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The new Mott Branch Library 'Mottkanda' revealed to the public



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The traditional ribbon cutting ceremony officially opened the library to the public. From left are Wade Kapszukiewicz, Toledo Mayor, Diane Scoles, wife of the late director of the library, Clyde Scoles, Teresa Feder, Senator for the State of Ohio, Jason Kucsma, acting director for Toledo Lucas County Public Libraries, Kim Penn, manager at Mott Library, George Tucker, president of the Board of Trustees for the Toledo Lucas County Public Library, Sheila Odesky board of trustee member, Susan Savage, vice president of the board of trustees, and Mike Dansack, board of trustees member.

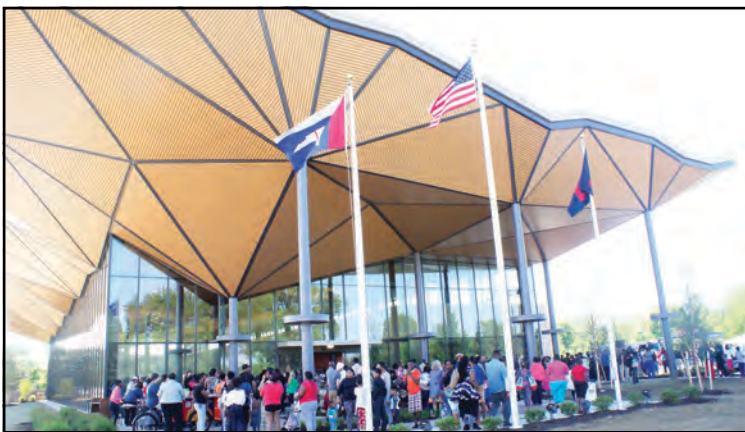


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Fresh and Free

Eligible Individuals Age 60 and Better Using \$50 Worth of Coupons on Asparagus, Cherries, Strawberries and More



Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, for free for Ohioans age 60 and better with limited incomes. If readers haven't already done so, call the Office Area of Aging at 419-382-0624 to find out how to receive \$50 coupons for

produce. Applications are available for the coupons on a first come, first served basis until September 30. To be eligible for the program, the Ohio resident must be 60 years of age or



older, have an annual income of \$23,106 or less as a single person or combined income of \$31,283 or less for a household of two. The coupons can be used for fresh local produce like asparagus, beans, beets,

blueberries, cabbage, cherries, herbs, honey, peas, raspberries, spinach, strawberries and more. Those interested can call the Area Office on Aging at 419-382-0624, can come



to the Area Office on Aging at 2155 Arlington Ave. Monday through Friday from 8:30 am - 5 p.m. or go to AreaOfficeOnAging.com to get the application, submit the application and then to have the coupons

mailed to them in time to enjoy the local produce that is at the peak of its flavor. The Area Office on Aging has one of the largest Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs in the country.

Seniors Who Could Benefit from a Free Friendly Visit and Safety Check Weekly Encouraged to Sign-Up with RSVP Patrol Program

Increased socialization and a sense of safety are big needs many older adults are concerned about. The Area Office on Aging and two local police departments have trained, background checked volunteers age 55 and better who are ready to stop by the homes of interested older adults for free weekly scheduled visits. These weekly friendly visits consist of a safety check.

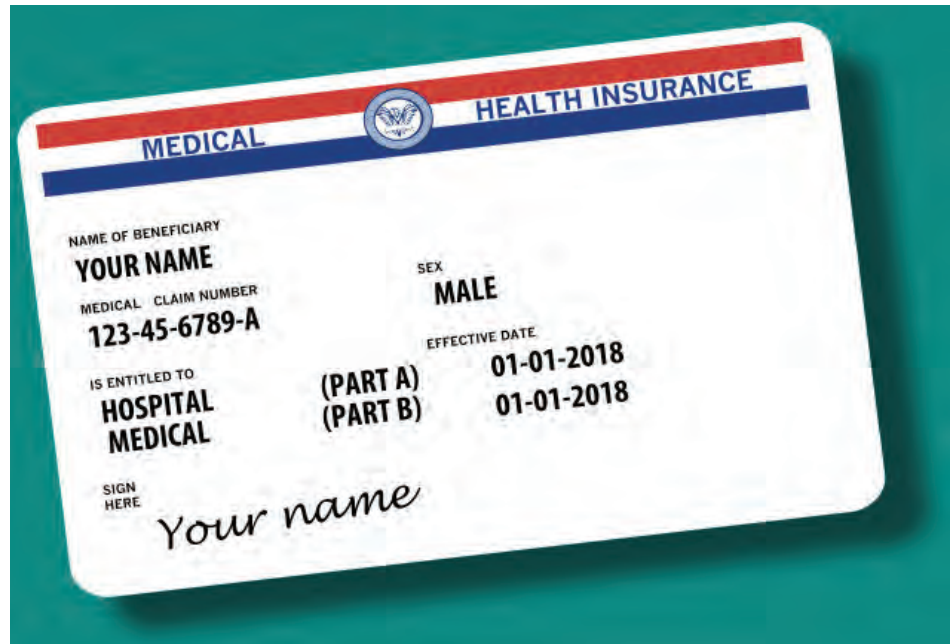
Those living in Toledo, Sylvania or Sylvania Township who are interested in receiving a visit from these volunteers or know of someone who may benefit from the socialization and/or safety check done during these visits are encouraged to contact the Area Office on Aging at 419-382-0624. Also, a new class is now being formed of those age 55 and

and over with a desire to serve and protect the community's seniors. Those interested in volunteering to visit and conduct safety checks on seniors in Toledo, Sylvania or Sylvania Township are encouraged to contact the Area Office on Aging for more information at 419-382-0624 or by going to the AreaOfficeOnAging.com for the October 14-18 training.



Dinah Henderson, Charlene McClendon and Earl Barry visit.

What Will Make You Respected and Appreciated by Those Age 65+? The Answer May Surprise You



Receiving expert unbiased Medicare help is the top ranked service.

Getting trained to become a volunteer Medicare expert is a great way to impress those age 65 and better. Over the last several decades having someone provide one-on-one unbiased expert Medicare help has consistently been the top ranked service by older north-west Ohioans. Those interested in

helping older adults with their Medicare questions will soon have an opportunity to receive a free training to become a Medicare expert. This training will be held beginning on September 10th at the Area Office on Aging, 2155 Arlington Ave. in Toledo. This opportunity only happens once a year, just in time before Medicare Open

Enrollment begins on October 15th. Many older adults have questions about which Medicare plan option will save them the most money on their health insurance and prescriptions. In addition to helping with these issues, volunteers can receive training on saving on food and utility costs. Call 419-382-0624 to sign-up.

Ongoing Events

Drop Off Refuse and Recycling Event on Saturdays
Future Engage Toledo Drop Off Refuse and Recycling Events are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following dates:
June 22 at Scott High School, 2400 Collingwood Blvd.
July 13 at Keyser Elementary School, 3900 Hill Ave.
July 20 at Manhattan Plaza, 525-701 East Manhattan Blvd. For more information please call Engage Toledo at 419-936-2020 or visit www.toledo.oh.gov.

Scott High School
Class of 1969
We are planning a great event Aug. 9, 10, and 11, 2019 for our 50th class reunion. Please contact Evelyn Wilson and Mary Lockett with your email or home information. Evelyns number is 419-490-6851 and Mary is 419-536-9544. Come on Bulldogs we need your info. Looking forward to hearing from you.

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 Institute
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

3rd Saturday of Each Month
Widows Empowered Strengthened & I Inc.
(Affectionately known as W.E.S & I Inc.)
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 now 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.

Now-August 9th
Toledo Zoo Summer Safari Camps
Go wild this summer vacation at Summer Safari Camps sponsored by Toby & Sue Cardone. The Zoo offers wild opportunities for campers ages four through 15. Separate fee, pre-registration required. Member discounts apply. For more information, including schedule, themes and pricing, visit toledozoo.org/camps.

June 13th
Lake Erie Waterkeeper Meeting
Plastic marine debris in our waters will be discussed at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 13, by Sue Bixler at the Lake Erie Waterkeeper meeting.
Ms. Bixler, who lives in Toledo's Point Place, is an education outreach specialist at the OSU Stone Lab at Put-In-Bay. In addition to the 3 Rs -- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle -- she adds Refuse, and encourages people to refuse plastic straws at restaurants and plastic bags at stores.
The group meets at the Toledo Yacht Club, 3900 N. Summit St. Information: lakeeriewaterkeeper.org

June 15th
The Toledo Community
Juneteenth - Dashiki Block Party
The Toledo Community will celebrate Juneteenth with a Dashiki Block Party at the historical Powell's Beauty & Barber Supply located at 901 Nebraska Ave. Toledo, OH 43607 from 11 AM-4 PM, Saturday. There will be vendors, food, karaoke, Salsa and Soca dance, head-wrapping demos and pop up salons on site. This event is family friendly!
The Block Party is FREE and open to the public.

June 22nd & June 23rd
United Missionary Baptist Church
Youth Day Service
The Youth invite you on Saturday, from noon until 7 p.m. come and enjoy a KOA Campground outing (Admission fee is \$6.00). Youth Day Service on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. @ 2705 Monroe St., where Rev. Robert G. Bass, is Pastor.

June 23rd

June 23, 2019
**A Night of Fellowship and Fun!
Gospel Skating Party**
Sunday June 23 rd., 7pm-10pm
Admission \$10.00, Skate Rental \$2.00
Ohio Skate
5735 Opportunity Drive
Sponsored by Victory Christian Center Ministries

17th Annual Kilometers for Kidneys
The Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio is moving the location of the walk to: Owens Community College. Round up your pledges. Amazing prizes for \$100 + pledges! Get ready for a ROARING good time with FOOD, GAMES and ENTERTAINMENT for all ages! Create a team T-shirt. The team with the most original shirts wins a prize. Sunday - Registration at 12 p.m. - Walk begins at 1 p.m. *1st 20 patients to arrive at KFN-WO table receive a \$25 Marathon Gas card*. For information on sponsorship opportunities, donation options, or any other information/questions please call 419-329-2196 or e-mail: events@kfnwo.org

June 23rd
St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
Annual Youth Day
A joint Sunday school will begin at 9:30 am with Min. Jaron Jackson as the instructor. Morning service will begin at 10:45 am and the speaker will be Mrs. Jasmine Aaron-Pope from Canaan Manifested Word Church. The theme for this year is, "God's Got It" from Jeremiah 1:19. Please come and celebrate this Worship experience, 1502 N. Detroit Ave., Toledo, OH 43607. For further information, contact the Church at 419-246-2886. Rev. James H. Willis, Sr. Senior Pastor.

July 5th
Toledo Zoo
Snooze at the Zoo
Spending the night at the Zoo is a wildly good time for families, groups and schools. During the overnight adventure guests make enrichment for our animals, tour the Zoo, meet animals up close and enjoy delicious meals. Each Snooze lasts from 6:30 p.m. - 10 a.m. the next day. Separate fee, pre-registration required. For more information, including pricing and available dates, visit toledozoo.org/snooze.

July 13th
Toledo Museum of
Art Community Block Party
Free event to feature live music, food trucks and Jeep show
Make plans to attend the Glass City's premier summer event when the Toledo Museum of Art (TMA) hosts its sixth annual community Block Party Saturday, July 13 from 6 -to 10 p.m. The indoor and outdoor event has activities for all ages.
On the Museum grounds, and along Monroe Street, guests can enjoy live music, glassblowing demonstrations, delicious food and a Jeep-themed car show. Also on display will be monster trucks and a mechanical dragon, created by self-taught artist and engineer, Tim Willis.
Performing at this year's Block Party is MOVING in STEREO who will recreate the sights and sounds of The Cars, who at the height of its career was one of the most popular American rock and roll bands of the late '70s and early '80s. Also appearing at the Block Party is Ramona Collins, who is sure to entertain with her powerful but soulful jazz voice. Finishing off the evening will be a per-

Come and Praise God With Us !!
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June 22nd, 2019 at 5pm
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\$5 donation at the door

June 22, 2019 & June 23, 2019
Shiloh Baptist Church
80th Church Anniversary
Saturday - June 22nd, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
'Church & Community Parking Lot Gala'.
Sunday - June 23rd, 4:00 p.m.: Pastor Otis Jones & New Hope M.B.C. EVERYONE'S invited; CALLING ALL FORMER MEMBERS!
Direction/information: 419-693-6698.

formance by Glass Fire Poi, with its mesmerizing fire dancing. Serving as emcee and spinning tunes between music sets will be DJ Big Lou the Mayor.
The Family Center will offer hands-on art activities for all ages, and the Toledo School for the Arts' Art Force will showcase face painting and chalk drawing. There will also be pop-up studios throughout the grounds featuring drawing and painting for adults. In addition to the outdoor events, visitors can visit Life Is a Highway: Art and American Car Culture, which is located in the Canaday Gallery and is free for Museum members.

Monroe Street will be closed to traffic from Scottwood Avenue to Collingwood Boulevard to allow for easy access between the main Museum and the Glass Pavilion. Admission to the Block Party is free; there is a charge for some activities and refreshments. For more information visit toledomuseum.org.

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Juneteenth

Dashiki Block Party

At Powell's Beauty and Barber Supply

901 Nebraska Ave. Toledo, OH, 43607

6.15.19



11am-4pm

FREE

food vendors pop-up salon kid friendly

@(419)-243-7737

U.S. Attempt to Erase Harriet Tubman



By A. Scott Bolden,
NNPA Newswire Contributor

With uniquely American hypocrisy, the Trump Treasury Department has pushed back the 2016 plan to put escaped slave and Underground Railroad heroine Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill. Tubman would be the first African-American woman featured on U.S. currency.

The \$20 currently features a former president, Andrew Jackson, who not only owned slaves, but ordered the death march of thousands of Native Americans. Euphemistically called “Indian Removal,” the Trail of Tears made way for white settlers to claim millions of acres of southern land.

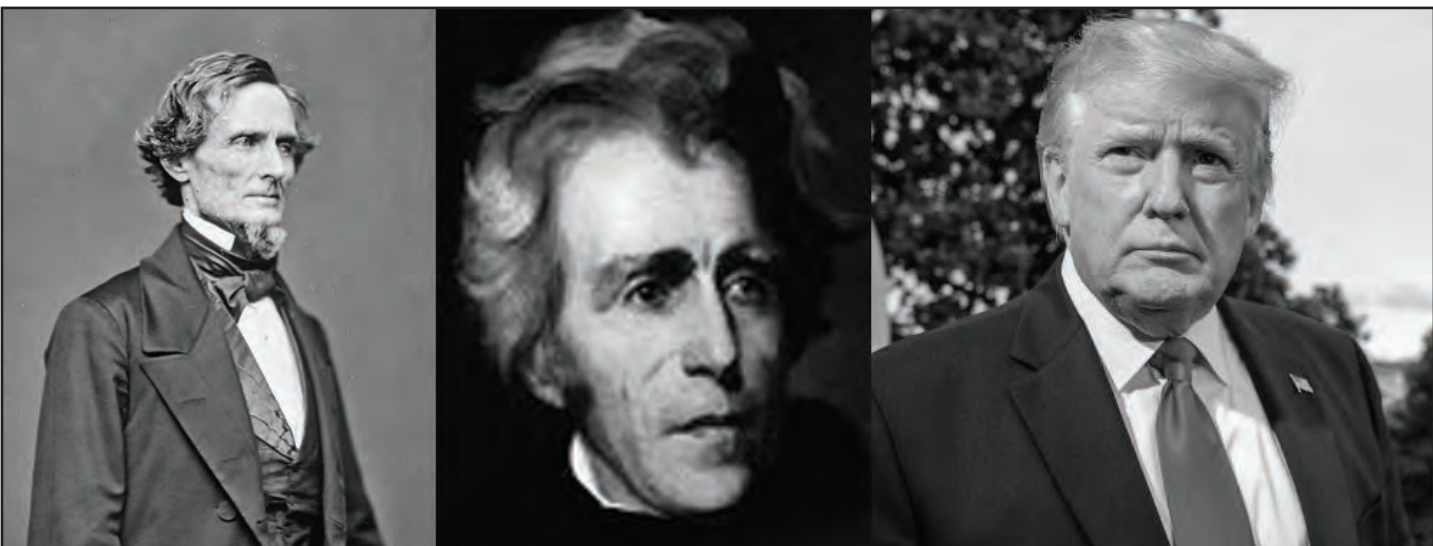
The attempted erasure of Tubman represents yet another move in the Trump playbook to disconnect racial reality from white fantasy.

In the fantasy of white supremacy, traitors like Jefferson Davis and other Confederates are memorialized for being freedom fighters — the freedom of whites to own black human beings and work them to death — while a woman who risked her life time and again to free enslaved people is simply dismissed. Ignored. Erased.

In the fantasy of white supremacy, white people are always justified in killing unarmed black men, women and children, either with their own guns or by aiming the unquestioned power of the police. No act is too repugnant, even those resulting in the sexual abuse or death of immigrant children in American custody, if it can be framed as a defense of white superiority.

In the fantasy of white supremacy, the FBI spent millions in time and treasure to plant false evidence of Communist influence on Martin Luther King — while in reality, Russians today are using the racial tension in American to incite violence and paralyze our society, while they work towards global dominance.

By erasing Tubman, the Trump forces



again deploy their most effective weapon in the quest to maintain power— the unholy alliance of racism and misogyny.

Because in America, it seems, freedom is for whites only, and more specifically, for white men.

To be sure, Trump has ordered his own digital Trail of Tears, as he rolls back civil rights protections for people of color, for women, for immigrants fleeing starvation or oppressive regimes, for LGBTQ people, for the poor and the voiceless.

And currently, the cognitive dissonance in America has reached a new, critical level of psychosis. As a nation we exalt independence, freedom and equality—we boast of our shining city on the hill. Yet our shining city was built on genocide of the native peoples, enslavement of Africans and exploitation of immigrants.

Without a doubt, every people and every culture on Earth have had to deal with unpleasant facts of its history—America is not special in that regard. Where most of white America goes off the rails is in completely denying and minimizing the facts of racial oppression. This erasure makes racial reconciliation—and true equality—impossible to achieve.

In 2019, Harriet Tubman should be a respected and lauded icon for people of every race and ethnicity. Did she not personify American ideals, at the risk of her own life? As a black woman in antebellum times, she was vulnerable to capture, prison, assault or lynching, but did she falter? Did she not refuse to kneel to any man or any king? Did she not fight for freedom against overwhelming odds?

Are these not the qualities we hold dear in our American heroes?

Instead, Tubman is erased.

Instead, our current administration em-



braces the slave owner, the mass murderer, the white supremacist—and calls him a hero.

For a psychiatric patient—in this case, white America—the reality of racism, misogyny and oppression is incompatible with their self-identity as lovers of freedom and defenders of equality. But instead of taking the painful but therapeutic steps to achieve reconciliation and closure, the patient has opted instead to self-medicate, and maintain the delusion of white supremacy at all costs.

Jackson, a president who authored one of the cruelest and most brutal acts in American history, is a Trump hero, which is perfectly logical — they share a deep,

entitled belief in the superiority of white men, and a world order in which Manifest Destiny is not a just doctrine but a divine right.

Jackson should never be forgotten. He should be remembered always as an example of what kind of horrors our leaders can inflict when their values and morals are wildly askew.

Trump will be remembered in the same light— if enough of us survive to tell the story.

And despite their best efforts, the legacy of Harriet Tubman can never be erased. She embodies the spirit of everything our nation claims to stand for, and each one of us — every race, every gender — should be proud to call her our fellow American.

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Ignorance Breeds Racism

By E. Faye Williams, Esq.
Wire Columnist

(TriceEdneyWire.com) – By ignorance breeding racism, I don't mean the lack of college or other educational degrees. I'm really talking about how some families teach their children to hate certain people based upon lies. In order to really drive home the point, I'm making, I recommend a book called Confessions of A Recovering Racist, a book by my good friend, the late George O'Hare, in cooperation with Emma Young of Chicago.

George does the best demonstration of how ignorance breeds racism as he talks about his upbringing and how he discovered the truth about the lies he was taught about Black people as a child. Some of it is humorous, but is the best lesson I've ever read or heard on the need for people to get to know each other before judging them. Even as

I'm writing this, I know there're a lot of people who would prefer not to know the truth about those they already hate without cause, but truth can change others.

George speaks about how he became a changed person once he met such people in person, listened to them, talked and worked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Dick Gregory, Jesse Jackson, Father Clement, Willie Barrow and many others.

He speaks of the time he found himself at a meeting of Black people when a woman asked what he was doing there, and he thought he'd explain to her how he believed in equality of all people and wanted to do what he could to help. The woman told George he didn't belong there and should go back to his

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CFPB Proposes Helping Debt Collectors Instead of Consumers: Unlimited Text Messages, Email, and 7 Phone Calls Per Week Per Collector



By Charlene Crowell
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - When it comes to personal finance, multiple issues confront consumers every day. From ever-deepening student debt, to denials on mortgage applications, and small-dollar borrowing known as payday loans that come with legal triple-digit interest rates in 33 states -- all contribute to a series of financial challenges.

But there is also another form of consumer finance that acts as a kind of glue that affects these and other issues: debt collection. In 2017, The Urban Institute found that 71 million consumers had a debt collection in their credit reports.

By 2018, 620,800 debt collection complaints were filed. Of these, 475,000 were brought to the attention of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). At the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), 80 percent of last year's debt collection complaints focused on one of three concerns: collector calls persisting after "stop calling" notices (29 percent), repeated phone calls (27 percent), and false representation about debt (24 percent).

And once again communities of color are disproportionately affected.

By the CFPB's own survey on debt collection experiences, 44 percent of consumers of color reported contact by a debt collector, compared to only 29 percent of Whites. This finding of racial disparity was consistent with a report by the Urban Institute that analyzed location as a factor in debt collection. That report revealed that

45 percent of consumers in communities of color had a debt in collection, compared to 27 percent of consumers in predominantly white areas. Further, an investigative report by ProPublica found that in Chicago, Newark and St. Louis, the risk of collection lawsuits, judgments and wage garnishments were twice as high in Black census tracts as it was in white ones.

So, when the CFPB proposed a new rule on debt collection on May 7, a swarm of interest emerged.

"The Bureau is taking the next step in rulemaking to ensure we have clear rules of the road where consumers know their rights and debt collectors know their limitations," said CFPB Director Kathleen Kraninger.

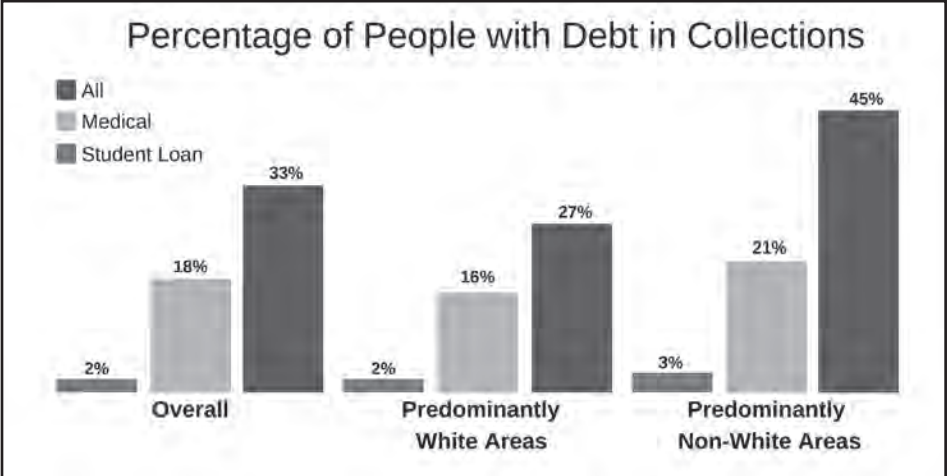
Lawmakers and consumer advocates expressed distinctly different views from that of Director Kraninger.

"Last year, the Consumer Bureau received about 81,500 consumer complaints regarding predatory debt collection



practices, which disproportionately affect minority and low-income consumers," noted Congresswoman Maxine Waters, chair of the House Financial Services Committee. "This proposed rule does not come close to protecting consumers from predatory behavior. Instead, it allows debt collectors to needlessly harass and threaten consumers by sending unlimited emails and text messages and calling them seven times a week to collect debts. Hardworking Americans deserve better than this."

The Congresswoman is correct. As announced, the proposed rule would allow debt collectors to place up to seven un-



answered calls each week to consumers. Once that limit is reached, the collector could not resume communications until the following week. However, if more than one debt collector was contacting a given consumer, the number of authorized communications would be multiplied per collector. Secondly, debt collectors are explicitly authorized to have unlimited text messages, emails, and social media communications. Thirdly, debt collectors would now send consumers a new disclosure form identifying how debts could be paid or disputed.

"Seven calls per debt, per week is simply too many, especially when combined with unlimited emails and texts," said April Kuehnhoff, an attorney at the National Consumer Law Center (NCLC) who focuses on debt collection. "A student with eight loans could receive 56 calls per week. The proposed rule would also allow for critical notice to consumers to be provided by email or text message without a consumer's consent as required by federal law. Other emails and text messages have no limits unless the consumer opts out."

"Debt collectors could leave messages on voicemail that may not be private," added Kuehnhoff. "And protections from time-barred "zombie" debts would be limited to prohibiting lawsuits and threats of suits on such debts, meaning that the consumer will face continued collection attempts out of court."

"And the proposed rule allows critical notices to be sent by email to consumers who may not have regular internet access," added Margot Saunders, also an NCLC attorney. "They may not be able to

use their phones to read emails, open attachments, and click on hyperlinks to see critical disclosures."

"We had hoped for a rule that would effectively halt illegal and harassing industry practices," said Melissa Stegman, a senior policy counsel with the Center for Responsible Lending. "Instead, the agency is again catering to businesses instead of consumers."

"CFPB is expanding the authorized ways debt collectors can communicate by adding text messages and email," continued Stegman. "Consumers will now bear the burden of opting out of these new communications. Real reform could call for consumers to opt in, not out."

"The best consumer protections utilize a combination of state and federal enforcement," stated Lisa Stifler, CRL's State Policy Deputy Director. "But in the Trump Administration, federal agencies are frequently failing to regulate, or secure restitution for harmed consumers while hamstringing states that can and should act in defense of their consumers and residents."

"Instead of protections, the proposal will harm people who are impacted by the most abusive and deceptive debt collection practices: communities of color, older Americans, and service members. Today's proposed rule will widen the berth given to bad actors with a nodding approval by the one agency created to solely protect consumers: CFPB," concluded Stifler.

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Ignorance Breeds Racism

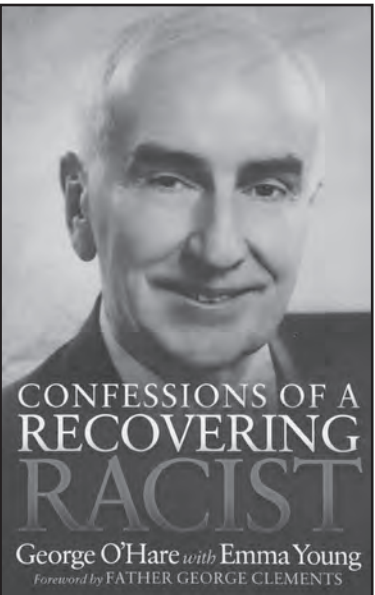
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own community and talk with his own people. When he told Dick Gregory about the encounter, to George's shock, Mr. Gregory agreed with the woman and said there were many people talking to the Black community, but raised the question of who was talking to the racists in the white community. George saw his opening.

Because he had so much respect for Mr. Gregory, George took on a different approach and began quizzing white people about things he had learned about the value of Black people to our world. Once when a white man was telling him about his mother's open-heart surgery and found

“White people, if you really want to learn how to deal with your racism, a good place to begin is by reading George's book—Confessions of a Recovering Racist.”

that after surgery she was doing well. George said to his friend, "So a Black man saved your mother's life." The man could not believe it was Daniel Hale Williams, a Black man, who made medical history by performing the



first successful open-heart surgery and all heart surgeons use his techniques today!

From that point George went on to enlighten his

friend on who Garrett Morgan (inventor of the traffic light and gas mask) was, Dr. Percy Julian (who discovered the value of Cortisone and invented foam used to put out fires) was, Dr. Shirley Jackson (the Black woman who invented the touch-tone telephone, the portable fax, caller ID, call waiting and the fiber-optic cable) was, Marie Van Brittan Brown (the Black woman who developed a patent for closed-circuit television security) was. He learned and taught much more!

George was so impressed with his new found knowledge and appreciation of Black people that totally discredited the stories he'd learned growing up. He now knew better than the

lies about Black people that he'd been taught, and felt compelled to teach others. That's how his decision to form his "National Association of Recovering Racists" was born. Naturally, he made his friend Dick Gregory Chairman of his Advisory Board and Father Clements a member of the Advisory Board.

White people, if you really want to learn how to deal with your racism, a good place to begin is by reading George's book—Confessions of a Recovering Racist.

(Dr. E. Faye Williams is President of the National Congress of Black Women. www.nationalcongressbw.org) and host of "Wake Up and Stay Woke" on WP-FW-FM 89.3.)

Rainbow Network of America Holds Youth Party to Celebrate Charitable Work

By Leah Williams

Founder of Rainbow Network of America, Lanetria Washington, is determined to make a difference in her community by rallying resources from within to help others in need. Growing up Ms. Washington expressed that her mother, like many others she knew, relied on public assistance to help make ends meet. However, with recent changes in several key government programs designed to assist families in poverty and/or families facing temporary financial distress, she began to witness access to vital resources drastically reduce. As a result, Ms. Washington, a local healthcare professional, decided to form a community-based organization - Rainbow Network of America - that could help fill in the gaps for local families by in part engaging youth in raising funds for not only individuals but other non-profit organizations making an impact.

“I love it. It’s nice knowing that this is a non-profit organization giving back to the community.”



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Founder Lanetria Washington (kneeling bottom right) poses with her staff and some of the Candy Brigade before the festivities begin.



Close to 50 kids from different school systems are involved in

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(Left) Buddy Whitney on his way to check out the food table during the June 7th Youth Party.

(Right) Sherry Cargill happily coming down the slide of the colorful bounce house provided by Rainbow Network of America.



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- Jessica Short, Vice President, Retail Lending Manager, Defiance, OH
- Jody Moss, Retail Lender, Bryan, OH

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originate through those Seller/Servicers. Freddie Mac reviewed 2018 data and awarded the top organizations among several categories.

The complete list of the award winners is available at FreddieMac.com/HomePossible/RISE. Follow #HomePossibleRISEawards for photos and additional information.

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NAREB Takes Fight for Black Homeownership to Congressional Hearing *Hicks tells lawmakers: Black-White 'economic divide' was created by U. S. Government*



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After hours of testimony before the House Finance Committee's Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development and Insurance, witnesses raise their hands in response to a question on whether homeownership discrimination against Blacks continues today. Seated left to right are: Alanna McCargo, vice president for Housing Finance Policy, Urban Institute; Nikitra Bailey, executive vice president, Center for Responsible Lending; Joseph Nery, president, National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals; Jeff Hicks, president/ CEO; National Association of Black Real Estate Brokers (NAREB); Carmen Castro, managing housing counselor, Housing Initiative Partnership; Joanne Poole, liaison for the National Association of Realtors and Joel Griffith, research fellow, Financial Regulations, The Heritage Foundation. PHOTO: Hazel Trice Edney

By Hazel Trice Edney

(TriceEdneyWire.com) – The rate of Black homeownership in America – now at 41.1 percent, according to 2019 U. S. Census numbers – is even lower than it was when the U. S. Fair Housing Act was signed into law 51 years ago on April 11, 1968.

This means Black homeownership is 32.1 percentage points lower than that of Whites, which stands at 73.2 percent. It also means

Black homeownership is 6.3 percentage points lower than that of Latino-Americans, which stands at 47.4 percent.

These are just a few of the facts presented to a recent U. S. Congressional hearing by homeownership advocates. The hearing, held by the House Finance Committee's Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development and Insurance, was the first modern day hearing of its kind - intended to

discover the barriers to homeownership for people of color.

"Federal housing regulators and agencies have aggressively pursued lending practices and policies that make access to homeownership more challenging for Black Americans. It is against this backdrop that I give my testimony," Jeff Hicks, president/ CEO of the National Association of Black Real Estate Brokers (NAREB), testified to lawmakers at the hearing. "Our nation


has a very complicated and checkered history with providing equal and equitable access to homeownership to Black Americans. At the end of World War II, when Black Americans sacrificed their lives for the cause of freedom, dignity and human rights, the United States federal government created an economic divide between Blacks and Whites."

Hicks described how Black veterans and their families were "denied

the multigenerational, enriching impact of home ownership and economic security that the G.I. Bill conferred on a majority

of White veterans, their children, and their grandchildren."

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Rainbow Network of America Holds Youth Party

the charitable program, and they came together June 7 on Vance Street to celebrate their efforts. Known as the Candy Brigade (ages 5 to 17), Ms. Washington held the event to celebrate their recent fundraiser for the non-profit organization Fill A Void. “This is the reason why we’re having a pizza party today,” Ms. Washington said, “They did good for Fill A Void...\$900.” Yet, Ms. Washington stated that her work in the community goes beyond just helping other non-profits. It includes financial planning classes for individuals making progress towards independence from the

Ms. Washington is also determined to empower local teenagers by providing them with summer employment. She currently has 4 teenage employees on staff: Tayajanea Hadley, Skylah Overton, Travon Jones, and Mik’Kyra Coleman. Three of the teenagers are part-time and one is full-time; they are paid \$10 per hour through Rainbow Network of America. Seventeen-year-old full-time employee Mik’Kyra Coleman expressed how she felt about working for the organization, “I love it. It’s nice knowing that this is a non-profit organization giving back



Rainbow Network of America full- and part-time teen employees (L to R) Tayajanea Hadley, Skylah Overton, Travon Jones, and Mik’Kyra Coleman.

“We’re doing what we can to make sure people are getting out of poverty. It’s systematic. They’re stuck and need help”

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welfare system. “We’re doing what we can to make sure people are getting out of poverty. It’s systematic. They’re stuck and need help,” stated Ms. Washington.

In addition to helping others through her organization’s programs,

to the community.”

Like all of her programs, the Youth Party was not just for the kids who had helped raise funds for Fill A Void, but it was free and open to the entire community. There was a giant multi-colored bounce house full of happy children, balloons everywhere to signify the

location, and a table filled with pizza and other goodies. With music playing and the sounds of laughter in the air, Ms. Washington invited neighbors passing by and had also extended an invitation to a nearby family shelter, “It’s important for them [families] to understand and for them to know that they are not alone.”

Anyone interested in any of the programs (financial assistance and planning, non-

profit funding, Candy Brigade membership, lawn services, etc.) offered by the Rainbow Network of America is encouraged to visit the organization website - www.myrnoa.org - or any of the social media accounts associated with the organization. Ms. Washington is also looking to hire more part-time teens for the summer. For more information, contact the Rainbow Network of America at (888) 441-7314.



Rainbow Network of America full-time staff member Mik’Kyra Coleman is one of four teen employees.



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- June 14, 1864:

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- June 17, 1871:

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- June 18, 1953:

Martin Luther King, Jr. marries Coretta Scott
- June 13, 1957:

Dr. King meets with U.S. Vice President Richard M. Nixon.
- June 12, 1963:

Civil Rights activist Medgar Evers assassinated in Jackson, Miss.
- June 15, 1965:

Dr. King launches Summer Community Organization and Political Education project (SCOPE) and trains 500 students to register voters in five southern states.
- June 12, 1967:

U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a Virginia law banning inter-racial marriage was unconstitutional.
- June 13, 1967:

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The new Mott Branch Library



Kamari Wingate volunteered to dress as Princess Tianna from the Princess and the Frog. She greets Matthew Monroe who was checking out the new computers.

By JURY TAALIB-DEEN
Journal Staff Writer

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"This library is 'Mottkanda,'" Kim Penn, Mott Library's branch manager told a large crowd of people, gathered in the parking lot

of the library. After months of constructing occurring at the intersection of Dorr, and Hawley, the newly built Mott Library officially opened on Friday, June 7. Festivities included free finger food, performances by Martin Luther King Academy for Boys' drumline, the Clarence Smith Community Choir, and vocalist, Vicky Simpson. The over 19,000 sq. ft. library, with large windows wrapping around it, and a massive geometrically shaped roof, with various angled under hangs, had many people looking up while in attendance.

Hans Walter, design architect with Bostwick Design, who had a partnership with Buehrer Group Architecture, told The Toledo Journal about the library's design. "Being that the library sits in a park, we wanted to make it look seamless, as if the roof was a giant canopy of trees that covers, and protects everyone underneath," he said. As far as the large windows that reveal the inside to those looking in, Mr. Walter said, "We wanted the front of the library to have a type of living room feel, and when a person is sitting in that living room and relaxing, they can look outside their windows, into a peaceful environment," he explained. Along with the artistic structure, the inside houses 90 inch screen monitors, Macs, and Apple computers throughout the library, an auditorium that seats over 100 people, a children's area with several

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Amongst those in attendance for the opening, and enjoying refreshments, was Diane Gordon. Ms. Gordon was the first person in Toledo to formally introduce the practice of Kwanzaa to the city.



From left are, George Tucker, president of the Toledo Lucas County Public Library Board of Trustees, Jason Kucsma, acting director for the ToledoLucas County Public Library, who is also holding a proclamation from State House Representative, Paula Hicks-Hudson, Kim Penn, manager of Mott Library, and Paula Hicks-Hudson, Ohio State House Representative



Councilman Tyrone Riley at the podium



Outdoor entertainment was provided



Students enjoying the new facility

UPCOMING EVENTS

19 JULY

Prayer Breakfast
Date: Friday, July 19 2019
Time: 8:00 AM
Location: Friendship Baptist Church - 5301 Nebraska Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

19 JULY

Gospel Concert
Date: Friday, July 19 2019 | Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Friendship Baptist Church - 5301 Nebraska Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

20 JULY

African American Parade + Festival
Dates: Saturday, July 20 2019 Time: Kickoff at 10:00AM (1441 Dorr St.)
Festival Location: Seagate Center (401 Jefferson Ave, Toledo)
Featuring: Local Talent 1:00 PM - 9:00PM +
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21 JULY

African American Festival
Date: Sunday, July 21 2019 | Time: 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Location: Seagate Center (401 Jefferson Ave, Toledo, OH 43604)
Featuring: Local Talent + The ZAPP Band +
R&B Singer - Angela Windbush
Tickets available on Ticketmaster and at the Credit Union

The new Mott Branch Library



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Students enjoying new lounge area

Continued from page 10. interactive play sets, a sit down café with snacks, with vending, six study

areas, and a recording studio, for either audio, or visual.

"I just love it," Ms. Penn said. "There's so much potential to do a multitude of programs," she added.

Willie Ward, principal at Martin Luther King Academy for Boys, said the students had been talking about the library since construction began.

"They were so excited about the new building. The unique structure of it gave us the opportunity to discuss with the boys angles, and engineering design," he said.

Dajuandolyn Ramey, 14, couldn't stop talking about the library. "This is going to attract more kids. It's bigger, and brighter. I love the big windows, and I love the café I feel really proud today."

With the uniqueness of the building, and all the technology incorporated inside, one person highlighted the original purpose of libraries, and the original purpose Mr. Walter's wanted to inspire.

While most people were looking at the computers, or eating, or simply on their cell phones, Jamarion Wilson, 13, was relaxing in a chair, and reading a book.

"I like this library a lot better, because it has a lot more books. This new library makes me feel chill, and want to sit back, and want to read," he said.

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Pastor Dr. Cedric Brock and First Lady Sis. Debra Brock Celebrate Their 26th Pastoral Anniversary



Pastor Dr. Cedric Brock (L) and First Lady Sis. Debra Brock (R).



First Daughter and Program Emcee Kiarra Brock praises her parents for their integrity and tireless commitment to the ministry.

By Leah Williams the number of lives Pastor Dr. Cedric Brock and First Lady Sis. Debra Brock even possible, to count have positively affected in

their 26 years of ministry at Mount Nebo Baptist Church. Whether it be through preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, their dynamic music ministry steered by First Lady Brock, countless community service initiatives, or in Pastor Brock's work with Toledo Public Schools, there are scores of people across the Toledo area who are grateful for the Brocks' consistent commitment to serving others both within and outside their church doors.

This year marks the Brocks' 26th year in ministry at Mount Nebo Baptist Church. The church celebrated this milestone with a week of special services featuring guest pastors from Toledo and Detroit; their theme was "Grinding For Jesus" (Matthew 28:18-20). On Sunday, June 9th at 4:00 p.m., the anniversary celebration culminated with Pastor and First Lady Brock welcoming Bishop Dr. Robert Culp and First Lady Maggie Culp of First Church of God along with their congregation and choir. "We're excited

to have their church along with us to give God praise today for the opportunity to serve Him for 26 years," expressed Pastor Brock, "I'm just excited about being able to have [Bishop Culp] with us. His congregation and our congregation, his choir and our choir, and the community coming together as one to represent our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

The program was emceed by First Daughter Sis. Kiarra Brock and featured special dedications to Pastor and First Lady Brock by congregants, community members, and family. Both choirs sang selections and then a special combined choir from both churches sang including a stirring rendition of "Total Praise." Bishop Darrell Sheares Sr. introduced Bishop Dr. Culp who gave a powerful message entitled "The Spirit of Celebration: The Great Hallelujah." Before his sermon, Bishop Culp described the Brocks as a "wonderful family that has dedicated their life to the community." After closing comments by Pastor and First Lady Brock, the anniversary service ended with First Lady Brock singing an moving version of "Let the Church Say Amen" that got everyone on their feet with hands raised in exultation.

Before the special anniversary service even began, Pastor Brock had the opportunity to reminisce about his humble beginnings as a young 20-year-old preacher of the gospel. He attributed his longevity in ministry to the partnership of his beloved wife First Lady Debra, their dedicated church administrative staff, the Mount Nebo congregation, and the Toledo community at large. "The community of Toledo has been so special to me. They



Choir members from Mount Nebo and First Church of God sing "Total Praise" written by Richard Smallwood.



Pastor Dr. Cedric Brock (L) and Bishop Dr. Robert Culp (R) – guest speaker for the June 9th afternoon pastoral anniversary service.

have worked alongside with me in ministry," he declared, "They've been supportive here at Mount Nebo, praying for me. And I just want to let the community know that we couldn't have done it, my wife and I, without their support."

He also gave credit to the wise mentors God placed in his life at a young age. Pastor Brock spoke of the previous pastor of Mount Nebo, Reverend A.L. Roach as well as Reverend L.H. Newsome (father-

in-law), Reverend Henry Crenshaw (Jerusalem Baptist Church), Reverend John McKissick (Church of the New Covenant Baptist), Reverend Fred Blanton (Bethlehem Baptist Church), and many others. Though all deceased, Pastor Brock stated that the wisdom and knowledge these men of God imparted into him years ago is now coming to fruition, "They taught me, and I see a lot of what they taught me coming to pass today. And I'm excited to be able to display some of what I learned back then."

After serving in ministry for almost 30 years, many would be looking to slow down but Pastor Brock says they are just getting started. "We continue to push the vision the Lord has given us to help the sick, pick up the down-hearted, to do what we can to make this community a better place that we live in," he went on, "I'm in my early 50s, and we know that I still got a long way to go...retirement is not on that agenda." When asked about how it felt to have served as the Pastor of Mount Nebo for 26 years, Pastor Brock smiled and said enthusiastically, "It's been an awesome ride, but the ride ain't over yet!"

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Dear Mary W: Firstly, everyone's situation has different circumstances as similar as they may be. Headstone is a term that was used in the past, however the proper terminology has evolved to state it as a "grave marker" simply for the reason that all cemeteries are not laid out with burials east and west orientation; some are laid out north and south. Therefore with further evolution that grave marker is not necessarily placed at the head end of the grave, some are placed at the foot of the grave. As for the year of the burial, the regulations of the particular cemetery and of course the payment in full of the stone (the stone is customized for that individual and cannot be uncut). I suggest that a grave be given time to settle with the seasons of the winter and spring rains. Some cemeteries only pour the required foundation only twice per year (early spring and late summer). FYI; most cemeteries will not accept the grave marker for the Veterans Administration until the Foundation fee is paid to them. Hopefully I have answered your questions and I am available for futher clarification.

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Second Baptist Church hosts Sixty-Seventh anniversary



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Guest speaker Pastor Cris Allen, left, and Dr. Jerry Boose, right



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Dr. Willie Perryman, left, senior Pastor at Jerusalem Baptist Church, and Dr. Jerry Boose, of Second Baptist Church, share a moment following the service.

By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN
Journal Staff Writer

For 67 years, Second Baptist Church, 9300 Maumee Western Rd, Monclova, Ohio, has been serving God, and those who worship Him.

Established by the late Rev. Frank Bowen in June of 1952, on Irwin Rd, the humble beginnings of the church stem from members having to use an outhouse, outdoor bathroom, to taking turns filling a heater up with coal, both of which, according to current

members, have helped strengthen Second Baptist.

Two services, one on Sunday, June 2, and Sunday, June 9, helped commemorate the early years of the church.

Guest speaker, Pastor Cris Allen, and the members of Mt. Moriah

“We decided to rename the hall because we wanted to make sure the past beacons of light, which have helped pave our future would not be forgotten,”

Baptist Church of Chicago Illinois, celebrate with Second Baptist on June 2. While Dr. Willie Perryman, and the members of Jerusalem Baptist Church of Toledo, help conclude the celebration on June 9.

Elder Terrence Pounds, committee member for the anniversary, told The Toledo Journal the theme for the celebration was, “Second Baptist is good ground,” taken from the Biblical scripture of Matthew 13:8.

A six year member of the church, Elder Pounds said he and his wife were searching for a church family. He said his wife, Michelle heard Rev. Dr. Jerry Boose, senior pastor at Second Baptist delivering the Word of God, and instantly knew Second Baptist would become their home.

In addition to the church celebration, there was a renaming of their fellowship hall, to the “Bowen-Brown Fellowship Hall.” The name bared the founder, Rev. Frank Bowen, and the longest serving Pastor, Rev. Eddie Brown, who served for 23 years.

“We decided to rename the hall because we wanted to make sure the past beacons of light, which have helped pave our future would not be forgotten,” said Rev. Boose.

“The past 11 years, since I’ve been in leadership, have been mind blowing. And during that time, I’ve seen the great influence of both Rev. Bowen, and Rev. Brown, and I wanted to make sure we honored them and their family by renaming the hall,” Rev. Boose said.

Emma Brown, widow to the late Rev. Brown, said, “It feels so good to see my husband honored. It lets me know how much he was really loved.”

Deborah Roberts is the granddaughter to Rev. Bowens. She said she remembers when the church was first established, and they had to use an outhouse. “This is really a great honor. It shows how much the members care about my grandfather’s works,” she said.



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Dr. Jerry and First Lady Debra Boose, head to the renaming of their fellowship hall.



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While heading into the hall for light refreshments, members admired the plaque of Revs. Bowen, and Brown, hanging just above the entrance.

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‘The C.R.O.W.N. Act’ To End Hair Discrimination In The Workplace And Schools Passes California Assembly Judiciary Committee Vote

Submitted

SACRAMENTO, Calif., June 5, 2019 / PRNewswire/ -- The CROWN Coalition, a national alliance comprised of the National Urban League, Western Center on Law & Poverty, Color Of Change, and Dove, is proud to announce the bill they are sponsoring, Senate Bill 188 (The C.R.O.W.N. Act), passed the California Assembly Judiciary Committee today.

Introduced by Senator Holly J. Mitchell, SB 188 aims to "Create a Respectful and Open Workplace for Natural Hair" (The C.R.O.W.N. Act) by clarifying that traits historically associated with race, such as hair texture and hairstyle, should be protected from discrimination in the workplace and in K-12 public and charter schools.

In a recent Dove Crown Research study, Black women reported they are 80 percent more likely to change their natural hair to meet social norms or expectations at work. Moreover, Black women were 1.5 times more likely to have reported having been sent home or know of a Black woman sent home from the workplace because of her hair. It's the unfortunate narrow beauty standards in America that continue to perpetuate unfair scrutiny, injustice and discrimination in workplaces and schools against Black women and girls for wearing hairstyles inherent to Black identity.

"Many Black employees, including your staff, members, will tell you if given the chance that the struggle to maintain what society has deemed a 'professional image' while protecting the health and integrity of their hair remains a defining and paradoxical struggle in their work



experience, not usually shared by their non-Black peers," said Senator Mitchell shortly before the Assembly Committee hearing. "Members, it is 2019. Any law that sanctions a job description that immediately excludes me from a position, not because of my capabilities or experience but because of my hair, is long overdue for reform."

The C.R.O.W.N. Act will ensure protection against discrimination in the workplace and schools based on hairstyles by prohibiting employers and schools from enforcing purportedly "race neutral" grooming policies restricting natural hair styles that disproportionately impact persons of color. Additionally, while anti-discrimination laws presently protect

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the choice to wear an Afro, Afros are not the only natural presentation of Black hair. SB 188 will ensure protection against discrimination based on hairstyles by extending statutory protection to hair texture and protective styles in the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) and the California Education Code.

"At Dove, we are committed to championing real beauty for women and girls, and we believe the individuality of hair should be celebrated and respected in culture," said Esi Eggleston Bracey, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of North America Beauty and Personal Care at Unilever. "As a proud co-founding member of The CROWN Coalition, we're overjoyed to see that the California Assembly Judiciary Committee passed SB 188, and look forward to continuing to drive equity and fairness for all women and men, particularly around hair inclusivity. Our goal is to drive this legislation to a full California win before the end of this year and continue to march around the U.S., to advocate for change."

The CROWN Coalition, in support of The C.R.O.W.N. Act, aims to put an end to the significant injustices of hair discrimination that has spanned decades across the United States.

The CROWN Coalition
The CROWN Coalition is a national alliance comprised of the National Urban League, Western Center on Law & Poverty, Color Of Change, and Dove as sponsors of Senate Bill 188 'The C.R.O.W.N. Act'. The CROWN Coalition members believe diversity and inclusion are key drivers of success across all industries and sectors.

Gout, Summer and Cookouts



By Glenn Ellis
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Summer is filled with fun outdoor activities, increased exercise, cookouts, and travel making it the favorite season for many, but if you have a history of gout, or are at risk for gout (history of a high uric acid, family history of gout or prior uric acid kidney stones), you may want to pay particular attention to this column.

Anyone who has, or has someone in their life who has gout, knows it is a painful form of arthritis that can seemingly slips into your life like a thief in the night.

Gout is an inflammatory disease that occurs when excess uric acid (a bodily waste product) circulating in the bloodstream is deposited as sodium urate crystals in certain joints. The pain is likely to be most severe within the first four to 12 hours after it begins. After the most severe pain subsides, some joint discomfort may last from a few days to a few weeks.

Gout happens either when the body

produces too much uric acid or when the body does not eliminate enough uric acid through urination or bowel movements. Gout often starts with excruciating pain and swelling in the big toe – and can often follow any type of trauma such as an illness or injury. Uric acid is a normal body waste product. It forms when chemicals called purines break down.

Normally, uric acid dissolves in your blood and passes through your kidneys into your urine. But sometimes either your body produces too much uric acid, or your kidneys excrete too little uric acid. When this happens, uric acid can build up, forming sharp, needlelike urate crystals in a joint or surrounding tissue that cause pain, inflammation and swelling.

After that, future attacks may “flare up” off and on in other joints – primarily those of the foot and knee – before becoming chronic. Once it becomes chronic, gout can affect many joints, including those of the hands. It usually does take a few years for this to happen. In the chronic stage, gout can look a lot like Rheumatoid Arthritis, causing pain and inflammation in multiple joints. “Pseudogout”, a condition in which calcium – not uric acid – forms crystals that deposit in the joints, can causing pain and swelling almost identical to gout. This is why it is important to be properly diagnosed by your doctor.

Treating gout requires a two-pronged approach that combines medications and lifestyle changes. Your doctor may prescribe Corticosteroid medications, such as the drug prednisone, to control gout inflammation and pain. Medications like Allopurinol (the most commonly prescribed drug, that lower uric acid are intended to prevent gout attacks and keep the condition from becoming chronic.

The real “culprit” in gout is a something called purines. Purine compounds, whether produced in the body or from eating high-purine foods, can raise uric acid levels. Excess uric acid can produce uric acid crystals, which then build up in soft tissues and joints, causing the painful symptoms of gout. Purines are also found in certain foods, such as steak, organ meats and seafood. Other foods also promote higher levels of uric acid, such as alcoholic beverages, especially beer, and drinks sweetened with fruit sugar (fructose).

As the “disease of kings,” or “a rich man’s disease”, you may be able to associate your advanced risk to a more indulgent lifestyle. If you're spending time in backyards and parks barbecuing with your friends and family members, there's a good chance you're (like most everyone else) also putting healthy-eating on the back burner; no pun intended.

Now, you may be asking yourself, “How am I going to have a picnic without Bar-B-Que beef, hot dogs, or a few beers?” I feel your pain, but don't worry you can still enjoy a great summer meal with friends and family, while following a safe, low-purine food that isn't likely to trigger a gout attack.

If you've had a history of gout attacks, avoiding purine-rich foods can help you prevent the next one. However, that's sometimes easier said than done when it comes to cookout food. How about a few tips for an enjoyable time at a picnic with gout?

The “usual suspects” that you should avoid (or greatly limit) high-purine meats include bacon, beef, pork, and lamb. High-purine seafood includes anchovies, sardines, scallops, mackerel, trout, haddock, tuna, and herring. Even though



everyone loves to have a good time at a cookout, beer is a significant gout trigger and should be avoided.

All it takes is just a little pre-planning, focus on food choices, and determination and before you know it, you'll be having great summer fun with your friends and family.

With appropriate treatment gout can be controlled and future attacks prevented. The biggest obstacles in controlling gout are improper diagnosis and non-compliance. The noncompliance part is totally up to you. Do the right thing, and eat smart at the cookout.

Remember, I'm not a doctor. I just sound like one. Take good care of yourself and live the best life possible!

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Scholarships Available for Young Black Boys' Weekend Leadership Academy at Princeton University

Submitted

Nationwide — Scholarships are now available for the annual Weekend Intensive of leadership activities for 8th and 9th grade African American male students from across the country. Scheduled for August 2-4, 2019, the 3-day weekend boarding program will be held on the campus of Princeton University. The Weekend Intensive

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Morehouse set to admit transgendered male students


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Students who self-identify as men will be admitted to Morehouse College, an African-American university for black men based in Atlanta, beginning in the Fall 2020 semester, the Board of Trustees announced Friday. "The Gender Identity Policy will allow individuals who self-identify as men regardless of the sex

assigned to them at birth to be considered for admission in the nation's only historically black university for men," school officials said in a statement. The Gender Identity Admissions and Matriculation Policy applies to all students who enroll in Morehouse College by the Fall 2020 semester. This policy will not impact all students who were enrolled before

the Fall 2020 semester, school officials said. The new strategy was developed after 15 months of community engagement with faculty, staff, students, and alumni led by Morehouse President Dr. David Thomas. "In a rapidly expanding world that includes a better understanding of gender identity, we are proud to expand our admissions policy to consider

transmen who want to be part of the institution that has produced some of the greatest leaders in social justice, politics, business, and the arts for more than 150 years," said Terrance Dixon, vice president for Enrollment Management. Morehouse alumni include Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Dr. David Satcher, former U.S. Surgeon General, Jeh Johnson, former U.S.



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NAREB Takes Fight for Black Homeownership to Congressional Hearing

Hicks tells lawmakers: Black-White ‘economic divide’ was created by U. S. Government

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He concluded that the “unequal implementation of the G.I. Bill, along with federal government policies and practices at the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), including the redlining of Black neighborhoods, were leveled against Black veterans” while at the same time the government financed the construction of suburbs and provided subsidized mortgage financing for Whites-only. This scenario “set the stage for today’s wealth and homeownership gap statistics,” Hicks said. The hearing, led by Housing Subcommittee Chair Rep. William Lacy Clay Jr. (D-Mo.), marked the anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act (FHA), signed into law one week after the April 4 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. President Lyndon B. Johnson described the road to the 1968 passage as a “long and stormy trip” after it failed three times. Together, the testimony of the 72-year-old NAREB – the oldest organization represented - and the string of witnesses at the 21st Century Congressional hearing, revealed that the storm is not nearly over. “We have not simply failed to make progress; we are losing ground. And we cannot continue to go backward,” Alanna McCargo, vice president for Housing Finance Policy, Urban Institute, stressed the urgency of the moment. The Urban Institute was founded by President Johnson in 1968 to focus on “the problems of America’s cities and their people and to inform social and economic policy interventions that would help fight the

War on Poverty,” she described. The witnesses gave facts and anecdotes describing why new legislation and homeownership policies are needed. Among the proposals:

- The passage of The American Dream Down Payment Savings Plan, a proposal with bipartisan support, which would allow prospective homebuyers to save money in an authorized account, where the savings could grow and be removed for the specified purpose of a

practices to ensure fair, equitable, and non-discriminatory origination, pricing, and terms. This would also include greater accountability and modernization of the Community Reinvestment Act to eliminate loopholes that limit access to mortgage credit to existing and potential Black homeowners.

- Overall promotion of homeownership as a High Priority for Public Policymakers.
- Equal and equitable access to mainstream

president of the Center for Responsible Lending, told the Committee. “Today’s hearing is a good step toward acknowledging this history and presents the potential to create opportunities to address it.” The other four witnesses were Joseph Nery, president, National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals; Carmen Castro, managing housing counselor, Housing Initiative Partnership; Joanne Poole, liaison for

the air. “I’m grateful that you’ve done this because we’ve been trying to build a record to let the world know that we still have discrimination,” Green said. “Our original sin was discrimination. To be more specific racism... institutionalized racism.” Chairman Clay saw eye to eye with the witnesses. “It is clear by the evidence in front of us that 51 years later, there is still much work to be done to promote and assure fair housing in America,” he said. He

policies are still used by banks and are “taken for granted.” Waters described interest rates that are so high that homeowners – paying both interest and principal – have faced foreclosure because they can no longer afford the loan. She also described banks that won’t do loan modifications until two payments are missed making it difficult to catch up on the payments. “We need to scrub this market and all the rules and practices and come up with a laundry list of what we think needs to be taken out of the way,” Waters said.

The Congressional hearing was held on launch day for NAREB’s 2019 Spring Policy Conference May 8. NAREB, founded to fight for civil rights in order to win economic justice for its members and the people they serve, has set a goal of at least two million new Black homeowners within five years. They view working with Congress as their next best hope. “Together with Congress, we must overcome the discrimination that continues to limit Black homeownership,” Hicks said. “The reason for this ‘dismal reality,’ as stated in NAREB’s most recent SHIBA (State of Housing in Black America) report, is “that Blacks have never enjoyed equal and equitable access to mainstream mortgage credit. Rather, Black families attempting to become homeowners have largely been trapped in a vicious cycle of predatory mortgage schemes or by an absolute denial of access to home loans... We need to vigorously renew the importance of homeownership to all families, regardless of their race or ethnicity.”



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NAREB President/CEO Jeff Hicks answers questions from members of Congress.

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mortgage credit as prospective Black homeowners have been trapped in predatory mortgage schemes or by an absolute denial of access to home loans. Historically unequal access to credit for people of color was repeated as a key problem during the hearing. “Wide access to credit is critical for building family wealth, closing the racial wealth gap, and for the housing market overall, which in turn, contributes significantly to our overall economy,” Nikitra Bailey, executive vice

the National Association of Realtors and Joel Griffith, research fellow, Financial Regulations, The Heritage Foundation. Bi-partisan lawmakers on the subcommittee listened intently then fired questions and remarks. When U. S. Rep. Al Green (D-Texas) asked the witnesses to raise their hands if they “believe that invidious discrimination has been a significant reason for the inability for African-Americans to achieve wealth in this country...to this very day”, all seven witnesses extended their hands into

said Congress must bear the responsibility to end the discrimination largely because of its failure to continue to make and maintain fair housing policies. Clay concluded, “Although many private actors were complicit, research has shown that the government played a significant role.” U. S. Rep. Maxine Waters, chair of the House Financial Services Committee, which oversees the Housing Subcommittee, pressed the lawmakers, saying many of the oppressive

TARTA launches cashless fare app to give riders a new way to pay

Toledo, OHIO – Today, TARTA is launching a cashless fare app designed to simplify the rider experience. Available in the iPhone App Store, Google Play store and online, the EZfare App will change the way riders’ access public transit by integrating a digital wallet payment system. Starting today, TARTA riders can purchase daily, weekly or monthly passes online or through their smartphones. Previously, TARTA riders

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technology that simplifies the rider experience,” said Jim Gee, General Manager for TARTA. Over time, the EZfare app will continue to evolve and add new features to further enhance the rider experience. Customers who wish to continue purchasing fares with cash will be able to do so. The EZfare app supplements all existing fare purchase locations and options. The app can be downloaded

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Obamas Go Hollywood, Set to Launch Films with Netflix

By Stacy M. Brown,
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When Former President Barack Obama occupied the White House, it wasn't uncommon to see a myriad of celebrities meeting with the Commander in Chief and First Lady Michelle Obama.

Some even called Washington, D.C., "Hollywood East," because of the popularity of the Obamas even among superstars.

Now, one year after launching their production company, "Higher Ground Productions," the Obamas have officially gone Hollywood.

The former president and First Lady have announced seven projects that are scheduled to be developed and released in the years to come.

The projects include "American Factory," a documentary from this year's Sundance Film Festival that examines the clash of cultures in Ohio when a Chinese billionaire sets up a new factory in the old General Motors plant and hires some 2,000 blue-collar Americans.

The film was acquired by Higher Ground Productions in partnership with Netflix, where the Obamas have a content deal.

"Crip Camp" is also a documentary ac-



quired by Higher Ground and Netflix, currently in production with support from the Sundance Institute, according to Entertainment Weekly which reported that the film will follow a ramshackle summer camp for disabled teenagers in the early 1970s that helped set in motion the disability rights movement in America.

"We created Higher Ground to harness the power of storytelling. That's why we couldn't be more excited about these proj-

ects," President Obama said in a statement from Higher Ground.

"Touching on issues of race and class, democracy and civil rights, and much more, we believe each of these productions won't just entertain, but will educate, connect, and inspire us all."

Michelle Obama added: "We love this slate because it spans so many different interests and experiences, yet it's all woven together with stories that are relevant

to our daily lives."

According to Entertainment Weekly, other projects include a non-fiction series based on Michael Lewis' best-selling book "Fifth Risk," a damning examination of the Trump administration's impact on America's key government agencies; "Bloom," a period drama exploring the upstairs-downstairs worlds of women and people of color in a post-WWII New York; a scripted anthology series called "Overlooked," based on the New York Times' obituary column about people whose deaths were not initially reported by the paper; and a feature film adaptation of author David W. Blight's Pulitzer Prize-winning biography, "Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom."

There is also a preschool series with the title, "Listen to Your Vegetables & Eat Your Parents."

That series is described as taking young children and their families on a global adventure to learn where their food comes from.

It's a project that's reportedly closely connected with Michelle Obama's "Let's Move" initiative that she spearheaded during her tenure as First Lady to get all Americans more access and education to eating and living healthily.

Ask Felicia

What I Learned from Darius and Nina's Love Jones Relationship

By Felicia T. Simpson
Wire Writer

Love Jones movie is always listed in the top ten movies of all time especially in the African American community. We still watch this movie over and over, year after year, as if it just came out. There were so many gems dropped in this movie, but I thought I'd share a few of my lessons learned from watching this movie as it relates to relationships. If you are single and reading this, take my lessons learned and prayerfully you will avoid making these mistakes in your God-sent relationship.

These lessons below are simple to read but

some of them may require some techniques for you to continuously do. I have applied these lessons learned currently and my relationship is so much better than before. With any other area of your life, relationships take work. Both partners have to be committed to doing the work that sustains the relationship. If you are relationship is one sided, they may not be the one for you.

Don't let history with a person keep you from finding true love. So many people stay in broken relationships with their partners because of the history they have with that person. I don't care about the history I have with a person if I'm in a miserable relationship. I fought too hard

for my life of peace and happiness to stay in a relationship with someone just because we have history together. Create a new history in a healthier and happier relationship with someone else.

Let go of dead-end or toxic relationships. Once Nina moved out from her ex-fiance apartment, she should've let that relationship go. I can say this now because I've been that woman still trying to hold on to my relationship with my ex-fiance and in the end, it just didn't work out. I ruined so many great relationships because I was still trying to work on the relationship with my ex-fiance which was headed nowhere all along. Don't do it sis, let that ex go and be with the person that makes you happy, currently!

Keep everyone's thoughts and opinions out of your relationship. In other words, date privately not for the public. I used to post everything about my relationships on social media or ask everyone's advice about things pertaining to my relationships and that was a huge mistake. Of course, you can ask your trusted friends about some relationship advice every now and then, but just not all of the time. Keep what goes on in your relationship between you and your partner. This rule doesn't apply if you are being abused mentally, physically, emotionally, etc.

Don't pick up your partner's habits. Darius smoked cigarettes and Nina started smoking cigarettes. Some habits are "ok" to pick up once you start dating someone. For instance, I started the habit of managing my money better once I met my partner. But habits that are harmful to your health, is not something you want to pick up from your partner. This always reminds me of how people blames Bobby Brown for getting Whitney Houston strung out on drugs when it was the other way around, allegedly.

Don't date your ex's homeboy. You're just asking to walk around in shame or be talked about negatively. As a grown woman, you should know that there are plenty of eligible bachelors in this world, for you not to date your ex's homeboy. How would you feel if your ex came strolling into a party with your bff on his arms? It'll be a girl fight most definitely or your heart will be crushed. Stay away from your ex's homeboys, they are off limit. We don't seek revenge or try to make our ex jealous as grown women, we simply just move on with our lives. Define the relationship. Darius explains that



he's basically just having sex with Nina and there's nothing more to the relationship, when in reality, there was definitely more to their relationship. So to keep the confusion down, I learned how to define the relationship that I'm in with a man early, and not go off what I think we're doing. How many times, have I been dating a person exclusively and they were dating multiple people? Too many to post on this blog post. As women, we tend to date one man at a time, and men do the total opposite while dating, they date multiple women. Get an understanding or define the relationship up front and periodically as needed, to avoid a broken heart.

You must be willing to compromise, sometimes. Darius and Nina were both too strong and independent people and when you put like-minded people together, often times, they'll clash eventually. I watched this movie a million times and thought to myself that they could have removed a bunch of their stress if they would've honestly communicated their feelings and simply compromised sometimes with each other. I am not a fan of football, but my partner doesn't ask me for much, so every now and then, I compromise and watch football games with him (I try to put my cellphone away and truly watch the game but I'm not perfect).

Deal with your past relationships and insecurities. Speaking of honest communication, honestly communicate to yourself and your partner about what hurt you in your past relationships. This will help you set healthy boundaries and avoid being hurt intentionally by your current partner. We all have our insecurities and fears about new relationships, especially if we have a history of past pains or feelings of neglect or abandonment in a relationship. Let your partner know your love language and learn theirs as well. You can avoid making the same mistakes in relationships if you talk about what you don't like or what has hurt you in the past. A person who truly loves you or interested in you, will take heed to that and work fervently on not causing you pain.

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Meet the African American Drag Racer Making History – And He Only Has One Arm!



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Al “Boogie” Roberson

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Nationwide — In case you haven't heard, Al Roberson, known on the race-track as “Al Boogie,” is a legendary, African American, grudge drag racer. In fact, he has stockpiled more wins in the ‘no-time’ category than any other racer in history!

This summer, Al “Boogie” Roberson and his fearsome team, The Southern Assassins, take to the tracks again, unleashing their world-famous, gluttonous beast of a car, Honcho the Camaro.

Grudge drag racing attracts thousands every weekend all over the United States and world, featuring cars that look like they want to eat you but none, it seems, are as strong and fast as Al Boogie's Honcho.

Sitting in his garage (at an undisclosed location for security reasons), Al Boogie is leaning on Honcho while it is on Pro Jacks, in jeans and a t-shirt, sipping casually on a beer; seemingly unaware that he's turned grudge racing on its head. The kicker? He drives with only one arm! And yet, he's the winningest racer in the sport, having lost only ten races since the early 1990's.

The Southern Assassins, comprised of Al Boogie and teammates Rick and Clint, built Honcho the Camaro with a purse of \$175,000. “No car has ever beaten Hon-

cho,” Boogie said proudly. When asked what's under the hood, he grins mischievously. “I could tell you, but then I'd have to kill you.” Yes, it seems this trio of Mech Techs could turn even a Pinto into a tar-burning Carantula!

Al Boogie's rise to grudge dominance was briefly interrupted by a seven-year gig in federal prison on a drug wrap. “I was set up,” said Boogie. “Then again, aren't we all?” Since his release in 2016, Al Boogie and The Southern Assassins are chapping hides on drag tracks all around the world. “We've never run away from a challenge,” he'd like to remind us.

Al Boogie grew up in poverty in North Carolina — the no running water kind. But his stepfather allowed him to drive the family hotrod when he was twelve. “He let me rev' it up and feel its horsepower.” After that, Al was hooked.

A day at the race starts simple enough for Al and The Southern Assassins. After a few test-runs with the team, the bombastic Al Boogie begins the event with some well-YouTubed smack-talk against his challengers (all in good fun), followed by a quick banter with the crowds and press. And then, all hell breaks loose as the Southern Assassins unleash Honcho, the gluttonous Camaro beast, across a 660-foot stretch of sheer

madness!

Just then, Al “Boogie” Roberson spoke in reverent tones. “You're strapped into this behemoth machine at the start lane, and that's when anxiety sets in. You know that in just a few seconds, you're in for a monster ride. Now, you're on your own and you say a prayer.”

In the grudge racing world, drivers are prohibited from disclosing how fast their cars go. That's OK. It's plain to see The Southern Assassins' drive in the speed of — insane.

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