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(Seated L-R) Delphine Filler, Josephine Elston, Lynn Foster, and Shelia Shaffer receive a rose from one of the youth at Greater St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church fifteenth Annual Mother's Day Banquet.





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(Back L-R) Daughter Lisa Heard and Bianca Fitzpatrick with (front L-R) mother Renee Heard-Love and mother Keisha Trammell with son Markus Trammell at Mother's Day Program.

By Michael Daniel

Journal Staff Reporter

Saturday evening, May 11, 2019, the day before Mother's Day, Greater St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church held its fifteenth Annual Mother's Day Banquet at the church.

First Lady Shirley Lyons said, "Tonight we are celebrating Mother's Day by honoring the mothers in our church. And, all those, throughout the vicinity, and those who are coming to visit, worship, and praise with us. We are doing this because God put mothers here for a purpose, and without us this world would be in bad shape. Mothers are here to mold and shape individuals' lives, just as the fathers, however this program is dedicated to all mothers."

This year's Mother's Day event was put on by the youth of Greater St. Mary's and included praise dancing, musical selections by the youth choir and other youths, gifts, drawings for door prizes, and games. Among those prizes were five designer purses.

There was also a special tribute to the mothers, sung by the youth choir, while other young people passed out red roses to each mother in the audience.

Recognition was given to the youngest mother in the audience, as well as to the oldest mother in the audience and several other categories.

A special recognition was given to Mother Addie B. Davis, who is ninety-three, as the oldest mother and one of the oldest members of the church. She said, "I've been in this church since 1946 and I love this church because everybody is friendly and they don't forget about you when you are sick. Here at Greater St. Mary's we are like one big happy family. I think today's celebration was wonderful and I'm glad to see all these young people in church and working for the Lord."

Bishop Chester Trail and First Lady Donna Trail, who were visiting from Grace Temple Church, were recognized as guests.

When we think of our mothers, we always remember the delicious food they would cook for the family. This night was different, one other group from the church, other than the youth,

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To the left: Youth singers Taron Banks, Jujuan Banks, Tavion Banks, and Deon Banks serenade the mothers at Greater St. Mary's Mother's Day Program.

Winner of Miss Teen USA 2019 Competition Makes Black Women With Natural Hair Proud



Kaleigh Garris, Miss Teen USA

Submitted

Nationwide — Kaleigh Garris, an 18-year old Black woman, recently won the Miss Teen USA 2019 competition wherein she represented the state of Connecticut. The beauty queen was crowned while sporting her naturally curly hair and a lot of women couldn't be more proud of her.

Kaleigh, who grew up in New Haven, Connecticut, is a student at Joseph A. Foran High School in Milford. She studies theater at ACES Educational Center for the Arts as well. A competitive dancer, she has been trained in contemporary, jazz, pointe, hip hop, and tap dance.

She also founded an organization called "We Are People 1st" that aims to support people with disabilities, in honor of her older sister who has disabilities. She has been recently recognized by the Department of Disabled Services for her contributions.

Now a volunteer at the Yale New Haven Hospital, Kaleigh plans to attend Southern Connecticut State University to achieve her aspiration to one day become a trauma nurse.

Last April 28, Kaleigh defeated 51 other contestants to win the Miss Teen USA crown. She was grateful to all the people who supported and believed in her.

"During the contest you know you have self-doubt because there are so many great people," she told the New Haven Register. "I am just happy, proud, and grateful for the support system I have."

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NAACP and NNPA Lead Protest Against Police Brutality

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By Stacy M. Brown

Delucca "Lucca" Rolle, the 15-year-old high school student who was punched and had his head slammed against the concrete by law enforcement officers last month, joined his attorney and several prominent civil rights activists in a peaceful demonstration in Florida to denounce police brutality.

Rolle and others chanted, "Justice will be served," as they marched toward New Mount Baptist Church in Fort Lauderdale.

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"Our children's lives matter. No one seems to understand that but us," said Fulton, whose unarmed son, 17-year-old Trayvon, was shot and killed in Miami Gardens in 2012 by neighborhood watch captain George Zimmerman simply because he "looked suspicious" and was wearing a hoodie.

"So, we have to fight for our children," Fulton said.

The NNPA was "pleased to ioin in with the NAACP. Black Clergy, and Florida elected officials to protest the racially-motivated and vicious police assault on Delucca Rolle in Fort Lauderdale," said Chavis, a longtime civil rights activist and member of the famed Wilmington Ten, a group who were wrongly arrested and convicted in 1971 of various charges.

After serving nearly a decade in prison, Chavis and the group were exonerated and ultimately pardoned.

"We demand the immedi-

ate arrest and prosecution of Broward County Officers Christopher Krickovich and Greg LaCerra," Chavis said. Last month, Rolle, an African American, was pepper-sprayed, punched and

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Attention:

Did you play boys basketball for St. Mary's Catholic School (Franklin & Page) during the Years of 1975 to 1985?? - Coaches were Jeff Culver, Bob Zitzelberger, Bill Perry, Jack McComis & Tony Wallace. Attempting to organize a reunion of the players. Interested?? Respond to: susan.perry4@rockets.utoledo.edu

Every Tuesday

The Toledo Interfaith Mass Choir

Will begin its 2019 season @ 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 702 Collingwood. Brothers and Sisters you are invited to come out and be a part of this music ministry. For more information, please call 419-241-3330, or 419-241-7332. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays.

Every Third Wednesday

Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition

and Social Justice Insitute
Anyone interested in joining meet, at Kent Branch Library, 3101 Collingwood Blvd., from 9:15 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Every 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the Month The Redeemed Christian Church of God Food Pantry, 10 AM to 12 PM 2239 Cheyenne Blvd, Toledo OH 43614

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Are you a Widow? Come share with us. We cordially invite you to join us at our next meeting: 1-3pm. Reynolds Corners Branch Library, 4833 Dorr Street, Toledo, OH 43615. To learn more about WES & I, Inc.: Call 419-359-4001, Email: w.e.s.andlinc@gmail.com, Website: www.widowsempowered.com.

Every Saturday
Glass City Church of Christ
Soup kitchen open at 901 Hoag.
Hours: 1:00-2:00pm every Saturday.
We are reaching out to individuals and families in need of a free meal. Please see our Facebook page for menu items and any updates.

Easterseals Northern Ohio Offers Summer Speech Program

Easterseals Northern Ohio is pleased to announce its plans for a summer speech therapy program in Toledo. The program will offer services to children with speech and language disabilities or delays. In summer speech sessions, Easterseals helps clients maintain the level of ability they've worked all school year to obtain. In addition, they will evaluate and accept new clients, children birth to school-age, who can benefit from their services. One-on-one sessions are designed around the specific age and need of the child. Activities may include hands-on learning, language experiences and structured play. Sessions are typically a half hour and are held once a week, depending on the client's need. Easterseals Speech-language pathologists are experienced in pediatrics, licensed by the State of Ohio & certified by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association. Easterseals offers a sliding fee scale and provides billing for many insurance plans, BCMH and Medicaid. For more information on the summer speech program, please call 1-888-325-8532.

> Friday, May 17th Saturday, May 18th

Appold Planetariium presents Apollo 11
The Lourdes University Appold Planetarium presents Apollo 11. This July, it will be 50 years since the world watched Apollo 11 Commander Neil Armstrong land on the moon and declare it "...one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Since then, only a handful of astronauts have repeated that journey. Join the countdown for a virtual trip to the moon and experience the drama of the day we first walked the moon.

During the Apollo missions of the 1960s, Charles M. Schulz gave NASA permission to use Snoopy on the Agency's spaceflight safety materials. The "first beagle on the moon" will be featured in this family-friendly show.

Admission prices for Apollo 11 are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Shows are offered at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are strongly recommended. Please call 419-517-8897 or emailplanetarium@lourdes.edu.

May 17th and May 18th End Time Christian Fellowship Prayer Conference

The church is located at 2902 Auburn Ave., Toledo, OH 43606. The theme is "Ignite The Fire", Romans 13: 10-19. On Friday at 7pm, the Reverend April Sumrow, Pastor of Leggett Chapel A.M.E. of Albion, Michigan will be our guest speaker. On Saturday, at 10am, the Reverend Shirley Sparks will conduct a workshop on "Fire Baptism of the Holy Ghost"; and at 11:15am, Pastor Coretha A. Williams will conduct a workshop on "Intercession According To Your Gifts". Registration and Continental Breakfast is from 9:00-9:45am. This Conference is FREE and open to the public to come and receive their impartation from the Lord.

May 19th

Greater St Mary's Missionary Baptist Church "Annual Usher Board Anniversary"

The Usher Board of Greater St. Mary's where Robert W. Lyons, Sr. is pastor will celebrate their Annual Usher Board Anniversary on Sunday @ 4pm, 416 Belmont Avenue, Toledo, OH. Their special guest will be Rev. Robert Bass, Pastor of United Missionary Baptist Church along with his Usher Board, Choir and Congregation. We are inviting all of Usher Boards in Toledo and the surround area to please come be a part of this celebration.

May 19th New United Church

Weenie Wagon & Ice Cream Fellowship Sunday, Bible Study 8:45 am, Sunday Worship 10 am. FREE food served 12pm, 701 Phillips Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43612. Sponsored by our Ministry Partner: Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission.

> May 19th First Missionary Baptist Church Annual Women's Day

On Sunday at 4:00 pm. Our speaker will be Sis. Chamina Curtis of Princeton Pike Church of God. Pastor Barry Cardy of Hamilton Ohio. We are inviting you to be a part of it. First Missionary Baptist Church, 10202 Angola Rd., Swanton, Ohio 43558. Pastor William Jerome McCaster.

May 21st
Kwanzaa Meeting
Meeting on Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. at the Sanger
Branch Library.

May 22nd Thru May 24th

May 18th

Warren Sherman Area Council Meeting of Importance

Warren Sherman Area Council, May 18th 1:00 p.m. @ True Church of God, 2146 N. 12th Street, Toledo, Ohio, Bishop Daniel Day, Pastor. Agenda: The New Warren Sherman Office, Introduction of New Toledo. "Looking Forward" To You Being There. "Refreshments will be Served," Wanda Love President - 567-249-8788.

First Missionary Baptist Church REVIVAL Wednesday - Friday, 7:00 p.m. nightly, 10202 Angola Rd., Swanton, OH 43558. Gospel Speaker Apostle Marvin Crittenden, His Word Global Ministries. Pastor Jerome McCaster.

May 25th

2nd International Covenant Connection

Regional Leadership Workshop

End Time Christian Fellowship

On Saturday, from 10:00 am-1:00pm, located at 2902 Auburn Avenue, Toledo, OH 43606. The theme is "Kingdom Living and Leadership". In addition, there will be an informal panel discussion on relevant issues facing the church today. Bishop James M. Williams Sr. is the Host and Facilitator; pastor Edward Turner is the Co-Host and Co-Facilitator. It's impportant if you plan on attending to call (419) 787-7466.

May 25th NHA's Sister Care Series

As part of NHA's Sister Care Series, Ms. Sybrina Fulton will be the keynote speaker at the Seagate Cener on Saturday. The speaking engaement titled "Saving Our Sons, Saving Our Lives" is set to begin at 1:00 pm with a Q&A session immediately following. To register for this free event, go to www.nhainc.org/sybrina-fulton. If you are a parent or guardian that has lost a child to violence please make sure to indicate that on the registration form by checking the appropriate box or call 419-783-7883 x 216.

May 30th Monroe Street Neighborhood Center **Free Wig Workshop**

Learn useful techniques and tips to rock your favorite faux tresses and how to take care of them. Thursday 12:30 pm - 2 pm. B.Y.O.W. Bring your own Wig, small mirror, and your styling tools (brush, comb etc...) Monroe Street Neighborhood Center, 3613 Monroe Street. Donations accepted to benefit programming at the Monroe Street Neighborhood Center.

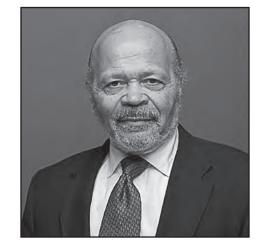
June 1st, July 6th, Sept 7th, and Nov 30th Four Free Disposal Days

There will be four free disposal days at the Hoffman Road Landfill - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Residents are permitted to bring a truck or trailer load of bulky solid waste items for free disposal to the landfill, 3962 Hoffman Rd.,

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House Democrats want us to do their job



By Oscar H. Blayton Wire Columnist

\$174,000.00 - That's what every member of the House of Representatives receives in salary each year. Every member, that is, except Nancy Pelosi, who as the Speaker of the House, gets to take home \$223,500.00.

Those are not bad wages, even if these legislators work five days a week with only two weeks off annually for vacation. But Congress has averaged only 138 legislative days a year since 2001. If you do the math, you will see that comes to less than three days a week.

Undoubtedly, many members of the House of Representatives can articulate why they need so few days in session. Their stated reasoning might include the rigors of carrying out their constitutionally mandated functions.

But therein lies the rub. The House of Representatives is refusing to carry out one of its more important constitutionally mandated functions.

When the Founders of this nation wrote the Constitution, they did not want the country to be forced to blindly trust and follow the person holding the office of the President. And for this reason, they divided the power of the government into three distinct branches and gave each branch equal status.

In order to prevent the President from becoming a tyrant, the House and Senate were given the responsibility and authority to perform oversight of the Executive Branch.

In order to properly carry out their job, Congress must provide oversight of the president.

We now have a sick and twisted man-baby fouling the oval office. Donald Trump does not respect the rule of law or the institutions of our federal government. He is determined to bend



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Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi.

all aspects of our national structure to his will and he has found pliant minions who have been willing to ignore, and even break, the law in service to their overlord. Neither Congress nor the nation has ever seen anything like this before. The purulent character of Trump has infected most agencies of the executive branch of our government and released bigots, misogynists, xenophobes and every other manner of villain as antigens into the body of our democratic society.

While Trump burns down the house that America has built, Republican lawmakers have become his collaborators. And too many Democratic members of the House of Representatives, cowered by the thought of angering the Republican base, simply quail in the face of this onslaught against our liberties.

Two centuries ago, Congress was given a tool with which to rein in or remove an abusive president because the Founders knew it was possible a day like today might arrive.

The House of Representatives has the power of impeachment. In fact, it has the "sole" power of impeachment. The Senate cannot impeach. It can only try a federal officer who has been impeached by the House of Representatives. The process has been clearly laid out in Sections 2 and 3 of Article I of the Constitution. Once the president has been impeached by the House of Representatives for high crimes and misdemeanors, he or she is then tried on those charges by the Senate; and if convicted, he or she shall be removed from office. The House of Representatives does the impeachment and then the Senate conducts the trial.

The impeachment process allows the House of Representatives to investigate the wrongdoings of Donald Trump - wrongdoings that are clearly laid out in the report of Special Counsel Robert Mueller. And if substantiated, those wrongdoings can then be presented to the Senate where their deliberations can be observed by the American pub-

But rather than carry out their sworn duty, the Democratic leadership in the House of Representatives, citing the difficulties in carrying out impeachment proceedings, would rather call on the American electorate to vote Trump out of office in 2020. This strategy is designed to maximize Democratic seats in Congress while relieving the Democratic majority in the House of the obligation of doing its difficult job.

Fear of losing elections because you did your job is putting party before coun-

This calculated political expediency - and shirking from impeachment - is one reason why the current Democratic leadership in the House cannot stay in place much longer. Attempts at dressing this self-serving cowardice in a suit of tactical shrewdness will not dupe right thinking Americans. Nancy Pelosi has argued that impeachment proceedings will solidify Trump's base. Clearly, she is making a political calculation and not a moral decision grounded in the Constitution and her oath of office.

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How Strong is Our Economy?



By Julianne Malveaux Wire Columnist

(TriceEdnevWire.com) - The April unemployment rate, at 3.6 percent, is at its lowest rate since December 1969. Payroll employment increased by more than 250,000, outperforming expectations and reversing the disappointing job creation numbers of last month. First quarter white rate of 3.1 percent. This growth was reported at 3.2 per- ratio of 2.16 percent is higher cent, a robust figure that exceeds estimates, earlier this year, that growth would be somewhat slower. This perhaps gives the man who lives in the House that Enslaved People Built something to crow about since he so enjoys crowing.

But many economists are waiting for the other shoe to drop, having workshops and forums about the coming recession. And as positive as the numbers seem, there are always gaps and inequities reflected in the fine print. Take the unemployment rate. It declined overall, and for adult men and women, Whites, Asians and Hispanics. At the same time, the unemployment rates for African-Americans and teenagers were unchanged. The Black unemployment rate, at 6.7 percent, is more than twice the

than the usual 2:1 unemployment rate, widening inequality.

Should African-Americans really celebrate a strong labor market when so many are sidelined from it? Despite claims of economic improvement and an improvement in some of the indicators, the fact that others remain stagnant is telling. For example. 1.2 million people have been out of work for more than half a year. They represent one in five of the unemployed.

The number may seem small. but the persistence of unemployment for some individuals should be troubling for those who make public policy. The number of people who are considered "marginally attached" to the labor force, which means that they'd work

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Homestead Act of 1862 -Closest Thing to Reparations, Part III



By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow Wire Columnist

As we stated in the previous two parts, American descendants of the vicious American Holocaust known better as Slavery gathered immense portions of land. The great Booker T. Washington would encourage freed slaves to work the land that they owned and invest profits from it and build an economic infrastructure to help empower ourselves after slavery. It appears that too few listened to his advice or admonition. Most freed slaves and their descendants who received these precious acres of land by way of the Homestead Act of 1862 and through means of inheritance were destined to lose the land.

Today, several members of Congress are trying to pass a resolution or law that would grant reparations to descendants of slaves. This is no big thing as it was first introduced in Congress back in 1989. They discuss it, kick it around and let the thought fade away eventually. Maybe it is too late for us. We had the opportunity to take advantage of the Homestead Act of 1862 and virtually blew the opportunity. We would get free land and then squander it or lose it through trickery or a soft form of land theft. Sometimes it may have been through worse tactics.

Take the case of another one of Harry's great grandfathers. Harry Watkins of Bellevue, Louisiana owned 225 acres of farmland. How he got it we do not know but in 1873 he used it as collateral for a loan of \$250. The loan agreement is in the records held at the local courthouse. The terms of the loan were this: He would agree to pay



back the loan within two years or the land would revert to the lenders. The lenders were two whites. For some reason, Great Grandfather Harry Watkins defaulted on the payment. When the due date arrived, he was nowhere to be found. In fact, Harry disappeared and so did our 225 acres. Not many of my family members talk about it. The story goes he got frustrated and left the family and the land.

We don't think so. Our fear is that Harry Watkins was murdered, and his bones are lying somewhere in Bossier Parrish, Louisiana. Why would he abandon his family and the 225 acres? One thing that is very interesting is the fact that Harry Watkins was totally illiterate. On the agreement the two white lenders signed as witnesses. Harry put his "X" in his signature block and the two whites claimed they were witnesses to his "X".

The saddest thing about this is that our great grandfather wasn't the only one who would just disappear. So, we total the amount of property that was once owned by two of Harry's great grandfathers and one of his grandfathers and we come up with 545 acres. What is left of that is 40 acres.

Fortunately, Harry and his cousins got together and decided to formally cut up the last 40 acres. Grandfather Thomas had eight children, so we turned the 40 acres into 8 lots of 5 acres each. We contracted an attorney and performed a "Voluntary Secession". That way we would be less vulnerable to adverse



actions or trickery. 5 acres is less inviting to land thieves than 40 acres.

Down South, you must be vigilant to keep your property from being taken away. For example, there is a process known as "Adverse Possession". According to Wikipedia the definition of Adverse Possession is: "Adverse possession is a method of acquiring title to real property by possession for a statutory period under certain conditions, viz: proof of non-permissive use, which is actual, open and notorious, exclusive, adverse, and continuous for the statutory period. It is governed by statute concerning the title to real property (land and the fixed structures built upon it)."

Harry's grandmother, Fannie Watkins Alford, had acquired property in Stephens, Arkansas. One year she mailed payment for property taxes on the land. The tax collector (sheriff) sent the payment back as someone had already paid for it. This is a danger sign. If someone pays property taxes on your land for three consecutive years (in most states) they will have rights to ownership. I found a copy of the letter my grandmother sent to the Sheriff demanding he take her payment and send the other person's money back. She won that fight. Years later my father bought the land from my grandmother. We drove up to look at one day and found someone building a home on the property. My father went to court and the judge made the trespasser pay my father fair market value for the property. You just must be vigilant if you are Black and own property in America.

Too many Blacks have squandered their rights to land. We call it "Disrespectful Inheritance". There are more than a few cases of people living out West or up North and have little regard for family land. When a relative dies and the land is willed to them, they will quickly cash it in and ignore the possibility of investment or turning it over to their heirs. There are more than a few cases of a family member dying and leaving good property for their heirs. The heirs without evaluating the value will call a local realtor to sell the property immediately. In northwestern Louisiana it was not unpopular for an heir to fly in from Los Angeles; meet the realtor at the airport; sign the papers; receive the check and fly right back out to LA. Then he would go to the nearest Mercedes Benz dealership and instantly spend all of the money. What a waste!

In sum, we believe that we had our chance at reparations through the Homestead Act of 1962. No one in this nation is going to agree to reparations for descendants of slaves. Let's move on.

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How Strong is Our Economy?

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if they could find work, but they've ceased to look, is the same as it was this time last year.

These marginally attached workers include discouraged workers, and there are nearly half a million of them, again the same as last year. With these numbers being at the same level as they were a year ago, there is an indication that the 3.6 percent unemployment rate that is being hailed as so historic is a false indicator of progress.

While employers are clearly hiring, they aren't hiring enough people to make those at the bottom confident enough to look for work! The labor force participation rate is also falling. again suggesting that our "strong economy" is not pulling enough more people into the labor market.

Instead, some are leaving! Why? Even though wages grew at 3.2 perthey increased last year, they have are not government employees but give African American workers a 38 not yet reached the 3.5 percent level that the Federal Reserve Bank would consider healthy. Thus, the Fed indicated that they change the interest rate, although 45 has pushed for a full percentage point drop in the interest. I'm not sure what part of the Fed's independence he fails to understand!

The Fed's decision to hold interest rates constant is partly a result of weaknesses in the first quarter growth report. It's always good news when the growth rate is more than 3 percent, but consumer spending is down for the third straight quarter. While the words "government shutdown" have not been uttered recently, the 2018-2019 35-day shutdown clearly had some impact on consumer spending.

Many expected that purchases deferred in January and February might be realized in March, but too many consumers who are still recovering

contractors, who lost roughly 12 percent of their annual income. They won't be doing much discretionary spending this year! How strong is our economy? It is undoubtedly stronger than it was a year ago, but it's not as strong as some claim that it is. Labor market weaknesses and inequality are of particular concern to African Americans.

Companies are hiring, but they aren't hiring enough African Americans to close the unemployment rate gap. There is legislation that might improve the economic status of African Americans. HR 7. the Pavcheck Fairness Act, would provide remedies to close the gender pay gap. Congressional Black Caucus member Bobby Scott (D-VA) introduced the Raise the Wage Act, HR 582.

It would provide increases in the federal minimum wage to \$15.00 by According to the Economic

cent last month, which is more than from the shutdown and many, who Policy Institute, the legislation would percent pay increase (compared to 23 percent for white workers). And when workers earn more, they can spend more, strengthening economic growth. Whenever you hear the words "strong economy," think of the folks at the bottom.

> While the top one percent are certainly benefitting from growth and expansion, those at the bottom haven't vet benefitted. Indeed, some have yet to recover from the Great Recession. Why aren't the needs of those on the bottom, those who are poor (the data says 40 million people, but Rev. William Barber says it's more like 140 million) significant enough to

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Mothers, locally, and from surrounding cities treated to fine dining and musical tribute by The Social Butterfly and OMG

Darius Coleman, CJ Manning serenade mothers

BY JURRY TAALIB-DEEN Journal Staff Write

The Social Butterfly, OMG Productions collaborated to host a citywide Mother's Day Dinner, and musical tribute, on Sunday, May 12. Held at

St. Clements Hall, 2990 Tremainsville Rd, the event featured musical artist, Darius Coleman, and saxophonists, CJ Manning and Company.

According to organizers, attendees traveled from Findlay, Defiance, and Cleveland,

Ohio, as well as Detroit, Michigan, to attend the sold out event. Guests also had the opportunity to win various gift bags that were raffled during the event. A portion of the proceeds, \$500, was donated to the YWCA, in effort to give back to the

community, according to Donnetta Carter, CEO of The Social Butterfly, LLC. She told The Toledo Journal that they wanted to do something special for mothers that included fine dining, as well as good entertainment.

"Many



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From left, Larry Jones, Master of Ceremonies, Tracy Roberts of OMG Productions, and Donnetta Carter of The Social Butterfly, LLC, sponsored the event, and Deacon Marvin March, committee member, all helped make the event a success.



Family members of Rev. Dr. John Roberts, pastor of Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church are, clockwise Deacon Elmore Sturdivant, Deborah Roberts, Jelise Roberts, David Smith, and Barbara Jones, Makalah, and Orvil Robinson.







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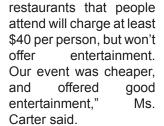
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She said the reason they chose to donate to the YWCA is the many beneficial programs the agency offers to the community.

Tracy Roberts, CEO of OMG Productions, said he immediately jumped at the opportunity to

help host an event for mothers.

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Donnetta Carter, left, presents Anna Davis with a

gift bag that she won during a raffle

"We've received a lot of positive feedback from the community; they're asking us to do another one," Mr. Roberts said.

Marissa Schoenegge, said, "This is really a good event. The music is good, and the singer is really good. It has been totally worth my time, and money."

Anna Davis was one of the winners of a gift

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Five Ways To Help Prevent Veteran Suicide

Submitted

(NAPSI)—It's a tragedy: Every day, 22 U.S. veterans take their own lives—a needless loss of 8,000 service members a year.

The Problem

Returning veterans may experience divorce, joblessness, homelessness and hopelessness.

The often-devastating effects of mild to moderate traumatic brain injury (mTBI) and post-traumatic stress (PTS), plus the loss of their military community support, can cause a downward spiral

Symptoms of mTBI include headaches and problems with balance, sleep, vision and memory. Emotional signs include depression and anxiety. But today's treatment approaches and therapeutic technologies offer hope for veterans feeling overwhelming physical and emotional pain from these invisible wounds of war.

What You Can Do

1. Be observant about behavior changes. For many veterans, the physical symptoms of mTBI are not obvious. Be on the lookout for loss of interest in meaningful activities, personality changes, social isolation and substance abuse.

- 2. Reach out and spend time together. Let a veteran know he or she is not alone. Meet for coffee or go for a walk. Listen and encourage them to seek help.
- 3. Tell veterans and their families about helpful programs. Encourage caregivers, spouses and friends to seek help on behalf of a veteran.

One outstanding option that's transformed the lives of more than 550 veterans and their families is the SHARE Military Initiative at Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Ga. This innovative program provides up to 12 weeks of intensive rehabilitation, at no cost to the veteran, to treat mild to moderate brain injury and psychological concerns of those who served in the U.S. military since September 11, 2001. Treatment plans are personalized to each veteran's needs. The program is open to all post-9/11 veterans, including those with other than honorable discharges.

Because of intensive and comprehensive therapy, rehabilitation and life coaching, SHARE has become a model for centers nationwide. Experts in working with veterans provide medical consultation, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and cognitive therapy, recreation therapy, case management, neuropsychology, chaplaincy and counseling.

- 4. Volunteer or donate to organizations battling the epidemic of veteran suicide.
- 5. Support fundraisers and events, such as the Shepherd's Men Run. Annually, a team of committed volunteers runs seven days of half marathons in multiple states wearing 22-pound flak jackets—to increase awareness of treatment options and suicide prevention for veterans. Shepherd's Men have raised millions for this heartfelt mission.

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Learn Your Numbers During Stroke Awareness Month

By Roger Caldwell, NNPA Newswire Contributor

May is National Stroke Awareness Month, and it is very significant to me, because I am a stroke survivor. As a stroke survivor, I consider myself to be a miracle. One of my goals in life is to educate Americans (particularly Black men), that 80% of strokes can be prevented with knowledge and education. Strokes have the potential to be a silent killer, and nearly 85% of all strokes that occur show no warning signs.

Although there are no major warning signs, there are risk factors, diseases, and health issues, which make an individual more susceptible to having a stroke. High blood pressure (hypertension) is the number one cause in the country for a stroke and it can be regulated with medicine, a proper diet, monitoring your blood pressure and a healthy lifestyle.

"Healthcare in one of the wealthiest countries on the face of this earth is not a primary focus or concern. In this

society, many people are not interested in improving their health. They prefer to take a chance and hope that health issues will resolve themselves. I was not taking care of myself and not taking the necessary steps to correct my health problems. This is a major crisis confronting this country today,"says Roger Caldwell in his book, "The Inspiring Journey of a Stroke Survivor."

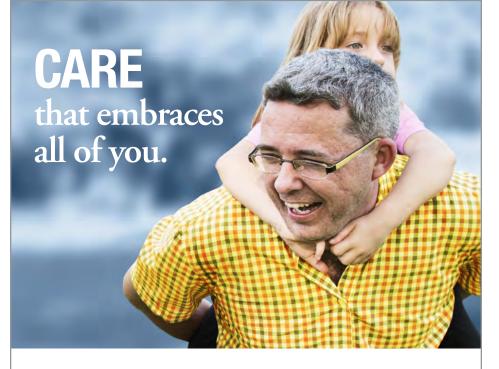
It is obvious with the recent news of the passing of actor

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Know your numbers, take your medication, educate your children, and adult family members, and talk about your health. Visit a physician on a regular basis. Take control of your health, your life depends on it. Remember at any age a person can have a stroke, but as you get older you are more susceptible to having a stroke.



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Luke Perry (52), and director John Singleton (51), who both died suddenly of massive strokes, that something is wrong with the healthcare system. Both of these men were very successful, and if 80% of strokes are preventable, I would have expected these two men to have received the best medical care, but they are gone.

"When I had my stroke, I was well aware that I had hypertension, but I was still not taking my prescribed medication. I was walking around with a time bomb. At any

time, I knew the bomb could about stroke prevention and explode but I took a chance. Eventually, it exploded but I lived, and now part of my responsibility is to educate Americans about strokes with a primary focus on African Americans."

After having my stroke, I was completely paralyzed on the entire right side. I spent the next seven weeks in rehabilitation relearning basic tasks: How to dress myself, how to talk, how to write with my left hand, and how to graduate from a wheelchair to a cane. My efforts paid off, but I did not recover 100%. All Americans must know more

awareness, and they should know their personal numbers as well as their family members' numbers.

As a culture and community, Black Americans have the highest incidence of high blood pressure, with 1 out of 2 adults having some form of hypertension. May is stroke awareness month, and it is essential to understand the mechanics of blood pressure and what the numbers repre-

The higher number is the systolic number, and it represents the active portion of blood pressure, when the heart is pumping. This number should be around 120 or lower. The lower number represents the diastolic number, or the passive or resting portion of blood pressure. This number should be around 80 or lower.

Know your numbers, take your medication, educate your children, and adult family members, and talk about your health. Visit a physician on a regular basis. Take control of your health, your life depends on it. Remember at any age a person can have a stroke, but as you get older you are more susceptible to having a stroke.

FAST is an acronym that everyone should know when they suspect that someone is having a stroke. The "F" stands for face, and one side of the face droops. The "A" stands for arm and the arm drop's down. The "S" stands for speech, and check for slurred or strange speech. The "T" stands for time, and time is of the essence and

To learn more about strokes contact the American Stroke Association, and go to my YouTube channel and view my documentary: "High Blood Pressure: A State of Emergency in the African American Community" (https://youtu.be/tilNtiX-BLXw).

Suspect Stroke? Call 911

Submitted

(NAPSI)-A stroke can happen to anyone, of any age, at any time, so it's important for everyone to learn and understand the signs and symptoms of stroke. The condition, also known as a "brain attack," is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States and affects more than 795,000 people each year.

Stroke occurs when a blood vessel that carries oxygen to the brain is blocked by plaque (acute ischemic stroke) or ruptures and bleeds (hemorrhagic stroke). When it comes to treating stroke, every 10 minutes can save up to 20 million brain cells. That's why it is crucial to recognize the signs of stroke and act with urgency. If you suspect stroke, call 911 immediately and seek medical attention.

Learn the signs to help make a difference

In more than 60 percent of stroke cases, someone other than the patient made the decision to seek immediate treatment. The signs of stroke can be subtle and hard to recognize, so educating yourself and others is key to noticing and responding quickly to the sudden onset of one or more of them. You might know the BE FAST signs of stroke but would you or your loved ones be able to identify all 10 signs and symptoms?

- 1. Confusion
- 2. Difficulty Understanding
- 3. Dizziness
- 4. Loss of Balance
- 5. Numbness
- 6. Severe Headache

- 7. Trouble Speaking
- 8. Trouble Walking
- 9. Vision Changes
- 10. Weakness

More than 6.5 million people in the United States are stroke survivors. If you experience a sudden onset of any of these symptoms or recognize the signs in someone else, don't wait to seek help. It's okay to overreact because when it comes to stroke, the right care-right away-has the potential to save lives.

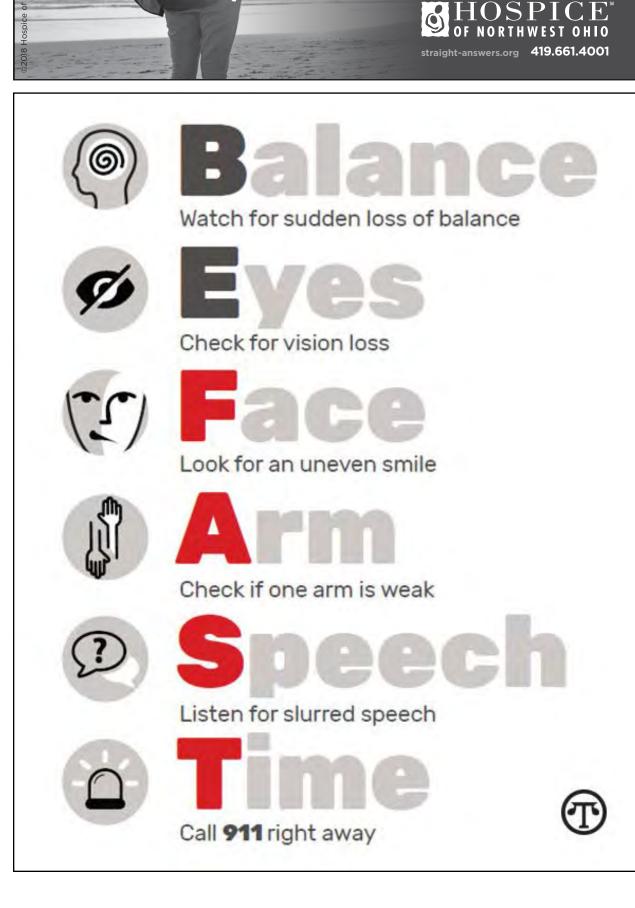
Who's at risk?

While certain risk factors of stroke, including age, race, gender or family history, are out of your control, there are many factors that you can manage to help reduce the chances of having

Manageable risk factors of stroke include high blood pressure, atrial fibrillation (AFib), high cholesterol, smoking, diabetes, poor circulation, lack of physical activity, and obesity. Choosing healthy lifestyle choices, not smoking or using tobacco products, limiting alcohol consumption and exercising regularly can help greatly reduce vour stroke risk.

Educating yourself on the signs, symptoms and risk factors of stroke, and empowering others to do the same, can make all the difference for someone experiencing a stroke. Trust your instincts and take action. Your quick action can help improve treatment and recovery from stroke.

To learn more about stroke and how to recognize all 10 signs and symptoms, visit www.strokeawareness.





6-Year Old Autistic Boy Was the Youngest Person to Ever Attend Oxford University

Submitted

Black News - Tottenham, UK — At the age of 6, Joshua Beckford, who is living with high-functioning autism, became the youngest person to ever attend the prestigious Oxford University in England. Now 13-years old, Beckford is ready to take on more challenges as he sets his sights to be a neurosurgeon and save the earth someday.

Beckford was just 10 months old when his father, Knox Daniel, first discovered that he is not just a typical child. His son was sitting on his lap in front of the computer and he could already memorize and understand letters on a keyboard.

He was 3-years old when he started reading fluently using phonics and speaking Japanese. He taught himself to touch-type on a computer before he could even write.

At the age of four, he played on his dad's laptop with a body simulator where he would pull out organs. He has been molded so well that he could already deliver PowerPoint presentations tackling human anatomy to audiences

of 200 to 3,000 people at community fundraising events.

Daniel knew his son's brain was too advanced for a standard curriculum. Beckford was homeschooled because he "doesn't like children his own age and only likes teenagers and adults" and what interests him is ancient Egypt that he is now working on writing a children's book about it.

In 2011, Daniel found out about a special program that Oxford University offers to children ages 8 to 13. Even though his son was just 6-years old then, he enrolled him to challenge his bright, young mind.

Beckford, who was two years younger than usual applicants, then became the youngest student ever accepted at Oxford University. He took courses in philosophy and history through their online program for gifted children where he got distinctions in all of his classes and was recognized with a certificate.

Moreover, Beckford supports charities and fundraising activities for minorities with autism. He is the face for the National Autistic Society's Black and



Joshua Beckford

Minority campaign, which highlights difficulties that minorities with autism face getting support and services.

He was also recently appointed as the Low Income Families Education (LIFE) Support Ambassador for the Boys Mentoring Advocacy Network in parts of Africa and the United Kingdom. He and his father will participate in a mentoring session and the Father And Son Together (FAST) initiative event in Nigeria in August 2019.

Among his long list of accomplishments, he participated in the TEDx International Conference in Vienna and presented a poem he wrote himself titled "Saving Mother Earth," advocating for saving the environment, he won the Positive Role model award for his age at the National Diversity Awards in 2017, and he was recognized as one of the top 30 remarkable people in the world with autism.

Daniel admits that parenting a child with high-functioning autism is not always easy. According to him, his son "doesn't like loud noises and always walks on his tip toes and he always eats from the same plate, using the same cutlery, and drinks from the same cup."

Despite that, Daniel believes the future is bright for his son, who dreams of becoming a neurosurgeon and wants to save the earth.

"I want to save the earth. I want to change the world and change peoples' ideas to doing the right things about earth," he told HowAfrica.

Seniors are under pressure to repay student loans, says AMAC

Submitted

WASHINGTON, DC, May 10 -- Millions of seniors are struggling to pay off student loans. But, these seniors are not scholars; they are senior citizens, older Americans, many of whom have had their retirement plans disrupted as a result

And, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC], Social Security benefits can be garnished if they default on federal student loans.

In fact, says AMAC's president, Dan Weber, a growing number of seniors are having their Social Security benefits withheld because they are defaulting on their federal student loans. He cites the U.S. Government Accountability Office [GAO], which has reported that "older borrowers (age 50 and older) who default on federal student loans and must repay that debt with a portion of their Social Security benefits often have held their loans for decades and had about 15 percent of their benefit payment withheld."

Total outstanding student loan debt has reached "stratospheric proportions. It currently stands at more than \$1.5 trillion-- that's trillion with a T. And, \$86 billion dollars of that debt is owed by Americans over the age of 60," according to Weber.

The GAO has made suggestions that could aid seniors whose Social Security benefits may be garnished. For

example, if benefits are less than \$9,000 a year [\$750 a month] they cannot be garnished. But, it's been quite a while since that \$9,000 threshold was established and so the GAO suggests that it be increased and indexed for inflation.

Meanwhile, if your benefits are being garnished be aware that the Department of Education may be able to help you create a more-affordable repayment option. Get in touch with the DOE and ask for a suspension or a reduction. You'll have to provide documentation for relief

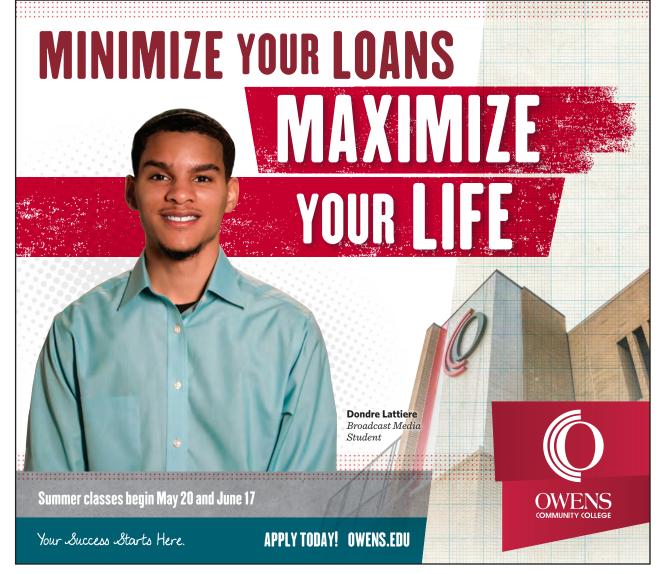
More than 50% of seniors whose benefits are being withheld are receiving disability payments and may be able to receive a disability waiver. It can be a difficult process, but it also can be worth the effort. It's been reported that as many as 33% of disability waiver applications are approved.

Finally, says Weber, there are agencies and organizations that can provide specific help in getting out from



under Social Security offset withholding due to a student loan default. He suggests getting in touch with the National Consumer Law Center or The National Center on Law and Elder Rights.







The Obituary of Jerri Dean Perkins Henderson

Memorial services are Saturday, May 18, 2019

Jerri Dean Perkins Henderson departed This life on April 2, 2019 at the young age of 83 years old. Leaving behind to cherish her memory Deborah (Leonard' Johnson) Perkins, JoAnn (Ellis) Jordan, Patricia, Wendelin, Cynthia And Kathy Perkins, brother Kim (Angel) Perkins. Children Jameelah (Aaron) Lewis and Jalal Henderson.

Jerri was a community activist, she taught at The Toledo Public School system for over 25 years, also National Jefferson Service Award Recipient! Given by the U.S. Congress. Memorial services are Saturday, May 18, 2019, Family Hour at 11 o'clock, service 12 Noon at Saint Paul's Baptist Church, 1502 North Detroit Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43607. Reverend Willis officiating.

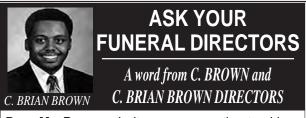


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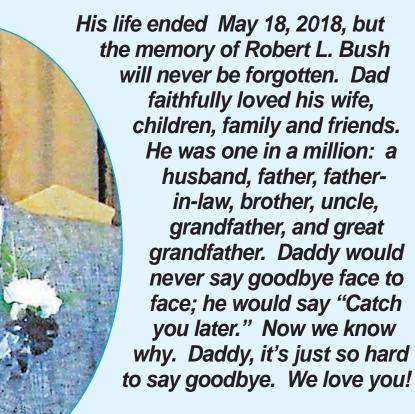
Dear Mr. Thomas: It is not a common practice to ship in or out of town and back; however, it is not impractical. I have, on occasion, done so. In addition to the regular expense would be the expense for the type of service being provided on the other end of transport to include the transportation times two. Secondly, a family can transport with the proper permit along with a waiver of liability to the granting funeral home. By self contracting, to do the transporting, to a receiving funeral home, you must also comply with the rules and regulations of each area of jurisdiction in which you come into contact.

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Greater St. Mary's fifteenth annual mother's day banquet



PHOTO CREDIT / TOLEDO JOURNAL Rev. Robert W. Lyons Sr. and First Lady Shirley Lyons at Greater St. Mary's Mother's Day Annual Banquet.



PHOTO CREDIT / TOLEDO JOURNAL **Bishop Chester Trail and First Lady Donna Trail** were visiting from Grace Temple Church.



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(L-R) Mother Susie M. Dockett, Master of Ceremony for the Banquet Bro. Larry Jones of Indiana Baptist Church, and Sis Iris Cuffe at the Greater St. Mary's Celebrates Mother's Day With Annual **Banquet**



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The Youth Choir with Director First Lady Shirley Lyons sing for the Mothers.



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Over one-hundred Mothers attended Greater St. Mary's Annual Mother's Day Banquet.

Continued from page 1. was on board to help honor the mothers, and that was the men of the church.

Lead by the head chef, the church's pastor Rev.

Robert W. Lyons Sr., and the men of the church did all the cooking and serving for the Mother's Day Banquet. They waited on the mothers hand and foot.

Rev Lyons said, "Tonight

is about love, honor, and respect for our mothers. She is certainly the one who has ushered in the beginning of our lives and we are grateful. Each year, here at the church, we celebrate our

This year's Mother's Day event was put on by the youth of Greater St. Mary's and included praise dancing. mothers because without our mothers there would be no us. God says we should honor our mothers and fathers if you want your days to be long. We are interest-

ed in a long and good bal-

anced life, and a life that is pleasing to Christ."

Master of Ceremony for the Banquet was Bro. Larry Jones of Indiana Baptist Church, and the food was blessed by Sis. Toni Craig.

At the end of the program Words of Gratitude were given by First Lady Shirley Lyons, with final remarks and the closing prayer by Rev. Robert W. Lyons Sr.

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NAACP and **NNPA** Lead Protest

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had his head slammed against concrete by Broward County Sheriff's deputies Krickovich and Sgt. LaCerra, who are white.

Rolle suffered a fractured nose in the incident which occurred after the teen attempted to recover a cell

phone of another teen after cution. a fight.

The incident was caught on video and sparked a firestorm after it was shared on social media.

Sheriff Greg Tony suspended the two officers, but many, including some local elected officials, said they should face criminal prose-

"We will not stop until those officers are fired and charged," Broward/Fort Lauderdale NAACP president Marsha Ellison said.

"We will remember the choices [Tony] makes when it comes to justice for Lucca," Ellison said of the sheriff who, like the local District

Attorney, is up for re-election in 2020.

Henry, whose Westside Gazette newspaper has continued to be a strong voice for the African American community throughout Broward County, said attending the march and calling for justice for Rolle is important.

"To have an iconic Black History freedom fighter in Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., to join us in this march was like a step into time when black people felt important, stood up for each other and weren't going to let anyone turn us around," Henry said.

"Say it loud, I'm Black and I'm proud, was a shot

to the bodies that vibrated to the core as everyone Black, white, brown, young and older, male and female, were in unison in reaffirming our pledge to continue our fight for justice against police brutality," he said.

&A Social Security News

By Erin Thompson,

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can verify the Social Securi- Card(Form SS-5); ty numbers of your employees. Our online services are easy to use, fast, and secure. Visit our BSO page at www.socialsecurity.gov/ bso.

Question:

I'm expecting a baby this June. What do I need to do to get a Social Security number for my baby?

Answer:

Apply for a number at the hospital when you apply for vour baby's birth certificate. The state agency that issues birth certificates will share your child's information with us and we will mail the Social Security card to you. You can learn more about the Social Security number and card by reading our online publication-Social Security Numbers for Children, available at www. socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

Question:

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 - o Age; and o Identity; then
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I got married and I need to change my name in Social Security's records. What do I do?

Answer:

If you change your name due to marriage or for any other reason, you'll need to report the change and get a corrected Social Security card with your new name. You will need to fill out Form SS-5. You can get a copy of this form by visiting www. socialsecurity.gov/ss5doc or by calling our toll-free number 1-800-772-1213 (TTY) 1-800-325-0778). You'll also need to provide the original marriage certificate showing your new and old names. You can mail or take the documentation to your local Social Security office. In some cases, we may need other forms of documentation as well. For more information, visit www. socialsecurity.gov/ssnum-





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Assistant Chief Building & Zoning Official Position will train and transition to Chief Building & Zoning Official

The City of Maumee is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Chief Building & Zoning Official. This position is being filled in order to train and transition from Assistant to Chief Building & Zoning Official when the current CBO retires.

Purpose: Reporting to the Chief Building and Zoning Official, the Assistant is responsible for ensuring public safety and health in the administration of state mandated and local codes proving safe buildings in which to work and live, preserves the commercial and residential building stock in compliance with local zoning codes. Assists in the preparation of data used on projects, monitors project site and addresses issues and concerns. Maintains appropriate documentation, supports team members and ensures that established goals and deadlines are met. Keeps City management informed of status and significant problems.

Qualifications: College degree in civil engineering or related field and/or compliance with the State of Ohio minimum requirements in accordance with OAC. Provide the required Building Official Certification and or Interim Building Officials Certificate, Residential Building Officials Certification and a minimum of one trade related certification through the State of Ohio, Department of Commerce. Must have a current and valid Ohio Driver's License and be eligible for coverage under the City of Maumee's vehicle insurance provider.

Experience: Five years of related experience and or compliance with the State of Ohio minimum requirements

Salary: \$71,000 - \$92,400

Complete job description and job application are available online at: www.maumee.org. Qualified candidates must submit applications and resumes with employment and wage history to: Commissioner of Human Resources, City of Maumee, 400 Conant Street, Maumee, OH 43537 by 4:30 pm, June 4, 2019.

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LEGAL ASSISTANT

Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities has an excellent opportunity for Legal Assistant to research laws, prepare documents, organize files and maintain law office records.

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All candidates must submit by May 22, 2019 a resume and cover letter along with an employment application, which is available at www.lucasdd.org. If in need of ADA accommodations, contact us directly at 419-380-4033. EOE

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June 23rd 17th Annual Kilometers for Kidneys

The Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio is moving the location of the walk to: Owens Communiity College. Sunday - Registration at 12 p.m. - Walk begins at 1 p.m. *1st 20 patients to arrive at KFNWO table receive a \$25 Marathon Gas card*. For information on sponsorship opportunities, donation options, or any other information/questions please all 419-329-2196 or e-mail: events@kfnwo.org

Ask Dr. Sam

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Call 419-972-1SAM to start your journey with us. If you have any comments, questions or concern feel free to leave a message or text at 419-972-1SAM.

Commentary:

Don't give up. When it seems like things are not working in your favor don't give up. There is always another day, another opportunity and a chance to live your dream. Don't give up when it looks like people are against you because time, consistency and purpose always meet at the same intersection.

As you go about your day, don't give up. For every person that gives up there is a person who didn't even try, so be like no one else so later you can live like no one else. Dr. Sam loves you so don't ever give up.

Question 1)

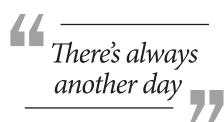
Dear Dr. Sam, for years I have been trying to start my business, but things keep falling through? Can you give me some tips on how to make it work? (Todd 33- from Memphis, TN).

Answer)

Todd, if your business keeps falling through, either you're in the wrong business, it's not your time or your business plan is not being executed properly. Todd starting a busi-



Dr. Samuel L. Mallette, III www.sammallette.com 419.972.1SAM



ness is not easy you have to have tenacity, diligent, and be driven. I encourage you to go back to the drawing board and work out the kinks. Don't give up.

Question 2)

Dear Dr. Sam, why shouldn't I give up on my dreams when it's not working? (Lisa 31, Charlotte, NC)

Answer)

Dear Lisa that's a great question? Most people do give up on their dreams for the very reason you are talking, but know this if you don't go after your dreams you automatically enter into the woulda, shoulda and coulda group. Lisa, don't ever give up on your dreams.

For answers to "Ask Dr. Sam," speaking engagements, or questions and responses go to www.sammallette.com check out my site for everything from new updates, consulting, relationships, business, sex, manhood, empowering women, and health/wellness just to name a few. Check out my new website www.thedrsamshow.us

Ask Felicia

Cheap Date Ideas for the Spring

Looking for something fun to do with your partner but don't want to spend tons of money? The solution to that is going out on cheap dates. Dates don't always have to be expensive. Even though the weather is nice, you can still do fun things together without spending a lot of money.

I love finding new things to do with my boyfriend every weekend that we're off. Other than myself, sometimes my boyfriend is my photographer and so I consider moments that we are capturing images for my blogs or social media, to be cheap and quick dates. If you look at it, we are spending time together and talking, the perfect date idea for me.

Check out these cheap date ideas to do indoors together:

- 1. Wine tasting
- 2. Skating
- 3. Bowling
- 4. Visit a museum on their free days
- 5. Work out together
- Take a walk in a park or forest preserve
- 7. Make a dish together
- 8. Locate happy hours
- 9. Teach each other something
- 10. Volunteer together
- 11. Couples Night Trivia
- 12. Go for a drive
- 13. Enjoy a picnic together
- 14. Complete a puzzle
- 15. Play a competitive sport together

These are all great and cheap date ideas for the fall. Regardless if you're newly dating, been in your current relationship or if you're married. Dates should be engaging so put your phones down and interact with your partner. You don't always have to go on elaborate dates with your partner, sometimes simple and cheap dates, are better.

Another cheap date that I enjoyed was when we went for a drive around the city, bought some Chinese food,



we pulled over by the water and ate our food, right there in the car. We sat there for about an hour just enjoying each other's company. You can do this date idea no matter the weather (except in a blizzard of course).

You know I love wine, every now and then, my boyfriend and I will create our own cheese boards, to go with my wine as we Netflix and chill. Cooking with your partner is so fun to do. My boyfriend does these funny dances while he cooks. There is never a dull moment with him in the kitchen. I'm the master chef between the two of us, so it gets real competitive at times but we enjoy cooking together.

Throw your sunscreen lotion on and go for a walk or bike ride together. Bigger cities have bikes that you can rent by the hour or for a full day, if you don't own a bike. Not only are you exercising together, but you're spending time together. Be a tourist in your city or town together by walking around neighborhoods that you don't visit often, go on a treasure hunt or anything that is inexpensive and FUN to do with your partner this Spring.

700 People Respond to Local Ad Seeking Prince's Relatives

By Chelsea Lenora White

Prince was tragically found dead in an elevator at his Paisley Park compound in 2016, and in the wake of his unexpected passing, nearly 700 men and women are trying to get a piece of the fortune he left behind – rumored to be nearing \$1 billion.

Investigator Harvey Morse may be primarily responsible for this jaw-dropping number because his family-run business of genealogical investigators placed an ad offering a finder's fee for any long-lost Prince relatives they discover.

"ARE YOU RELAT-ED TO PRINCE?" said the ad that appeared in the Minden Press-Her-ald days after he died. It was seeking people in Louisiana who may have been related to Prince's father, John L. Nelson, and listed other known relatives, per TheWrap.

Morse is the chairman of Morse Genealogical Services. His nephew, company president Ari Morse, told TheWrap that the number of people calling, faxing and e-mailing that they may be related to Prince grows by the hour.

"Our phone has been ringing off the hook, I would say we have received between 600 and 700 calls," Harvey Morse said. "'They run the gamut, literally from 'We lived in the same area so we must be related', to 'We have pictures of Prince at our family reunion.'

He added that some of the calls have "interesting potential."

"It's similar to triage," Morse said. "We have the ones that we think have very interesting potential, the ones not so much, the ones that probably don't have any. It's nothing that has to be done with any great amount of hurry or fervor. The probate court process is not a speedy one."

Despite the overwhelming number of calls, claimants must provide solid proof of their alleged blood-relationship to late music icon.

"I like official documents," Harvey said.
"Birth, marriage, death, divorce certificates, census records, that sort of thing – papers that were drawn up



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without any thought of this eventuality."

Prince is known to have one full sister, Tyka Nelson and five half-brothers and sisters. Of his half siblings, two are dead. Duane Nelson has a surviving granddaughter, Victoria who is entitled to her share of the estate, while Lorna Nelson died without having children.

This article originally appeared in the Houston Forward Times.

What to Do if Your Car is Damaged by a Pothole

Submitted

(StatePoint) Spring is in the air. Birds are chirping, trees are budding and flowers are blooming. But unfortunately, the warmer temperatures also mean potholes.

There are nearly 56 million potholes in the U.S., according to estimates from the Harpers Index Road Information Program -- that's eight potholes per mile of paved road. We've all seen drivers dodging potholes, but often there's no way to avoid them and cars pay the price. So, what should you do if a big pothole damages your car? There's no one-size-fits-all answer, but below is some information to help you navigate the situation.

Does car insurance cover pothole damage? The good news -- yes, your auto insurance does cover pothole damage -- as long as you have collision coverage. Potholes typically damage not only tires and wheels, but also suspension systems, exhaust systems and even the body of the car, so repair costs can vary from a couple hundred dollars to more than a thousand.

"Pothole damage can put a big hole in your wallet," says Jon Bloom, vice president, personal auto, Erie Insurance. "It's not always clear whether you should file a claim and that's where your agent comes in. They'll help you decide the next steps. For example, is the cost lower than the deductible? Will filing a claim affect

your premium? Your agent is your trusted source to weigh the pros and cons."

Will the city or municipality pay to fix pothole damage? Many, but not all, cities and towns let you file a pothole claim if your car sustains damage from a pothole on a city roadway. The process varies, so check with your city's road department to see if it accepts claims. Keep in mind there's no guarantee you'll receive payment for damages, and they can have a cap. Plus, getting reimbursed can be a lengthy process.

Regardless of how you recoup damages, always make sure to document everything. Take a photo of the pothole, note the date and time of the incident, and get estimates from at least two



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mechanics. And, there's always the option of paying out of pocket if the costs are minimal.

Additionally, there are simple steps you can take to

prevent major damage. The best advice is to stay alert to avoid hitting potholes in the first place. You should also keep your tires inflated to the proper air pressure. And, if you have to drive over a pothole, slow down, release the brakes and straighten the steering wheel.

Decoding Your VIN

Submitted

(NAPSI)—When are sold, recalled, stolen or involved in accidents, you may hear references to the VIN; that is, the Vehicle Identification Number. Many data registries use the VIN to record details of the vehicle's history. Before you buy a used car, do a VIN lookup to get the vehicle history report and find records of its previous owners, accidents and repairs. You can also find out if the manufacturer has ever issued a recall of the vehicle and whether those repairs were made.

What the VIN Is

It's a unique code that's assigned to every motor vehicle when it's manufactured and is a 17-character string of letters and numbers without intervening spaces or the letters Q (q), I (i) and O (o); these are omitted to avoid confusion with the numerals 0 and 1. Each section of the VIN provides a specific piece of information about the vehicle, including the year, country and factory of manufacture; the make and model; and the serial number. VINs are usually printed in a single line.

How to Find the VIN Number

On most passenger cars, you can find the VIN number on the front of the dashboard on the driver's side. The best way to see it is to look through the windshield from outside the car. You can also find the VIN number on the driver's side door pillar. Open the door and look around the area where the door latches to the car. A motorcycle's VIN is usually on the steering neck below the handlebars, although sometimes it's on the motor or on the frame near the motor. A semitrailer's VIN is located on the front part of the semitrailer on the left side.

If you can't find the VIN number on the vehicle, you should be able to find it on your vehicle's title or liability insurance documents.

Learn More

To decode your vehicle's VIN number or see if there are any active recalls on your car, visit the free VIN Decoder at https://driving-tests.org/vin-decoder/.

Black History

If you enjoy buying fresh food from across the country at your local supermarket, you have an African American inventor named **Frederick McKinley Jones** to thank. He invented the air-cooling units used in food transporting trucks in the 1930s, and was awarded more than 60 patents over the course of his life, 40 of which in-

volved refrigeration equipment.

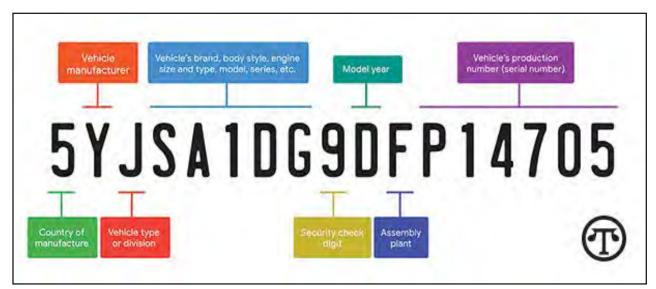
Ruth Ella Moore received a Ph.D. in Bacteriology from Ohio State University in 1933 becoming the first black female to do so. Dr. Moore served as the Head of the Department of Bacteriology at Howard University Medical College from 1947 to 1958.

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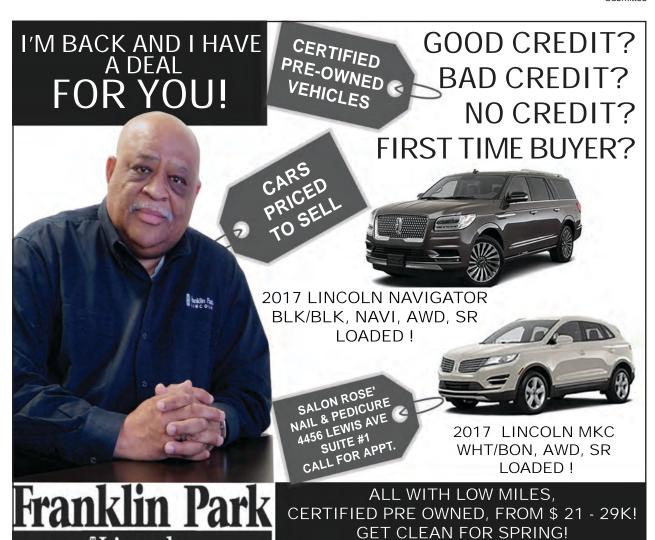
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bag. She said, "I love this event. The food is good, and the music is good. I'm so glad I came. We need more events like this in Toledo."

Ms. Carter thanked everyone who attended. She also added a special thank you to her assistant, Danielle Schoenegge, helped make the event go smoothly, as well as successful.

A special thank you to Danielle Schoenegge. 77



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(Top Left):Darius Coleman passionately sings to audience, as they danced to his vocal talents. (Right):CJ Manning, saxophonist, entertained those who attended the Mother's Day dinner. (Bottom Left): Three of the mothers present, Rachelle Roy, Vernetta Glover, and Marissa Schoenegge, receive a personal serenade from Marcia Bowen.

Black Legacy: Today in History

May 20, 1704: Elias on this date. Neau founds school for slaves in New York.

May in classes at Oberlin Omaha, Nebraska. College, Ohio.

first Kentucky Derby.

May 15, Delaware University was founded educator, dies.

1925: May 19, 21, 1833: Malcolm X (El Hajj Malik Black students enroll El Shabazz) is born in

May 17, 1954: Brown May 17, 1875: Oliver vs. Board of Education Lewis, jockey, wins the ruling to end segregation in schools.

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