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Fifteenth African American Parade introduces business, organizations to community *Testaments through the eyes of onlookers*



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People line the streets of Door St. on Saturday morning, waiting to see what business or organization they'll be introduced to.



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Students of Jones Leadership Academy proudly represent their school



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Principal Willie Ward, and Martin Luther King Academy for Boys, proudly represent their school.



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Mud Made Riders, a club that promotes exercise, in a stylish way, joined the parade for the first time.



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Suzette Cowell, president/CEO of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union makes leads the parade through the inner city, which she works to improve the conditions.



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Royalty Prancing Dolls put on a display that onlookers cheering



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Members of the "Slang Gang," represented their organization, and stylish vehicle

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Over 160 People Age 50+ Expected to Participate in Local Olympic Event

The YMCA of Greater Toledo and the Area Office on Aging is expected to give over 200 Northwest Ohioans age 50 and better the chance to compete in its 50+ Sports Classic at Wolf Creek YMCA on September 17.

Whether participants were in it for fun or in it to compete, they will get a chance to get some exercise and showcase just how vital

vital it is to stay physically active later in life.

Festivities will kick off with an Opening Ceremony at 9 a.m. with the singing of the National Anthem, carrying of the torch and lighting of the cauldron. From there, individual and team athletic events took place for the rest of the day at Wolf Creek YMCA and surrounding athletic facilities.

Events from which participants chose from varied. Offered was a full range of track and field events, swimming, tennis, volleyball, bowling, pickleball, golf, and more.

Participants competed against their peers in the following age brackets: 50-54; 55-59; 60-64; 65-69; 70-74; 75-79; 80-84; 85-90; 90+. Over the years, they event has included

everything from a 50 year old slam dunk as well as a 94 year old run the 100 meter dash. Participants prove age is just a number, shattering myths about aging. We are proud to provide a platform for older adults to be active and see them give an all new meaning to the term "The Golden Years" as some brandish gold medals around their necks. Register at YMCA Branches.



Ongoing Events

Drop Off Refuse and Recycling Event on Saturdays
Acceptable items include electronic waste, but no televisions, CRT monitors, or appliances; 10 tires, on or off the rim, but no commercial tires; documents; houseware goods; clothing; toys; bulky items, and refuse. Latex paint will be accepted for \$1 per gallon. Future Engage Toledo Drop Off Refuse and Recycling Events are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following dates: Sept. 7 - at Good Shepherd Church, 3934 West Laskey Rd. Sept. 21 - at Whitmer High School, 5601 Clegg Dr. Household hazardous waste will be accepted Sept. 7, and Sept. 21. For more information please call Engage Toledo at 419-936-2020 or visit www.toledo.oh.gov.

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Second Tuesday of the Month
The Toledo Base Submarine Veterans
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Every 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the Month
The Redeemed Christian Church of God
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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

Saturday, September 14, 2019
St. Mark Baptist Church
Presents a Pre-Women’s Day Workshop
2340 N. Holland-Sylvania Road, Toledo
Based Upon the Book:
“Fervent” - by Priscilla Shirer
Time - 8:30a.m.
Contact Charlon at 419-266-1291

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.

Sept. 1st
New United Church
Levi Sunday Worship Service
Join us on Sunday, at 10am, 701 Phillips Ave. All are welcome to attend service and stay after for a meal and it is Free. Luke 5: 27-32 records Levi inviting guest to his house, so they could meet Jesus. We want to exemplify Levi’s desire for people to meet Jesus. So all are welcome to Levi Sunday Worship Service and Fellowship Meal.

Septemr 3rd
The Sylvania Franciscan Village and
The Lourdes Lifelong Lernering Program
Present What Americans Agree on When it Comes to Health, a TED Talks presentation with Rebecca Onie from 12 to 1pm. In a talk that cuts through the noise, Onie shares research that shows how, even across economic, political and racial divides, Americans agree on what they need to live good lives. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Laura Megeath at (419) 824-3707 or email lifelong@lourdes.edu.

Sept. 5th
Kwanzaa Park Neighbors’ Meeting
Will be held on Thursday at 6:00 P.M. The Cherry Street Mission will be the featured presenter for this meeting. They will take this opportunity to explain about what is being done to address poverty in Toledo. In addition the Blockwatch report will be given and plans for the neighborhood will be discussed. The

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.lyons1210@gmail.com

community is welcome to attend and enjoy conversation and complimentary refreshments. Monthly meetings are held at the Padua Center at 1416 Nebraska Ave has ample parking in the parking lot off Junction Street

Sept. 8th
St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church
Evening of Worship With Talley
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All Hail King Trump...The Chosen One!



By Lafe Toliver, Attorney
Comments to: tolliver@juno.com

And now a brief look-see into the convoluted world of the far right white evangelical community.

As you may have seen and heard, Herr Trump has retweeted a message from a tweet "follower" in which Trump has been ostensibly designated as the King of the Jews (King of Israel) and thus he is now, The Chosen One (aka: Jesus the Christ).

Yes, I am not making up this gibberish! Some so called informed Bible believing people on the far right of white evangelicalism are touting this rubbish and of course, Trump, always one to grasp on to anything that exalts him, ran with it; and at an impromptu news conference, looked to the skies and intoned that he is, "The Chosen One!"

Now, we have Pastor Dr. Robert Jeffress of the First Baptist Church in Dallas, one of those behemoth churches, going a step further in his rantings and intoning that if Jews, and others, do not vote Republican, God is going to curse them and their descendants.

Jeffress is taking his talking points from both Herr Trump and Jeffress own ill-advised renderings of Old Testament scriptures which says that those who curse Israel, God will curse.

As you can see, Jeffress is also taken the faces of the four Congressional women (all from minority ethnic groupings) as being one and the same as the Democratic Party and he is extending this umbrella of cursing to cover all Democrats.

I know...I know...You are probably wondering to yourself out loud, how does that pertain to the United States cursing

Israel or the Jews?

News Flash! It does not but in the fact free world of Pastor Jeffress and Herr Trump, why spoil a bad argument with verifiable facts!

No...Democrats, Jewish or otherwise, are not the object of an Old Testament curse if they do not vote for either Trump or the now seemingly morally or intellectually dysfunctional Republican Party.

Herr Trump, now fitting into his newly self-acquired role as King of the Jews has blasted the Jewish people as being conflicted under a dual loyalty problem; and being basically stupid if they continue to vote as a bloc for the Democratic Party.

Needless to state, that characterization did not go over very well with Jewish leaders who took rightful umbrage as Jewish voters being labeled "stupid" or they adhering to any dual loyalty trope if they vote the democratic party ticket.

What are we experiencing here? We are in the throes of a president who is evidencing, in my humble opinion, a serious and ongoing deterioration of his mental capacity and his ability to even marginally uphold and execute the functions of the White House.

In street parlance, Herr Trump is in way over his head and is floundering, big time, and he can not see a way out and much less take any constructive criticism from those who would have answers that he does not have (or want to have!).

This is what happens when you eschew accountability and enter in your own bubble world that you alone populate and you tell yourself and your four surrounding walls that you alone can solve all problems and you have dubbed yourself an extremely stable genius.

If you think



that the ranting aberrations of Herr Trump may subside, I got some fool's gold to sell you. His machinations and quirky pronouncements will only get worse as we near his doom day which is the 2020 election.

For Herr Trump, he knows that if he loses the election, he will have the prosecutors from the Southern District of New York panting for him with a bushel basket of criminal indictments that have the distinct probability of having his grandiose persona serving the balance of his life in some federal prison.

One can only hope for such justice.



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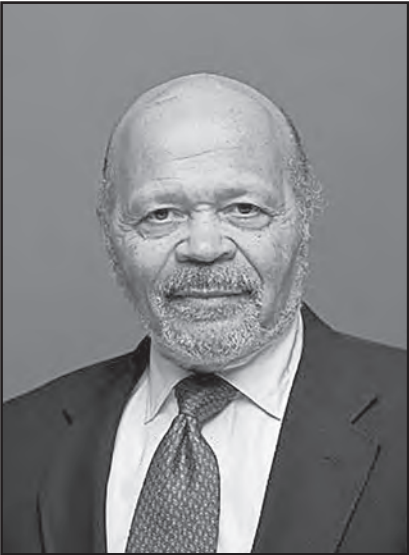
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Why Lady Liberty Weeps



By Oscar H. Blayton
Wire Writer

There is a sickening stench about Ken Cuccinelli.

Ken Cuccinelli is Donald Trump's newly appointed acting director of

the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and his type of stench is not one that assaults the nose, rather it is a noxious affront that assaults one's dignity.

Cuccinelli's main function in his new position is to act as Donald Trump's gatekeeper to bar America's doors to people of color. His job description requires a belief in the notion that America is a land for white prosperity and any non-white presence – if not of service to white supremacy – is a trespass.

The Trump Administration recently came under fire when Cuccinelli announced that it would implement its "public-charge rule," declaring that anyone seeking immigration to the United States would be deemed undesirable if they could not satisfactorily prove their self-sufficiency – the effect being to bar poor people.

Some commentators have described this rule as Draconian

and point out that it would have barred Cuccinelli's poor ancestors from entering America as well. And one reporter reminded him that the Statue of Liberty welcomes "your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." Oblivious to the meaning of the words of the poem inscribed on the plaque at the base of the great statue, Cuccinelli insisted that their intent was "Give me your tired and your poor who can stand on their own two feet, and who will not become a public charge."

When asked to explain his revised version of the famous poem, Cuccinelli said, in essence, the poem was meant for white people. In his words: "That poem was referring back to people coming from Europe..."

Cuccinelli's remark gives proof to the fact that white supremacy can only flourish when fertilized

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America's Racial Wealth Gap Could Cost Economy \$1.5 Trillion



By Charlene Crowell
Wire Writer

America's nagging racial wealth gap has been the focus of many research reports and economic policy debates. Now new research analyzes the strong connection between disproportionate wealth and financial services and products that are either shared or denied with consumers of color.

Authored by the McKinsey Global Institute (MGI), The economic impact of closing the racial wealth gap, identifies key sources of the nation's socioeconomic inequity with its accompanying racial and gender dynamics along with family savings, incomes, and community context.

"Black families are underserved and overcharged by institutions that can provide the best channels for saving," states the report. "For instance, banks in predominantly black neighborhoods require higher minimum balances (\$871) than banks in white neighborhoods do (\$626). Unsurprisingly, 30% of Black families are underserved by their banks, and 17% are completely disconnected from the mainstream banking system because of a lack of assets and a lack of trust in financial institutions."

Additionally, according to the MGI report, the nation's overall economy is affected by racial wealth gaps, estimating that between 2019 and 2028, the cost of economic losses to the general economy will be in the range of \$1.0-\$1.5 trillion.

Black America's "racialized disadvantage" was created through historical forces – including private business practices and public policies that together advantaged white consumers while often ex-

cluding or relegating Black Americans. For example, the National Housing Act of 1934 limited housing options for Black Americans by assigning a D-rating to neighborhoods in general decline and occupied by lower-income residents.

Fast forward to more recent times, the Federal Reserve in 2017 found that Black consumers are 73% more likely than whites to lack a credit score due to "credit redlining". This term refers to where a consumer lives to be the central determining factor in whether to approve credit, rather than the actual credit profile.

Among the MGI report's other key findings are that:

- Black Americans can expect to earn up to \$1 million less than white Americans over their lifetimes
- Black men with no criminal records are less likely to receive job interviews than are white men with criminal records;
- The median wealth of a single Black woman is \$200, while that of a single white man is \$28,900; and
- Black families are up to 4.6 times more likely to live in areas of concentrated poverty, than are white and Latino families;

Geographically, 65% of Black Americans reside in one of only 16 states. The states are also areas that score below the nation's national average of 77 state performance metrics spanning economy, education, economic opportunity, fiscal stability, infrastructure and more: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan,

Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

"This study represents a critical look at the key components of wealth-building: access to community and family assets, ability to save, access to homeownership and availability of good jobs," said Tom Feltner, Director of Research with the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL). "At every step it points to a widening racial wealth gap between Black families and white families."

"With today's Black homeownership rate hovering around 40%, while 73% of similarly situated whites own their homes, access to responsible mortgages remains more of a dream than a reality," added Keith Corbett, a CRL EVP.

When student loan debts and criminal incarcerations are factored into the racial wealth divide, an even more bleak scenario is disclosed.

"Incarceration is estimated to reduce annual wages by 40% -- not including the lost wages during the time served -- for the formerly incarcerated," states the MGI report, "reduces their economic mobility, and even increases the risk of school expulsion six times for their children...[B]lack men without criminal records are actually less likely to receive job interviews than are white men who have criminal records."

For Black women, gender brings a dual "wage penalty", according to the report. Median earnings for Black women are only 65% as much as those earned by white men, and 89% of median earnings

for Black men. Black women typically borrow more in student loans, so their lower earnings bring stronger financial challenges in repayment years. As a result of these and other factors, the median wealth of a single Black woman is only \$200, while that of a single white man is \$28,900.

Both male and female Black college graduates are prone to support their families more so than their white college classmates. The financial assistance shared with older family members reduces the amount of disposable dollars that might have contributed more to paying down student debt or beginning financial investments like mutual funds or certificates of deposit.

"Education, while quite beneficial to those who attain it, is not an equalizer," said Aracely Panameño, CRL's Director of Latino Affairs. "And financial innovation and debt, even if well underwritten, can never undo historical racial discrimination that results in financial marginalization. Moving forward this situation can only be addressed through bold federal and state laws and policies that create equity of opportunity for all."

Authors of the MGI report would likely agree.

"A number of simultaneous and mutually reinforcing initiatives will likely be necessary," states the report. "This work will be neither simple nor easy, but targeted, productive efforts will likely strengthen the economy, increase economic and social equity, and improve the quality of life for families."

Why Lady Liberty Weeps

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with the manure of bigoted ignorance.

The Statue of Liberty was conceived by Édouard René de Laboulaye of France to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States. The original concept was to have Lady Liberty holding a broken shackle and chain in her left hand. But due to powerful Americans objecting to this reference to slavery, the final version of the statue replaced the chains with a tablet inscribed with "July IV MDCCLXXVI," the date of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and placed the broken chains beneath her feet.

By the time the statue was installed in New York Harbor in 1886, Reconstruction in the South was over, and America had turned its back on the plight of African Americans suffering from injustice and oppression. Little, if any, reference was made at that time to the anti-slavery message of the statue. By then, America had moved so far away from being concerned about the welfare of African Americans that one Af-



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Ken Cuccinelli

rican American newspaper expressed derision at the notion of American liberty. In November 1886, The Cleveland Gazette stated in its editorial:

"Shove the Bartholdi statue, torch and all, into the ocean until the same 'liberty' of this country is such as to make it possible for an industrious and inoffensive colored man in the south to earn a respectable living for himself and family, without being ku-kluxed, perhaps mur-

dered, his daughter and wife outraged, and his property destroyed. The idea of the 'liberty' of this country enlightening the world, or even Patagonia, is ridiculous in the extreme."

Despite Cuccinelli's assertions, Ellis Island did not officially open as an immigration station until Jan. 1, 1892. And the words of Emma Lazarus' famous poem were not placed on the base of the statue until 1903 – 17 years after the Statue of Liberty was unveiled.

Given the history of this country, it is not difficult to understand why Cuccinelli believes America is reserved for white people and the Statue of Liberty was meant only for them. But we must always keep in mind that people like Ken Cuccinelli drag this nation further into the mire of despotism as they seek the "blessings of liberty" only for themselves and those who look like them.

Cuccinelli's political path includes election to the Virginia state senate beginning in 2002 and as Virginia attorney general in 2009. During his career, he tried to eliminate birthright citizenship,

proposed making it a firing offense to speak Spanish on the job and distributed lapel pins to his staff at the Attorney General's Office that were decorated with a state seal adopted by Virginia and used on Confederate battle flags after the state seceded from the Union in 1861.

The stench of bigotry enveloping Ken Cuccinelli is so strong that, according to reports, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell advised Donald Trump not to nominate him for any post that requires Senate confirmation. To this day, Cuccinelli remains acting director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, holding that office without Senate confirmation.

I have been exposed to the stench of racism and bigotry all my life, and as a Virginian, I have endured Ken Cuccinelli's stench for almost two decades. Now, thanks to Donald Trump, all America is experiencing that stench as well.

Oscar H. Blayton is a former Marine Corps combat pilot and human rights activist who practices law in Virginia. ?

Four Generations Gather Together for Stanford Family Reunion



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The Stanford family gathered together for a group photograph at the rear of the cabin.



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The children of Joe and Maggie Stanford in attendance. Back row from left to right: Russell Stanford, Darion Stanford, and Lillie Washington. Front row from left to right: Gloria Davis, Wardell Stanford, Dora Hall (holding photograph of Joe and Maggie Stanford), and Dorothy Gray.



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The great grandchildren of Joe and Maggie Stanford pose together.



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Monetta Brooks and Herman Stanford (nephew of Joe Stanford) during the reunion.

By Leah Williams

When Janet Jones saw the name Herman Stanford on Facebook one evening,

she quickly called her mother Dorothy Gray to ask if she knew him. Ms. Gray revealed that he was the son of her late father's brother. However, little

did they know that soon after, they would all be together on August 24 at Maumee Bay State Park celebrating their common Stanford roots.

The first Stanford Family Reunion took place in 1976 and was organized by the late Joe Harvey Stanford Sr. as a way to keep his children and extended family connected. He and his wife Maggie relocated from Greenville, Mississippi to Mansfield, Ohio in 1980 and eventually followed their daughter Dorothy and several of their other 15 children to Toledo, Ohio.

Keeping in the tradition started by Mr. Stanford who was affectionately known as "Pawpaw," four generations of Joe and Maggie Stanford's descendants and extended family came together this year from Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, and Missouri.

Dressed in matching orange shirts, the Stanfords love for one another was palpable as they shared memories and laughter while partaking in a home-cooked meal.



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The great-great grandchildren of Joe and Maggie Stanford pose together at the reunion.

Daughter and eldest living sibling Dorothy Gray said she could remember growing up in a large, loving family with very few arguments and no falling outs.

"Being a big family, when we were growing up, we never had a falling out where siblings don't speak to each other for years. Mama didn't play that in her house. And

she raised us, 15 of us, the best that she could – her and daddy," Ms. Gray said.

With 3 of the 15 Stanford children having passed away, family members agreed that it is of the utmost importance that they continue to gather and love on one another as often as possible.

"My theory is to be loving and kind to one another, to be

prayerful and reach out," Ms. Gray said.

When asked what the reunion meant for her personally, Janet Jones, granddaughter and reunion organizer, said, "It's about being reunited with cousins I've never met, and just enjoying each other, having a good time, and eating good food."

HUD Proposes New Rule That Would Gut the Fair Housing Act

The Department of Housing and Urban Development Propose New Rule Aimed At Weakening Ability to File Discrimination Claims

Submitted by:
Stanley Augustin

Washington, D.C. – The Department of Housing and Urban Development formally proposed a new rule today that would severely undercut the ability of people of color, women, people with disabilities, and other groups to challenge and seek redress from discrimination in housing and lending under the Fair Housing Act.

As part of established law for nearly five decades, the “disparate impact” rule enables people to challenge facially neutral policies or practices that have a discriminatory impact in effect or implementation, or that perpetuate segregation. Also known as the discriminatory effects standard, it was recognized in the 2015 U.S. Supreme

“This proposed rule would eviscerate the key protections of the Fair Housing Act, and make it virtually impossible for communities of color to prevail in lawsuits challenging housing discrimination”

Court decision in Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs v.

Inclusive Communities Project.

This proposed rule would seriously undermine the ability of people to bring disparate impact claims, in addition to creating nearly overwhelming burdens for plaintiffs to overcome. Under the proposed rule, victims of

and we face ongoing housing segregation and a national affordability crisis, we need the full protections of the Fair Housing Act more than ever. We will vigorously challenge this proposed rule, and continue to fight housing discrimination nationally.” “Disparate impact

“At a time when the Black homeownership rate has barely increased in the past 50 years, and we face ongoing housing segregation and a national affordability crisis, we need the full protections of the Fair Housing Act more than ever. We will vigorously challenge this proposed rule, and continue to fight housing discrimination nationally.”

discrimination would be required to anticipate and preemptively counter every potential defense of the defendant before being able to pursue a claim and seek redress for discrimination.

“This proposed rule would eviscerate the key protections of the Fair Housing Act, and make it virtually impossible for communities of color to prevail in lawsuits challenging housing discrimination,” said Kristen Clarke, President and Executive Director of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. “At a time when the Black homeownership rate has barely increased in the past 50 years,

claims are firmly established in the law, and critically necessary to protecting communities of color and other groups against discrimination,” said Thomas Silverstein, Counsel for the Fair Housing & Community Development Project at the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. “While some discrimination is immediately evident on its face, much of modern-day discrimination in housing and lending is obscured and only redressable on a large scale. For example, predatory lending in communities of color is typically redressed through disparate



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impact, which enables victims of discrimination to obtain relief as a group and incentivizes banks and housing providers to proactively change business practices that result in discrimination. We are working with the National Fair Housing Alliance and a coalition of partners on the ‘Defend Civil Rights’ campaign to organize communities to oppose this latest attack on civil rights protections.”

About the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

The Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (Lawyers’ Committee), a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, was formed in 1963 at the request

of President John F. Kennedy to involve the private bar in providing legal services to address racial discrimination. Now in its 55th year, the Lawyers’ Committee is continuing its quest to “Move America Toward Justice.” The principal mission of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil

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The Toledo Community Foundation Awards Pathway, Inc. a Grant to Pilot Test a Motherhood Program



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Pathway, Inc. (Pathway) received a grant from the Toledo Community Foundation to pilot test a Motherhood Program for low-income mothers ages 20-24 in June, 2019. The grant was made available by the William R. Winkle Memorial Fund. "This grant opportunity was an

absolute blessing to our agency. We are able to pilot test the expansion of our programming designed to create healthy, self-sufficient families," says Cheryl Grice, Pathway CEO. "We were very fortunate to receive a five-year, \$8.5 million national Fatherhood Demonstration Grant in 2015, which was affectionately named

"Brothers United" (BU)," Ms. Grice added. "Over the past 4 years, Pathway's BU program has served 1,458 fathers who have 4,218 children, most of whom reside in Lucas County, Ohio," Ms. Grice stated. The fathers in the BU Program told the Family Supportive Services Department staff that they have learned a lot about how to be good fathers to their children but feel there needs to be a similar program for mothers. They indicated it is important for children's mothers to learn how to work effectively with fathers to ensure better parenting for their children. Consequently, this new pilot project has been named "Sisters United" (SU) to mirror the BU Fatherhood Program. It will serve 20 low-income mothers in a support group learning environment. Like the fathers in BU, the mothers in the SU program will learn and grow together. This pilot program will involve the collaboration of two Pathway departments, Family Supportive Services and

Workforce Development. The Family Supportive Services Department will facilitate the Motherhood curriculum. Upon completion of the SU program activity, all mothers will be connected to Pathway's Workforce Development Department's Professional and Individual Development (P.A.I.D.) program for employment services. P.A.I.D. served 186 jobseekers in 2018. Of that total, 164 became gainfully employed. The Family Supportive Services Department has been able to expand programming to include mothers and children by using BU data to demonstrate the need for additional services. Additionally, other Pathway services will be made available to the mothers in the SU Pilot Project such as: • The Pathway Community Resources Center which offers case management services, involves development of individual goal plans designed to help program participants become self-sufficient. Emergency assistance is

also provided on a case-by-case basis. Case managers make referrals to other community and government agencies to connect program participants to services that Pathway does not offer. The focus of these services is on helping program participants achieve self-sufficiency. In 2018 the Pathway Community Resources Center provided case management services to 1557 households, rental counseling to 96 households, and enabled 47 households to avoid eviction. • The Community Connection Program is an energy conservation program that enables income-eligible First Energy (Toledo Edison) customers to lower their energy bills through the instillation of energy efficient light bulbs in place of incandescent bulbs, and replacing energy-inefficient refrigerators and freezers with new Energy-Star (efficient) refrigerators and freezers at no cost to participants. • Pathway's Energy Assistance programs offer utility and other energy bill payment

assistance all year, and fans and air conditioners during the summer. Avis Files, director of the Family Supportive Services Department stresses the importance of ensuring that families contribute to children being healthy physically, emotionally and spiritually. Everyday BU supports and advocates for fathers because when fathers are involved in the lives of their children, the entire community thrives. Similarly, Pathway believes that further educating mothers to work cooperatively with their children's fathers will result in healthier families and a healthier community. It is anticipated that the SU pilot program will demonstrate the need for continued funding from other sources for an ongoing Motherhood Program. "We look forward to helping low-income parents in Lucas County to be more supportive of each other and their children. Our goal is to cultivate a community culture of effective parenting and strong, self-sufficient families," Ms. Grice concluded.

Coming Events

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Sept. 10th
The Franciscan Center of Lourdes University
The Science Alliance for Valuing the Environment
S.A.V.E. hosts Healing from the Earth: An Introduction to Forest Therapy" by Kimberly High, Tuesday from 7:30 to 9pm. Kimberly High, Master Interpreter, is a Certified Forest Therapy Guide and Certified Interpretive Trainer with the Toledo Metroparks. All are welcome. Free to attend. Contact (419) 824-3691 or save@lourdes.edu for more information.

Sept. 12th, 16th, & 24th
2019 Annual Kwanzaa Sign Up
We invite you to showcase your talent, spoken word, musical song, artist, dancer/team dancers. We are also looking for guest speakers for this years Toledo Annual Kwanzaa Celebration December 26, 2019. The location will to be announced later. If you would like to perform as dancer, singer, spokeword, artist, vendor, volunteer, children's activities or storyteller, Sanger Branch Library Sept. 12, 2019, Mott Branch, Sept. 16th and Kent Branch Library Sept. 24th. Time 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Contact # 419-410-8022.

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. 13th-Sept.14th
The Ohio State Conference of Branches of the NAACP Toledo, Ohio
The 89th Annual State Convention - "When We Fight, We Win", Park Inn, 101 N. Summit St., Toledo, OH 43604. Workshops are as follows: Public Safety/Health/Mental Health, Political Education/Education, Community and School Gun Control Forum, WIN Session Workshops, and National Workshop/Social Media.

Sept. 14th
Braden UMC
Health Fair
Braden UMC will host a Health Fair on Saturday September 14th from 9AM-4PM. Area Office on Aging and some 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. 14th & Sept. 15th
St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
Annual Women's Day Week-End
On Saturday and Sunday. Saturday will be a Luncheon from 11:00 a/m till 1:00 p/m with Sister El'Freda Agboka from Rochester Hills, Michigan as the guest speaker. Sunday will began at 9:25 a/m with Sunday School and 10:45 a/m for regular Worship Service. The Speaker will be Elder Teresa McBee from Family Baptist Church. The theme this year "We are Women of Faith, Value and Vision", 1 Corinthians 15:10. We invite all of you to come and share in these

Worship Experiences. For further information Contact the Church at 419-246-2886, Rev James H. Willis, Sr. Senior Pastor.

Sept. 17th
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Safari 2019 Featuring Motown's The Contours
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.

Sept. 20th
United Nation's International Day of Peace
Dozens of area organizations and individuals will gather Friday, at noon at the Lucas County Courthouse to celebrate the United Nation's International Day of Peace in conjunction with Pace e Bene's Campaign Nonviolence National Convergence March & Action and the local Compassion Games. The event will include gathering around a peace pole, brief statements and proclamations, acknowledgment of co-sponsors, and a march following the peace pole around the block. Organized by the Association of U.S. Catholic Priests, Toledo Chapter Social Justice Subcommittee.

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.

Local Community Leaders Call On Trump and Congress to Stop Big Pharma Price Gouging



National Day of Action. Speakers at the press conference used the forum to demand that the Trump Administration and Congress limit the ability of pharmaceutical corporations to set and raise prescription drug prices.

“Price gouging forces painful and unfair choices that can turn a routine illness into a life threatening condition,” said Dr. Jerome McCorry, President and CEO of the National Congress on Faith and Social Justice.

“Putting Pharma profits over people has cost lives in this nation,” he said. “That’s why partner organizations have come together to create ‘Lower Drug Prices Now,’ a coalition that will fight Pharma.”

McCorry says that, the main goal of

From left to right. Pastor Cecil Jerome Graham, Medgine Eugene-Lautzenheiser, Pastor Marcia Dinkins, Dr. Jerome McCorry, and Pastor Steven Valles.

By Leah Williams

Toledoans United for Social Action [TUSA] in conjunction with Recover Ohio and Black Women Rising held a press conference on August 20 at Parkwood Avenue Seventh-Day Adventist Temple as a part of the People Over Profits

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The Lakewoods Hosts Senior Resource Festival



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Steve Reamey and Charlene Davis-Campbell pose during the event.



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Edith Miller (far left) stands with attendees at the Senior Resource Festival.
By Leah Williams



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Steve Reamey of The Gardens of St. Francis talks to an attendee about their available services.

The first annual Senior Resource Festival hosted by The Lakewoods Senior Apartments took place on Friday, August 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and was sponsored by the Area Office on Aging.

Edith Miller, Site Manager of The Lakewoods, said that she and her team realized that not only was there a lack of diverse resources at most senior

seniors in the Toledo community still lacked vital knowledge about resources that could improve the quality of their lives.

“We felt there were many seniors in the community that did not know everything that was available to them,” Ms. Miller said. “All the fairs we had gone to were strictly healthcare oriented. And we said ‘no,’ there’s so much more out there.”

As a result of those conversations and experiences, Ms. Miller said that The Lakewoods Service Coordinator Charlene Davis-Campbell and Resident Council Member Mark Heckman organized Friday’s event with diversity of services and resources in mind.

“At this one we have the Seagate Food Bank, the Toledo Police with the RSVP program, healthcare, Paparazzi jewelry downstairs, Paul Mitchell Salon. We’ve got all kinds of things,” Ms. Miller said.

Many residents in attendance chose to speak to The Toledo Journal in anonymity but said they appreciated the event and were looking forward to being helped by the contacts made.

Jacalyn Vail, who did agree to speak on record, learned about the Festival through Charlene Davis-Campbell and attended the event with her sisters.

“All three of us sisters came. And I think it’s great. I have talked to

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Local Community Leaders Call On Trump



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Pastor Cecil Jerome Graham, left, and Medgine Eugene-Lautzenheiser, right, review their notes before taking the podium.

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the coalition will be to hold elected officials accountable for any legislation, or lack thereof, that allows ‘Big Pharma’ (Pharmaceutical corporations) to take advantage of the most vulnerable Americans.

Community leaders in attendance at the press conference who are members of the new coalition include Pastor Marcia Dinkins, Black Women Rising/ TUSA Director; Medgine Eugene-Lautzenheiser, Project Coordinator for Young People in Recovery; Pastor Cecil Jerome Graham, True Vine Baptist Church;

that prescription drug prices rose 10.5 percent in the first 6 months of the year 2019, which she noted is a rate four times faster than inflation.

Pastor Steven Valles spoke of the disturbing decisions many diabetics in particular must make about their health care. He says this includes skipping or halving daily insulin dosages while corporate insulin producers bring in record earnings.

“The cost of the four most popular types of insulin has tripled over the last decade while Eli Lilly the nation’s largest insulin producer continued to reap billions of dollars in revenue,” Valles said. “In 2017 alone, Eli Lilly brought in a 9-billion-dollar revenue from their diabetes medication while having to pay zero dollars in federal income taxes under Trump’s new tax laws.”

The rising costs of prescription drugs is especially taxing on the pocketbook of our nation’s senior citizens says Pastor Cecil Jerome Graham who took to the podium after Valles. He says 25 percent of the average senior citizen’s income is spent on necessary prescription medications.

“That’s a quarter of all their money going just for medications,” Graham said. “So we’re asking for our lawmakers to help to make a difference. To help our seniors to be able to get the medicines that they need. To help our communities to be able to afford the medicines that they need to have a better quality of life.”

Lastly, Medgine Eugene-Lautzenheiser, Project Coordinator for Young People in Recovery, said that the People Over Profits National Day of Action should be a wake up call for President Trump and Congress whom she says have failed the American people in this area. “It doesn’t have to be this way,” she said. “It’s time to fix this rigged

system and put people over profits.”

Eugene-Lautzenheiser went on to say that people all over the nation were not asking for, but demanding change from the country’s elected leaders especially as congressional lawmakers return to Washington D.C. in September and face a vote on the new Trump NAFTA deal (now named United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement), which includes provisions that would forbid U.S. Congress from passing regulations that could curtail Big Pharma price gouging.

“Today in over 30 states across the country, organizations, patients, community leaders, clergy, and people struggling to afford medicines for their families are coming together to send a message to President Trump and Congress,” she said. “We want lower drug prices now!”

Community Leaders Help Welcome Back Imagine Madison School of the Arts Families on First Day of School



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From left to right. Mark Williams, Vallie Bowman-English, Yvonne Harper, Robin Reese, Lindsay Day, John Williams, and Francine D. Brown.



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Community volunteers pose along with Principal Lindsay Day and Community Liaison Mark Williams in front of the school building.



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Principal Lindsay Day hugs a returning student.

By Leah Williams

Students at Imagine Madison School of the Arts were among the thousands of youth, across Northwest Ohio, who returned to school last week. However, when

families gathered on the sidewalk outside the K-5 charter school on August 19 for the first day of the new school year, they had no idea who awaited them inside.

When the doors finally

opened, families were warmly greeted by local clergy, community leaders, and school staff who lined the main hallway creating a welcome tunnel. Both parents and students received high-fives, smiles, handshakes, and words of encouragement as they walked to class.

Imagine Madison School Principal Lindsay Day and Community Liaison Mark Williams stood side-by-side at the head of one line serving as familiar faces to returning families.

Mr. Williams, who also serves as the Minister of Music at River of Life Church, organized the special welcome. He said it was important for students and their parents to know they were supported by the community.

Among the fifteen volunteers who participated were: Vallie Bowman-English, Clerk of Toledo Municipal Court; Yvonne Harper, Toledo City Councilwoman; Robin

Reese, Director of Lucas County Children Services; Bishop John Williams, River of Life Church; and Pastor Francine D. Brown, Peace Tabernacle Family Worship Center.

When asked about the school, Principal Day said it was their wraparound care and services that makes Imagine Madison special.

"We educate the whole child here," Day said. "It's more than just reading and math. Those are important, of course, but we look at everything they [students] need."

Ms. Day said their whole child approach to education included providing services to students that go beyond the traditional scope of a school.

"We go as far as providing weekend bags to kids who do not have food that are having food insecurities at home. We give them daily snacks here. We offer free transportation," she said.



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Mark Williams gets ready to shake the hand of a student.

"We try to eliminate any barriers here at Imagine Madison that could get in the way of their future."



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Students and parents walk through the welcome tunnel at Imagine Madison School of the Arts on the first day of school.

Toledo Author Neaira has book signing for her new children’s book ‘LAND of the LOSS SOCKS’



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Toledo Author Neaira (Williams) (L) got a helping hand from her mother Stacey Williams (R) at her book signing for her first book ‘LAND of the LOST SOCKS’ a book for children, at The River of Life Church on August 24th, 2019.



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Entertainment at Neaira book signing event included the Drum-line Team J J Express.

By Michael Daniels
Journal Staff Reporter

Toledo’s newest book author, who goes by one name only Neaira, had a book signing for her first published child’s book, entitled ‘LAND of the LOSS SOCKS’, on Saturday, August 24, 2019, at the River of Life Church on Upton Ave. However, to say she simply had a book signing is a gross understatement, it was more like an event or festival that attracted about 250-300 regular people and parents and their children during the two and a half hours plus celebration. During this time Neaira autographed and sold more than 200 books.

New author Neaira, the star of the attraction of the event, was looking like a rock star, as she signed her books and posed for pictures with eager fans. She accommodated them until the end of the event. In fact, that’s when the end of the event came, when the endless line of people waiting for autographed copies of her book and personal pictures with the author finally subsided, (aka

the plus).

What made this book signing more than just a book signing and into an event were all the other things going on during that time. There was music, face painting for the kids, a coloring contest for two twenty-five dollar and one fifty-dollar door prizes, a raffle for three brand new children’s bicycles, free food, and the sale of T-shirts and other merchandise related to the book. In addition, there was a live dance performance by the Drum-line Team J J Express.

Neaira Williams is thirty-one years old and a graduate of BGSU with a degree in business. She is currently pursuing a Master’s degree and considers herself to be a motivator of people and particularly children. Asked why she wrote this book she said, “I don’t have children of my own, but I talk to them all the time. So, I tried to figure out a way that I could reach them on a kid-friendly level, so I decided to write a children s book. Even though the book is for children it has a universal theme that includes adults because

at one time or another we all lose a pair of our socks.”

“This book is meant to motivate and inspire the children in a positive way,” she said. The book is about two twin brothers and a pair of socks that get lost during laundry time. Will the brothers ever find the lost sock, where did they go, and are they in the ‘LAND of the LOSS SOCKS? You can only answer that question by reading the book.

Neaira said, “The book teaches the children about bravery, teamwork, and self-worth. I want the children to get those important life points and understand them by reading my book. I feel it’s important to inspire the children with positive messages at an early age and get them reading right now, so when they grow up, they will have the knowledge and be better people. Inspiring people and especially children are what I love to do,” she explained.

It took Neaira five years to write and finish her book and it was time well spent. Right now, her book has been number one on Amazon’s new releases in two different categories twice. She is also a shrewd user of social media and has several videos on Y-Tube related to her book under the name, ‘The Sock Rock Party Band.’ Neaira also has a Facebook page under the name Neaira Williams. She’s



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The two winners of the coloring contest for two fifty dollar door prizes were (L-R) Dallas Hopings, with Neaira and Deja Lewis.

on Instagram at @NeairaTheAuthor and on the web at Neaira The Author.com., where you can purchase her book and related merchandise.

Neaira Williams is a faithful lifelong Charter Member of The River of Life Church, and has been the church pianist since the church began. She expressed her pride in having her book signing at her home church, saying “I am the first person in the church to hold an event in the Doris Williams Johnson Fellowship Hall, which is named after my grandmother, who is still alive today. She was one of the first members of the church and the church named this hall in her honor, and I feel honored to be here.”

Her pastor, Bishop John Williams, commented on the event saying, “God has blessed us and allowed us to do many things for the community, and that is our goal to impact our community. By having this book signing to bless the children is right in line with our vision to impact lives. The book is about celebrating the differences between people and it teaches the children about who



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Bishop John Williams, the pastor of The River of Life Church (standing) watch’s as (L-R) Delinetta Ashe, Essence Price, Andrea Eaton, and Jees Simpson participate in the face painting for the kids at Author Neaira August 24th book signing



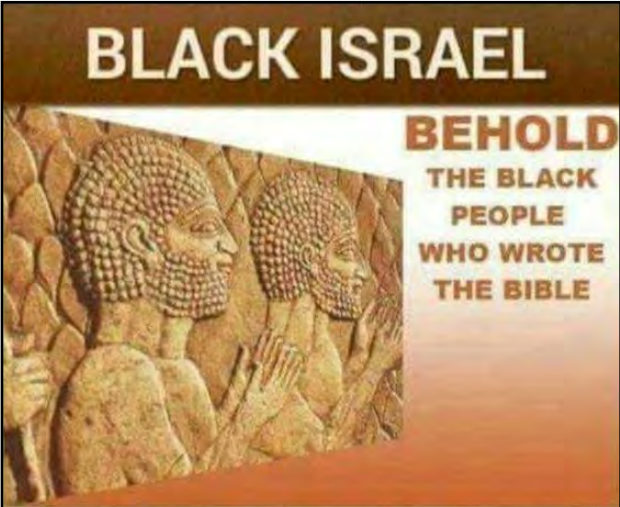
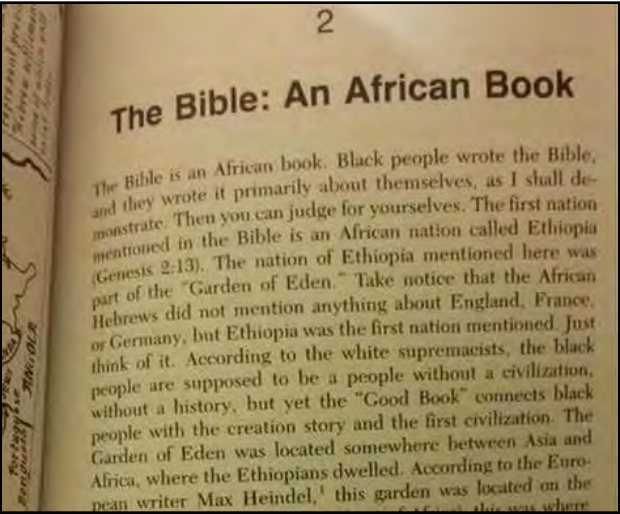
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(L-R) Dallas Hopings, Dedra Heath, and Anthony Abbott Jr. were the winners of the raffle for three brand new free children bicycles.

they are, and how they are supposed to operate in this life. This is what we also do to in this church, we teach people about who they are and how they should walk in this world, and what God has to say about us. Neaira Williams is a wonderful young lady, I wish her much success and I am elated to a part of this endeavor.”

In the end, Neaira’s Williams offered these final words of advice to the people of the world, she said, “If you have a great idea don’t give up on it, keep going, the only person that’s stopping you is yourself!”

So Much We Miss



FROM THE BRITISH MUSEUM in London, the Afro-haired men shown above are the ancient Israelites, known as the Hebrews. The image you are looking at is by the Assyrians who destroyed Israel 3000 years ago. As confirmed by the image, the Hebrews who wrote the Bible were black people. The Bible among other things tells the history of the Hebrews. Therefore, what this revelation tells us is; the Bible is the Black Man's History Book!

Submitted
Jeremiah 17:4 And thou, even thyself, shalt discontinue from thine heritage that I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not; for ye have kindled a fire in mine anger, which shall burn forever. The so-called Blacks, Hispanics and Native Americans are Israel the people who made a covenant with the Most High God. Our ancestors were sold into slavery for violating the covenant and we their descendants who continue to violate it are under a curse.
Let not the 12 million Negroes be ashamed of the fact that they are the grandchildren of slaves. There is dishonor in being slave-owners. Gand-

hi (Even though he did not like Black People he honored their plight)
Coolidge said - Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not: nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not: the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. We must carry on with the (3) three "Ps" of life Peace, Patient and persistence continually moving forward toward the greater truth, which is our God, go back to he who has always been greater than thy, and proclaim his goodness for ourselves and our children.

Sept. 14th
18th Annual Collard Green Festival
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Lonnie Bunch III on tour to discuss founding of Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture



By Frederick H. Lowe
BlackmansStreet.To-day

Lonnie G. Bunch III, the 14th Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution and the first African American to hold the post, will embark on a nationwide speaking tour to discuss his book concerning the founding of the Smithsonian National Museum of the African American History and Culture.

Bunch, the museum's founding director, wrote "a fool's errand: Creating the National Museum of African American History in the Age of Bush, Obama and Trump." The book goes on sale September 24.

The \$400 million, 400,000 square-foot Washington, D.C.-based museum, which opened September 24, 2016 has so far welcomed 6 million visitors. It is the most comprehensive cultural location devoted to the African-American experience.

Bunch will open his

national speaking tour on September 19 at the Chicago Museum of History, which he led before accepting the herculean task of raising funds to build the museum, collect exhibits;

On September 24, the same day his book goes on sale, he will speak at the National Museum of African American Museum and Culture in a conversation with Scott Pelly, a correspondent with CBS Television's 60 Minutes;

On October 1, he will appear at the New York City's Apollo Theatre to participate in a discussion with Gayle King, co-host of CBS This Morning;

On October 14, he will speak during a private ceremony at the African American Museum in Philadelphia, which is a Smithsonian affiliate. This event is not open to the public;

On October 15, Bunch will speak at Philadelphia's Museum of the American Revolution. He

will participate in a conversation with Scott Stephenson, the museum's president and CEO;

On October 22, Bunch will speak at the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He will hold a discussion with author and "Finding Your Roots" Public Broadcasting System television host Henry Louis "Skip" Gates. Gates is director of the Hutchins Center for African American Research at Harvard.

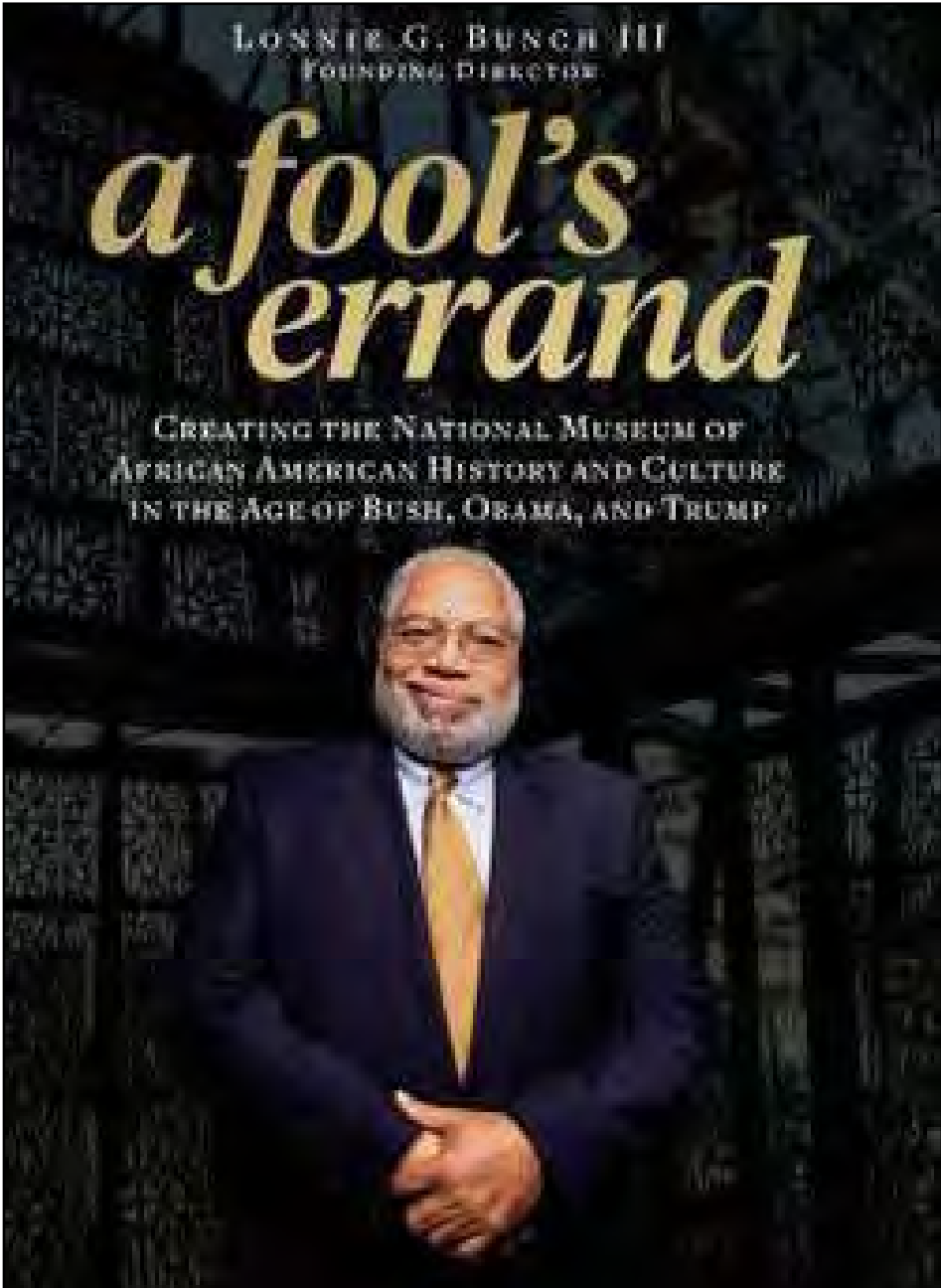
On October 25, Bunch will speak the Peabody Museum of Natural History at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

On November 16, Bunch will speak at the Nate Holden Theater in Los Angeles.

Additional tour dates will be announced later

You can book tour tickets at www.nmaahc.si.edu/nmaahcbooktour.

"A fool's errand" discusses how Bunch was



tasked to lead a team that created the museum.

Lonnie Bunch III, and his book "a fool's errand" Bunch discusses how he planned and managed the work for more than a decade, leading to the museum's opening.

The challenges included finding a construction site and choosing architects to design the museum that would house a collection of nearly 40,000 objects. Bunch also discusses the personal struggles he faced during this challenging

period.

Bunch is co-author of "The American Presidency: A Glorious Burden and From No Return: The 221-Year Journey of the Slave Ship Sao Jose.

Bunch assumed the post of Smithsonian Secretary June 16th.

FROM THE DESK OF FELICIA

5 Non-Sexual Ways to be Intimate with Your Partner



By Felicia T. Simpson

Don't get me wrong, sexual intimacy is great to have with your partner but it's not the be all for maintaining a healthy relationship. In fact, there's more to relationships than having sex. There are tons of non-sexual ways that you can be more intimate with your partner other than sex. Below are my top five favorites:

1. Take a stroll around a park or your neighborhood together. You can talk about your day or week with each other, future plans together or whatever conversations sparks just from being in that environment. It's summer time and the local parks are filled with beautiful

flowers and greenery that you and your partner can do to get closer to one another. You can also do this activity when the sun goes down to avoid the heat.

2. Send your partner a nice text. It's mid-day and you're both at work, send your partner a "I'm thinking about you text." This can change a bad or stressful mood that they may be having at work in that moment and your text just brightened their day. Please make sure that your text is genuine and coming from the heart. If you're not a texting type of person, feel free to pick up the phone and briefly let them know your thoughts.

3. Cook a meal to-

gether. This activity can definitely build intimacy between you and your partner. Typically, the woman of the house is in charge of preparing and cooking the meals but it's so much fun if you and your partner can share that role, together. It doesn't have to be a Thanksgiving meal it can be as easy as creating a cheese board together or cooking something that takes under 30-40 minutes. Turn on a play list of music from when you two met, and dance while you cook.

4. Exercise together. Need a workout partner? Your partner can be the best trainer to help you stay in shape. You can help each other while exercising indoors or out-

doors. You can make this a weekly or monthly activity to do together.

5. Read a book together. If you and your partner are bookworms, you can both read the same book and discuss it. This can be tricky if one partner takes longer to read books than the other person. You can discuss chapter by chapter or at the conclusion of the book.

Intimacy means to become closely acquainted with your partner and you don't have to have sex to achieve that closeness. Talk to your partner and get more suggestions from them about non-sexual ways to be more intimate with each other.

Warren-Sherman Festival seeks to return area to greatness, ‘Living the Legacy’



Left, retired school teacher, and principal, Linda Ransey, an active advocate in revitalizing the area, Lynn Russell, who accepted an award for her late father, Bill Russell, Toledo’s first foreman for the city’s Sewer Maintenance division, and Wanda Love, president of Warren-Sherman Area Council.

BY JURRY TAALIB-DEEN
Journal Staff Writer

Once upon a time, the Warren-Sherman Festival was one of the great festivals of Toledo. For an entire weekend, the residents in and around the Bancroft, Franklin area, would converge on Inez Nash Park, located on Bancroft St., and directly behind the shopping plaza on the corner of Bancroft and Franklin, to fill the park up. Food, games, music, and even rides filled the air during that weekend. During the weekend of August 24-25, 2019, at Inez Nash Park, organizers sought to return to those days, with not only plans of a bigger festival, but to completely revitalize the area.

Wanda Love, president of the Warren-Sherman Area Council, told The Toledo Journal the 2019 festival is full steam ahead to returning the area to the days where entrepreneurs were born, and worked, and where many of the residents became the “first,” African Americans in Toledo to accomplish a goal.

“Our theme for 2019 is ‘Living their Legacy.’ That theme speaks to all the great people, who either came from the Warren-Sherman area, or worked here,” she said.

“We’re honoring past presidents, or officers of the council, residents, entrepreneurs, or church people, who helped developed the area, as well as Toledo,” Ms. Love said. Local bands, including, “The Skip Turner Band,” entertained those who visited the festival, or was just in ear shot.

“We do want to provide entertainment and food this weekend, but we really want to highlight the great people and their accomplishments of the area, in hopes it will show people that this area is very rich in culture, and in accomplishments,” Ms. Love said.

Amongst the 50 people honored on Sunday, August 25, included two names, one of which a housing complex bears the name; the Moody Manor, and Toledo’s first black foreman for the City of Toledo’s Sewer Maintenance division during the late 1960s, and early 70s, the late Bill Russell.

Lynn Russell, daughter to Bill Russell, accepted the award for her late father. “My father’s legacy, as well as all those being honored, needs to be known, and continued,” she said.

Yvonne Harper, councilwoman for district 4, spoke at the awards recognition

ceremony. “This area is a beautiful area. Even the plaza that’s currently unoccupied is beautiful, and it needs revitalizing in order to help bring the area up. I talked to the current owner of the plaza, and told him we don’t want the type of businesses that will bring down the area; we want businesses that will help the area thrive,” she said.”



The Skip Turner Band filled the area with jazz music on Saturday.



Enjoying the shade are some of the 50 honorees.

FIFTEEN APPS

PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

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UPDATED JULY 2019

MEETME

MEETME is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. As the app's name suggests, users are encouraged to meet each other in person.

GRINDR

GRINDR is a dating app geared towards gay, bi and transgender people. The app gives users options to chat, share photos and meet up based on a smart phone's GPS location.

SKOUT

SKOUT is a location-based dating app and website. While users under 17 years old are unable to share private photos, kids can easily create an account using a different age.

WHATSAPP

WHATSAPP is a popular messaging app that allows users to send texts, photos, voicemails, make calls and video chats worldwide. WHATSAPP uses an internet connection on smart phones and computers.

TIKTOK

TIKTOK is a new mobile device app popular with kids used for creating and sharing short videos. With very limited privacy controls, users are vulnerable to cyber bullying and explicit content.

BADOO

BADOO is a dating and social networking app where users can chat, share photos and videos and connect based on location. While the app is intended for adults only, teens are known to create profiles.

BUMBLE

BUMBLE is similar to the popular dating app "Tinder" however, it requires women to make the first contact. Kids have been known to use BUMBLE to create fake accounts and falsify their age.

SNAPCHAT

SNAPCHAT is one of the most popular apps in recent years. While the app promises users can take a photo/video and it will disappear, new features including "stories" allows users to view content for up to 24 hours. Snapchat also allows users to see your location.

KIK

KIK allows anyone to contact and direct message your child. Kids can bypass traditional text messaging features. KIK gives users unlimited access to anyone, anywhere, anytime.

LIVEME

LIVE.ME is a live-streaming video app that uses geolocation to share videos so users can find out a broadcaster's exact location. Users can earn "coins" as a way to "pay" minors for photos.

HOLLA

HOLLA is a self-proclaimed "addicting" video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world in just seconds. Reviewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content, and more.

WHISPER

WHISPER is an anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers. It also reveals a user's location so people can meet up.

ASK.FM

ASK.FM is known for cyber bullying. The app encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions.

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HOT OR NOT

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Fifteenth African American Parade

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By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN
Journal Staff Writer

To the many onlookers lined down Dorr St, as well as the other streets the processional would follow, the 15th annual African American Parade is more than a celebration; it's an introduction of businesses, and organizations that many people don't know.

"It's such a beautiful thing because so many blacks of all ages are involved in it," Sparkle Holloway told The Toledo Journal on Saturday, August 24.

"You don't have to visualize crowds of blacks participating in a positive event; you see it. I didn't know about some of the businesses or organization until today. And it's really a good thing to see so many African Americans involved in encouraging others to get active in voting," Ms. Holloway said.

Spearheaded by Suzette Cowell, president/CEO of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union located at 1441 Dorr Street and 1415 Jefferson Ave., the parade showcases black businesses, organizations, schools, and politicians. Martin Luther King Academy for Boys, Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls, and Jones Leadership Academy were just a few of the schools that participated.

Politicians shook hands, passed out candy to the children, and encouraged people to vote.

Dance, and drum teams mesmerized the crowds with their moves, and thunderous sound.

A couple of new comers to the parade included, "Mud Made Riders," and the "Slang Gang," both of whom showcased their stylish modes of transportation.

But to people like Birdena Martin, the parade is a testament to what the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union has done for the community.

"The credit union has events that help better the inner city, and the people who live here," she said. "The parade shows community engagement, and how it can bring a diverse group of people together, with a focus on the inner city. The parade and the credit union are an asset to the inner city," Ms. Martin said.

The Lakewoods Hosts Senior Resource Festival

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When asked about the importance of the festival to both Lakewoods residents and seniors in the community, Charlene Davis-Campbell said it was a labor of love for her.

"We want our community to know that we love them and that there's resources out there to help them when they need it," she said. "And that's why we decided to do the festival because we wanted the community to know that we care, and there are resources out there that can help them."

Ms. Davis-Campbell said any seniors who were not in attendance could still access all the festival vendor information by visiting The Lakewoods Resident Council Facebook page.

"Go to our page and then go under 'Vendors' and all the information will be accessible. Anybody can go there," she said.

Who Cares About Fair Elections?



By Julianne Malveaux,
NNPA Newswire Contributor

The US House of Representatives passed the Securing America's Fair Elections (SAFE) Act in June by a nearly totally partisan vote of 225-184 in late June. Only one Republican voted for legislation that would mandate paper ballots, increase election security, and create safeguards to prevent foreign interference in our elections. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) opposes the legislation and won't even allow it to be introduced or voted on in the Senate.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) was eloquently angry when she raised a series of questions, "I just would really like to know from my Republican friends, what's wrong with replacing outdated, vulnerable voting equipment? What is wrong with requiring paper ballot voting systems to ensure the integrity of our elections? What is wrong with enacting strong cybersecurity requirements for elections technology vendors and voting systems? We must be relentless in the defense of our democracy, fighting on all fronts to keep America safe."


Republicans don't seem to want to defend democracy, though. They simply want to win. And McConnell, who behaves like the 45th President's handmaiden, has abandoned his duty as Senate leader in favor of partisan shenanigans. Former special counsel Robert Mueller III testified that Russian election interference was happening even as he testified, too many Republicans chose to ignore his warning because it does not serve them. McConnell is among those who seem to hope that Russian interference aids Republicans and perhaps ensures the reelection of the most odious human being ever to occupy the Oval Office.

Meanwhile, people are organizing and attempting to overcome interference by mobilizing the Democratic base of voters. Barbara Arnwine, who founded and leads the Transformative Justice Coalition (www.tjcoalition.org) gathered dozens of activists to participate in a day-long strategy session on voting rights on August 7, fifty-four years after the Voting Rights Act was passed in 1965.

Arnwine's organization is among the many planning to ensure both voter turnout and election fairness in the upcoming elections. With so many focused on the 2020 election, and appropriately so, it is essential to note that 2019 elections are also significant. Kentucky, Louisiana, and Mississippi will elect governors, New Jersey, and Virginia are among those who will elect state legislators, and some cities will elect mayors.

Activists can use these elections to test our broken system, and as practice, perhaps for 2020. But activists must also be clear that Republicans don't seem to want fair elections. If they did, McConnell would schedule a vote on the SAFE Act, which provides dollars for better, safer, voting technology.

Both houses of Congress are on recess this August month, and



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Mr. Horton said it’s even important to be familiar with the diverse cultures of today’s society. “You should be able to connect to people; they appreciate that, and respect the fact you took the time to do so,” he said.

Since his early 20s, he has always been involved in sales, when he began working for the family business; which would ultimately relocate to San Jose, California. Mr. Horton would move back to Toledo, but would commute back and forth to Detroit where he sold cars. As recent as two weeks ago, he would decide to permanently work back in Toledo, where many of his customers requested his expertise.

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More than 600,000 Unsafe Airbags Remain in Vehicles on Ohio Roads



Properly deployed airbag.

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Submitted By: Sara Locricchio

In Ohio, more than 600,000 recalled Takata airbags remain on the road in vehicles representing 19 vehicle manufacturers. SafeAirbags.com, an organization notifying owners about this urgent airbag safety recall, is urging owners and drivers of affected vehicles to immediately schedule an appointment for a free recall repair to prevent potentially serious injuries, or even death.

Affected vehicles include those made by BMW, Chrysler, Daimler, Ferrari, Ford, General Motors, Honda, Infiniti, Jaguar, Land Rover, Lexus, Mazda, McLaren, Mercedes-Benz, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Scion, Subaru, Tesla, Toyota, and Volkswagen. Dealerships around the country have replacement parts available, and the free recall repair should take about one

to a few hours depending on vehicle make and model.

A defective part inside the airbag can explode when the airbag deploys, potentially shooting sharp metal fragments at the driver and passengers. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has confirmed that 16 people in the U. S. have been killed, and hundreds of others alleged to have been injured, by this defect.

“In September of 2013, I was driving home when a vehicle pulled out in front of me. Our cars collided. The airbag deployed. But instead of protecting me, its inflator ruptured, shooting a piece of metal into my right eye. I suffered a serious injury and my vision will never be the same,” said Stephanie Erdman, victim of defective Takata airbag inflator. “I urge you to go online to check if



Defective airbag.

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your car’s Takata airbag inflators have been recalled. Trust me, even waiting a day to bring your vehicle in for the recall repair could be the difference between life and death.”

A recall awareness campaign is underway to help stress the urgent need to have these defective airbags repaired. In addition to official recall notice letters sent directly from vehicle manufacturers, owners are receiving notification through postcards, emails, social media, and other forms of communication urging them to contact their dealer to schedule an appointment for a free recall repair.

The call to action is simple.

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erally have replacement parts available, and the free recall repair should take about one to a few hours depending on vehicle make and model.

“More than 17 million airbags recalled have not been repaired,” said Patrick Juneau of SafeAirbags.com. Juneau was appointed by a Federal court in Florida to administer an outreach program aimed at repairing these defective airbags. “Unfortunately, many consumers are not taking immediate action, either because they have been ignoring safety recall notices, or do not understand the severity of the situation.”

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On Sunday, August 18, the NAACP began a journey to honor African ancestors. Members of the storied civil rights organization and numerous guests boarded a bus from Washington, D.C. Their initial destination was Jamestown, Virginia's Colonial National Park, where they held a prayer vigil and candle lighting ceremony to mark the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first enslaved Africans. The two-week-long observance included a Monday, August 19, visit to the National Museum of African American History and Culture which was followed by a trip to Ghana, West Africa, and onto Jamestown – thus the organization's theme: "Jamestown to Jamestown."

"This is to honor the memory of all those stolen from Africa over 400 years ago," NAACP

President Derrick Johnson said. "We honor the strength and resilience of our ancestors," Karen Boykin-Towns, vice chairman of the NAACP Board of Directors, wrote on Twitter. "We must use the experience to guide our journey forward. Let's become renewed in our fight for a democracy that is equal and just," Boykin-Towns said. During the trip, the NAACP will take part in an ancestral healing ceremony at an ocean, and members will attend a business and development summit. They will also participate in an African Ancestry reveal at the Door of No Return. Members will get to experience the Assin Manso Last Bath Slave River, where enslaved Africans had their last bath before being shipped to the western world never to return. Highlights of the journey include a welcome by local chiefs, politicians, community leaders and the traditional council of Jamestown, Accra. Members will also receive a tour of the Cape Coast Castle slave dungeons, and the West African Heritage Museum in Ghana. They will also visit the W.E.B. DuBois Center and other vital museums and monuments in the West African nation. Members are also invited to visit Kumasi, the home of the great Ashanti Kingdom. Participants will be able to attend the Akwasidae Festival at Manhiya Palace, the seat of the Asantehene – King of the Ashanti people. Akwasidae is a festival held every 42 days to honor personal and community ancestors. NNPA officials called this an opportunity to experience traditional Ghanaian culture in all its splendor, color, grace, strength, and vibrancy. "Jamestown to Jamestown represents one of the most powerful moments in the history of the Black Experience," Johnson said. "We are now able to actualize the healing and collective unity, so many generations have worked to achieve in ways which bring power to our communities in America, Africa and throughout our Diaspora," he said.

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won't reconvene until after Labor Day. Most members of Congress will say that they aren't taking a six-week vacation because they are also working in their districts. Citizens need to meet with them, organize town hall meetings, and get input from those recalcitrant Republicans (all of the Democrats voted for the SAFE Act) on why they eschew fair elections. Some of them use a "state's right" argument, suggesting that states can manage their own elections on their own terms. African Americans understand states' rights all too well. States' rights made it necessary for our nation to pass a Voting Rights Act, despite the guarantees included in the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments. The question to ask is the questions Speaker Pelosi asked when the legislation came up for a vote on June 27. What's wrong with election fairness? It is indisputable that Russia interfered in the 2016 elections to aid the 45th President. It is undeniable that millions of voters have been purged from the polls since 2016 with Secretaries of State eager to influence elections, as they did in both Georgia and Florida in 2018. It is indisputable that while Florida voters attempted to restore votes to former felons, the legislature undermined that vote by requiring people to pay all fines and fees before they are allowed to vote. If the Congressional vote on the SAFE Act is any indication, Republicans don't want election fairness. They want to win by whatever means necessary. We've invaded foreign countries to "ensure democracy," but our Congress does not have the decency to ensure democracy at home. Since the government won't do its work, civil society organizations will have to. Kudos to Barbara Arnwine and the Transformative Justice Coalition for their work on voter fairness!

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