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## Mike Colbert spearheads 100 book bag giveaway, with supplies



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Twenty-three children from Grace Community Center got a jump on school supplies, thanks to the charitable contribution of Mike Colbert and Franklin Park Lincoln.



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Managers at Rudy's Hot Dog on Monroe St. are Brittany Tyner, left, and Melissa Wyman, and standing behind them is Aaron Lyons. Mike and Irma Colbert, right, didn't shy away from serving their young guests of honor.



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Fresh off the grill are hamburgers, and hot dogs, being served by, Shawn Oates, front, and Mike, and Irma Colbert.

By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN  
Journal Staff Writer

Mike Colbert, and Franklin Park Lincoln, aren't strangers to the community. Over the years they've sponsored events that either provided free haircuts to children, or made sure families received gifts and food at Christmas time.

On Saturday, August 10, Mr. Colbert, and Franklin Park Lincoln, struck again, when they hosted their third annual book bag, and school supply giveaway. Held

at Tabernacle of Faith, 701 Central Avenue, their goal was to outdo the number of children they served the previous year.

A salesman at Franklin Park Lincoln, Mr. Colbert told, The Toledo Journal, he's giving back to the community because so many of people have purchased cars from him over the years, and he felt that sponsoring a charitable event would be a good way to show his appreciation.

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# TARTA to Open New Downtown TARTA Transit Hub



State Representative Marcy Kaptur and TARTA's Director of Finance and acting General Manager Stacey Clink cut the ribbon at new TARTA Transit Hub ceremonies as Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz (far right) and others look on.

By Michael Daniels  
Journal Staff Reporter

On August 7th local dignitaries, politicians, past and present, Tarta Officials, pastors, and other interested or otherwise involved individuals,

gathered on the corner of Cherry St. and Huron St. in downtown Toledo to witness the ribbon-cutting ceremonies for Tarta's brand new Transit Hub. The honors were done by State Representative Marcy Kaptur and

Tarta's Director of Finance and acting General Manager Stacey Clink. Together they cut the ribbon and opened the doors to the future of public transportation in The City of Toledo.

Situated in the former Good Will

Store Headquarters on Cherry St and Huron St. at the intersection, the newly renovated Transit Hub will replace the old Transit Hub, which was located on four blocks of Jackson St..

The new Transit Hub is completely



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TARTA Employees, (L-R) Planner 1 Elyse Osterday, Daniels Hunt: Mobility Manager and Sean Smith: Planner 1 at the opening of new TARTA's Transit Hub.

inside, in a large spacious room, large enough to accommodate a lot of people in transit. Here, bus customers can come in out of the elements, check bus schedules and routes on monitors like in the airport, use the restroom, buy bus passes, sign up for TARPS and other Tarta transportation services. They can also inquire about any Tarta related issues with a live representative at the Tarta information desk. Also for the public's safety and security,

the entire facility is under surveillance, by an in-house unit of the Toledo Police Department.

Bus customers should now be aware that the traditional bus loop downtown (the route the buses travel through the downtown area to the Transit Hub) has changed due to the relocation of the Transit Hub. In addition, the hourly and half-hour bus line-ups are now located on the Cherry St and Huron St. intersection outside of the new

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# Ongoing Events

**Second Tuesday of the Month**  
**The Toledo Base Submarine Veterans**  
Holds its monthly meetings at the Genesis Village Events Center 2429 So. Reynolds Road Toledo Ohio at 18:00 hours (6PM). Our next meeting will be on Tuesday Sept. 10, 2019. For further information you can contact our Base Commander Michael Meehan at 505-554-8636 or at wingsfaninm@gmail.com

**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

**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 - Sept 14th**  
**Perfecting Church Toledo**  
**The Perfecting Care Department**  
Is sponsoring a School Days Donation Drive. We will be accepting new and gently used clothing, uniforms, socks, shoes and jackets for pre-k - senior high students. Toiletry items are also being accepted. Donation drop off dates are every Saturday, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at Perfecting Church Toledo, 4609 Glendale Ave, 419-382-1300. Bishop Marvin L. Winans Pastor.

**August 17th**  
**National African American Male Wellness Walk & Run 5K**  
Mark Your Calendar! Saturday, at Warren AME Church @ 8AM. Honorary Chair DeAndre Ware, Toledo Fire Fighter & NABA, USBO & WBC Continental, Americas 168lb Bosing Champion. For more info, please contact: Chief Brian Byrd, info@aawalk.org, or 614-754-7511.

**August 18, 2019**  
**Rock of Praise C.O.G.I.C**  
You are cordially invited to come celebrate the 7th Pastoral Appreciation service for Pastor Eugene & First Lady Colia Harris. Aug 18th @ 11AM & 5PM, 1632 N. Cove Blvd., Rock of Praise C.O.G.I.C. Speaker for both services will be the Honorable Bishop Edward T. Cook, Presiding Bishop of Ohio North First Jurisdiction.

**August 17th**  
**Lincoln School Community Coalition**  
**3rd Annual Lincoln School Neighborhood Picnic**  
Saturday, from 11:00 a/m to 3:00 p/m on the corner of Lincoln and Detroit Avenue. We invite the Community to come and participate. We will have great food, fun activities for kids and adult, and music. We look Forward to seeing you there. For further information, please contact Michele Williams, President, @ 419-350-0421, Or Rev. James H. Willis, Sr., Pastor of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, at 419-246-2886.

**August 17th**  
**One Way Community Church**  
**Community Day 2019**  
Saturday 10AM-4PM. Free Clothing, shoes, housewares, and more will be available to those in need. We are located at 3167 Doyle Street in Toledo, Ohio. Come join us for this family fun day of food, games, and live gospel music! For more information call (419) 214-1327 or visit us at www.onewaycommunitychurch.org.

**August 18th**  
**Rebuild The Now Faith Worship Center**  
Destroyed by fire on 8/3/2019. Community Support Ministries is launching the rebuilding of the Now Faith Worship Center located on the Faith Way Church Campus, 1122 Nebraska Avenue, Toledo, OH 43607. Eld. Delbert E. Williamson, Pastor. Join Us! Sunday, @ 6:00 p.m. Indiana Avenue Baptist Church, 640 Indiana Avenue Toledo, OH 43604. Rev. Dr. John E. Roberts, Pastor. Donations accepted at Toledo Federal Urban Credit Union. For more informtion call (419) 269-8545.

**August 21st**  
**Family House: Kick Off To**  
**35th Year of Service/Homecoming Open House**  
Toledo, Ohio-Family House Board of Directors and Staff will kick off the 35th year of service for Family House by hosting a Homecoming Open House. The Kick Off and Open House will take place at Family House 669 Indiana Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604 on Wednesday, from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**August 24th**  
**Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union**  
**African American Parade**  
Rescheduled for Saturday, August 24, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Parade Location: Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union, 1441 Dorr St., Toledo, Ohio. For more information call: 419-255-8876.

**Turnerman Productions in association with Woodberry Park is seeking actors, singers and dancers**  
Woodberry Park Playhouse in association with Turnerman Productions is seeking actors, singers and dancers of all ages for theatrical cinema and stage productions. Serious Inquires Only! If interested call **419-975-5244 or 419-329-0361.**

**August 24th**  
**Third Baptist Church (Holland)**  
**61st Church Anniversary**  
Choir reunion concert featuring members, alumni and honorary members Third Baptist Church (Holland) commemorating our Churches 61st anniversary Saturday at 5 p.m. please come on out and help us lift the name of Jesus Through song, @ 9775 Angola Rd., Holland, OH 43524. Madison Gregory III Pastor.

**August 25th**  
**Braden UMC**  
**Friends & Family Day**  
Dress down Sunday at 10:30AM. A tailgate will follow immediately after worship. 4725 Dorr St. (419) 386-2700. Rev. Cecil J. Fitzgerald Thompon, Pastor.

**September 13th**  
**Warren A.M.E. Church**  
**One Day Revival**  
Friday, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to hear a message from The Rt. Rev. Frank Madison Reid, III, Presiding Bishop, Third Episcopal District. @ 915 Collingwood Boulevard, Toledo, OH 43604. Information: 419-243-2237

**Sept. 14th**  
**Braden UMC Health Fair**  
Braden UMC will host a Health Fair on Saturday September 14th from 9AM-4PM. Some are Area Office on Aging and Alpha Home Healthcare will provide Screenings for diabetes, blood pressure, prostate cancer and other health checks will be available along with breakout sessions, education about nutrition, understanding insurance, hands only CPR, cyber and fire safety. Physicians, Nurses, and professional community partners will be on hand to answer healthcare questions. Braden UMC is located 4725 Dorr St. Rev. Cecil J. Fitzgerald Thompson, Pastor.

**Sept. 17th**  
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**Safari 2019**  
Tuesday, 10 AM - 2 PM, Toledo Zoo, Malawi Event Center, 2 Hippo Way, Toledo, OH 43609. Motown's The Contours performing their hit song "Do You Love Me". Those age 60 and better receive: Free Parking and Admission to the Zoo, Lunch for a \$5 suggested donation. Lunch for those under age 60 is \$10. Tickets available for purchase at Lucas County senior centers and the Area Office on Aging , 2155 Arlington Ave., Toledo, OH 43609.

# TARTA to open New Transit Hub August 19

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TARTA Transit Hub. To find out how this may affect you directly, contact TARTA at 419-243-7433 for more information. The new Transit Hub officially opened to the public on August 19, 2019. About the new Transit Hub, Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz who often takes a Tarta bus to work in the morning said, "I love this space

and I feel it's a better location for TARTA'S main hub than the area they were using in the past. This is also a more efficient location to move people in and about the city, and beyond that, this physicality itself is a night and day upgrade over the old Transit Hub". He continued by saying "Opening this location for Tarta's main hub is another positive step in Tarta'S efforts to reinvent



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**(L-R) Ronda Swell converses with Marcey Kaptur and TARTA Board Member Maris King about the new Transit Hub.**  
itself. They are turning the page and opening a new chapter, and becoming the transportation system that Toledo needs if it's going to thrive and succeed in the future."



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**Influential African Americans attending the TARTA Transit Hub opening ceremonies were (L-R) Lucas County Recorder Phil Copeland ,Toledo City Council Member District 4 Yvonne Harper, Michael Ashford:TATRA Government Affairs Liaison, Pastor Talmadge J. Thomas: Mt Zion Church, Ronda Sewell: Toledo Lucas County Library, Dr. Romules Durant CEO/Superintendent of Toledo Public Schools., and At-Large Toledo City Council Member Larry Sykes, (not present, Rev. Dr. Cedric Brock: Mt. Nebo Church, and Harvey Savage Jr.: Ex-Director MLK Kitchen for the Poor)**



# The Impact of Trump’s Vile Racist Rhetoric; The Hate that Hate Produces



By Dr. Wilmer J. Leon, III  
NEWS ANALYSIS

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - “Sadly, the overwhelming amount of violent crime in our major cities is committed by Blacks and Hispanics...” - Trump Tweet 6-5-13

"They (Democrats) don't care about crime and want illegal immigrants, no matter how bad they may be, to pour into and infest our Country, like MS-13. - Trump Tweet 6-19-18

"Why are we having all these people from shithole countries come here?" - Trump 1-11-18

On August 3, 22 people were killed, and dozens injured in a shooting at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas. Authorities have uncovered a document that they believe links the shooter's actions to his dismay at the increasing Hispanic population in Texas.

On April 27, 2019, one woman was killed, and three other people were injured at the Chabad of Poway synagogue in Poway, CA. In an antisemitic and racist open letter posted on 8chan shortly before the shooting and signed with the shooters name, the author blamed Jews for alleged "white genocide" ...a conspiracy theory, which he referred to as the "meticulously planned genocide of the European race".

On October 27, 2018, eleven people were killed and seven (including the perpetrator) were injured at

the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Citing the Central American migrant caravans and immigrants, the shooter posted on "Gab" shortly before the attack that "HIAS likes to bring invaders in that kill our people. I can't sit by and watch my people get slaughtered..."

At least three people were killed, and 12 others wounded in a shooting at the Gilroy Garlic Festival in Northern California on Sunday, July 28. Nine people were killed, and 27 others injured in Dayton, OH Sunday, August 4. Police have yet to determine the motive in these shootings.

Much has been made of President Trump's racist and xenophobic Tweets and rants. The discussion now centers around the "rise" of white supremacist language, web sites, activity and action. Analysts and others are trying to assign blame to President Trump for inciting this hatred and violence...but this is not new; this is America! To quote H. Rap Brown, "violence (and in this case racism) is as American as cherry pie".

America as a settler colonial state was founded upon violence, racism, bigotry and hatred. This month America commemorates the 400 years that enslaved Africans arrived on the shores of Port Comfort, Va. in 1619.

It's codified in the Constitution. Article 1, Section 2 of the US Constitution - Better known as the 3/5ths compromise. Article IV, Section 2, Clause 3, - The Fugitive Slave Clause and Article 1, Section 9 – the importation of enslaved Africans was allowed for 25 years after the Constitution was ratified.

The Indian Removal Act was signed into law on May 28, 1830, by President Andrew Jackson. The act has been referred to as a unitary act of systematic genocide as countless numbers of Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, Seminole, and Cherokee people (including mixed-race and Africans who lived among them) were forcibly removed from their ancestral lands in the Southeastern United States and forced to relocate west of the Mississippi. It will never be determined how many people perished

during this process also known as The Trail of Tears.

The Supreme Court was very clear in its language on March 6, 1857, Chief Justice Roger Taney issued what is widely regarded as the worst Supreme Court opinion ever in the infamous Dred Scott v. Sanford case, "[African Americans] had for more

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NATION, a film directed by D.W. Griffith and based on THE CLANSMAN, a novel written by Wilson's good friend Thomas Dixon. It depicted the Ku Klux Klan as valiant saviors of a post-war South, ravaged by Northern carpetbaggers and immoral freed blacks. The film helped to revive the Klan and its domestic terror in African American and Jewish communities.

Even the beloved Ronald Reagan (Obama's favorite) was clear in his racism. According to Slate, In 1971, when both then-CA governor Reagan and President Nixon were frustrated about a United Nations vote to recognize the People's Republic of China. African delegations sided with others in supporting Chinese sovereignty over Taiwan. In a racist phone call to President Richard Nixon Reagan said, "To see those, those monkeys from those African countries—damn them, they're still uncomfortable wearing shoes!" Reagan said, to laughter from Nixon.

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So, whether it is Trump's people from "shithole countries" or Reagan's "monkeys from those African countries" the controlling American sentiment is that people of color in this country still have no rights which the white man is bound to respect. Trump's vile racist rhetoric is the hate that hate produces.

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than a century before been regarded as beings of an inferior order, and altogether unfit to associate with the white race, either in social or political relations; and so far inferior, that they had no rights which the white man was bound to respect..."

These are just a few examples of the historic basis of President Trump's racist tropes, but Trump is not alone. On the evening of March 21, 1915, President Woodrow Wilson attended a special screening at the White House of THE BIRTH OF A

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First, Look in the Mirror, Mr. President, to Quell America’s Deadly Violence

By Jesse Jackson  
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - The horrifying and heartbreaking news of the domestic terrorist attacks in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, in less than 24 hours over the weekend reached me while I was in Poland, a country haunted by the deadly power of politically irresponsible and racist rhetoric.

I was participating in a series of events commemorating the 75th anniversary of the mass murder at Auschwitz-Birkenau death factory near Krakow, where in one night the Nazis killed more than 4,000 Roma and Sinti men, women and children, classified and persecuted by the Nazis as "Gypsies," aliens, undocumented and other.

The motivation of the young White killer in Dayton is unclear. But in El Paso, a 21-year-old white man apparently posted to social media a hate-filled, anti-migrant rant before driving nine hours and 600 miles from the Dallas area to a Walmart, where you can see Mexico from the parking lot, to kill as many brown-skinned people as possible.

Wielding a semiautomatic, military-style rifle — a weapon of mass destruction — the Texas shooter killed 20 people and wounded dozens more in a matter of minutes. The death toll in

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# Rep. Waters to American Farmers: Denounce Donald Trump & His Lies!

NNPA NEWSWIRE — By  
Congresswoman Maxine Waters

WASHINGTON — Congresswoman Maxine Waters (CA-43) released a statement in response to the escalation of Donald Trump’s trade war with China. Donald Trump announced last week that he will impose an additional 10 percent tariff on \$300 billion worth of Chinese imports on top of the 25 percent tariffs already imposed on \$250 billion in Chinese imports.[1]China has threatened retaliation. [2]Major stock indexes posted large losses the following day,[3] and the stock market remains volatile. Trump’s latest tariff announcement follows last month’s announcement by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) of the details of a \$16 billion aid package for farmers adversely impacted by retaliatory tariffs,[4] which is in addition to a \$12 billion aid package for farmers announced last year.[5]The Congresswoman’s statement follows:

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dous suffering among American farmers, so much so that the USDA has offered a total of \$28 billion over the past year to farmers adversely impacted by retaliatory tariffs. This taxpayer money could have been spent to improve our nation’s schools and health services, fix dilapidated roads and bridges, and expand services to seniors and veterans in rural and urban communities alike. Instead, the Trump administration is giving billions in bailouts to farmers who are losing money because of his foolish trade wars.



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Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA), Chairwoman of the House Financial Services Committee

“Needless to say, most American farmers are hard-working people who would rather sell their products than receive a government welfare check. But Donald Trump has offered them nothing but empty promises and lies.

“Trump’s farmer bailout is not even helping the family farmers who need it the most. Instead, the money has gone overwhelmingly to the biggest and wealthiest agricultural producers. According to a recent analysis of USDA data by the Environmental Working Group, more than half of the farmer aid payments have been doled out to the top one-tenth of recipients. An astonishing total of \$2.8 million went to a single farm in Missouri. Furthermore, the top 1 percent of farmer aid recipients received an average of \$183,331 each, while the bottom 80 percent received an average of less than \$5,000.

Meanwhile, thousands of bailout recipients are actually residents of the nation’s largest cities, and minority farmers continue to be left out of the program. [6]

“Trump promised to support family farmers, even accusing his rival – Hillary Clinton – of wanting to ‘shut down family farms’.[7]He also claimed to be the ultimate dealmaker. Yet two years later, his trade war with China has caused pain and suffering for farmers, but there is no deal in sight. Indeed, the only deals Trump has made as our nation’s president are those that benefit himself, his family, and his wealthy friends and campaign donors.

“To all of the farmers who remain silent in the face of Donald Trump’s disastrous trade policies and incessant lies: I urge you to stop waiting for a bailout and denounce this president for the con man he is.”

# First, Look in the Mirror, Mr. President, to Quell America’s Deadly Violence

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the El Paso shooting now stands at 22.

The scourge of homegrown racial terrorism is not new. Since the birth of the Klan during Reconstruction, to the White Citizen’s councils of the ‘60s to Timothy McVeigh’s slaughter of 168 people, including 19 children, in Oklahoma City, the radical and racist right has used guns and bombs to intimidate and spread fear. President Donald Trump said many of the right things at the White House Monday morningin condemning the shootings, racism, bigotry and White supremacy.

Better late than never. Now he must do the right thing. He can start by looking at the man in the mirror. He must end his use of racially charged (often racist) rhetoric and tweets for political gain. It is divisive, dangerous and diversionary. I think he is better than that. I know the country is.

The president should also clean the swamp inside his administration. During his campaign and in the White House — the people’s house — Trump has surrounded himself with racial ideologues, including his



immigrant-bashing speech writer Stephen Miller, a close college friend of Richard Spencer, who, along with former KKK leader and Trump endorser, David Duke, were organizers of the demonstrations in Charlottesville where hundreds of neo-Nazis marched through the streets, chanting, “Jews will not replace us.”

Racism is a pathology. It is unscientific. It is immoral. It is a sickness. It is deadly. The ideology of white supremacy is spewing hate, anti-immi-

grant and racially polarizing rhetoric. It is cannon fodder for these mass killings. These are not killings of passion, but political killings. Calling the shooters mentally ill is dismissing their plan of action, their ideology of supremacy and hate. They are at war. They know what they’re doing and why.

We have a gun crisis, a hate crisis and a leadership crisis. Trump must use his bully pulpit for something more than bullying. He must lead the

way with action, not just words, in the passage of tough, meaningful gun control and an immediate ban on the military-style weapons used by both killers in El Paso and Dayton.

He must demand his fellow Republicans do the same. The House has passed gun legislation that would likely reduce such mass killings in the future, but Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has refused to bring it before the Senate for a vote. Mr. President, start twisting arms. These political acts of domestic terrorism are an attempt to undercut our democracy. The combination of well-armed white nationalists and white supremacists, and a multiracial democracy, cannot co-exist.

The president must take a moral stand for humanity and curb his ugly rhetoric. His FBI must clamp down on right-wing, white nationalist groups inspiring and committing these acts of violence. He must join the American people who are demanding sensible gun safety measures. Prayers and condolences are not enough. We need action. We need gun control. We need the political will and moral leadership to stop the violence, save the children — and the country.



# Hackley Family Reunion Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



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Family members pose on Coronado Island in California for a group photo during the Trolley Tour.



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2019 Reunion Chairperson Chanel Fields, left, with husband Michael, right, holding their son Michael.

By Leah Williams

The Hackley Family Reunion 50th Anniversary was held on July 26-29 in San Diego, California. Nearly 75 direct descendants and extended family members of Archibald and Hazel Mae Hackley converged on the city



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From left to right. Croquette Hudson, Alayna Pearson, Julianne Banks-Pearson, and Hackley Family Chaplain Jason Banks before the Trolley Tour.

from Maryland, Georgia, Ohio, Florida, California, Pennsylvania, and Texas to celebrate and fellowship together for three days of planned family events and activities.

Originally established in Toledo, Ohio in 1969 by Gladius Hackley Hudson Stewart, one of the seven children born to Archibald and Hazel Mae Hackley, the Hackley Family Reunion now occurs every other year and rotates cities and chairpersons. The 50th Anniversary reunion was chaired by Archibald and Hazel Mae Hackley's



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Mrs. Hazel Mae Hackley, great-granddaughter Chanel Fields.

When asked about the importance of the



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Mr. Archibald Hackley, reunion, Ms. Fields said, "There's something about being in a room

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If you are in the market for new insurance, you are not alone. Nonprofit Transamerica Center for Health Studies' annual consumer survey found that over one in three (35 percent) insured adults acquired new health insurance in the past 12 months. And a strong majority (61 percent) of uninsured respondents said cost prevents them from obtaining health coverage.

Do you need health insurance? While the Internal Revenue Service no longer penalizes individuals on their federal taxes if they do not have health insurance, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Vermont and the District of Columbia all require residents to be insured or pay a tax penalty. Other states are considering adopting a health insurance mandate as well, so be sure to check these tax requirements. Even in states that do not require it, health insurance can help protect you (and your loved ones) from high medical costs, expected or not.

It is a very difficult situation when you lose your health insurance—whether you lost your employer-based coverage, can no longer afford your current premium on individual coverage, lost your parents' or spouse's coverage, experienced a divorce, or have a new addition to your family. At that moment of uncertainty and concern for your health, what are your options for new health insurance coverage?

Join Your Parents' or Spouse's Plan

If you are under 26 years old, you may be added or remain on your parents' health insurance (if it covers children). Adult children can join or remain on a parent's plan even if they are married; not living with their parents; attending school; not financially dependent on their parents; or eligible to enroll in their employer's plan.

If you are married and your spouse's employer-based coverage covers dependents, you can be added to that health insurance. This change to your spouse's employer-based coverage may be limited to the company open enrollment period once each year.

Shop the Exchange



Another place to look is your state's Health Insurance Exchange. About 80 percent of customers purchasing a health plan through the Exchanges qualify for a subsidy on their premiums, depending on their income level. Health Insurance Exchanges are the only place to offer these subsidies, which are available for singles with a 2019 annual income between \$12,140 and \$48,560, or income between \$25,100 and \$100,400 for a family of four. (Income limits are different in states that offer "expanded" Medicaid coverage, meaning a wider number of low-income residents can qualify.) You can check for basic information about your state's Exchange on our website: [www.TransamericaCenterforHealthStudies.org](http://www.TransamericaCenterforHealthStudies.org).

It is important to know that you have up to 60 days after losing your previous insurance or experiencing a life event (new baby, marriage, etc.) to purchase coverage in an Exchange. Otherwise, you have to wait until the Exchange open enrollment period each fall to sign up.

Determine Eligibility for Medicaid

If you are lower income or unemployed, you may qualify for Medicaid in your state. Generally, the income limit is about \$12,140 for singles and \$25,100 for a family of four, though state requirements vary. Medicaid provides full health coverage with little or no out-of-pocket cost to you and your family. Some states have work/community engagement requirements for adults. You can check a state's Medicaid income qualifications and requirements on our website: [www.TransamericaCenterforHealthStudies.org](http://www.TransamericaCenterforHealthStudies.org).

Buy Direct

You can also purchase health insurance directly from an insurance provider. Health plans with the "essential health benefits" required by the Affordable Care Act can be purchased directly from health plans, often on the website. You might also consider working with an insurance broker who can

help you understand the different plan options available to you and the levels of coverage.

Consider Gap and Short-Term Insurance

Some health insurance products that do not qualify as major medical health insurance are also available. They are sometimes called gap insurance, but you should know the limitations of these plans before purchasing.

- Critical illness insurance provides a cash payment if you are diagnosed with cancer, have a heart attack, suffer a stroke or another serious and costly illness.

- Accident insurance gives you a cash payout if you are in an accident. A plan may have daily payouts for specific events, such as a cash payment for every day you spend in the hospital.

- Short-term health insurance plans also do not comply with the Affordable Care Act, but they can provide you with health insurance if you need a stopgap until obtaining full coverage. Short-term health plans can provide catastrophic health coverage but some states limit their availability. It is important to note that short-term medical

plans are not required to cover mental health services, outpatient prescription drugs, substance use disorder treatment, maternity care or other essential health benefits. Moreover, short-term plans do not cover pre-existing conditions and may deny you coverage based on your past medical history.

Before you sign up for

health insurance again, do your homework and shop around. That is the best way to make sure you find the best option for your needs.

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# Calvary Baptist Holds Third Annual Book Bag Give Away



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Students show off they're brand new free Book-Bags with supplies at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church's Third Annual Book Bag Give-Away.



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Glenwood Elementry student D'Marria Johnson found a pretty brand new drie at the clothes Cive-Away and a book- Bag at theCalvary Mis- sionary Baptist Church's Third Annual Book Bag Give-Away.

By Michael Daniels  
Journal Staff Reporter

On Saturday, August 10, 2019, more than 200 central city students and their parents participated in Calvary Missionary Baptist Church's Third Annual Book Bag Give-Away at the church located at 702

Collingwood Blvd.

The giving away of book bags was really only a small part of what was a much larger community event. However, providing the students with book bags with supplies, so they could be prepared for the first day of school was the main objective of the

day. Dr. Romules Durant, CEO/Superintendent of Toledo Public Schools, who was present for the activities, explained why students having a book bag on the first day of school is so important. He said, "Kids really don't own much in life, unlike adults who when they buy their first house or car, have pride in the ownership. For kids, on the first day of school, their pride in ownership is their book bag and supplies. It is something they own and they do a show and tell with the other kids".

"The worst scenario is when on the first day of school the teacher says 'let's get started, take out your pencil and write this down,' and one kid doesn't have any supplies, while all the rest of the kids do. This can lead to anxiety and depression for a student on the first day of school because they don't have their proper school supplies to get started with the class. Having their own supplies brings about a sense of anatomy and a sense of pride and ownership," he said.

Beside free Book-Bags, there were free clothing give away, free face painting, free horseback riding, and free food. There was also entertainment from the Party Crashers (a Character for Hire Service) they brought along a Mascot the famous comic book character, The Black Panther (David Miles). He mingled with and



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(L-R) Calvary's Pastor Rev, Floyd Smith Jr. with Lana Pearson and her sister Japzery and her new Book Bag, TPS CEO/Superintendent Dr. Romules Durant, with Tyler Jackson and his new Book Bag, and Mascot The Black Panther: Mr. David Miles and Deacon Willie Tucker: Book Bag Give Away Chairman at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church's Third Annual Book Bag Give-Away.



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Not only did the kids get free Book-bags they also enjoyed free horseback rides at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church's Third Annual Book Bag Give-Away.



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Invited to attend by Calvary Baptist Church The Members of The Party Crashers (a Charter for Hire Service) enjoy the Church's Third Annual Book Bag Give-Away.

amused the kids, while passing out Super Hero stickers, to all of the young people. For spiritual uplifting there was Gospel music from the Glass City Disciples. Also, all the free Book-Bags came fully stocked with all the needed school supplies and were ready to go. All you had to be is a school-aged student and you qualify for a free

book-bag! Deacon Willie Tucker, the church chairman for the Give-Away explained, "This whole thing started when we used to have a community picnic and we gave away five bicycles. There was a little boy who really wanted a bicycle but he didn't get one, and he was so disappointed. So, one of our sponsors

suggested we give away something where a lot more kids could benefit from our events, and he suggested a book-bag giveaway. So that's what we did and this is our third year doing so, and it's been very successful. This year, we will give away over 200 book-bags with supplies".

"That sponsor,

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# Mike Colbert spearheads book bag giveaway

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The charitable cause didn't stop at the book bags. Each one was filled with schools supplies, and hygiene products such as a toothbrush, and toothpaste.

Further, each child was treated to free hamburgers, hot dogs, potato chips, and a drink.

"Look, if anyone is in a position to do host some type of charitable cause, then they should, because many of the kids are in need," Mr. Colbert said.

Pulling in to the giveaway, which was held in the parking lot of the church, was a bus filled with 23 children from Grace Community Center. Jay Shavers, youth, and facility director, said once he found out about the event, and knew he had to make sure some of the children at the center could obtain those supplies.

"We selected many of the children who were already attending our summer program, to come today and receive those supplies. Something like this really helps the parents," he said.

Mr. Colbert extended a thank you to those who helped make the event successful. Those sponsors included, The Toledo Journal who provided the hamburgers, buns, and chips, Dr. Frankel Dentistry, who provided toothbrushes, and toothpaste, and Rudy's Hot Dog on Monroe St., who supplied the hot dogs. Two of the managers were in attendance, helping to fire up the grill, and get the hot dogs started.

Brittany Tyner said, "It feels good to be a part of helping others, especially children."

"It's been our pleasure to help out over the past three years," said Melissa Wyman. "When it comes to community outreach, we try to help as much as possible," she said.

# Third Annual Book Bag Give Away



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**Providing soulful Gospel music for the Book-Bag Give Away were the Glass City Disciples.**

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Williams Homes, who suggested we give out book-bags is still with us today, along with some of our other sponsors. As, we as a church, reach out to serve the community around us. We are grateful to our sponsors for their help and donations. God has blessed us and we are just passing that blessing on", said the Deacon.

Rev. Floyd Smith Jr., the pastor of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church commented about the give-aways saying, "Our title is Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, and what missionary means is that we must reach out beyond these four walls into the community and try to bring people to Jesus Christ. We also try help with their spiritual needs as well as with their physical needs".

"I believe with this give-away, we touching some lives and we are giving the kids what they



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**(L-R) Calvary's Sister Sheilatt Green, Sister Jewel Parker, and Herb Gabriel enjoy freshly grilled hot dogs served by Calvary's First Lady Robin Wilson-Smith at the Book-Bag Give-Away.**

need to be successful. If we can plant that seed, even a little bitty mustard seed will grow into a great big giant tree. That's is what we are trying to do today, plant those seeds," said the pastor.

# Two Black Authors Declare War Against Illiteracy with New Educational Model

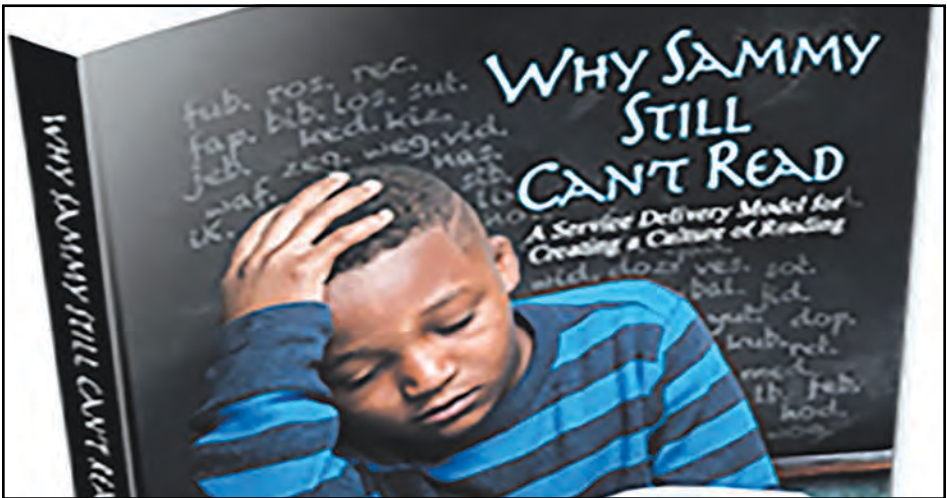


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*Submitted*

Black News  
Dallas, TX —  
Reading is a fundamental element of learning, but not everybody has that skill. Two authors with experience in education

want to change that and have released a new book to help make that happen. The book was inspired by personal experience.

A heartfelt letter kicks off Why Sammy Still Can't Read: A Service Delivery Model for Creating a Culture of Reading. The letter is written by author Leroy McClure to his brother, Sam, who eventually discovered he had dyslexia and it serves as both an apology and a

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# Toledo Native Joyce Brown Crowned Ms. Texas Senior America 2019



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**Joyce Brown – Ms. Texas Senior America 2019**

By Leah Williams

Toledo native Joyce Brown was crowned Ms. Texas Senior America 2019 by Senior America Incorporated

on Saturday, August 3 in Dallas, Texas. A graduate of Jesup W. Scott High School and Alabama A&M University with a major in electrical engineering, Ms. Scott

settled in the Dallas area after being recruited for an engineering position with Texas Instruments Inc. in Sherman, Texas at the time. While contemplating retirement from her current engineering position, Ms. Brown said

*“I just decided one day that I was going to define 60 and not let 60 define me.”*

that she began to think of ways to remain active and not become sedentary. “I was looking forward to retirement but I didn’t know what I wanted to do afterwards,” Ms. Brown said. “I did not want to retire and go sit on the couch. I’ve always worked so I knew that I needed to remain vibrant.”

Simultaneously, Ms. Brown said her 60th birthday was approaching, and she was initially having a hard time with “that decade.” But then, something in her shifted.

“I just decided one day that I was going to define 60 and not let 60 define me,” Ms. Brown said.

Soon after this personal declaration, Ms. Brown changed her

nutrition and exercise regimen and worked hard to reach the fitness goals she set for herself. She said that after getting in the best shape of her life, she found her confidence had increased and that she was ready for a new challenge outside her comfort zone – enter pageantry.

Ms. Brown conducted an internet search for pageants in her age range and then called the organizers at Senior America Incorporated.

“I didn’t know anyone who had ever done a pageant,” Ms. Brown said. “Pageantry wasn’t in my blood. I never really thought about it;

*“I did not want to retire and go sit on the couch. I’ve always worked so I knew that I needed to remain vibrant.”*

however, when I went to the first meeting, I felt like I was at home. Like this is where I was meant to be.”

Ms. Brown submitted her application and was chosen to compete in the Ms. Texas Senior America 2018 pageant. Though she did not place, Ms. Brown entered



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**Joyce Brown – Ms. Texas Senior America 2019**

again in 2019 and was crowned the winner out of an impressive field of contestants.

The 2019 pageant consisted of four competition categories: interview, talent, evening gown, and philosophy of life. Ms. Brown performed a Fred Astaire-inspired jazz dance routine in leotard with tails and top hat to the song “I Won’t Dance” for her talent.

Now that Ms. Brown is the reigning Ms. Texas Senior America 2019, she

will begin a busy schedule of promoting Senior America Incorporated at various private and public speaking engagements and events across the state of Texas. She will also be competing for a national title this fall.

“The national title [pageant] is in Atlantic City in October,” Ms. Brown said. “I’ll be competing on a national level against all the other state title holders. I’m so excited, so excited!”



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# The Passing of Toni Morrison: A Loss for the Racial Justice Community As Well As the Literary World



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By Marc H. Morial

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - "Oppressive language does more than represent violence; it is violence; does more than represent the limits of knowledge; it limits knowledge. Whether it is obscuring state language or the faux-language of mindless media; whether it is the proud but calcified language of the academy or the commodity driven language of science; whether it is the malign language of law-without-ethics, or language designed for the estrangement of minorities, hiding its racist plunder in its literary cheek - it must be rejected, altered and exposed. It is the language that drinks blood, laps vulnerabilities, tucks its fascist boots under crinolines of respectability and patriotism as it moves relentlessly toward the bottom line and the bottomed-out mind." - Toni Morrison, Nobel Lecture, 1993

A few years after being awarded the Nobel Prize for literature, for a body of work known for centering the Black American experience, Toni Morrison was asked by a white reporter when she would "incorporate white lives" into her books "in a substantial way."

"You can't understand how powerfully racist that question is, can you?" she asked. "You could never ask a white author, 'When are you going to write about Black people?' Whether he did or not, or she did or not. Even the inquiry comes from a position of being in the center." Morrison likened

herself to a Russian author, writing in Russian, about Russia. "The fact that it gets translated and read by other people is a benefit, it's a plus. but he's not obliged to ever consider writing about French people, or Americans, or anybody."

Morrison's death this week, at the age of 88, is a loss not only to the literary world, but to the cause of racial justice and civil rights. And it comes at a time when her unique voice is especially relevant.

Shortly after the election of Donald Trump in 2016, she published an essay entitled "Make America White Again," in which she argued that white America's loss of "the conviction of their natural superiority" had led to its debasement. The slaughter of unarmed men and women of color at the hands of police and racially-motivated mass murder, the bombing of Black churches - and white America's apparent tolerance for all of it -- she asserted, were part of the death knell of white superiority.

"If it weren't so ignorant and pitiful, one could mourn this collapse of dignity in service to an evil cause," she wrote. It is telling that what the interviewer noticed most about Morrison's work was the absence of white characters; white privilege can be like air or light, notable only when it is absent. And according to Morrison, white voters were beginning to feel it ebb away.

"Toni Morrison" may have been as much a creation as her novels; she said she regretted using the nickname, derived from her chosen confirmation name,


Anthony, and always thought of as Chloe, her

given name. She grew up in the integrated town of Lorain, Ohio, and was disillusioned by what she saw as rampant colorism when she arrived at Howard University in 1949. Unlike classmates who had grown up in the south, she experienced legal segregation for the first time in Washington, D.C., but could not believe it was real.

"I think it's a theatrical thing," she told the New York Times. "I always felt that everything else was the theater. They didn't really mean that. How could they? It was too stupid."

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# A Black Woman Invented the First Home Security System With TV Surveillance in 1966



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Black News  
Marie Van Brittan Brown, born on January 7, 1922, was an African American nurse and inventor from Queens, New York City. In 1966, at the age of 44, she came up with the brilliant idea to create a unique home surveillance device with a closed circuit television security system. She and her husband, Albert L.

Brown, applied for the patent and invented a system with a motorized camera that could show images on a monitor. That patent (#3,482,037) was eventually granted, and her invention went on to become a technological precursor to how modern day home security systems would be designed.

Brown's invention had very unique features for the time; The motorized camera at the door could slide up and down to look out of four peepholes. Anything the camera captured would be displayed on a monitor. Her system also included a radio-controlled lock that would allow the front door to remotely unlocked, and an audio-video alarm system that could be used to see and communicate with whoever was at the door.

For her genius invention, which obviously contributed to the future of home security systems, Brown was given a prestigious award by the National Scientists Committee (NSC). But for the most part, her invention has gone unnoticed and undocumented by the mainstream media and literature.

Sadly, Marie Van Brittan Brown died on February 2, 1999 at the age of 77-years old.

## Hackley Family Reunion

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filled with people that you like and love, who also like and love you. The love and laughter continually flows and pours into our spirits, filling us up until the next time we meet and have the opportunity to love on each other once again.”

Married on October 24, 1913 in Toledo, Ohio, Archibald and Hazel Mae Hackley built a lasting legacy of faith, family, and hard work. Mr. Hackley was born in Jolliet, Illinois in 1886 and later attended the Michigan Conservatory of Music. He was the church organist and a member of the famous Abyssinian Quartet at Third Baptist Church. Mr. Hackley was also among the first black U.S. Postman in Toledo. Born in 1896 in Dayton, Ohio, Mrs. Hackley was described by her daughter Glaudius (now deceased) as a consummate stay at home mother who possessed a “quiet, yet forceful set of principles.” The Hackleys had seven children: Evelyn, Glaudius, Archibald, Athalstine, Melvin, Phyllis, and Ursula. It is their descendants who carry on the reunion tradition.

Co-chairperson Edvelyn Webster (great-granddaughter) said that the reunions were a blessing and “treasured legacy” initiated 50 years ago by her great Aunt Glaudius. Another great-granddaughter of the Hackleys, Julianne Banks-Pearson said, “Our family reunions are life-giving! Coming together and experiencing the love we have for each other makes my heart smile.”

Events and activities during the Hackley Family Reunion weekend included a rooftop Meet and Greet, Beach Day, Bowling Night, Trolley Tour, Family Program and Banquet, and Farewell Breakfast. The Family Program and Banquet was emceed by the Hackley Family Chaplain Jason Banks who delivered a stirring family address encouraging all, but especially the young attendees, to continue the tradition of gathering together for generations to come.

“It doesn’t matter where we go, I always enjoy the family reunions! These are God-given special moments that can’t be replaced,” Mr. Banks said. “To quote my late father, ‘I can’t afford to attend family reunions; but I can’t afford not to’.”

## The Passing of Toni Morrison

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When Morrison won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1993, it had been more than 30 years since an American-born author had won, but her status as the first Black woman honored overshadowed her Americanness.

And while she had complained that her work was more likely to be taught in women’s studies or African-American studies classes than in English classes, she hoped her work “fit first into African-American traditions and, second of all, this whole thing called literature.”

Today, even high-school students across the country are familiar with her work, reading her alongside Nathaniel Hawthorne and Mark Twain. She has staked out the African-American experience as part of the broader American experience.

As politicians seek to divide us and racial violence swirls around us, it is this lesson – that Black America is America, that we must keep firmly in our hearts.

## Two Black Authors Declare War Against Illiteracy with New Educational Model

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promise.

“Because I now know about different learning styles and learning disabilities, I promise I’ll help students like you receive the proper diagnosis early and create a successful academic intervention plan to help ensure that they’ll learn to read, write, compute math, and be better prepared to enter college or the workforce,” he writes.

McClure’s brother is far from alone in his struggles with reading and learning. The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development estimates that learning disabilities affect 15 to 20 percent of people in the United States. Those who can’t read often face extreme challenges coping with the standardized testing in school and may struggle with graduating from high school, college or succeeding at work.

This book by Leroy and Yvette McClure – who have decades of experience in education – aims to inform others about people who learn differently and provide a service delivery model for reading to help students succeed at all levels, especially those with learning disabilities. Administrators and teachers will find practical steps to help struggling students either at their school as a whole or in small groups, leading to a culture of reading. That culture can transform students.

The authors detail learning disabilities and Attention-Deficit/Hyperactive Disorder, which crosses all races and economic backgrounds; offers resources to service providers; aims to raise money to provide 1,000 teachers with specialized training to become certified academic language therapists or licensed dyslexic therapists or practitioners; and write a service delivery model action plan that includes a buy-in from teachers, administrators, parents and governing boards, and appropriate training for teachers and staff.

If 2 out of 3 African American males in prison can’t read and they went to school every day during Kindergarten through second grade, this in itself is a national crisis! They didn’t just drop out of school, with all the peer pressure they were forced out because they couldn’t read. The first 3 years of school you learn to read then you read to learn. Our African American boys are forced to learn from the streets when they can’t read. To set our people free, we must control the narrative. Why Sammy Still Can’t Read also a national movement as we hold people accountable and offer solutions.

McClure urges sweeping changes in education from parents, educators and politicians, starting with the basic building block of reading. “We as Americans citizens must look at illiteracy as a crisis,” he writes. “This is about all children exercising one of their civil rights to read so that no child will be left behind.”



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August 14, 1883: Ernest E. Just, Biologist and pioneer of cell division, born.

August 19, 1954: Ralph J. Bunche named undersecretary of the United Nations.

August 18, 1963: James Meredith, first African American to Graduate from the University of Mississippi

August 16, 1987: Historian Charles H. Wesley dies.

August 20, 1989: The first National Black Theater Festival closes in Winston-Salem, N.C.

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A. Philip Randolph i keynote speech given at the Second National Negro Congress in 1937.

"Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable."  
Kenyan Proverb

"Black people have always been America's wilderness in search of a promised land."  
Cornel West, Race Matters

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed."  
Booker T. Washington

"Yes we can."  
Barack Obama, President of the United States

"Unless you have found something in life to live for that is more important to you than your own life, you will always be a slave. For all another man needs to do is threaten to take your life to get you to do his bidding."  
Martin Luther King Jr.



Social Security Questions and Answers

By Erin Thompson, Public Affairs Specialist, Toledo, OH

Question:  
How can I protect myself against identity theft?

Answer:  
First, don't carry your Social Security card with you. Keep it secure at home with your other important papers. Second, don't readily give out your Social Security number. While many banks, schools, doctors, landlords, and others will request your number, it is your decision whether to provide it. Ask if there is some other way to identify you in their records. If you are the victim of identity theft, you should report it right away. To report identity theft, fraud, or misuse of your Social Security number, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) (the nation's consumer protection agency) recommends you:  
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Question:

Can I conduct my Social Security business online in the event of a hurricane or other disaster that keeps me from visiting an office?

Answer:

Yes. You can conduct most of your business with Social Security online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), where you'll find a wealth of information and services. For example, you can create or access your own *my Social Security* account, apply online for Social Security benefits or Medicare, and check the status of your pending application. If you're already receiving Social Security benefits, you can change your address, phone number, or your direct deposit information, get a replacement Medicare card, or get an instant proof of income letter. You also can get your *Social Security Statement* online. Your *Statement* lets you check and verify your earnings record and see estimates of your future benefits. You also can find out if your local office is open at [www.socialsecurity.gov/emergency](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/emergency). That site lists any office closings and delays.

Question:

I applied for a Social Security card for my child at the hospital and the card came back with the first name misspelled. What should I do?

Answer:

Go to your local Social Security office or card center to ask for a corrected card. We need to see at least two original documents proving your child's:  
• U.S. citizenship; and  
• Identity.  
We also must see proof of your identity, as the parent. The documents you show us must be either originals or copies certified by the issuing agency. We cannot accept photocopies or notarized copies. To find out more, go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber). There, you can learn what documents you need to fill out and print, and then bring or mail the information to us. You may also want to read the publication, *Social Security Numbers For Children*, available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs).



# Ask Felicia

## How to Keep Speaking Her Love Language

By Felicia T. Simpson

Guys, this is not a “Think Like a Man, Act Like.....” you know the rest. This is a refresher course so to speak, of how to keep speaking the love language, for that special lady in your life. Remember those days when you would open her door when you went out to dinner? Remember how you would gently hold her hands while you took a stroll at the park? Or how you bought her gifts just because? That’s what you need to get back into the habit of doing with your partner.



loved and connected to you, do it!

If she loves gifts, then that one charm from Pandora at Christmas will not help your relationship thrive. You need to give more gifts throughout the year. Pay attention to her and what excites her and gift her that! Most women love simple gifts from a bouquet of flowers, a box of chocolates or a gift card to her favorite shoe store. Please don’t make gift giving complicated or overwhelming. If she only likes you because of the expensive gifts, she’s just not that into you, she’s into your money.

Speaking words of affirmations to a woman to me is the easiest thing to do. The only prerequisite is that you actually have to mean what you are saying. There are tons of affirmations online that can guide you towards what to say to your partner or you can create your own. Just make sure you do something to affirm that she is special, loved, beautiful, adored, needed and more.

Continue to be of service to her. What does she currently struggle with that you can be of some assistance? What can you fix around the house or her place of residence? Whatever is still sitting in a box that needs to be assembled, assemble it or hire someone who can. You can even squeeze spending some quality time with her while you assemble her new desk.

Relationships take constant and consistent work. Keep doing all the things that you were doing when you two met and those things that made her completely fall in love with you. Whatever her love language is, speak it genuinely and be ready for a more fulfilling and intimate relationship between you two.

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Society may have you honestly believing that women are so complicated and emotional when in truth, we’re not. If your woman loves to spend quality time with you, do it. Don’t be on your phone playing video games, watching ESPN, answering emails, scrolling on social media. Just be present in the moment and spend more time with her.

If your partner loves the physical touch of her man, do it. It doesn’t always have to lead to sex, but placing your hand on her knee under the table, hugging her first thing in the morning, massaging her feet or whatever she prefers and that makes her feel more

## FILM REVIEW: Brian Banks wrongfully convicted high school football player



By Dwight Brown NNPA Newswire Film Critic

In this #MeToo age, a biofilm about a wrongfully convicted high school football player, who was accused, tried and imprisoned for rape, is timely.

The real Brian Banks, the subject of this movie, lived through an ordeal that was tragic, inspiring and often profound, something is lost in this one-dimensional retelling of his life experiences. Something turns his extraordinary story of resilience into a decent but ordinary made-for-TV-like movie.

In 2002, Brian Banks (Aldis Hodge, Straight Outta Compton, Hidden Figures) is a junior



at Polytechnic High School in Long Beach, California and a linebacker football player. He has verbally committed to attending USC based on his football prowess. The future looks bright for him and his single mom Leomia (Sherri Shepherd). One day at school, Banks runs into coed Kinnesha Rice (Xosha Roquemore), and they decide to hook up in a secluded school building where kids go to make out and get down.

While in their secret place, Brian has a change of heart, leaves Kinnesha behind and she is forced to explain to a security guard why she is in a notorious spot. Flustered, the student fabricates a story about being raped. Her lie leads to Banks’ arrest, a too-hasty plea deal, trial, imprisonment, a tough parole and a sex offender label that haunts him.

Banks can’t live, work or be near places that children gather—including schools, parks and malls. He’s lost any academic or professional football opportunities. Unless his conviction is overturned, his future is bleak and he’s hit a wall.

That’s a galvanizing setup. Sympathetic protagonist, wrongly accused, innocent and determined yet filled with self-doubt. He’s the David. A California judicial system that rarely—if ever—overturns cases against convicts is the Goliath. Audiences like to watch a “good fight” against injustice. Bring it on.

Screenwriter Doug Atchison (Akeelah and the Bee) fit all the characters and pieces of Banks jumbled life into an easy-to-decipher script. Maybe too easy. Son, mom, accuser, mentors. The California Innocence Project (CIP) is also in the mix. It’s a non-profit that helps wrongfully convicted prisoners and is headed by Justin Brooks (Greg Kinnear). Other supporting characters (new girlfriend, skeptical prosecutor, accuser’s stubborn mom) augment the cast. But the focus is on Banks—his sorrow, integrity, courageousness and perseverance.



Given a story that sells itself, and a quest that provides innate momentum, you’d think filmmaker Tom Shadyac (The Nutty Professor) would have an easy time directing a film that’s powered by its own natural thrust. Yet, his plodding direction slows things down. The footage (Ricardo Diaz, cinematographer) is bland, lacks style and eye-catching composition.

Shadyac fails to get the cast’s emotions to rise to a level of desperation that piques attention. Everything seems average. Smart, intuitive directors (e.g. Sidney Lumet “Q & A,”) find ways to lift urban dramas off the page and turn them into compelling films that are more than the sum of their parts. Not the case here.

Can’t blame the editing (Greg Hayden, Zoolander), art direction (Starlet Jacobs), production design (Teresa Mastropiero) or costumes (Amanda Ford) for the general malaise. The tech credits are just decent enough to make this film semi-engaging for 99 minutes. The ensemble cast is proficient, but none stand out, except the lead.

Big question: “Why is Aldis Hodge in a so-so movie like this?” His deft interpretation of the character, the raw emotion he displays and the solid screen persona he creates crown his performance. He saves the film. At this point in his career, Hodges should be starring in far bigger projects than this. He should be one of the Avengers, vying for parts Denzel Washington has aged out of and up for roles that lead to Oscars. He’s that good.

Brian Banks’ story is a cautionary tale in an era when a false accusation can ruin a career. It shows that harm that can be done when well-intentioned advocates believe an accuser before hearing all the facts. Also, Banks’ predicament clearly indicates why parents should be in the room when their offspring are negotiating plea deals with public defenders. For a multitude of reasons, Banks’ experience should be shared.

The Brian Banks film, within the confines of its made-for-TV-movie-of-the-week approach, is not as three-dimensional as Banks real-life story. It lacks the artistry of an indie film, the dramatic chops of a cable film (HBO) and the repeat-viewing power necessary for a streaming movie (Netflix).

If this well-meant film has a saving grace, besides its message of resilience, its Hodges’ powerful performance. He’s an Oscar-caliber actor in need of an Oscar-caliber film.

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# High School Golf Team of All Black Players Become the First to Win State Championship



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## Members of the The Charles R. Drew Public Charter School's Varsity Boys Golf Team

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Black News  
Atlanta, GA — The Charles R. Drew Public Charter School's Varsity Boys Golf Team in Atlanta, which has all Black players and an all Black coaching staff, has recently won the State Championship, making them the first to do so in the state of Georgia.

They also made history as the first-ever Atlanta Public School team to win a State Championship in golf.

The team made a notable win after beating the two-time defending state champions by more than 15 strokes. They finished strong this year after coming in fourth last year.

"We're making

history," Anthony Ford, a senior on the team, told Because of Them We Can. "We've got even bigger stakes [on] us now, going to the national championship. Being the only Black team there, it means a lot. We've got a lot of people rooting for us."

The team's coach, Nyre Williams, was a former professional golf

player since 2003 after he went to Tennessee State University on a golf scholarship. He is also the director of The First Tee of East Lake Foundation, a youth development program that mentors and teaches golf to young people.

All the boys on the Drew Charter School's golf team are members of The First Tee of East

Lake, where they were taught not only how to play golf, but also encouraged about life goals and healthy habits.

Aside from their recent win, the boys have also received several opportunities such as scholarships to prestigious institutions, travel across the country, and access to elite golf academies.

"The biggest highlight would be the capacity to teach these men things they wouldn't have an opportunity to learn outside of the game," Williams said in an interview with Blavity. "This platform has allowed them to recognize their worth and aspire to goals they wouldn't have otherwise thought of accomplishing."

# How To Identify Flood-Damaged Vehicles

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(NAPSI)—Following record-setting rainfall in many areas of the country, flooding has taken its toll on vehicles. It's important for those considering buying a used vehicle to be car care aware and check for signs of water intrusion or contamination, advises the nonprofit Car Care Council.

"Purchasing a used vehicle and later learning it has been flood damaged can be very problematic and lead to costly issues down the road. Worse yet, these vehicles can be unhealthy to occupy because of mold and bacteria growing in the carpet and ventilation system," explained Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council.

The Car Care Council and the Car Care Professionals Network (CCPN), a

group of automotive service providers, say it all comes down to how much water the vehicle took in and where it can be reached. They recommend these five steps to determine if a vehicle has been flood damaged:

- Take the sniff test. Close all the windows and doors and let the car sit for about five minutes. Then, crack open a door and sniff. Mildew and mold have very distinctive smells and it doesn't take long for that smell to present itself.

- Try the touch test. Get some paper towels and press them against the low spots in the carpet. The paper towels will draw the moisture out and reveal if the carpet is wet under the surface. Some carpets can be several inches thick to insulate from heat and sound. If the paper towel becomes wet, it could

mean water has gotten into the car.

- Investigate the interior. Look under the seats and dash for corrosion and rust and look for exposed metal that is untreated. There are metal springs under the front seats that are usually not painted. If they are rusted, that is a sign the interior has been wet. Look for mud and debris in places they don't belong.

- Inspect the instrument panel. Turn on the key and perform a bulb test. Make sure every bulb lights up. If a system has an issue, removing the warning bulb can hide it. Many times, vehicles that have flooded have malfunctions in their anti-brake and air bag systems. If the light comes on and then goes out after the bulb test, that's an indicator that the system is on and has



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no active faults.

- Take it to a professional. Let a service and repair technician inspect your vehicle. He or she can raise the car and look underneath to see if there is any mud, sticks or rocks in the suspension. A professional can check the oil in the differentials

to make sure they contain no water. Spend a few dollars to have it looked over to give yourself peace of mind.

The Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular vehicle

care, maintenance and repair to consumers.

For the latest car care news, visit the council's online media room at <http://media.carcare.org>. To order a free copy of the popular "Car Care Guide," visit the council's consumer education website at [www.carcare.org](http://www.carcare.org).



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## Untruthful Accusations

Submitted

Sad to say attempts are made to denigrate those that are making efforts to better serve our own community. I am vehemently addressing a “GOOGLE” posting that was purely a concoction made up to emulate the truth. However, there was absolutely no truth to it.

In reaching out to “Google” they say they can post anything that anyone sends to them.  
My response, if the truth was anywhere in the individual’s statement surely it would have entailed legal action which would definitely entail some “monetary” adjudicated in their favor. What vile person could do such...

Shame on “Google” for allowing such posting without any type of fact-finding investigation. I CHALLENGE the posting by Dasani Caldwell, the author, to file legal action if such described circumstances occurred. Shame on him or her...  
**C. Brown, Sr.**  
**Director**



If you love them enough to sit through their favorite movies, then surely you’ll check to make sure they’re in the right car seat.

## The Ugly History of America’s Racist Soft Drink Brands



Black History News  
Submitted

The truth about the history of America’s favorite soft drinks, Coca-Cola and Pepsi, may shock you. Coca-Cola, for example, founded in the year 1892, was originally a product only intended for white people. According to the New York Times, Coke’s recipe was heavily influenced by white supremacy and it was marketed mainly to the white middle class. Throughout the 1920’s and 1930’s, the company “studiously” and purposely ignored the African-American market.  
Pepsi, on the otherhand, started out by primarily targeting African American consumers. In fact, during the 1940’s, the company launched a “negro markets” department and even had Black sales representatives working hard to promote the brand in urban areas. They also aggressively hired Black models to appear in Pepsi ads that were featured in Black publications. Special point-of-purchase displays also appeared in stores that were mostly patronized by African-Americans.  
Neither company, Coca-Cola or Pepsi, had an inclusive marketing strategy in the beginning to promote their soft drinks to people of all ethnic backgrounds. In

fact, according to The Atlantic, they were avidly known as ‘white’ and ‘black’ drinks for quite some time.  
“Neither company, Coca-Cola or Pepsi, had an inclusive marketing strategy in the beginning to promote their soft drinks to people of all ethnic backgrounds”  
In later years, however, both companies did eventually begin to implement diversity advertising campaigns after realizing that they were missing out on the opportunity to generate billions of dollars in revenue. But that didn’t put an end to the racism.  
In the year 2000, for example, Coca-Cola was ordered to pay \$156 million to settle a federal lawsuit brought by a group of Black employees who accused the company of racial discrimination.  
Pepsi was forced to do the same in 2012 when they paid \$3.13 million to settle a federal lawsuit stemmed by accusations of racial discrimination for using criminal background checks to screen out job applicants who were arrested but not convicted, disproportionately excluding Blacks.