood that's operated by the residents." She continues, "The reason why I started growing fruits and vegetables is because I could not find anywhere to buy them."

In addition to assisting with access to affordable fresh food, the Market also provides nutritional information and classes where residents can learn more about making healthier choices.

Just up the road from the Market sits the Urban Fresh Community Garden at 1211 Joseph E. Boone Boulevard with an expanding footprint of farming space and resources. In the front of the **property**, a few dozen box gardens are being tended to and managed by individuals and families. Around back there is dedicated land for

growing vegetables that ultimately end up in the Growers' Market. Garden Angels help maintain the property, assisting families with their individual boxes as well as tending to the larger communal garden.

Garden Angel Arthur Hines grew up in the Westside neighborhoods adjacent to the Urban Fresh Farm before embarking on a music career, and he split much of his young adult life between Atlanta and farming with his friends in California. After some time, he noticed a huge disparity in the amount of fresh food available to his friends and family on the Westside and the effects of poor dietary habits, particularly among the senior residents of the community.

"I watched about five seniors die from diabetes, heart attack, stroke, etc.," says Hines. "So, I started to grow and help them grow...[M]ost of the seniors in the beginning of our Urban Fresh Garden Club, they would walk over and water the plants and pick a few vegetables, and from there we just started to build **on that.**"

Historic Westside Gardens eventually formed a partnership with Hines and Urban Fresh to further support its programming. Currently, it is free for Westside residents to participate in the gardening program, either at the farm or in their homes. As a Garden Angel, Hines will visit residents' homes for a consultation and to talk about what crops they'd like to grow.

From there, he can have a raised garden bed box in place within a week.

The mission and success of the program have begun attracting more support from the community with an eye to help Historic Westside Gardens expand its impact.

"I believe that gardens in people's houses are the best solution for urban gardening," says new HWG board member Laurene Hill. "It brings it back home, and it gives everyone a feel for nature, the environment and the planet."

According to Historic Westside Gardens lead organizer Gil Frank, hopefully all of their efforts are leading to an increase in the number of gardeners and Garden Angels so that fresh local food can be part of the identity of the community and its current residents. That starts with a collaborative effort to fight displacement in the communities.

"When we displace people, we displace food, and it is already happening with some of our gardeners," says Frank. "We have to address the issue of land urban agriculture to stabilize the displacement. We also have to reconnect people with food."

Short term goals for the Historic Westside Gardens also include the formation of an advisory committee of residents and stakeholders, the possible addition of a cafe and an increased access to tools and gardening projects. By the end of the year, they will have empowered 200 gardeners; by 2021 the goal is to have 500.

According to Frank, "Five years from now we will have leadership made of people who are successfully demonstrating the capacity to take care of their lives."

For more information on the Historic Westside Gardens: <http://www.historicwestsidegardens.org/>



## Joint Collaboration to Promote Federal Contracting Opportunities to Small and Disadvantaged Businesses

Washington, DC (BlackNews.com) -- The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) convened to bring Federal contracting opportunities to small and disadvantaged business communities during the 2018 'Stay Ready' 4th Quarter Readiness Small Business Conference on April 24-26, 2018 in Atlanta, Georgia on the campus of Clark Atlanta University at Warner Hall.

The 4th Quarter Readiness Small Business Conference provided two action-filled days of learning, networking, engaging leaders in Federal contracting, and exhibitions. Participants attended cutting-edge workshops, received opportunities to have a fireside chat with Federal OSDBU Directors, participated in an elevator pitch

competition, and learned best practices from Federal small business leaders. Last year's combined federal small business spending from the participating federal agencies is



over \$10 billion dollars.

"The Federal contracting space can be an economic driver for state and local economies," said Desmond Brown, Director of OPM's OSDBU. "By creating strategic collaborations with HBCUs and professional and trade associations, we are providing

tools and expertise to assist small and disadvantaged businesses owners in participating in the Federal contracting space. Clark-Atlanta is the first of several HBCUs we will work with to spread the message."

CAU will host a networking reception at this year's Small Business Conference to promote the 'board room' experience for participants to network with business leaders and peers.

**For more information about contracting opportunities visit** <https://www.usa.gov/find-government-contracts>



## Legacy Keeper: Dr. Gloria Anderson



Dr. Gloria Anderson

By Kobe Harper,

**STEM** is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines — science, technology, engineering and mathematics, that helps prepare students to be competitive in an evolving, international workforce. Dr. Gloria Anderson has been preparing students on the Westside for careers in science since 1960.

Not only is Dr. Anderson a Fuller E. Callaway Professor of Chemistry at Morris Brown College, is also the Vice President for Academic Affairs. She has served as Interim President of Morris Brown, and as Vice Chair of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. She is known for her studies of fluorine-19 and solid rocket propellants.

Anderson was born November 5, 1938, in Altheimer, Arkansas. Her parents Elsie Foggie Long and Charley Long were both sharecroppers with a tenth and third grade education, and the fourth child in a family of six children. She was the only girl. Her parents

stressed education and allowed her to start elementary school at the age of four. She attended segregated public schools, including the Altheimer Training School, and was a good student who skipped grades, graduating high school at age 16, in 1954. Dr. Anderson received a Rockefeller Fellowship between 1956 and 1958, and graduated as the valedictorian from Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical, and Normal College in 1958 summa cum laude with a degree in chemistry. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was her commencement speaker.

After graduating she was rejected for a position at the Ralston Purina Company because she was African-American. Dr. Anderson taught seventh grade at a school in Altheimer before accepting an Atlanta University teaching assistantship and position in their master's program. She earned her master's degree in chemistry at Atlanta University in 1961, with a thesis supervised by Kimuel Huggins on a novel synthesis of butadiene. She spent two years working with Henry Cecil McBay and teaching chemistry at Morehouse College.

Dr. Anderson and began her doctoral studies at the University of Chicago in 1965 and worked with Leon Stock on the nuclear magnetic resonance and CF infrared frequency shifts of fluorine-19. Throughout her time there, she was mentored by Thomas Cole and tutored white women chemistry students.

Anderson received her physical organic chemistry Ph.D. in 1968, and became associate professor and chair at Morris Brown College's department of chemistry. She chose to conduct her research at a historically Black college in

the wake of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination that year, and considers her work there as her contribution to the United States' civil rights movement.

In 1973, she became the Fuller E. Callaway Professor of Chemistry and Chair, which she returned to in 1990 after serving as Dean of Academic Affairs from 1984 to 1989. Her work has been applied to antiviral drugs. Anderson became Morris Brown's interim president twice, from 1992 to 1993 and in 1998, and was Dean of Science and Technology from 1995 to 1997. Since 1999 and as of 2009, she is the Fuller E. Callaway Professor of Chemistry.

Throughout her career, her research has continued on fluorine-19 and its interactions with other atoms, using it to probe synthesis reactions. Anderson's research has also covered epoxidation mechanisms, solid-fuel rocket propellants, antiviral drug synthesis, fluorinated pharmaceutical compounds, and substituted amantadines.

Anderson served on the board of Georgia and Atlanta Public Broadcasting, as well as many others, and she has been on an advisory committee for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. She received patents in 2001 and 2009.

Anderson was named among the brightest scientists in Atlanta, Georgia in 1983 by *Atlanta Magazine*.

She is divorced and has one son, Gerald.

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## W. E. B. DU BOIS "AMERICAN NEGRO" EXHIBIT AT THE 1900 PARIS EXPOSITION



W. E.B Dubois at the Paris Exhibit

By Nylah Jones

At the turn of the century, W. E. B. Du Bois compiled a series of photographs for the "American Negro" exhibit at the 1900 Paris Exposition. He organized the 363 images into albums, entitled *Types of American Negroes, Georgia, U.S.A.* and *Negro Life in Atlanta Georgia, U.S.A.*

At the time, Du Bois was a professor of sociology at Atlanta University. He used the exhibit to to combat racism with em-

pirical evidence of the economic, social, and cultural conditions of African Americans. He believed that showing the facts of African American life and culture would challenge the influence of biological race scientists at the time, who believed that African Americans were inherently inferior to White-Americans.

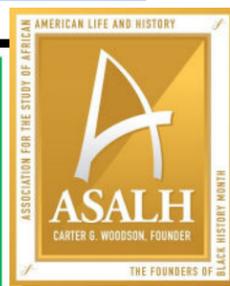
The one public statement Du Bois made concerning these photographs was that visitors to the American Negro exhibit would find "several volumes of photographs of typical Negro faces, which hardly square with conventional American ideas." Several photos were taken at Atlanta University and Vine City.

Du Bois put on exhibit 363 photographs that symbolized black life in America 35 years after the end of slavery. And he chose with care. The photos, many of them portraits, show the existence of middle- and upper-class life. Du Bois intended

the photographs to counteract stereotypes of blacks as poor, uneducated, or the victims of American racism.

Du Bois's work for the American Negro exhibit was highly praised. In the Spring of 1900, Paris Exposition judges awarded him a gold medal for his role as "collaborator" and "compiler" of materials for the exhibit.

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## Is the NFL's ban on kneeling unconstitutional?



By Colette Haywood

This week the National Football League team owners decided that players will no longer be allowed to take a knee during the playing of the national anthem. If they do, they will be subject to punishment and their team will be subject to fines. As an alternative the owners will allow players that do not wish to stand and salute the flag, the option to stay in the locker room and wait for the anthem to end.

Unfortunately, this new policy has done little (if anything) to bridge the divide between supporters of “take a knee” and those who decry the lack of patriotism for said supporters. Additionally, according to Benjamin Sachs, the Kestnbaum professor of labor and industry at Harvard Law School, the NFL’s new policy may be illegal — for a host of reasons.

Apparently, the league adopted its new policy without bargaining with the players union. Since the football players, are represented by a union, the owners can’t change the terms of employment without discussing the change with the union. Minus a discussion the owners violated their duty to bargain in good faith.

The NFL Players Association says that they implemented this change on their own. As such the policy maybe illegal and makes the possibility that it may be rescinded by the league.

In *Epic Systems Corp v. Lewis*, the Supreme Court concludes that the National Labor

Relations Act is, at its core, designed to “protect things employees ‘just do’ for themselves in the course of exercising their right to free association in the workplace.” Kin layman’s terms, the Court holds that collective actions engaged in by employees at work are the heart of labor law’s concern.

The Court uses this reasoning to hold that pursuing class-action arbitrations is not something labor law protects. As such, the players kneel as a means of “exercising their right to free association in the workplace” Players who choose to kneel are a perfect example of the type of concerted activity that labor law is designed to protect. While kneeling, the players are protesting the requirement that they stand during the national anthem in order to cast a spotlight on police brutality. In essence the protest is a refusal to stand.

Now that the owners have made it a workplace rule to stand during the anthem or stay in the locker room, any player who takes the field and takes a knee is protesting an employer rule. And that is unquestionably protected by federal labor law. However, federal labor law provides the “partial strike” rule. A partial strike occurs when employees refuse to participate in only one workplace rule rather than ceasing to work entirely. Such strikes are not protected by the law.

This partial strike rule may mean that players who refuse to comply only with the anthem rule, but otherwise fulfill their obligations to

the league, can be disciplined for doing so. The rule is perverse because any player who decided to protest the anthem rule by *fully striking* — not playing at all — would be protected.

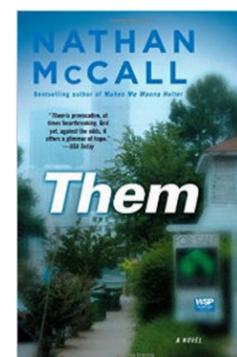
In a perfect world, we would get rid of this silly doctrine, but until that happens, if the owners chose to enforce the partial strike rule, they might just be prodding the protesting players toward a complete strike.

Sachs points out that, “...there is a serious free speech problem with the owners’ rule. In general, the constitutional right to free speech like the NFL does. But there are two reasons why the players have a viable free speech

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## Book Review

Nathan McCall’s book, *Them*, shares a story of the human reality of new urbanism and the return of gentry to once abandoned spaces. Published in 2007, McCall centers his novel in Atlanta’s Historic Fourth Ward, once the richest black community in our nation



and the birth home of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Nathan skillfully crafts the various characters found in transitioning communities and allows the reader to experience them through the eyes of Barlowe Reed, a working-class, underemployed and intelligent community philosopher.

Barlowe watches the changes coming to his community and moves pass a sense of oppression to becoming civically engaged. McCall shares through Barlowe’s eyes the reality of racism, historical divestment, and economic exploitation.

The book also explores race relations, tensions and the fears of “Them” using amazing real life characters found in those who are in placed, displaced as well as those seeking to find place. Nathan’s insightful look into the daily lived experiences of changing communities is a great read with an interesting and unexpected ending. The author provide a list of questions at the end of the book that makes it an excellent book club selection for open discussions on the effects of change and race relations.

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## New App That Aims to Battle Bias in Maternity Care



Kimberly Seals Allers

By Colette Haywood

A new app concept, known as “the Yelp for the health equity movement” was featured at the [MIT Make the Breast Pump Not Suck Hackathon](#) April 27-29 at the MIT Media Lab in Boston.

“Irth is birth, but we dropped the B for bias,” said Kimberly Seals Allers, nationally recognized maternal and infant health advocate who developed the app concept after her own experiences. “I read several reviews and received great recommendations from my white girlfriends. This was supposedly a top-rated hospital. But my own birth experience as a college-educated, unwed, black woman left me feeling traumatized and disrespected. Then I realized that other black and brown women

had similar experiences, even at the “best” hospitals. It was clear to me that not all types of people experience the same hospital in the same way,” says Seals Allers.

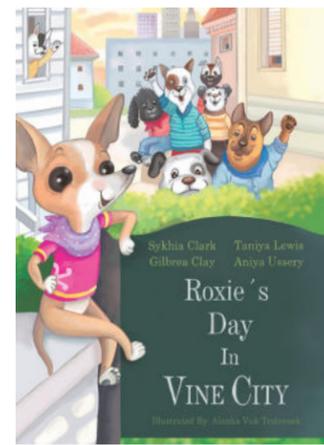
Irth collects birth experiences and allows users to enter information about themselves, including race, class, gender identification, or even sexual orientation to find a detailed hospital review and rating from someone similar to you.

Compelling research proves that implicit bias, including your race, class, gender identification, or even sexual orientation can impact the care you receive. Until now there has been no consumer application to capture and share experiences of bias from actual patients.

Irth will also feature unique content and expand to cover pediatricians, Ob/Gyns and other healthcare professionals. Irth is a project of Narrative Nation, a non-profit working to shift the narrative of health disparities with community-powered storytelling, media and technology.

Irth app project visit [WeWriteUs.org](http://WeWriteUs.org); Learn more about Kimberly Seals Allers at [www.KimberlySealsAllers.com](http://www.KimberlySealsAllers.com)

## Vine City Youth Authors



**Young Authors Book Release**

Date: June 23, 2018  
Time: 12:00 - 2:00 pm  
Location: Clark Atlanta University T-Cole Exhibition

Join us as we celebrate the release of "Roxie's Day In Vine City" written by the children of Vine City

"Roxie's Day in Vine City" is a children's book written by the youth of Vine City. Roxie is new to the neighborhood and decides to take a walk in her community.

In these pages you will uncover Roxie's experiences while exploring the historical Vine City.

This book was written by students in TryGod.Co's Young Authors Program.

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claim. The first is that the president of the United States has been actively involved in the league's decision-making process. In an earlier round of the protest dispute, President Trump called on the league to discipline Colin Kaepernick for his leadership of the anthem protests and threatened to use the tax code to punish the NFL if they allowed them to continue. Vice President Mike Pence walked out of a 49ers game where anthem protests were planned.

The owners have made clear that their adoption of the new rule was made *in response to* presidential intervention: They believe that if they do not ban the protests, the president will continue to make the protests a national issue and thereby negatively affect the league's income stream." Sachs further explains that when the president and vice president of the United States are this intimately involved in encouraging a private

employer to adopt a workplace rule, the Constitution should have something to say.

Applying the Constitution in this context is justified but would require judges to break some new legal ground. But even if the courts refuse to apply the Constitution directly here, the players ought to have at their disposal another powerful legal tool. The law of most states declares that employers may not fire, or otherwise discipline, employees for reasons that violate the state's public policies.

That's why, for example, employees cannot be fired for fulfilling jury duty, or for refusing to perjure themselves on the employer's behalf. If an employee is disciplined for one of these reasons, he is entitled to sue the employer (through what's called a public policy tort).

However, supporters of the ban argue that the First Amendment protects the government from restricting your rights and not your employer. So the claim that the NFL's ban is unconstitutional, is false.

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## RODNEY COOK, SR. PARK

Rodney Cook, Sr. Park will showcase Georgia's legacy of peace since our founding in 1733. The site for the park is located one block from Historic Sunset Avenue, on which are the homes of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Senator Julian Bond, and Mayor Maynard Jackson. This historic Westside community is considered the center of the Civil Rights Movement. The National Monuments Foundation is in the process of constructing monuments to those three men plus 15 other dedicated male and female Georgia Peace and Civil Rights leaders. We champion THE ATLANTA WAY, a 150-year-old custom whereby white, black, and Jewish communities worked together to keep Atlanta peaceful.



*"The day should not be far off, when we shall have a people's shrine, a freedom park, [a PEACE park] where we shall honour with all the dignity they deserve, those who endured pain so we should experience the joy of freedom." – Nelson Mandela, 1999*