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## Several hundred celebrated the tenth year for a three day Dorr and Secor neighborhood reunion



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Dozens of families and friends attended the 'Family Fun Day' at the former Ryder School lot the third day of the Dorr and Secor Reunion in spite of the tricky weather.



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Former residents of the Secor Gardens area at the at the 10th Dorr and Secor Reunion on the third day, 'Family Fun Day', hold up signs showing what street they used to live on were (L-R) Tina M. Nelson Roberts, Marsha Hill, Si;as Smith, Michael Gibson, Christie Armstrong, Fred Calhoun, Suzette Cowell, Dwight Wainwright, Aubroy Bufkin Jr. and Fred D. Brown.



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These former residents of Secor Gardens were just having a lot of fun at the 10th Dorr and Secor Reunion on the 'Family Fun Day,' on the old Ryder School lot.



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On 'Family Fun Day,' the third day of the Dorr and Secor Reunion these two families incorporated their own personal 'Burks-Grant Family Reunion' into the days festivities.

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# The Truth About America's Racist Presidents

By Legrand H. Clegg II, Esq.

Nationwide — “From the beginning the American presidency has been stained by racial prejudice, often a reflection of broader sentiment among white citizens. Such views have persisted well into modern times.” So wrote Sarah Mervosh and Niraj Chokshi in the New York Times on August 1st, 2019. What triggered the article was a newly released audio recording which revealed that, in 1971, then Governor Ronald Reagan of California called African people monkeys in a telephone conversation with President Richard Nixon. To laughter from Nixon, Reagan also stated that Africans are still uncomfortable wearing shoes.

Revelation of this audio recording comes on the heels of President Donald Trump demanding that four Democratic Congresswomen of color go back to their home countries, echoing sentiments that racist whites have often hurled at African-Americans. Furthermore, just week sago the president attacked a predominantly Black Baltimore-based congressional district as a “disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess”,



(L-R) U.S. Presidents Donald Trump, Ronald Regan, & Richard Nixon

where “no human being would want to live.” In the past, the president has also questioned the intelligence of prominent African Americans.

Many if not most American presidents appear to have had racist proclivities. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson owned slaves. Theodore Roosevelt dismissed “Negroes” as a “perfectly stupid race”; while Woodrow Wilson was a staunch segregationist and Dwight D. Eisenhower expressed prejudiced sentiments and told racist jokes. Even civil rights advocate Lyndon B. Johnson espoused racist views and used

slurs to describe Black people.

While I have addressed White allegations of Black inferiority and incompetence before, it appears that during this dangerous time when our current president appears determined to promote blatant white supremacy, repetition is most certainly in order to briefly set the record straight.

Commenting on the perennial white obsession with Black intelligence, Dr. Frances Cress-Welsing, a distinguished African American psychiatrist and author of The Isis Papers: Keys To

The Colors, wrote the following in the July, 1975 issue of Ebony magazine:

“Many if not most American presidents appear to have had racist proclivities. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson owned slaves. Theodore Roosevelt dismissed “Negroes” as a “perfectly stupid race”; while Woodrow Wilson was a staunch segregationist and Dwight D. Eisenhower expressed prejudiced sentiments and told racist jokes. Even civil rights advocate Lyndon B. Johnson espoused racist views and used slurs to describe Black people.”

“[White people] who of the genetic recessive cannot cease talking deficiency state of skin and writing in a negative albinism but also its

component psychological disease state of racism (white supremacy).”

By and large we as African Americans have long chosen to ignore White claims of our inferiority, and striven as a group to prove ourselves equal to all other people. But this noble approach has not resulted in a cessation of White supremacist propaganda emanating from either the White masses or the White House. At this juncture, then, we must address these insults head-on whenever and wherever they appear; lest we lose another generation of Black youths to the forces of racism that have instilled in too many of them a sense of hopelessness and inferiority.

First, we should insist that Black people do not resemble apes. Apes have thin lips, straight hair, hairy bodies and flat behinds. When shaven, apes have pink skin. Black people generally have thick lips, wooly, curly or wavy hair, smooth bodies and protruding behinds. Our skin color ranges from black to brown, red and yellow — not pink.

Second, when African Americans experience educational parity with whites, Black performance on standardized I.Q. tests such as SAT, ACT, GRE, etc. is virtually equivalent to their white counterparts. Furthermore, since scientists have determined that Black people are the genetically dominant parents of the human family, and Whites insist that one drop of Black blood determines that one is Black, how, then, does genetic dominance equate to genetic inferiority?

Third, several studies of Black newborns in Africa and the United States show that, prior to acculturation, Black babies are the most advanced in the world. Commenting on the discoveries of white specialist Marcelle Geber, author Joseph C. Pearce has written: “She found [in Uganda] the most precocious, brilliant and advanced infants and children ever observed anywhere ... Sensor motor learning and general development were phenomenal. Indeed miraculous.

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1. His unpaid water bills.

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3. His Dine, Drink, Dash. The 3 (D's) without paying.

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# Ongoing Events

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**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 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 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.

**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 Thompson, Pastor.

**August 29, 2019  
Annual Red Cross blood drive to be held in  
memory of former Toledo Mayor D. Michael Collins**  
*Community asked to help meet the emergency need for blood*

The United Labor Committee is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive in memory of Toledo's former Mayor, D. Michael Collins, Thursday, Aug. 29 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at UAW Local 12 Hall, 2300 Ashland Ave., in Toledo. All who come to donate will receive a \$10 Visa gift card (via email) and lunch from Deet's BBQ, courtesy of Suburban Propane. Presenting donors will also receive two tickets to an upcoming University of Toledo football game, while supplies last.

With the help of a generous \$1 million donation from Amazon, the Red Cross is thanking those who help overcome the shortage by coming to give July 29 through Aug. 29 with a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email. (Restrictions apply; see amazon.com/gc-legal. More information and details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Together.)

**How to donate blood**

To schedule an appointment to donate, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter code "unitedlabor" or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A

**16th Annual Youth N Praise  
Praise & Worship Service  
Sunday, September 1, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.**

The Youth N Praise of Greater St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church 416 Belmont Avenue, Toledo, Ohio will celebrate their 16th Annual Praise & Worship Service. Theme this year is "Lord You Are Good". We're looking forward for all of our past Praise Dance and Mime Ministries to come fellowship with us again this year. We are also inviting any other ministry (i.e. flag or step teams) to come praise God with us. We don't want to leave out anyone that serve God with these gifts of ministries. Contact Lady Shirley Lyons at 419-973-4157 by phone or text to confirm your participation. Or email her at Shirley.lyons@gmail.com



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blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in some states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

**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 along with other healthcare agencies 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  
AOoA of NWO  
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

**August 24<sup>th</sup> 10-12 noon - August 25<sup>th</sup> 5-6:30pm  
Greater St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church  
The Sister's In Christ Women's Ministry**

Will have a "Healing & Grief Workshop and Fellowship Program at the church, 416 Belmont Ave. Workshop Presenter will be Sister Bea Daniels, Director of "A Journey Through Healing, Inc." The Workshop will be done in 2 Sessions and will address area of Coping & Dealing with the grief of Death. It will focus on the grief and trauma experience not only to adult but to youth as well. If you have a family member, friend, co-worker or even neighbor who has lost a loved one, reach out to them and invite them to come. It's never to late to show love to those who are still suffering in pain. Lady Shirley Lyons, President, Rev. Robert W. Lyons, Sr., Pastor.

**Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>  
at the Wolf Creek YMCA,  
2100 S. Holland Sylvania Rd., Maumee, OH 43537.**

The Area Office on Aging is calling on athletes age 50 and better to go for the Gold in an Olympic event on September 14th at the Wolf Creek YMCA. The 50+ Sports Classic is a one-day event that gathers athletes age 50 and better who are competitive as well as those who just want to get some exercise and have some fun with their peers.

Over 200 athletes will participate in the 50+ Sports .The event officially kicks-off at 9 a.m. with the Opening Ceremony with the carrying of the torch and the lighting of the cauldron and singing of the National Anthem.

The event consists of people participating with their peers in five year age groupings in the following sports: track and field, swimming, pickleball, softball, archery, table tennis, tennis, basketball foul shooting, 3 on 3 basketball, volleyball, golf, bowling, fun walk and cycling.

Registrations are \$30 and include a t-shirt, boxed lunch and participation in as many of the sports as the participant wants. Registration is open through September 6th. For more information, contact the Area Office on Aging at 419-382-0624 or visit www.AreaOfficeOnAging.com.



for purchase at Lucas County senior centers and the Area Office on Aging , 2155 Arlington Ave., Toledo, OH 43609.

**Sept. 21st  
The Flanders Road Church of Christ  
Clothing Giveaway**

At 5130 Flanders Road, Toledo, on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be clothing for men, women and children. Everyone is welcome.

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# Remember The Alamo... Or is it the Battle of Big Horn?



By Lefe Tolliver,  
Attorney

Well folks, it's ON!

Trump and the feckless GOP party aided and abetted by strategist Herr Steven Miller whom is the purported architect of punishing any all immigrants, legal or illegal, has launched an initial salvo at the Statute of Liberty's majestic welcome of the huddled masses, the poor and tempest tossed coming to these shores with hope still shining in their eyes.

Historical note: The Statute of Liberty was not designed with Africans in mind and its laudable outreach paen as chiseled in its base was not intended to be retroactive towards Africans who came to these shores as citizens of their own countries but were stripped of their citizenship without due process of law...and then were derisively called slaves.

Herr Trump, himself a product of immigration by his grand parents (much less the history of two of his immigrant wives), has decided that playing to the racial fears of his base regarding their purported economic losses to immigrants; and those immigrants engaging in speculative wanton criminal acts, will insure his re-election in the 2020 election.

Herr Trump and his devious minions have now devised a brutal and irrational plan to stymie legal immigrants with restrictions that if they arrive on these shores without certain bona fides (aka: skills, education, money, good health), he is not going to put out the American wel-

come mat.

Matter of fact, if his scandalous plan passes judicial scrutiny, those who are in the US as legal immigrants will feel the wrath of both Herr Trump and Herr Miller in that those legally certified immigrants may be placed on a short list of enjoying the benefits of the American safety net.

That safety net of WIC (Women, Infants and Children getting milk and other maternal benefits for the welfare and health of a family), Medicaid, unemployment insurance benefits, food stamps (now known as, SNAP) and a host of other tangible goodies that make America the land of opportunity, will vanish or be severely curtailed.

Herr Trump is preparing to, "stick it to both the illegal and legal immigrants", big time!

America, if Herr Trump was to have his unobstructed way, would paper over the Statute of Liberty's beckoning call to the world's oppressed and he would recraft those famous words to be simply: "Come here only if you are white and got some

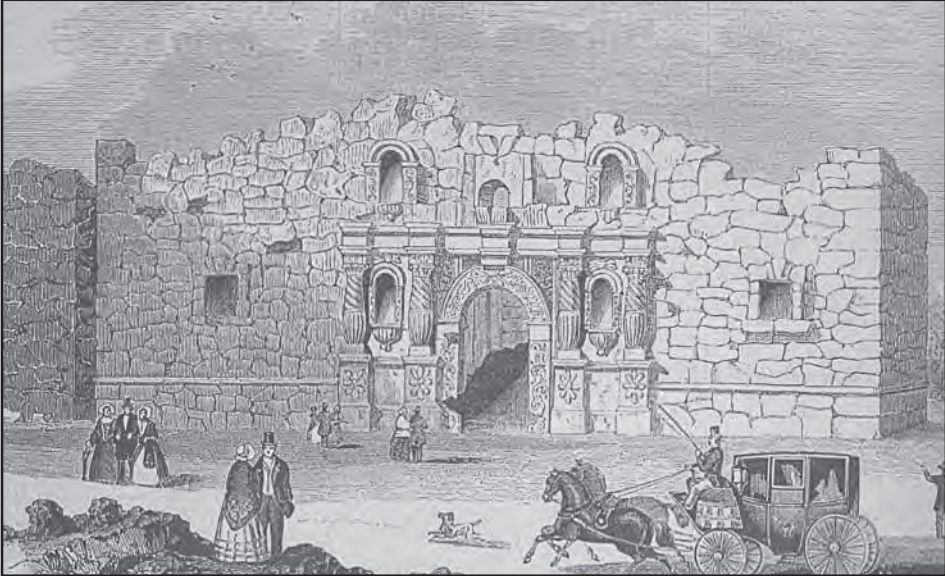
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*America, if Herr Trump was to have his unobstructed way, would paper over the Statute of Liberty's beckoning call to the world's oppressed and he would recraft those famous words to be simply: "Come here only if you are white and got some dough in your pocket and you are not from a "sh\*thole country!"*

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dough in your pocket and you are not from a "sh\*thole country!"

Herr Trump has no utility for brown or black people who come in tattered rags



or with little or no command of the English language and with nothing but two nickels in their pockets.

Trump wants those who have a lineage from Nordic/Aryan stock and he would, just for the sake of appearances, maybe admit a few computer savvy Asians who can fix our computers or serve up delicious Chinese Dim Sum.

Those from the swarthy parts of Italy or Northern Africa or those who are from Mexico, Central America and South America can cancel their travel plans to a US port of entry to apply for entry in America via a green card status or citizenship.

Herr Trump has donned his John Wayne twenty-gallon hat and has loaded up his two six shooters and has or is rallying the troops to man the ramparts because the dark hordes are coming to these shores and those invaders are in attack mode!

Herr Trump has made this immigration his personal Alamo and Big Horn (remember General Custer?) fused all into one. He is standing in the gun tower with his orange comb over blowing in the wind; and he is rousing up the NRA to pass out the guns and the ammo, because here and now, Trump plans to make his campaign stand on the cries and howls of immigrants knocking on the door but Trump defiantly screaming down to them, "No more...not now...not ever!"

Herr Trump sees the browning of America and it frightens him. It gives him the heebie-jeebies to see so many brown and black people walking down Main Street

USA, or they are shown partaking of the American Dream just like prior white immigrants did and still do.

No, for Herr Trump, America, in his warped racist thinking, is sinking and he plans to right the ship of state and if that means defaming or creating stereotypes of minorities being nigh the devil incarnate, so be it.

The slogan, Make America Great Again (used before in KKK rallies) is his battle cry of telling his base that you are either with him against these diseased hordes taking over your cities, or you are going to see your daughters marry brown skinned and black skinned men, who will give you "butterscotch" grandkids as your progeny or inheritance.

Trump is finish with the political illusion that he is not a racist. His comments and conduct over the years have duly informed even the most obdurate listener that he is the Real McCoy and all his limp denials of such a characterization is of no value.

Trump, as former casino operator, is placing all of chips at the roulette table on black. He is hoping that his white base will see black and back him at this Alamo and Big Horn debacle.

Trump has been labeled as a moron by those who have worked closely with him. He is not an astute student of history for if he was, he would have figured out by now that both the Battle at Big Horn and the Mexican "invaders" attacking the Alamo were losing causes for Trump's duped forces.

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## Obama decries leaders "who demonize those who don't look like us"

By Camilo Montoya-Galvez  
Westside Gazette

In a rare public statement recently, about twin mass shootings that have rattled the nation, former President Barack Obama offered a forceful rebuke of the growing gun violence in America, denouncing not only the lack of federal gun control measures but public leaders who demonize marginalized groups and stoke racial divisions.

Without naming President Trump or the divisive rhetoric of his successor on immigration and race — which some Democrats have said fans the hatred behind violent acts like the massacre in El Paso — Obama urged the public to rebuff "leaders" who scapegoat certain groups and employ bigoted language.

"We should soundly reject language coming out of the mouths of any of our leaders that feeds a climate

of fear and hatred or normalizes racist sentiments; leaders who demonize those who don't look like us, or suggest that other people, including immigrants, threaten our way of life, or refer to other people as sub-human,

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*Like the followers of ISIS and other foreign terrorist organizations, these individuals may act alone, but they've been radicalized by white nationalist websites that proliferate on the internet*

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or imply that America belongs to just one certain type of people," Obama said in his statement.

Mr. Trump, during his first official televised remarks about the shootings, denounced white supremacy and "racist hatred." But he did not concede that his own inflammatory — and at times racist — rhetoric has come under criticism from many Americans.

The nation's first African American president also directly referenced and condemned the apparent racist and anti-immigrant motives of the 21-year-old white man who authorities believe killed at least 22 people inside a Walmart in El Paso.

Obama said "indications" suggest the actions of the suspected shooter in El Paso are part of a "dangerous trend" of mass violence fueled by racism and white supremacy. "Like the followers of ISIS and other

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# Time for CFPB to ‘Do the Right Thing’: Enact Payday Loan Rules



By Charlene Crowell  
Wire Writer

For most people, life feels better when there is something to look forward to. Whether looking forward to graduation, the arrival of a new baby, or retirement that affords a few years to just enjoy life – these kinds of things make going through challenging times somehow more manageable.

For payday loan borrowers and consumer and civil rights activists, this August 19 was supposed to be the end of payday lending’s nearly inevitable debt trap. No longer would consumers incur seemingly endless strings of loans that lenders knew they could not afford. Nor would lenders have unlimited and automatic direct access to borrower checking accounts; only two debits could be drawn on an account with insufficient funds. The days of unrestrained businesses recklessly selling payday and car-title loans as short-term financial fixes that grew to become long-term debt was set for a shutdown.

Let’s say these borrowers were looking forward to financial freedom from the endless cycle of loan renewals and costly fees generated by triple-digit interest rates. In practical terms, the typical, two-week \$350 payday loan winds up costing \$458 in fees.

But just as seasons and circumstances can and do change, under a different administration, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has functioned more recently to help predatory

lenders than to fulfill its statutory mission of consumer protection.

Last summer, then-CFPB head Mick Mulvaney, joined the payday loan industry to challenge and win a delay in the implementation of the long-awaited payday rule. Mulvaney also withdrew a lawsuit filed by the CFPB against a payday lender ahead of his arrival.

Months later in a West Texas federal court, U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel granted a ‘stay’, the legal term for a court-ordered delay, to allow the current CFPB Director the chance to rewrite the rule adopted under the Bureau’s first Director. Even earlier and under Acting CFPB Director Mick Mulvaney, a lawsuit filed by CFPB against a payday lender was withdrawn.

In response to these and other anti-consumer developments, consumer advocates chose to observe the August 19 date in a different way: reminding CFPB what it was supposed to do on behalf of consumers.

“[S]ince its 2017 leadership change,

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*Car-title loan fees take \$356 million out of the pockets of Alabama residents, and \$297 million from Mississippi consumers. And among all borrowers of these loans, one out of every five loses their vehicle to repossession.*  
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the CFPB has repeatedly failed to support the August 19, 2019 compliance date the agency established for these important provisions,” wrote Americans for Financial Reform Education Fund, National Consumer Law Center, Public Citizen, and the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL). The August 12 joint letter to Director Kraninger called for “timely implementation” of the rule’s payment protections. While the CFPB continues



to push for a stay of the rule’s ability-to-repay requirements, it has failed to offer any basis for its anti-consumer effort.

It took years of multiple public hearings, research, public comments, and a careful rulemaking process before Director Cordray, delivered a rule that would provide financial relief from one of the nation’s most heinous predatory loans.

Similar sentiments were expressed to the CFPB by 25 state attorneys general (AGs) whose jurisdictions included California, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. In written comments on CFPB’s plan to rewrite the payday rule, these state officials also expressed serious issues with the Bureau’s anti-consumer shift.

“T]he Bureau’s proposed repeal of the 2017 rule would eliminate an important federal floor that would protect consumers across the country, including from interstate lending activity that is challenging for any individual State to police,” wrote the AGs. “Extending credit without reasonably assessing borrowers’ ability to repay their loans resembles the poor underwriting practices that fueled the subprime mortgage crisis, which eventually led to an economic tailspin and enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act.”

A 2019 CRL research report found

that every year, payday and car-title loans drain nearly \$8 billion in fees from consumer pockets. Although 16 states and the District of Columbia have enacted rate caps that limit interest to no more than 36%, 34 states still allow triple-digit interest rate payday loans that together generate more than \$4 billion in costly fees. Similarly, car-title loans drain more than \$3.8 billion in fees annually from consumers in the 22 states where this type of loan is legal.

Texas leads the nation in costly payday loan fees at \$1.2 billion per year. Overall, consumers stuck in more than 10 payday loans a year represent 75% of all fees charged.

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This spring before a Capitol Hill hearing, Diane Standaert, a CRL EVP and Director of State Policy summarized the choices now before the nation: “Policy-makers have a choice: siding with the vast majority of voters who oppose the payday loan debt trap or siding with predatory lenders charging 300% interest rates.”

As Spike Lee advised years ago, “Do the right thing.”

# Obama decries leaders “who demonize those who don’t look like us”

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foreign terrorist organizations, these individuals may act alone, but they’ve been radicalized by white nationalist websites that proliferate on the internet,” he wrote.

The deadly rampage in this predominately Latino border city is being treated as an act of domestic terrorism by the Justice Department and a potential hate crime by federal investigators, who are probing a racist, anti-immigrant document purportedly authored by the suspect. The alleged manifesto decries the growing political power of Texas’ large Latino community and denounces progressive positions on immigration.

Urging Americans to heed the lessons of the past, Obama stressed that there must be a broad acknowledgment that racist language has “been at the root of most human tragedy throughout history, here in America and around the world.”

“It is at the root of slavery and Jim Crow, the Holocaust, the genocide in Rwanda and ethnic cleansing in the Bal-



kans,” he wrote. “It has no place in our politics and our public life. And it’s time for the overwhelming majority of Americans of goodwill, of every race and faith and political party, to say as much — clearly and unequivocally.”

In his statement — one of only a couple of public proclamations he’s made

since leaving office in early 2017 — the former two-term Democratic president said he and former first lady Michelle Obama are grieving with all the families affected by the massacre in El Paso and another mass shooting in Dayton, Ohio, that killed nine people.

The two massacres have reignited the

divisive debate around gun control and exposing the deadly threat of domestic terrorism, radicalization of youth and white supremacy.

“No other nation on Earth comes close to experiencing the frequency of mass shootings that we see in the United States,” Obama wrote.

“No other developed nation tolerates the levels of gun violence that we do.”

Obama criticized the position of elected officials and members of the public who maintain that stricter gun laws will not stop a person determined to carry out mass violence, saying common sense measures can help prevent some killings and “save some families from heartbreak.”

“We are not helpless here,” he wrote. “And until all of us stand up and insist on holding public officials accountable for changing our gun laws, these tragedies will keep happening.”

This article originally appeared in The Westside Gazette.



# Several hundred celebrated the tenth year for a three day Dorr and Secor neighborhood reunion



At the Dorr and Secor Reunion these two couples (L-R) Tarryl and Debra Hamilton (14 years) and Alleda and Tommie Bell (7 years) celebrated their wedding anniversaries on the same day as the Dorr and Secor Reunion ‘Family Fun Day.’

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By Michael Daniels  
Journal Staff Reporter

For the past ten years, the Dorr and Secor Reunion Committee has celebrated the life they remembered growing up and living in the Secor Gardens area. This is done by having a yearly three-day neighborhood reunion for everyone who lived in

that area.

This year on August 19, 2019, the Tenth Dorr and Secor Reunion got underway with a meet and greet on the now vacant grounds of the old Ryder School Building on Nebraska Ave. This is where the majority of elementary school students who lived in the neighborhood went to school.

Committee member Tina M. Nelson Roberts said, “When we started this event 10 years ago it was at the Radisson Hotel downtown. Four years ago, we moved it out here to a lot bigger space and everybody loves it. This year we had food trucks here and people travel from all around to come to the event. It’s a celebration of the old neighborhood



The Dorr and Secor Reunion Committee responsible for putting together the three day reunion events were (L-R) Daryle Parr, Tina M. Nelson Roberts, Fred D. Brown and Suzette Cowell.

and we celebrate everyone who comes. About 200 people attended the first night and we just had a good time together.” The second night was the White Party at the Peacock Lounge near downtown Toledo. Dorr and Secor Reunion Committee member Fred D. Brown had this to say about night two, “We had a turnout of about 300 people all dressed in white. There were no incidents and it was well orchestrated. Live music was provided by’ The Out Moran Band’, a group



(L-R) Secor Garden’s former favorite school bus driver Vera J. Reed is with former Secor Garden resident Marsha Hill and guest Toledo Municipal Court Judges Joshua W. Lanzinger at the ‘Family Fun Day’ during the Secor and Dorr Reunion.

of five musicians who grew up in this area. They got together to perform for one night only, for the 10th Dorr and Secor Reunion.”

On Sunday, August 17, the final day of the reunion was ‘Family Fun Day’ back at the Ryder School lot. In spite of the unfavorable weather forecast, people showed up in numbers anyway. There were families, families, and more families everywhere, families and friends all over the place. People brought and set up tents all around the lot, along with small campers and trailers. It was one big open block party, and everyone had food. They ate, they drank, they laughed and they played.

Everyone was having a great time walking around visiting and just hanging out having fun with the families and friends.

About halfway through the Sunday fun day everybody found out the weatherman didn’t lie, and without much warning, the sky opened up and a severe thunderstorm pounded the area with high winds, heavy rain, and lightning. People scrambled for cover, and with patience, waited for the storm to pass. After a half-hour or so the storm moved on. Then everyone came back out and picked up right where they left off and like that, the party was back on track.

Tarryl Hamilton, who was there with his wife and family said, “The good thing about ‘Family Fun

Day’ is it’s a community get together. We all grew up out here together in this neighborhood and we all know each other. That was one of the great things about this community, we were all very tight and it stays that way no matter what. I hope everyone is having a good time and hope they come back next year”.

The day ended with a 50/50 raffle which also concluded what had been a great weekend for the Tenth Dorr and Secor Reunion

Fred D. Brown a member of the Dorr and Secor Reunion Committee said, “we have this reunion to bring people from the old neighborhood back together. I personally want to feel what I use to feel back in the day when I lived here. There was such unity in this neighborhood and the people who lived in the garden area always had a kind word and an open heart. They were always willing to help you if you needed it. It has always been good here for me.”

Suzette Cowell, Dorr and Secor Reunion Committee and the CEO of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union remembers this about growing up in Secor Gardens saying, “This is my old neighborhood and where I grew up. There was always so much love here, we all knew each other and who lived in every house. Out here are my roots that I’m proud of”.

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# Second Annual Sundresses and Big Hats Day Party Raises Money for The Believe Center



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From left to right. Lance Self, Tonya Duran, Terry Crosby, and Donnetta Carter.

By Leah Williams

The Second Annual Sundresses and Big Hats Day Party Fundraiser took place on August 18 at an event center in downtown Toledo to raise money for The Believe Center.

Event organizer and host Donnetta Carter said her non-profit organization, The Social Butterfly LLC was hosting the event for the second year and that she was excited to help raise

money for The Believe Center, as well as, honor its Executive Director Tonya Duran.

Ms. Carter partnered with several corporate sponsors raising \$500 to benefit The Believe Center located in East Toledo whose community programs include El Corazon De Mexico dance troupe, the iKids Summer Meals, and multiple sports teams.

Executive Director and event honoree, Tonya Duran, said that, she has been a coach in the Toledo community for over 30 years and believes in the power of organized team sports in helping children and teens develop crucial communication and social skills. She said that, she teaches her “kids” 5 simple rules focused on self-love and developing community in order to help them navigate through their sometimes difficult home



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Cheryl Tyler-Folsom, Debbie Harris, and Twana Boyd attend the fundraiser.

and school lives.

“I have buried 21 kids [from my program] in the last two years – kids committing suicide, drug overdose, and gang violence,” Ms. Duran said. “It’s real, and people don’t see that sports is an outlet. Programming is an outlet. We teach them to don’t give up [and] believe in yourself.”

Guests at the fundraiser enjoyed appetizers and drinks as well as entertainment provided by violinist Christopher James Franks and saxophonist Katrina Barnhill. In addition, there was a wine raffle, prize for the best dressed, and merchandise from local vendors available. Attendee Debbie Harris won the best dressed prize.

Though she has a waiting list for organizations who have requested her help with fundraising, event organizer Donnetta Carter said that organizations and/or the general public can contact her about upcoming events and possible partnerships by email at donnetta\_c@msn.com or by phone at (419) 367-9765. The next scheduled event hosted by The Social Butterfly will be The 8th Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 30 from 10:00-4:00 p.m. at Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church Stephenson-Roberts Fellowship Hall.

# With hot, stormy days in the forecast, Ohio Department of Aging encourages Ohioans to check on older loved ones and neighbors

## Assess risks, check for vital supplies, and ensure access to help if needed

Submitted

Columbus, Ohio – Forecasters are predicting high temperatures and the possibility of dangerous storms over much of Ohio for the first half of this week. The Ohio Department of Aging reminds residents that older adults often have a harder time adjusting to weather extremes than others and encourages all Ohioans to check on older loved ones and neighbors before, during, and after severe weather.

“High temperatures coupled with storms that could lead to power outages, flooding, and more, can be disruptive to any of us, but can be more so for older adults,” said Ursel J. McElroy, director of the department. “You can help ensure the health and safety of your older loved ones, friends, and neighbors with a simple phone call or visit.”

The department recommends a three-step approach to checking on older loved ones:

- 1 Assess risks: Do they appear alert and aware? Are they safe and healthy, and do they have the tools to stay that way? Is their home a comfortable temperature? Are they eating and drinking regularly? Can they move around their home safely? Do they need medical attention for illness or injury?

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# African American Wellness walk run saving lives for seven years



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Chief Brian Byrd officially commenced the 5K walk, and run.



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Runners shoot off the starting line to run three miles within the central city. Chief Brian Byrd hopes the attention from the walkers, and runners will encourage more people to attend next year.



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Joy Reyes, professional masseuse, gives Lonnie Smith a free massage.



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From left are, Carlton Weddington, national project manager for African American Male Wellness Initiative, John Gregory, founder/CEO of the African American Male Wellness Initiative, and Tyrel Horsley, Academy for Urban Scholars. Mr. Gregory and Mr. Horsley are holding the official running shoe for the national initiative, which was available for purchase at the event

BY JURRY TAALIB DEEN  
Journal Staff Writer

When a young man attended the Seventh Annual African American Wellness 5K Walk/Run, on Saturday, August 17, held in the parking lot of Warren AME Church, 915 Collingwood Blvd, he thought he was in, relatively, good health, because he wasn't experiencing any pain, or unusual activity. After being hooked up to a 12 Lead ECG machine, which measures the electrical activity of the heart, paramedics from the fire department,



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Chief Brian Byrd, who has been spearheading the national initiative, in Toledo, explains the importance of the event, and the need to get as many black men as possible to attend.



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Dawan Gatlin, who came in third place last year, crosses the finish line first, with a time of 21:08. His friend, Richard Fritz, who finished first, last year, came in second with a time of 21:20.

informed him he needed to immediately follow up with a doctor.

"A serious matter, that could be, potentially, life threatening; luckily Chief Byrd organized this event, or that young man may not be so lucky," one paramedic stated.

For seven years, Brian Byrd, chief of the Toledo Fire Department, has spearheaded the event. Over 40 vendors who work in various health related fields, distributed information about their particular services.

And in addition to the 12 Lead ECG test, which could cost a person a couple of thousands of dollars to get, health screening pertaining cholesterol levels, blood pressure, sickle cell anemia, prostate exam, HIV test, with same day results, and many other tests were offered throughout the day.

Also, a 5K walk/run, which took walkers, and runners, weaving through the central city, would be one of the key attractions of the day.

"We're here today to offer black men, really all people who attend, but specifically black men, free test, and encourage them to be more active in the personal upkeep," Chief Byrd told The Toledo Journal.

"As a firefighter, many of our calls are to the central city, and more specifically, come to the aid of black men, who are having health issues," he said. "Black men are dying 10 years before other races from diseases that are preventable. That's what today is all about, encouraging black men to become more active, with regular doctor visits, and choosing a healthier lifestyle," Chief Byrd said.

He also said, even

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Firefighters, Josiah Williamson, left, and Brent Price assisting Goings to the 12 Lead EKG machine.



# Project V.O.I.C.E hosts 5k run/walk for human trafficking survivors



Over 70 runners, and walkers participated in the fourth annual event. Clyde Kynard shots out of the gate, leading the runners.

BY JURRY TAALIB-DEEN  
Journal Staff Writer

When Motivated by the fact so many people are affected by domestic violence, Jenice Tate, Jelise Roberts, and LaDonna Knabbs co-founded the non-profit organization, Project V.O.I.C.E, which is an acronym for Victory Over Intense Circumstances & Elevating to Purpose, over four years ago. Soon after, they would expand their organization to helping survivors of human trafficking.

On Saturday, August 10, they hosted their fourth annual 5k run and walk at Swan Creek Metro park on Glendale Avenue. Over 70 participants participated in the event to help raise

funds for victims of human trafficking. Before the start of the run/walk, Kylee Gregg, a human trafficking survivor, addressed the attendees. Jenice Tate told The Toledo Journal that the event has grown over the years. Many of the participants and sponsors are from various churches. "In the wake of the recent pastors being involved in human trafficking, many churches have stepped up to help with making sure this event is successful," she said. "We hope that after today, more people will become aware of human trafficking, and help us get closer to the goal of eliminating it," Jelise Roberts said. Kylee Gregg, 19,

briefly spoke about her four year experience with human trafficking. Between the ages of 10 and 14, she said she was trafficked by people close to her, and her family. "I went to school every day. I saw my mother every day. My traffickers threatened me with physical harm to keep me in check. When that no longer worked, they threatened physical harm to those close to me," she said. Signs Ms. Gregg said parents or family members should be aware of, with their children, are dressing older then what they are, or rapid weight change; either gaining, or losing weight. LaDonna Knabbs has been working 20 years with at risk children. She points out that with the creation of social media, it has made recruiting for human trafficking easier. She said, traffickers will observe the movements of children on social media when they post their location, and what they're doing. "Traffickers will use anything they can to prey upon children. We strongly encourage parents, or caregivers to talk to their kids about safe internet practices," she said. For more information, or to donate visit [www.victoryinvoice.org](http://www.victoryinvoice.org) or email



From left are Jelise Roberts, LaDonna Knabbs, Kylee Gregg, and Jenice Tate. [jenice.tate@vicotryinvoice.org](mailto:jenice.tate@vicotryinvoice.org). To get help with either trafficking call 1.800.799. domestic violence or sex SAFE or 1.888.373.7888

## Male Wellness walk/run



Erica White, personal trainer, demonstrates to those in attendance, ways to keep fit. Continued from page 8.

if someone has health insurance, and sees their doctor on an annual basis, the event can be used as an in-between, doctor's visit, checkup.

Courtney Barringer admitted he doesn't see a doctor as much as he should, but said the event was a good opportunity to get a checkup for free.

"I've been coming to this event for seven years, and I take the opportunity to use the event to receive free health screenings," Fleming Goings said.

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# We Know Her as Toni Morrison, But That’s Not Really Her Name -- Here’s Why She Changed It!



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The late Toni Morrison, a Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winner, is known as the author of many notable novels that highlight African American culture. Her works include *Beloved* and *The Bluest Eye*. For decades, people have known her name to be Toni Morrison, but what many people don’t know is that her real name is actually Chloe Anthony Wofford.

*Submitted*  
Black News

She started writing fiction while attending Howard University where she participates in a writer’s group. At that time, she wrote a short story about a Black girl who wanted to have blue eyes which she eventually developed as her debut novel, *The Bluest Eye*, in 1970.

She graduated from Howard University in 1953 with a B.A. in English, and earned a Master of Arts from Cornell University in 1955. She then taught English, first at Texas Southern University, then

at Howard University.

During her tenure at Howard University, she decided to change her name to Toni because people had a hard time pronouncing her birth name, Chloe. And in 1958, she married Howard Morrison, which also changed her last name to Morrison.

Even before that, however, the National Catholic Reporter said she first changed her name “when she became Catholic at age 12 and chose the name Anthony, after St. Anthony of Padua as her confirmation name.” Since then, Anthony became her middle name. Her family members shortened it to Toni, which she used while at Howard.

Morrison, who divorced with her husband in 1964, said she regretted the name changes years after. According to *The Guardian*, Morrison said in 1992, “I am really Chloe Anthony Wofford. That’s who I am. I have been writing under this other person’s name. I write some things now as Chloe Wofford, private things. I regret having called myself Toni Morrison when I published my first novel, *The Bluest Eye*.”

# With hot, stormy days in the forecast, check on older loved ones and neighbors

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2 Check vital supplies: Do they have access to clean drinking water? Are they able to cook and safely store food? Do they have access to healthy, non-perishable food that can be prepared without electricity? Do they have access to needed medications and medical supplies (such as oxygen or lifts)?

3 Determine access to help: If their home is too hot or otherwise unsafe to remain in, do they have somewhere else they can go and a way to get there? Whom will they call if they need help? Do they have a phone that will work even if the power goes out? If they have a cell phone, can they keep it charged?

Your area agency on aging can help older adults locate and access assistance to stay safe during severe weather. Resources include cooling centers, access to water, assistance with utilities, and more. Call 1-866-243-5678 to be connected to the agency serving your community.

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# Private School in DC Believed to Have Taught Slaves How to Read Actually Sold Slaves Instead



**The Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, a prestigious girls' school in Washington, D.C. founded in 1799, has always had an admirable reputation as it was once believed that the founding nuns allowed slaves to attend classes and taught them to read. But recent research contradicts that legend and reveals a different story -- the nuns actually sold slaves!**

*Submitted* economic collapse in the of the Georgetown I n the 1820s, just country in 1819, Mother Visitation Covenant in a few months after the Agnes Brent, the superior Washington, already had

tons of debts. And they need more money to fund the construction of the church that they have just started building.

Favorably for them, two of the nuns had relatives who offered a "gift" to Georgetown Visitation -- their four spare slaves, two adults and two children.

This is just one of the instances documented in a 65-page report compiled by a school archivist and historian and made available online by the school itself. The revelation has destroyed the good image of one of the oldest Roman Catholic girls' educational institutions in the country.

According to the report, Georgetown Visitation sisters owned at least 107 enslaved people, including men, women and children, from a year after its founding until 1862, when the federal government made slavery illegal in the District. It has been found that the nuns sold scores of enslaved people to be able to pay off debts and fund new buildings.

"It's hard history to read, and that's the reality of it," Caroline Handorf, the director of communications for Georgetown Visitation, told The Washington Post. "But you can't move forward unless you

understand where you're coming from."

Ne'Miya McKnight, a 16-year old Black student at Georgetown Visitation, said that she was not that shocked that her school was built through slave labor. She said white students are even more shocked than nonwhite students.

"Slaves built a lot of D.C. -- all over the U.S., but D.C. especially," McKnight told The Post. "We were glad, though, that Visitation was focusing on this history of having enslaved people on campus -- not tapping into that energy, exactly, but just acknowledging it."

## Helping Children Reach Their Potential



**Kids and teens are more likely to stay in school when they have a place to go after school where they can have fun and learn to be good citizens.**

(NAPS)—While most families acknowledge the importance of education, one out of every six students in America doesn't graduate high school on time. This can be the result of many unfortunate circumstances but research shows that what happens during out-of-school time can have a significant impact on reversing the negative trends facing youth, including dropout rates. Fortunately, there are steps that parents and others can take.

**What Parents Can Do**

- Stay in touch with your children. Let them know they can talk to you about anything, including trouble at school.
- Explain why they need to stay in school. Show how it will affect their future, socially and economically.
- Be involved with the school. Get to know their teachers and school administration. Teachers

see students in the academic environment more than parents do. If you can, join the PTA or volunteer at various events so you can be among the first to know what happens at school.

- Intervene if necessary. Some kids may need tutors, mentors, psychologists, counselors or career shadowing to do their best.
- Look into changing schools. A charter or vocational high school, home schooling or an online program may be best for your child.

**What Others Are Doing**

There's a nonprofit organization that finds ways to address each young person in need and guide them all down the right path in life. With 11.3 million kids having no place to go at the end of each school day, and 43 million with no access to summer learning programs, Boys & Girls Clubs of America

provide stability and a great environment for kids and teens to learn and grow. They have programs in Sports and Recreation, Education, Arts, Health and Wellness, Career Development, and Character and Leadership. There are also programs specifically for teens, designed, said Jim Clark, president and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of America, to "provide meaningful experiences today so teens are ready to chase their dreams tomorrow." Around 97 percent of these teens expect to graduate high school and 88 percent expect to complete some form of postsecondary education.

At the Clubs, youths can have fun with peers and be guided by trained youth development professionals so those most in need can achieve great futures as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Today, more than 4,600

*Submitted* Clubs serve over 4.7 million young people in cities, towns, public housing and on Native lands throughout the country, and on U.S. military installations worldwide. The Clubs have enjoyed strong support among such

celebrities as -LeBron James, Howie Mandel and Denzel Washington, who have all endorsed the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. So have most of the organization's alumni. In a recent Harris Survey, 54 percent said the Club saved their lives.

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# France gifted the Statue of Liberty to America in 1886 to celebrate the end of slavery

by BlackmansStreet.Today

Ken Cuccinelli, acting director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, wants to change Emma Lazarus's sonnet that begins with "Give Me Your Tired and Poor"... that is inscribed at the base of the Statue of Liberty to something less welcoming to the huddled masses yearning to breathe free.

Lazarus' sonnet, which was added in 1903, completely changed the reason France gifted the State of Liberty to the United States.

France gave the Statue of Liberty to United States to celebrate the end of slavery, according to Ed Berenson, a professor at New York University and author of "The Statue of Liberty: A Transatlantic Story."

Edouard de Laboulaye, a French abolitionist and president of the French Anti-Slavery Society, is the undisputed "Father of the Statue of Liberty." After the end of the Civil War, de Laboulaye came up with an idea for a gift to the United States to honor President Abraham Lincoln and to celebrate the abolition of slavery.

De Laboulaye hired sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi who took an unused design and more than 20 years to craft the Statue of Liberty. The 305-foot statute was dedicated in 1886 on Liberty Island in New York Harbor.

The Statue of Liberty wasn't well received by black leaders because Reconstruction had ended in 1877, ushering a new form of slavery with Jim Crow laws and segregation.

Lazarus, a poet, wrote "The New Colossus" a poem to raise money for construction of a pedestal for the Statue of Liberty. In 1903, the poem was caste onto a bronze plaque and mounted inside the pedestal's lower level.

Lazarus, an advocate for Jewish refugees fleeing persecution in Russia that was unheaval, wrote the words that completely changed the intent of the Statue of Liberty. Cuccinelli wants to change Lazarus's



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On August 20, 1619, the first black slaves were dragged in chains to America

sonnet even more "to give us your tired and poor who can stand on their own two feet"

On August 20, 1669, 400 years ago, 20 black slaves were brought in chains to the British colony of Jamestown, Virginia. Slavery did not end in America until 1865.

# Meet Sister Rosetta Tharpe - the Black Woman Who Invented Rock and Roll Music!



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Sister Rosetta Tharpe, famous in the 1930s for her upbeat electric guitar playing style, is the original godmother of rock and roll music. She was inducted in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2018, and recognized for her contributions in paving the way for other artists in the industry.

By Black News

Sister Rosetta Tharpe, who was born in 1915, grew up in a small town in Arkansas. Raised in the Pentecostal church, she honed her talent in music during

tent revivals and church gatherings.

In the 1930s, she started making a name when she moved to New York, where she performed in the city's nightclubs. In 1938, she became famous for her record called "Rock Me." Her 1945 recording "Strange Things Happening Every Day" is considered the first gospel song that bridged the "race" (later called "R&B") charts after it reached number two.

Her fame was sustained until the 1950s when she could fill arenas with thousands of fans who want to watch her perform on stage with her electric guitar.

By the 1960s, a new generation of musicians seemed to have overshadowed her fame. Still, she went to Europe to perform for new audiences in London and Liverpool.

Sister Rosetta Tharpe died in 1973 at the age of 58. Even though her name was somehow forgotten by most people, her influence is very much alive.

"She influenced Elvis Presley, she influenced Johnny Cash, she influenced Little Richard," says Tharpe's biographer Gayle Wald. "She influenced innumerable other people who we recognize as foundational figures in rock and roll."

She was posthumously inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of fame on May 5, 2018 for her essential role in the industry.

"Without Sister Rosetta Tharpe, rock and roll would be a different music," according to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame website. "She is the founding mother who gave rock's founding fathers the idea."

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Edith Sampson, first Black appointed to United Nations.

August 26, 1960:  
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1518 - The first shipload of enslaved Africans directly from Africa arrives in the West Indies. Prior to this time, Africans were brought first to Europe.

In 1518, King Charles I of Spain grants the first licenses to import enslaved Africans to the Americas.

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Fisk University was established in 1867.

National Negro business League, founded 1900.



First issue of Baltimore Afro-American Newspaper was in 1892.

William Count Basie, jazz pianist, big band and orchestra leader, born in Red Bank NJ, in 1904

QUOTES

"I am a feminist, and what that means to me is much the same as the meaning of the fact that I am Black: it means that I must undertake to love myself and to respect myself as though my very life depends upon self-love and self-respect."  
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Bell Hooks


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Oprah Winfrey

"No person is your friend who demands your silence, or denies your right to grow."  
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SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS



By Erin Thompson, Public Affairs Specialist in Toledo, OH

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Question:  
I'm gathering everything I'll need to file my taxes this month. Do I have to pay taxes on Social Security benefits? Also, where can I get a replacement 1099?  
Answer:  
Some people who get Social Security must pay federal income taxes on their benefits. Still, no one pays taxes on more than 85 percent of their Social Security benefits. You must pay taxes on some portion of your benefits if you file an individual federal tax return and your income exceeds \$25,000. If you file a joint return, you must pay taxes if you and your spouse have combined income of more than \$32,000. If you are married and file a separate return, you probably will have to pay taxes on your benefits. You can read more about tax preparation in relation to Social Security at [www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/taxes.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/taxes.htm). Social Security benefits include monthly retirement, survivors, and disability benefits. They don't include Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments, which are not taxable. You can also get a replacement 1099 or 1042S when you open your own personal my Social Security account at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount).

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Ask Felicia

Should You Text Your Ex?



By Felicia T. Simpson

Social media is not the cause of breakups, communicating still with your ex-partner is. To respect the boundaries in your new relationship, you should not still be communicating with your ex-partner via text or any other forms of communication, including social media. This does not apply if you have a child or children with your ex-partner and you share the responsibilities of raising the children. If this is the case, only communications about the children are acceptable.

Ever since instant messaging and sliding the DM's were created,

it is so convenient to communicate with almost anyone in the world, including your ex. Your ex is an ex for a reason, so why would you continue to communicate with them? Ask yourself, how would feel if your current partner, still talked to their ex? I know the answer, you'd cringe at the thought of it and you wouldn't like it. So be fair and cut off all communications with your ex out of again, respect for your current and/or potential partner.

You can't enjoy a new relationship if you're still lingering in the past and communicating with your ex. Yes, he or she may have been the only true love that you've had to date but cutting

off communications with them will make room in your heart to find love again. You do not need to follow your ex-partner on social media. Why torture yourself seeing them move on in life without you? Or allowing those social media platforms to be a gateway to resurfacing old feelings that you and them may have for one another.

Move on from your ex, as hard as it may be. You are missing out on so many great opportunities to be loved by someone else because you're still holding on to your past. Your ex-partner may be a great person now, but remember you two broke up for whatever reasons so let it go. Wish them

the best in life and move on. It is so unfair to be involved with someone and still holding on to feelings about your ex-partner deep down inside. Definitely don't sit around, counting the days until you two can reunite again, move on.

Communicating with your ex-partner via text is disrespectful to yourself and your current partner. The same time and energy that you put in to texting your ex, you should be spending with your current partner, instead. If you experienced a bad break up with your ex, what on earth would you possibly have, to still talk about? Nothing!

'The Last Word' Album from the O'Jays Has Multiple Meanings

By Brenda C. Siler

Say it isn't so! Is this really the last album and the last tour for the top-selling O'Jays?

According to Eddie Levert Sr., co-founder of the legendary O'Jays, that's the truth. In a recent interview, he talked about how "The Last Word," the final studio album from the platinum-selling group, serves as a platform to speak out on several issues. The lyrics tackle the current administration, the political climate, police-community relations, the state of our neighborhoods and the future of young folks.

"A lot of these things lead to division," Levert said during the interview. "Division is gonna lead to war, death and fighting. That's where we are heading."

From the album's track list, you get a sense of messages the legendary R&B group

attempts to deliver. "Do You Really Know How I Feel," "Above The Law," "I Got You" and "Stand Up" give thought-provoking direction to listeners for deeply exploring what's going on in our lives. The track "Pressure" looks at the types of pressure individuals deal with daily.

"Pressure comes in different forms and from different places," Levert said. "There is always that pressure to be a better person. There's pressure you put on yourself to better understand other people's side. That's what we are really talking about."

Still, it was a surprise to hear Levert say that their current tour is the last one for the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductees. D.C., has always been a great market for the O'Jays and fans always count on the group to make a stop a year in the District. For them to stop touring

is hard to imagine.

"I'm 77 years old," Levert said, loud and clear with a chuckle. "How many times can I keep bending my back? How many times can I fall my knees? How many times can I run across a stage?"

Levert is grateful for more than 50 years of great recording and performance success with O'Jays. With fellow O'Jays members Walter Williams Sr. and Eric Nolan Grant, audiences still look forward to singing along on the group's classic hits. But the guys have individual projects they want to pursue.

Levert confessed his love of many genres of music like opera and has incorporated many operatic styles in the way he sings. He wants to try some solo gigs.

"I've been loyal to the O'Jays. That's been my mainstay around which I have based my whole career," Levert



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**From left: Walter Williams Sr., Eric Nolan Grant and Eddie Levert Sr.**

said. "Now I have this desire I need to fulfill. I just have to see."

When the group comes to the Warner Theatre on Aug. 16, audiences will hear the new music, but the classics will still be on the bill. In fact, on "The Last Word" album, the O'Jays perform a new version of their hit "I'll Be Sweeter Tomorrow (Than I Was Today)." Think of it as an "unplugged" rendition of that love song. Listeners

will hear that the O'Jays have voices that are just as strong and pure as on their very first recordings in the early 1960s.

"We've always wanted to do a concert in a big theater in an 'unplugged' style with just a guitar or a piano and sing the big songs like 'Backstabbers,'" Levert said. "That lets everybody see what we put into these songs and that it is really us singing."

This final O'Jays album and tour will definitely take fans on a journey. The new music is advocating that, together, we can make a difference.

"I'm not just after the Trump administration, I'm after all of society," Levert said. "I'm after all of the people that can be doing and should be doing something. Do it because you want to help mankind."



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Tito Jackson Steps Out on Vocals with New Single "One Way Street"

Submitted

Los Angeles, CA — Legendary guitarist, Tito Jackson, considered the quieter member of perhaps the greatest musical family in the

history of music — The Jacksons, has stepped out on vocals with the release of his new single "One Way Street."

In just one week, the Rock & Roll Hall of

Famer's cut was the second most added song at radio stations across the country.

"One Way Street" features the remix from hot producer Gregg

Pagani, who also worked with hit-makers Charlie Wilson ("Uncle Charlie," "Just Charlie," "In It To Win It") and Johnny Gill

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# Oshae Jones, boxer wins the gold at 2019 PAN AM Games in Lima, Peru



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Submitted

Toledo, Ohio's own queen of boxing, Oshae Jones made history on the first night of finals at the 2019 Pan American Games held recently, in Lima, Peru, by becoming the first ever women's welterweight Pan American Games gold medalists. This marked the first time in Pan American Games history the women would have five weight classes, compared to the two previous Games having three weight classes.

Jones defeated Myriam DaSilva of Canada by unanimous decision, winning all three rounds, 10-9, from two judges, and two of the three rounds, 10-9, from one judge. This marked the second time Jones and DaSilva went head-to-head, with Jones defeating her 5-0 at the Pan American Games Qualifier earlier this year. Jones' previously defeated Atheyna Bylon of Panama in the quarterfinals and M.

Moronta Herand of the Dominican Republic in the semifinals to make the finals of these championships. The 21 year old started boxing at the age of 13 because she was always in competition with her little brother, Otha. She has another brother, Roshwan, who is the oldest and both of them are boxers. She is considering the 2020 Olympics in Japan.

# Grizzlies make Niele Ivey NBA's 9th female assistant coach



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**Niele Ivey, assistant coach for the Memphis Grizzlies**  
By Los Angeles Sentinel  
The Memphis Grizzlies have hired former Notre Dame women's associate head coach Niele (knee-L) Ivey among the new assistants on Taylor Jenkins' staff. There are now nine women coaches in the NBA. The Grizzlies also

12 seasons at her alma mater with the last four as Notre Dame's associate head coach and recruiting coordinator. She helped the Fighting Irish go 385-55 with seven Final Four berths, six appearances in the NCAA title game and the 2018 national championship. Notre Dame congratulated Ivey on Twitter, saying the Grizzlies hired a good one.

Ivey played in two Final Fours with Notre Dame, including winning the 2001 national championship. She played five seasons in the WNBA before starting her coaching career as an administrative assistant at Xavier in 2005. Jenkins kept Potapenko (po-TAH-pen-ko) who was an assistant with the Grizzlies last season. He also has worked for Cleveland and

Indiana in the NBA and in the G League. Jones was head coach of Memphis' G League team last season and also spent four seasons as an assistant coach with the Utah Jazz. McClure, who played at Duke, spent the past three seasons as assistant coach with the Indiana Pacers and started his coaching career in 2014 as a player development quality assurance

assistant for the Spurs. Penn spent the past two seasons as director of player development at Ohio State. Spahija was an assistant with Jenkins in Atlanta between 2014 and 2017. The Grizzlies also named Jason March head coach of their G League team. This article originally appeared in The Los Angeles Sentinel.

# "Moon Shoes" sell for 50K

Submitted

What do you do with a pair of smelly old sneakers taking up space in your closet? Apparently, says the Association of Mature American Citizens[AMAC], you should put them up for sale. That's what Dave Russell of Sacramento, CA did and he managed to make a \$50,000 profit. It turns out these were not any old kicks; they were designed by Bill Bowerman, co-founder of

Nike, and only 12 pairs of what were called "Moon Shoes" were made in 1972. Eugene, OR was hosting the Olympic trials that year and Bowerman gave ten pairs to athletes trying out for the Olympic team and Russell was one of them. The Graduate Eugene Hotel, which is building a Nike Museum in Eugene, purchased the shoes. "They wanted something that would say, 'this is Nike town'," according to Russell.

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# The Truth About America’s Racist Presidents

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children. A superior intellectual development held for the first four years of life.” (emphasis added). The racial comparisons, published by Geber and other scientists, are truly staggering.

Fourth, when Donald Trump orders Black people to return home, what does he mean? In his book, *The First Americans Were Africans: Documented Evidence*, David Imhotep demonstrates that American Indians are actually descended from Black Africans who reached the Americas at least 50,000 years ago — long before Columbus, slavery and the Trump family!

Finally, authors Robert Bauval and Thomas Brophy have written that “scientists in the field of genetics have been pointing out that it may actually be correct to say that the world was created by Black people.” This is borne out by the fact that Blacks appear to have laid the foundation of civilization. In other words, Africans pioneered in the fields of architecture, art, athletics, government, law, mathematics, medicine, navigation, religion, science, writing, etc. Furthermore, these Black people invented and wore shoes long before Reagan’s ancestors emerged from caves! The astonishing achievements of ancient Africans included not only building of the pyramids of Egypt, but also constructing neighboring temples, some of which contain blocks of stone weighing between 200 and 400 tons each, that were arranged and set up with remarkable precision. Black dominance in antiquity has led White author Flora Lugard to write that, during that era, “... [T]he leading race of the Western World was a Black race.” Historian Richard Poe has also observed that, among ancient people, there was the “presumption that dark skin connoted higher intelligence.”

The racism emanating from the White House and spreading across the country today is nothing new. Many presidents in the past questioned Black intelligence, used racial slurs, incited racist violence and scoffed at Black demands for equality. Nevertheless, we have a long history of resistance to White supremacy and racism. In honor of our ancestors, and for the future of our children, we must continue our struggle, especially against Donald Trump whose hateful message — embraced by a naive and gullible base — threatens to incite a race war.

Legrand H. Clegg II is the city attorney emeritus for Compton, California, president of the Western Region of the Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations and producer of the documentary, “When Black Men Ruled The World”.

# Tito Jackson Steps Out on Vocals with New Single

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Charlie,” “In It To Win It”) and Johnny Gill (“Game Changer,” “Soul Of A Woman”), and is considered one of the hottest producers today. The track is the tale of a bad romance, with finger pops and a haunting background leading into a memorable hook, and Tito’s lead.

“Performing beside my brothers on stage has been a wonderful blessing for me, for decades. Introducing “One Way Street” at this time, in my career, is an ideal platform for me to share my solo project with our loyal fans, and hopefully gain new ones along the way,” stated Tito. On working with Gregg Pagani, Tito says, “It was an honor working with Gregg. I thanked him for his magical touch on “One Way Street.” It takes a special talent to take the music of seasoned, veteran artists like me, Charlie and Johnny and make the song relevant and popular to a new generation.”

“One Way Street,” distributed by Beat Root Music, on Tito’s independent label Play It Right Entertainment, is now available on iTunes and all digital music platforms.

“One Way Street” (Gregg Pagani Mix) Fresh off the leg of The Jacksons European concert, fans will get the chance to see Tito perform “One Way Street,” along with performances of mega-classics by The Jacksons, as they experience the magic of these legends live on stage during their U.S. shows in Morganton, NC at Municipal Auditorium on September 5, and Atlanta, GA at Wolf Creek Amphitheater on September 7, 2019.

Tito’s initial success with recording masterpieces, “I Want You Back,” “Never Can Say Goodbye,” “I’ll Be There,” and other mega-hits is the genesis of an untiring trek into modern musical immortality. His musical arrow is aimed in the direction of diverse genres, R&B, blues and pop. He has also collaborated with his sons Taj, Taryll, and TJ, of the group 3T.

A renown international artist, Tito’s modest and reserved persona, and as an astounding guitarist, has garnered enormous respect from his peers and fans worldwide. His emphasis on fairness and loyalty in the music business community is a hallmark of his cool and selfless style.

Tito’s mark on music history and the rich legacy that he has established is one that has stood the test of time.

The Jacksons are inductees into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, have five #1 albums, 18 #1 hits, 17 top 10 albums, 17 top 40 singles, which include their most notable songs.

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