



## The Figures Who Helped Shape Vice President Harris

By Ben Jealous

When Kamala Harris was sworn in as vice president in 2021, she swore her oath of office on two Bibles.

One belonged to our nation's first Black Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. Marshall, the civil rights giant who founded the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, inspired a generation that included Harris to embrace the law as a means to advancing equality and justice. Harris chose to attend Howard University, Marshall's alma mater.

The other Bible on which Harris was sworn in was the family Bible of Regina Shelton. Shelton was a neighbor, trusted caretaker, and mentor to Vice President Harris and her little sister Maya as children after school when her



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mom was working. Harris refers to Shelton as her "second mother." It was Harris's actual mother Shyamala Gopalan who guided and encouraged that relationship.

A civil rights activist herself, Gopalan was keenly aware that the world would see and treat her biracial daughters as Black women and of what that meant in America. She knew it was impor-

tant for the girls to bond with other Black girls and women. Regina Shelton was from Louisiana, part of the migration of African Americans from Jim Crow South. Shelton shared her perspective on Black culture and identity, took the Harris girls to church, taught them to cook soul food, and inspired them with stories of important Black female leaders. She was one of the people who exemplified and passed on to both Harris girls "a responsibility to give and serve," according to the vice president.

That responsibility to give and serve was also influenced by Vice President Harris's sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha. Founded at Howard, AKA has been on the front lines of fights for social justice for more than a century. AKA members organized

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## Northwest Dayton Youth to March for Peace, Lead Candlelight Vigil Against Gun Violence

*Hope Zone Youth for Peace Gathering highlights children's voices on violence education and prevention*

Youth in northwest Dayton will hold a peace march and rally at Liberation Park on Thursday, September 19, to protest recent violence and work together to build a safer, stronger community.

"The violence in our community cannot continue, and no one feels that more strongly than our young people. The Hope Zone Youth for Peace Gathering aims to raise awareness, provide resources, and inspire youth to take a stand against violence," said Rev. Vanessa Ward, President of Omega CDC.

The Hope Zone Youth for Peace Gathering will start at 3:30 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church on Harvard Boulevard in Dayton with discussions on gun violence prevention and safety. Partici-

pants will make signs for the march with the assistance of community volunteers.

"I stand in support of the Hope Zone Youth for Peace Gathering scheduled for September 19. The violence, particularly gun violence, involving our young people is deeply concerning, and it is critical that we come together as a community to address this issue," said Dayton Chief of Police Kamran Afzal. "For meaningful change, we need community support, and I thank the community for their efforts to step forward to help address this issue in our great city."

The peace march will begin at 4:30 p.m. and proceed down Broadway to Liberation Park at Superior and Broadway Streets, where the rally

will continue with tables from community partners, youth speakers, and a candlelight vigil and memorial for victims of violence.

The United Way of Greater Dayton has joined Omega CDC in supporting the event. Tom Kelley, President and CEO, United Way of Greater Dayton said, "We must unite and transform the wasted energy of violence into the power to shape brighter futures for our youth, showing them that hope and opportunity are within reach."

All members of the northwest Dayton community are welcome to join this hope-filled event. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/PeaceGathering>.

## James Earl Jones, Legendary Actor Dies at 93



James Earl Jones with his wife Cecilia Hart at the Governors Ball following the 84th Academy Awards on Feb. 26, 2012, in the Hollywood, Calif.

The actor, who earned Tony Awards, two Emmy Awards, an honorary Academy Award and a Grammy and whose inimitable voice gave life to Mufasa and Darth Vader, died Monday, his agent said.

A contemporary of Sidney Poitier and Harry Belafonte, Jones didn't land the same coveted leading roles at a time when there were few to go around for Black actors in Hollywood, but he earned unmatched longevity as a character actor, from his first movie credit in 1964's "Dr. Strangelove" to his reprisal of his role as King Joffrey in the 2021 sequel to "Coming to

America."

"James Earl Jones doesn't get enough credit for being a path-blazer for actors like Denzel Washington who came after him," said Rae Dawn Chong, his co-star in the 1986 comedy "Soul Man."

It was trading the boards of Broadway and beyond where Jones forged his place at the top of the marquee. Of his turn as the title character in the 1964 production of "Othello" in Central Park, The New York Times gushed: "Mr. Jones commands a full, resonant voice and a supple body, and his jealous rages and frothing frenzy have not only size but also emotional credibility."

It was, of course, that resonant voice that would eventually become his trademark.

While he earned two Tony Awards, two Emmy Awards, an honorary Academy Award and a Grammy over his long career, he may be best remembered for an uncredited role in "Star Wars" — supplying the voice for Darth Vader, which has reverberated far beyond that galaxy far, far away.

Making his journey all the more remarkable is that one of the most recognizable voices in Hollywood history had to overcome a severe stutter during his childhood in Mississippi and Michigan

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## Atlanta Rapper Rich Homie Quan Dies at 33

Atlanta rapper Rich Homie Quan, who burst onto the hip-hop scene in 2013, died in Georgia, authorities said.

The Fulton County Medical Examiner said in a statement that Atlanta's Grady Memorial Hospital notified its personnel Thursday of the rapper's death.

He was 33, the office said.

A cause and manner of death was not released. An autopsy has been scheduled for Friday, the medical examiner said.

The artist, whose given name is Dequantas Devontay Lamar, scored a big hit more than a decade ago with the song "Type of Way." He followed it up in 2015 with "Flex (Ooh, Ooh, Ooh)."

Rapper Boosie Badazz posted about his friend's death on social media.

He said the two had "GOOD ASS MEMORIES TOGETHER N THAT GO ALWAYS BRING A SMILE TO MY FACE. #restupquan."

Boosie Badazz said the two artists were collaborating together before Rich Homie Quan's death. Rich Homie Quan's fam-



Rich Homie Quan in Atlanta in 2022.

ily and his management representatives could not be reached for comment Thursday afternoon. Mark Dantonio, the former head football coach at Michigan State University, posted a picture on X of him and Rich Homie Quan embracing after Dantonio's team won the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1, 2014.

"Type of way" became the squad's celebratory anthem for the season. Players and coaches danced to the smash hit in the locker room following their 24-20 win over Stanford University.

"RIP @RichHomieQuan Special Time, Special Place with Special People," Dantonio wrote, ending the post with an emoji of praying hands.

That same year, Rich Homie Quan was named to rap publication XXL's coveted inaugural Freshman Class, Variety reported. Others named by the magazine include Chance the Rapper, Ty Dolla \$ign and Kevin Gates.

During his career, he was nominated for several BET and BET Hip Hop Awards including best new artist and people's champ award, Variety reported.

Rich Homie Quan also collaborated with other notable names in the industry such as 2 Chainz, Young Thug, Gucci Mane and Trinidad James.

## Excellence in Hospice Nursing: Ohio's Hospice Awarded 2024 Heritage Honor

Ohio's Hospice has been honored with the 2024 Heritage Award, recognizing its longstanding commitment to the Employer Partner Program and its support of the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association and Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center. This is the first time this award has been given, and Ohio's Hospice is proud to be the recipient.

The Heritage Award is presented to an organization that has participated in the Employer Partner Program and has

demonstrated significant involvement with HPNA and HPPCC. Ohio's Hospice's dedication to advancing hospice and palliative care nursing has earned it this distinguished recognition.

"We're thrilled to congratulate Ohio's Hospice on receiving the 2024 Heritage Award," said Chad Reilly, senior vice president of credentialing and health policy at HPNA. "Their continued support of the Employer Partner Program and our entire organization has been invaluable in promoting excellence in hospice and



palliative nursing care."

The Employer Partner Program plays a crucial role in supporting and developing hospice and palliative care nurses. By participating in this program, Ohio's Hospice has shown its commitment to fostering professional growth and maintaining high standards of care within the field.

"At Ohio's Hospice, our commitment to education,

quality and credentialing is at the core of our mission to provide superior care and superior services," said Julie Wickline, senior director of education and staff development at Ohio's Hospice. "This Heritage Award is a recognition of our ongoing dedication to nursing excellence and the highest standards of hospice and palliative care. We believe that by investing

in our nurses' and PCS's professional development and supporting programs like the Employer Partner Program, we're not just enhancing our own organization, but elevating the entire field of hospice care and palliative care. This award motivates us to continue pushing boundaries, fostering innovation, and ensuring that our patients and their families receive the most compassionate, skilled care possible."

This recognition highlights Ohio's Hospice's ongoing efforts to enhance the quality of end-of-life care and support the pro-

fessional development of hospice and palliative care. Professionals. To learn more about career *Continued on Page 8*

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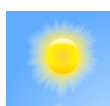


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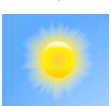
## Miami Valley Weather

### Saturday Sunday

Sunny  
High 90  
Low 63



Sunny  
High 90  
Low 59



### Monday

Mostly Sunny  
High 88  
Low 57



### Tuesday

Mostly Sunny  
High 85  
Low 59



### Wednesday

Mostly Sunny  
High 85  
Low 59



# 5 day Forecast

# PRIDE



## THE RESILIENCY FUND PROGRAM: CITY OF DAYTON

APPLICATION OPENS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2024 AT NOON

The focus of the Resiliency Fund: City of Dayton is to support black and brown small minority businesses that are continuing to operate and plan to operate for the remaining calendar year of 2024. The various Tiers represent the support minority Businesses of color need to bridge the financial gaps the COVID-19 Pandemic has disproportionately affected Minority Businesses. The Resiliency Fund also provides an opportunity for businesses to receive support to allow them to pivot during these challenging times.

A business may only apply for one of the following three tiers of the Resiliency Fund per application period. Multiple applications during one application period by the business or its business owner(s) will result in INELIGIBILITY of any Resiliency Fund offerings. If an applicant did not receive an award, the business would be eligible to apply for any of the Resiliency Grants in the following month (only one per application per period)

This next round of application submission period will remain open from Wednesday, September 11th until Monday, September 30th at 11:59 PM\*. Applications will be reviewed for eligibility, and award winners will be communicated via email through the application portal. Additional and required documentation could be requested to be eligible for the award. Don't miss this chance to apply!

LEARN MORE AND APPLY NOW!

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## DML Programs Provide Access to History

Dayton Metro Library offers guest speakers and databases for anyone who has an interest in local history, Black art, paranormal, and military history.

History, Mystery, Mayhem & Murder, Monday, September 16, 6-7 pm, Wilmington-Stroop Branch: Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum presents chilling tales of some of Dayton's most notorious murderers and robbers. This program will contain graphic details.

Special Collections Natural History Vault Tour, Saturday, September 21, 11 am-12 pm, Main Library, Conference Room 1B: Check out the Library's Rare Book and Local History Collections, including an Audubon Birds of America set, John Van Cleve's field books, and more. Registration is required - limited spots remain.

Black Art: From the Harlem Renaissance to the Present, Saturday, September 21, 2-4 pm, Trotwood Branch: DML's Special Collections Librarian will take patrons on a visual journey of various periods, themes, and pieces of art created by America's

Black artists. Registration is required.

Genealogy Beyond the Basics, Saturday, October 5, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, Main Library, Conference Room 3A: Patrons will learn how to research family history with various records. Registration required.

Paranormal Research, Saturday, October 5, 2-3 pm, Huber Heights Branch: DML's Local History Librarian will provide an overview of conducting paranormal research using primary resources, emphasizing what resources are available in DML's Dayton Room and with DML databases.

Military Ancestry Exploration with FOLD3, Monday, October 7, 6-7:30 pm, Miamisburg Branch: Use this Library database to explore relatives who have served in the Military as far back as the Revolutionary War. Access stories, photos, and personal documents.

For more information and to register if required, visit Dayton-MetroLibrary.org or call the Library's Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

## Explore LGBTQIA+ Culture with DML Programs

Dayton Metro Library supports PRIDE all year long by offering a variety of LGBTQIA+ programs for all ages. This month, the Main Library will host two programs for adults, one a new book club and the other a special guest speaker.

Rainbow Readout, Monday, September 16, 7-8 pm, Main Library, Conference Room 3A: DML's LGBTQIA+ Services Specialist has pre-selected a non-fiction book they will read ahead of time. Patrons will receive a presentation of that book, its arguments, critiques it has received, and considerations it can teach about life. Questions and conversation will be encouraged. If patrons would like to read the book for better participation, it is Who's Afraid of Gender? by Judith Butler. Butler is an award-winning, internationally known, non-binary gender theorist. A few copies of this book are available for check out at the Main Library, but it is also available in eBook and Audiobook format through DML's Libby app.

How Does the City Commission Work?, Tuesday, September 17, 7-8 pm, Main Library, Eichelberger Forum: DML welcomes Dayton City Commissioner

Shenise-Turner Sloss for a special informational Q&A session. Geared for the LGBTQIA+ community, patrons will learn how to get involved in their communities, how the Dayton City Commission works, and receive tools on how to make their voices heard to advocate for change at a local level. Need to register to vote? Voter registration will be available at this program.

Registration is not required for these programs. For more information, visit Dayton-MetroLibrary.org or call the Library's Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

DML is committed to providing access to all of our events. If you would like to request accommodations for sign language interpretation, audio amplification, and/or language translation please contact us through the method that best meets your needs. Additional accommodations may be available upon request. Advance notice is necessary to arrange for some accessibility needs.

You can submit an Accommodations Request on our website or call our Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

## Dayton McDonald's Announce Genshin Impact Meal Collaboration

McDonald's is diving back into the gaming world and teaming up with the popular video game, Genshin Impact, for a collaboration that fans of both are sure to love. Having attracted millions of players worldwide, Genshin Impact is an open-world adventure role-playing game that immerses players in

a visually stunning fantasy world called Teyvat. Now, fans have the chance to earn exclusive in-game rewards and enjoy limited-edition menu items, available only through the McDonald's App.

Starting Sept. 17, fans can get involved by grabbing these menu items at their local McDonald's:

- "Genshin Impact Apple Pie": A McDonald's classic Apple Pie with exclusively-designed, limited-edition packaging that features two popular characters from Genshin Impact - Kaedehara Kazuha and Beidou. Fans who purchase the Apple Pie through the McDonald's app will be rewarded with in-game items like 40 Primogems, 3 exclusive Golden Apple Pastries and a "Golden Apple Pastry" Recipe that can enhance players' combat strengths during their adventures in Teyvat.

- "Genshin Impact Deluxe McCrispy™ Meal": This meal includes a Deluxe McCrispy, fries, the limited-edition Apple Pie, and a drink. Purchasing this meal through the app unlocks exclusive in-game items like the "Wings of Delica-



ties" Wind Glider and the "Celebration: Crispy and Sweet" Namecard to decorate their journey in the game.

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# National

## Virginia Students Raise \$20K to Buy Their Favorite School Custodian a Jeep



Francis Apraku

Nationwide — A group of high school students from James Madison High School in Vienna, Virginia, recently surprised their school's custodian, Francis Apraku, with his dream car to show their appreciation for everything he does. Apraku, who has worked at the school for years, has always had a love for Jeeps, and the students decided to make his dream of owning one a reality for his birthday.

The students discovered Apraku's passion for Jeeps and took it upon themselves to start a GoFundMe page six months ago. Their goal was to raise enough money to buy him his dream vehicle.

Thanks to the generosity of the school community, they successfully raised \$20,000 to make the purchase.

"He's more than just a custodian. He's a dear friend to all of us. He's just a very kind, genuine person," one student shared, emphasizing how much Apraku means to the school. His warmth and kindness have left a lasting impression on the students, inspiring them to give back in such a meaningful way.

According to WLBT, with the funds in hand, the students partnered with a local dealership to purchase a cherry red Jeep Wrangler for Apraku. The timing was perfect, as they were able to present it to him just in time for the fall

season. On Monday, they surprised Apraku with the car, leaving him overjoyed.

Apraku was visibly moved by the gesture and expressed his deep gratitude. "Today is a wonderful day in my life, and I will never forget it," he said, reflecting on the special moment.

The students, thrilled by Apraku's reaction, felt an incredible sense of pride in being able to give back to someone who had touched their lives. "I'm excited to see him whipping it around school, seeing him every day... He really deserves it," one student said, capturing the joy they felt in making his dream come true.

## Frankie Beverly, the Maze Singer Dies at 77



NEW ORLEANS — Frankie Beverly, who with his band Maze inspired generations of fans with his smooth, soulful voice and lasting anthems including "Before I Let Go," has died. He was 77.

What You Need To Know

Frankie Beverly's family said in a post on the band's website and social media accounts that Beverly died Tuesday at 77.

In the post, which asked for privacy, the family said "he lived his life with pure soul as one would say, and for us, no one did it better." The post did not say his cause of death or where he died.

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Beverly, whose songs include "Joy and Pain," "Love is the Key," and "Southern Girl," finished his farewell "I Wanna Thank You Tour" in his hometown of Philadelphia in July. That same month, the Essence Festival of

Culture in New Orleans included a special tribute to Beverly and Maze, who closed out the event for its first 15 years. His performances at the festival — the nation's largest annual celebration of Black culture — would turn the crowd into a sea of dancing fans, many wearing white clothing like Beverly himself often donned.

"Frankie Beverly's artistry wasn't just about sound; it was the very thread that stitched together our collective memories and moments of joy," the festival's organizers said in a statement. "His melodies will forever echo in our hearts and continue to inspire."

Marc Morial, president of the National Urban League and a former mayor of New Orleans, said Maze's 1981 album "Live In New Orleans" cemented the city's relationship with Beverly. Morial said he always sat in the front row for Maze's closeout show at the festival and remembers turning around and seeing a crowd that was "joyful like a choir" singing all of the words with Beverly.

"His music had feeling. It had positive themes of love, happiness, family and togetherness," Morial said. "It was just electrical and magical and it's what made us fall in love with him."

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Maze started out in Philadelphia the early 1970s as Raw Soul before heading to the San Francisco Bay Area. It was Marvin Gaye

who convinced him to change the band's name to Maze and, in 1977, helped them release their first album, "Maze Featuring Frankie Beverly."

On the title track of his 1989 album "Silky Soul," Beverly paid tribute to Gaye, remembering the singer who thrived on the romantic soul and protest songs that Maze was also known for.

"That kind of faith, you're talking '60s, hippie generation," Beverly told The Associated Press in 1990. "It's missing and I personally feel bad about that. We grew up in the '60s — we're ex-hippies."

Among those mourning Beverly was Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts, who wrote on X: "His timeless music, his powerful words and his lasting impact. I'm devastated to hear about this one."

New Orleans resident Sedrick T. Thomas, 64, a lifelong fan of Beverly and his music, said Beverly's passing "leaves a chasm in the world of R&B."

"I feel myself in mourning," Thomas said. "Frankie was a great entertainer who made sure we, as fans, walked away with an incredible experience. I grew up on his music. I thank him for 'Joy and Pain,' for 'Southern Girl,' for 'Happy Feelin's,' and for 'Before I Let Go.' I thank him for the time and energy he put into his performances. And though the music will live on, he will be greatly missed."

## Terance Takyi: From Wall Street to Turntables - A Journey of Passion, Dedication, and Success



Terance Takyi

Nationwide -- Terance Takyi, an African American trailblazer in finance and entertainment, has seamlessly blended his illustrious career on Wall Street with his passion for music, emerging as a prominent figure in both fields. With an 18-year tenure on Wall Street and his current role as Managing Director at a leading financial institution, Terance has demonstrated exceptional prowess in wealth management, complemented by his alter ego, djTAO, captivating audiences at high-profile events worldwide.

His journey began at UNC Greensboro, where a chance encounter with a representative from the non-profit Inroads launched his finance career. Internships at First Citizens Bank led to offers from prestigious firms like Wachovia and JP Morgan. In 2006, he chose to start his career on Wall Street with JP Morgan,

advancing from analyst to associate, before moving on to roles at ING (now Voya Financial) and Goldman Sachs. Despite facing challenges and microaggressions as one of the few Black professionals in the industry, Terance's expertise and determination propelled him forward.

In 2021, Terance made history as the first and only Black Managing Director in private wealth at First Republic Bank. Following the bank's collapse, he was aggressively recruited by several top firms, ultimately choosing his current institution for its global reputation and resources. Terance's story is a testament to resilience and excellence, serving as an inspiration to aspiring professionals.

Finance and Music: The Birth of djTAO

Terance's love for music began at a young age, inspired by the movie "Juice" featuring Tupac Shakur. Despite the demands of his finance career, he rekindled his pas-

sion for DJing in 2007, purchasing turntables and mixing equipment. His talent quickly gained recognition, leading to performances at the Guess store in Roosevelt Mall and eventually high-profile gigs for Armani Exchange and Remy Martin.

As djTAO, Terance's unique blend of hip hop, dance music, R&B, and EDM has earned him a reputation as an open format DJ. His performances for iconic brands like Cartier, Nike, Nickelodeon, Edelman, Huffington Post and Remy Martin, and esteemed events such as the James Beard Foundation Dinner & Awards gala, showcase his versatility and creativity. Terance's role as a celebrity guest DJ for the New York Knicks for eight years further cemented his status in the entertainment industry.

Terance's journey is not just about personal success but also about representation and mentorship.

## DML Entices Adult Gamers with Fun Programs

For adult patrons who like to play a variety of games but don't know where to go for a fix, look no further —

Dayton Metro Library is a one-stop-gaming paradise. Several Branches hold a variety of different gaming programs each week:

D&D at the Library, Saturday, September 14, 3-5 pm, Miamisburg Branch: Want to play D&D 5e? Drop in for a session. All levels of experience are welcome. Registration is required (a few spots remain open).

Tabletop Gaming, Saturday, September 14, 1-3 pm, Northwest Branch: Board and card games are available for an afternoon of fun.

Chess Meetup, Monday, September 16, 6-7:30 pm, Northmont Branch: All levels of experience are invited. Patrons can bring their own chess set or use one from the Branch. If using a Branch

set, please register, as sets are limited. Otherwise, there's plenty of space!

Sober Trivia Night, Monday, September 23, 6-8 pm, Main Library, Conference Room 3A: Patrons who are in the mood for LGBTQIA+ trivia but don't want to go to a bar will enjoy this program. Bring friends and allies!

Side Quest: Video Game Discussion Group, Tuesday, September 24, 6-8 pm, New Lebanon Branch: Discuss different game genres, analyze storylines, meet fellow gamers, and enjoy multiplayer gaming for those who bring a mobile gaming device.

Board Games for Social Change, Thursday, September 26, 6-8 pm, Main Library, Community Room: Have fun and change the world at the same time by playing Beautiful Trouble —

a tabletop game designed by over 150 community organizers across five continents. Registration is required.

Card Sharks, Friday, September 27, 1-2 pm, Brookville Branch: Patrons can gather to play their fav games: euchre, bridge, poker, etc. Learn a new game and make new friends! Registration is required.

90s Trivia, Monday, September 30, 7-8 pm, Huber Heights Branch: Questions will cover movies, tv, music, fads, and fashion. Learn about the coolest pop culture decade and have fun!

For more information and to register if required, visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org or call the Library's Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.



# Arts & Entertainment

The Puerto Rican, American and Caribbean Organization (PACO) and Five Rivers Metroparks present:

## Hispanic Heritage Festival 2024

Saturday, 21 September 2024 11 am - 11 pm  
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**Grupo Fuego**

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PACO is a non-profit organization that provides charitable services, promotes awareness and educates the Dayton community about the Hispanic culture.

### James Earl Jones, Legendary Actor Dies at 93... Continued from Page 1



Sheila Johnson, Madge Sinclair, James Earl Jones, and Paul Bates in "Coming to America," 1988.

before he could take the first step.

Jones, born Jan. 17, 1931, in Arkabutla, Mississippi, said he grew up as a shy and quiet child, wary of speaking and drawing attention to his speech impediment. With his father, Robert, a boxer turned actor, having left home to establish a theater career in Chicago, Jones was shipped to his maternal grandparents' farm in rural Michigan at age 5.

There, the trajectory of his life changed in high school, when an English teacher taught him how to sound out each word carefully. "I [could] now say things that great writers wrote. I would never have thought of it myself," Jones told "TODAY" years later.

Jones discovered a love of acting at the University of Michigan, from which he graduated in 1955 after a two-year tour of duty in the Army.

That's when he moved to New York City, as his father had years earlier, to break into acting. He worked as a janitor part time to pay the bills while he studied at the American Theatre Wing, according to Biography.

In 1961, he gained acclaim for the U.S. premiere of Jean Genet's "The Blacks" at the St. Mark's Playhouse, which co-starred a cast of then-unknowns, including Cicely Tyson, Maya Angelou

and Louis Gossett Jr.

Having reconnected with his father, the younger Jones appeared in several stage productions with him in New York, including "Infidel Caesar" and "Moon on a Rainbow Shawl" in 1962 and "Of Mice and Men" five years later.

The younger Jones became a regular in the Shakespeare in the Park program in 1962, with his lauded performance in "Othello" two years later catapulting him to stardom in the New York theater scene.

Being in New York, then also the center of the TV universe, had advantages for a working actor. Jones scored his first Emmy nomination in 1964 for a guest-starring turn in the drama "East Side/West Side."

But national audiences would get their first exposure to him the same year in a small role in "Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb."

Jones hit the pinnacle of any Broadway veteran's career with the play "The Great White Hope," in which he starred as a fictionalized version of the real-life boxer Jack Johnson. His performance earned him the Tony for best actor in a play in 1969, breaking the color barrier of the most important acting awards in theater.

"When he was 'The

Great White Hope,' it was shortly after [Martin Luther] King's assassination, and there were riots in the streets of the United States," said Dominic Taylor, a professor of African American theater at UCLA. "And here is this Black man who wins for this role in which he's Jack Johnson, basically. I don't think people today are aware of how earth-shaking that was."

Jones would go on to star in the 1970 cinematic adaptation of the play, a turn that would earn him a Golden Globe and his only Academy Award nomination. Jones would lose the best actor Oscar to George C. Scott ("Patton").

Playwright D.L. Coburn, James Earl Jones, Cicely Tyson and director Leonard Foglia during the Broadway Opening Night performance Curtain Call for 'The Gin Game'

Playwright D.L. Coburn, Jones, Cicely Tyson and director Leonard Foglia during the Broadway opening night curtain call for "The Gin Game" at the John Golden Theatre in New York on Oct. 14, 2015. Walter McBride / WireImage file

That early success, however, didn't seem to translate into many

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## The Laugh Zone is Dayton, Ohio's 1st Black-Owned Comedy Club

Ohio has an impressive list of Black comedians who hail from the state, including Katt Williams, who began his career less than an hour away from Dayton in Cincinnati.

Dayton, Ohio, is getting its first Black-owned comedy club. Tony Sanders opened The Laugh Zone House of Comedy on Aug. 29 with a soft launch.

Sanders told Dayton Daily News that he moved back to Dayton during the panic after living in Atlanta for 17 years, where he was working in the entertainment industry, booking musical and comedy acts for various agencies and managing celebrities around the world. His faith is why he ventured off into local comedy.

"Partly, I believe this is the next area where God is leading me,"

said Sanders, who also serves as the COO.

"When it comes to the entertainment industry, I was going to comedy events people invited me to, but many really weren't conducive for comedy."

Sanders is partnering with Nolan Hibachi for food, where items such as chicken and fish baskets will reportedly be on the menu. The intimate space can seat about 70 people.

"Our establishment is dedicated to providing a platform for local comedians to showcase their talent through stand-up performances and improv nights," a statement on the website reads.

"We strive to create a welcoming and inclusive space for laughter and creativity, setting us apart as a hub for entertainment and community engagement."

The team calls September "Grand Opening

Month," and there will be a series of events to celebrate its official launch, including an Open Mic Night.

The venue will likely host more than comedians. The website features a "register to perform" section where comedians and poets can share their work with the talent team, who will vet the entertainers.

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Dave Chappelle was born in Washington D.C. but raised in Yellow Springs, Ohio, where his father became a professor at Antioch University, according to Cleveland.com. Arsenio Hall of the iconic The Arsenio Hall Show from the late '80s and '90s was born in Cleveland, Ohio.

## DML Celebrates African-American History, Art

Dayton Metro Library is hosting two upcoming programs that will enlighten patrons of all ages with African-American history and art.

Emancipation Day Discussion in Eichelberger Forum will be held Thursday, September 19, from 6-8:30 pm at the Main Library. Dayton has been celebrating the Emancipation Proclamation of 1862 as early as 1871, and this special event honors the historical celebrations of advancement, opportunities, and unity in the Gem City. A guest panel will provide insights: Kaprice Brooks, General Membership Chair

of the African American Visual Artists Guild; Michael Carter, Chief Diversity Officer of Sinclair Community College; and Alice Young-Basora, Interim Executive Director of The International Peace Museum.

This program will be moderated by Karen D. Brame of Special Collections. All ages are welcome to attend. This program is also in conjunction with a special exhibit titled "Explore the Gem City's History of Celebrating Emancipation Day," which will be on display in the Main Library's Atrium beginning on or around Friday, September 20. The exhibit provides questions of thought and prints from the The Forum (Dayton's

African-American newspaper) featuring articles and congratulations ads from various years.

Another program that Brame will host is Black Art: From the Harlem Renaissance to the Present, on Saturday, September 21, from 2-4 pm at the Trotwood Branch. Learn about various periods, themes, and pieces of art that has been created by Black artists in the U.S., from the early 20th century to contemporary times. Registration is required for this program, which is for an adult audience.

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# Editorial & Comments Classified

## Something to Consider:

### Understanding What Grace Means

By: Brenda Cochran  
Contributing Writer

In the Bible, grace is seen as God's Grace which is a free gift. Many Bible verses reflect on the significance and depth of God's grace, and it can help to begin with the Hebrew meaning of the word grace.

God's grace is usually defined as under served favor. Grace cannot be earned; It is something that is freely given. We count on God's grace and the bridge He built with His relationship with him. Bible verses about grace abound from the foundation of the Old Testament, we find that grace is a part of God's character. He is loving and gracious. He is a loving and gracious God which is the basis for the Christian faith. We believe that we are saved by faith, by God's Grace



Brenda Cochran

which is usually defined as under deserved favor. It cannot be earned; it is something that is freely given. We count on God's Grace and the bridge He built in our relationship with Him.

In the New Testament we learn about the role of grace in our faith and salvation. As we experience God's grace in our lives and seek to be more like him, we find that we could have more grace with

others. Having grace fills hearts and lives and prompts us to share God's love.

If we look at *Hebrews, 4:16 NIV, we find this scripture: The Lord bless and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you; The Lord turns his face towards you and gives you peace.*

Then again in *Numbers 6:24-26, the Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. In the book of Psalms 103:8, and the God of all grace calls you into His eternal glory in Christ after you have suffered a little while, for Himself and makes you strong, firm and steadfast.*

The following are quotes concerning grace: According to Billy Graham, "God's mercy and Grace give me hope for myself and our world."

Ernest Hemingway says: "Courage is Grace Under Pressure."

If you are working on your spiritual resume, be sure to include the following:

- 1) Being a good citizen
- 2) Possessing moral character
- 3) Treating others with kindness and respect
- 4) Giving to Charities
- 5) Loving our spouse and children
- 6) Knowing information about Jesus.

Life is hard, but having a little grace with yourself and those around you can go a long way. It can uplift your soul and nourish the spirit of others by sharing the importance of grace, although grace has many definitions from God's Grace, to being gracious to those around you, or yourself.

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Deborah Howard  
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## Education Writers, Save the Date for DML Symposium

Dayton Metro Library is excited to host its second annual Author and Writers Symposium on Saturday, September 21, from 10 am-5 pm, at the Main Library. Aspiring writers can expect a jam-packed day with workshops and writing-themed activities. Over 30 local writers are scheduled to attend, many of whom will facilitate workshops throughout the day and/or will have books for sale.

Workshops So you want to be a writer?

This Q&A session will give guests a chance to gain insight from others, learn tips and tricks of the trade, and learn how to stay motivated.

Guerilla Publishing Discussion of the basics of publishing, including obstacles and how to kick-start projects.

Crafting Compelling Characters: A Guide to Creating Memorable Figures in Novels

Explore the essential elements of building characters that resonate with readers and drive a story.

Beyond Books: Exploring Untraditional Formats in Writing

Panelists will discuss creative possibilities beyond traditional prose.

William D. Cornwell III, a local writer returning for

his second year, comments further on what aspiring writers can expect. "You'll be able to spin a prize wheel, color your own bookmark, or explore the Unmasked Heroes Exhibit presented by the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center. If that isn't enough [...] each featured author will have their own vendor table where you can purchase books, pick up trinkets or candy, or maybe just say hello and have a chat." Cornwell adds that one of the best things about the symposium is the "feeling of community" that is created.

DML's Author and Writers Symposium is free to attend and registration is not required. The Main Library is located at 215 East Third Street, Dayton, 45402, with a free, attached parking garage located on the St. Clair side of the Library. Free parking on the street will also be available. Aspiring writers can find a schedule of events and a list of attending writers at [DaytonMetroLibrary.org](http://DaytonMetroLibrary.org). Additional questions may also be directed to the Library's Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

## Roundtables with Professional Guests at DML

Dayton Metro Library Branches will be hosting Special Needs Family Information Roundtable sessions. Special guest speakers will discuss topics that are relevant to caregivers of children and teens with special needs.

Understanding ETR/IEPs and 504's

Guests: Dawn Millhouse (parent mentor for Centerville/Oakwood Schools); Dr. LaShell Dauterman (educator); and Carrie Farley (human services and education professional)

Tuesday, September 17, 6-8 pm, West Branch

Friday, October 25, 10 am-12 pm, Kettering-Moraine Branch

Understanding the Special Education Evaluation Process

Guests: Julia Timberlake (parent mentor for Kettering City Schools); Dr. Kylea Frei BCBA,

COBA, QMHS, applied behavioral analysis professional); and Dawn Millhouse (parent mentor for Centerville/Oakwood Schools)

Friday, September 27, 10 am-12 pm, Kettering-Moraine Branch

Special Needs Family Information Roundtable: The Role of the Parent Mentor

Guests: Julia Timberlake (parent mentor for Kettering City Schools); Dawn Millhouse (parent mentor for Centerville/Oakwood Schools); and Carrie Farley (human services and education professional)

Friday, November 8, 10 am-12 pm

Tuesday, November 19, 6-8 pm, West Branch

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## The Figures Who Helped Shape Vice President Harris... Continued from Page 1

to stop lynchings, advocate for women's rights, staff health clinics in rural Black communities, offer job training programs, and more. AKA charted the path for other Black sororities and fraternities to become more active in the civil rights movement when it became a permanent member of the NAACP in 1939. As AKA international president and CEO Danette Anthony Reed puts it: "Whether it's social activism, advocacy for civil rights, building economic wealth, impacting our communities, we make a positive change."

Vice President Harris's dedication to service was not only inspired by her personal relationships and affiliations. Her chosen path as a lawyer was shaped by important icons who embodied a commitment

to freedom, justice, and equity. Justice Marshall was one of them. Another one was Judge Thelton E. Henderson.

Before becoming a legendary judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern California District, Henderson was the first African American lawyer to serve in the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. He was a field investigator, working alongside Dr. King and other movement leaders. He was famously fired for loaning Dr. King his government rental car in Alabama because Dr. King's car had a problem with a tire and Henderson feared for King's safety if he got stranded. From the bench, Judge Henderson understood the importance of protecting human dignity for all people, and that the Constitution guaranteed fundamental rights even to those who much of our society shunned and did

not accept. His judicial philosophy was shaped by wisdom, experience and an understanding of the law's role in protecting people that naturally allowed room for empathy.

Judge Henderson defended the rights of prisoners who were being abused and denied adequate health care. He made the Oakland Police Department more accountable to federal monitoring over police brutality. He was the first judge in the country to recognize the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection and due process rights for gay people – decades before the Supreme Court recognized same-sex couples' right to marry. Judge Henderson is widely celebrated by conservationists for saving dolphins from drowning in tuna nets. And he wrote a decision that in effect made the San Francisco Bay Area meet

federal air quality requirements.

A fierce defender of civil rights, a champion of the law's role in protecting the vulnerable and marginalized, who understands the importance of laws and regulations that protect our environment and health. That description applies to both Thelton Henderson and Vice President Harris – and that is no coincidence.

Over our 20-year friendship, I have witnessed firsthand how the powerful lessons from these mentors continue to guide Vice President Harris in her commitment to justice and service. And I am grateful to all the influences who helped shape and instill that commitment.

Ben Jealous is the Executive Director of the Sierra Club and a Professor of Practice at the University of Pennsylvania.

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 Eternal Lord God and Faithful Friend, today, September 10, 2023, is International Suicide Prevention Day, organized by The International Association for Suicide Prevention to promote ways to prevent suicides. Worldwide, 800,000 people take their lives yearly, making it the leading cause of death among 15 to 29-year-olds.  
 Those with mental health concerns such as depression and anxiety are the most vulnerable. Often, they feel alone and have no other options.  
 Space for Grace is collaborating with the Greater Lansing Clergy Forum to organize two events for Veterans in November: a dinner and a gathering with the Veterans Administration to help Veterans receive their benefits. I am incredibly grateful to God and overwhelmed with joy. It has been many years of prayer to have the opportunity to honor our Commander-in-Chief, Jesus Christ in this way.  
 I am also asking all faith-based organizations to permanently include this message in their bulletins: "PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES." In the words of the late Joe Madison, "We can all do something." And if you do not yet have a formal program for THE VETERAN IN OUR PEW LEGACY, prayer is the best place to start.  
 In last week's article, I shared two of six Biblical reminders for those struggling with thoughts of suicide. This week, I will share 3 and 4, and hopefully, next week, 5 and 6.  
 3. Know that you're never alone. He offers hope and deliverance. "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all." (Ps. 34:18-19)  
 4. Know that God loves you and is always with you. He will sustain us through our greatest burdens. "Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall." (Ps. 55:22).  
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## James Earl Jones, Legendary Actor Dies at 93... Continued from Page 4

more high-profile film roles in the 1970s, although he did star opposite Diahann Carroll in the 1974 dramedy "Claudine."  
 "Hollywood back then only had room for a certain number of Black actors," said Wilson Morales, the founder and editor of blackfilmmandtv.com. "He never really

got the big roles compared to Sidney Poitier.  
 "Almost all the roles that he had over the years, they were largely supporting roles," Morales said of Jones.  
 Jones would win a Grammy for best spoken word recording in 1977, an early sign of the recognition for his voice.  
 His most visible on-

screen role may have been playing author Alex Haley in the landmark 1977 television miniseries "Roots," based on Haley's family history.  
 Despite the estimated 130 million viewers who tuned in for "Roots," it would turn out to be just the second-highest-profile gig he booked that year.  
 Director George Lucas

tapped Jones to do some voiceover work for a quirky space opera called "Star Wars" to dub over Darth Vader actor David Prowse's heavy British accent, made worse by the muffle effect of the mask.  
 Jones later said he asked to keep his name out of the credits because Prowse did all the work, but such humility wouldn't keep

him from being enshrined as part of the biggest pop culture phenomenon in modern history.  
 Jones married the actor Cecilia Hart in 1982, the same year he starred opposite budding action star Arnold Schwarzenegger as an evil sorcerer in "Conan the Barbarian." The marriage would produce a son, Flynn, the

same year, and it would last until Hart's death of ovarian cancer in 2016.  
 Taylor, the UCLA professor, always includes a clip of Jones in the 1987 production of "Fences" in his master class on acting.  
 "He was a gargantuan presence but such a fine, precise, attuned actor on-stage," Taylor said. "It was beautiful to watch him work."



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## High School Football Player Collapses, Dies on Field During Game



*Chance Gainer*

Nationwide — The Port St. Joe High School community in Panama City, Florida, is grieving the unexpected loss of standout athlete and honors student Chance Gainer. The 18-year-old collapsed during an away football game against Liberty County High School, leaving his team, the Tiger Sharks, in disbelief. His sudden collapse on the field, a tragic event that has shaken the entire school, is sadly not an isolated incident. High school athletes, particularly in football and other physically demanding sports, have faced similar life-threatening emergencies during games, though the underlying causes often vary.

According to WLBT, when paramedics arrived at the scene, they discovered Gainer had no pulse, but after immediate medical intervention, they were able to detect a faint heartbeat before rushing him to a nearby Blountstown hospital. Despite their best efforts, Gainer was pronounced dead upon

arrival, according to Gulf County Schools Superintendent Jim Norton. The loss of such a bright and talented student has left both the school and local community in shock.

Gainer's excellence wasn't limited to the football field. Norton shared that the young athlete had a grade point average exceeding 4.0 and had recently visited Vanderbilt University to discuss his future academic endeavors. His combination of world-class athletic ability and academic prowess made him a role model for his peers. Norton spoke highly of Gainer, emphasizing not just his speed on the field but also his "world-class personality," which endeared him to everyone who knew him.

Unfortunately, incidents like this highlight the potential risks student-athletes face. Collapses and sudden deaths during high school sports have occurred more frequently in recent years, with factors ranging from undiagnosed heart conditions

to heat-related illnesses contributing to the tragedies. These incidents underscore the importance of comprehensive health screenings and emergency preparedness at schools, though no preparation can erase the pain of such losses.

In response to this devastating situation, grief counselors are being arranged for the students, staff, and football players at Port St. Joe High School to help them cope with the trauma. The school is committed to providing support as they navigate the aftermath of Gainer's sudden death, which has undoubtedly left a lasting impact on the close-knit community.

Out of respect for the tragedy, the upcoming game against Blountstown, originally scheduled for next Friday, has been postponed. The school and its football team now face the difficult task of moving forward without one of their most beloved members.

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# Health

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## CareSource Announces New Contribution to Habitat for Humanity in Dayton

*Grant supports creating safe and healthy homes for low to moderate income homeowners through skilled trade education*

CareSource, a nationally recognized leader in managed care, is continuing its commitment to supporting safe and stable housing in Dayton, Ohio with a new \$170,000 grant to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton.

The partnership, which dates back over a decade, has made a significant impact in the Dayton community by supporting critical home repair programs and empowering future generations through workforce development.

CareSource’s contribution will help fund a

mobile critical home repair unit staffed in part, by Liberty High School students. They will assist the mobile unit in making minor home repairs for older adults. The students will also construct a Habitat home in the Edgemont neighborhood during the 2025-26 school year.

Dayton Habitat will begin the project by building wall panels on the campus of Liberty High School prior to the start of on-site home construction. Through the process, students will gain valuable construction trade skills that will prepare them for careers in Ohio’s booming

construction industry.

“Extending the functional life of homes allows the owners, often older adults living on fixed incomes, to age in place in the safety and security of their own home,” said Steve Ringel, CareSource, Ohio market president. “Habitat for Humanity is an organization that effectively combines compassion and pragmatism to make real, lasting differences in people’s lives. It’s a privilege to be able to serve Dayton-area families by collaborating with Habitat for Humanity.”

“CareSource’s ongoing, significant partnership

with Habitat for Humanity has made lasting transformational support possible for families in need of support,” said Norman Miozzi, executive director at Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton. “We’re grateful for this ongoing collaboration and fortunate for the opportunity to work with a like-minded organization like CareSource to help support families in maintaining their homes, while also preserving affordable housing in our area.”

CareSource has provided substantial financial support to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton,

including multiple grants that have enabled the organization to expand its services. Most recently, the CareSource Foundation contributed \$25,000 in 2023, continuing a legacy of contributions that have been pivotal in addressing housing needs and improving the quality of life for low to moderate income families and aging adults in the Dayton area.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton, serving the community for over 40 years, has built and sold nearly 400 homes through its new homeownership program. This program is unique in that all homes are purchased with a 0% interest mortgage, making homeownership accessible to first-time buyers with incomes under 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI). This innovative approach has saved homebuyers approximately \$200,000 per home, significantly reducing the financial burden of purchasing a home.

For more information about Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton or to get involved, please visit [www.daytonhabitat.org] (<http://www.daytonhabitat.org>).

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About Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton, the first Habitat affiliate in Ohio, was founded in March of 1983. Since then, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton has partnered with over 380 families to provide safe housing through an affordable Habitat mortgage and hundreds more through our critical repair program. Our Mission: Seeking to put God’s love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. To learn more about our mission or how you can get involved visit us online at [daytonhabitat.org](http://daytonhabitat.org).

## Woman Arrested For Allegedly Killing and Eating a Cat in Front of Her Neighbors

Nationwide — A troubling incident occurred in Canton, Ohio where a 27-year-old woman was arrested for allegedly killing and eating a cat, raising significant concerns about mental health and its impact on behavior. The woman, Alexis Telia Ferrell, faces multiple charges, including injuring animals, violating prohibitions concerning companion animals, and disorderly conduct, according to court records filed in Stark County. This shocking event has left the community in disbelief, particularly due to the public nature of the act, which took place in a residential area in front of several witnesses.

According to WLBT, investigators from the Canton Police Department said that Ferrell reportedly killed the cat by stomping on its head before consuming the animal. The incident occurred at a housing complex on 13th Street SE, an area where many families reside. The disturbing nature of the crime has led to widespread concern, not only



Alexis Telia Ferrell

about the safety of the community but also about the underlying issues that may have contributed to such extreme behavior.

One critical aspect that needs to be highlighted is the potential role of mental health issues in this case. It is highly likely that Ferrell is suffering from an undiagnosed mental illness, which could explain her actions. Mental health problems often go undetected, especially in Black and low-income communities, where access to mental health care

is limited. This lack of access can lead to untreated conditions that manifest in harmful or dangerous behavior, as may have been the case here.

The arrest took place on August 16 at around 11 p.m., and Ferrell has been in custody since then. During her arraignment on Monday, the court set an initial bond of \$100,000, reflecting the severity of the charges against her. However, the case has also sparked conversations about the intersection of mental health and criminal

behavior, particularly in communities where mental health resources are scarce.

Ferrell’s case is a tragic reminder of the need for better mental health services and support in underserved communities. The criminal justice system often becomes the default response to behaviors that are actually symptoms of untreated mental illness. This can lead to a cycle of incarceration without addressing the root causes of the behavior, ultimately doing little to protect the individual or the community.

As Ferrell awaits her next court appearance, scheduled for August 26, it is essential to consider the broader implications of this case. Addressing mental health issues, particularly in marginalized communities, could prevent such tragedies from occurring in the future. It underscores the importance of early intervention, proper diagnosis, and treatment to ensure that individuals receive the care they need before their struggles result in harm to themselves or others.

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