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Hundreds Gather for Toledo's 15th Annual African-American Festival



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A lovely family poses near the Boal Express African Art and Goods kiosk.



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Vendor Modousarr of Boal Express African Art and Goods.



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A festivalgoer answers questions at one of the community organization tables.

By Leah Williams

The 15th Annual African American Festival hosted by the

Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union took over the SeaGate Centre this past Saturday and

Sunday. Food vendors lined up outside, while the halls of SeaGate were filled with small

business owners, and community organizations offering everything from jewelry

and original artwork to beauty products and

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Detroit artist and jewelry maker Antoine of Funky Knucklez Art Jewelry.



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Jerikka Jones at the Kalonist Beauty table.



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Dallas and MaeDell Leake of Fremont, Ohio.

15th Annual African-American Festival



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Pat Bourn, right, inserts a custom made earring from Funky Knucklez Art Jewelry into her husband's ear.

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health information.
Dallas Leake and

wife MaeDell traveled from Fremont to attend the Festival. The Leakes



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Simon Gilbert, left, and Charlene Gilbert, right, attend the Festival.

said that they had to opportunity to attend an take advantage of the event celebrating black



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Festivalgoers of all ages pursue the vendor tables.

culture.
“We live in a small rural community where we don't have a lot of

exposure to African-American culture. Anytime we can make it to Toledo or any of the surrounding areas to experience what we can't [normally] experience about our culture, we try to attend. And with the current environment and everything that's going on, we need to hold on to what we can,” Mrs. Leake said.

As individuals and

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families poured into the SeaGate Centre, live music could be heard coming from the Festival mainstage. Saturday's headlining act was Confunkshun, and The Zapp Band and R&B singer Angela Winbush rounded out Sunday's line up. Local acts who also graced the mainstage included Jean Holden and Friends and Chris Byrd and True Victory.

While many people came strictly for the music, others came strictly to shop. Festival goer Pat Bourn said that she was so pleased with the selection of vendors available including artist and jewelry maker Antoine of Funky Knucklez Art Jewelry who journeyed from Detroit to

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Summer Crisis Program 2019

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) **Summer Crisis Program starts July 1st, 2019 and runs until August 31, 2019.** The Summer Crisis program assists low income households with an older household member (60 years or older), or households that can provide physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's health. Conditions can include lung disease, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, or asthma.

Income Guidelines

Household Size	Household Annual Income PIPP	Household Annual Income HEAP/WCP/SCP	Past 30 Days Income HEAP/WCP/SCP
1	\$18,735.00	\$21,857.50	\$1,821.46
2	\$25,365.00	\$29,592.50	\$2,466.04
3	\$31,995.00	\$37,327.50	\$3,110.63
4	\$38,625.00	\$45,062.50	\$3,755.21

Eligible households can receive assistance with their electric utility bill, an air conditioner, central air conditioner, central air conditioning repair cost (up to \$500), or fans. In all cases, an air conditioner or fan(s) may only be provided to customers that meet age or medical requirements and have not received an air conditioner or fan in the last three years. Qualifying customers that are enrolling in PIPP Plus for the first time may use the Summer Crisis payment assistance towards their first PIPP Plus payment.

Current PIPP Plus customers or PIPP Plus customers in default are not eligible for a Summer Crisis Program benefit.

Please contact your **Local Community Action Agency** to schedule an appointment. Enclosed is the Community Action Listing by County. Lucas County residents may contact **Pathway office** at **1-866-504-7392** to schedule an appointment.

Area Office on Aging
2155 Arlington Ave.
Toledo, Ohio 43609
419-382-0624

Ongoing Events

The Arts Commission Announces Call for Artists for 'Keys To The Glass City' Event as part of Momentum The Arts Commission, in partnership with The City of Toledo, is pleased to announce a call for artists working in glass to apply for consideration to design one of multiple Keys to the City of Toledo. Up to eight artists will be selected to create six limited production "Keys to The City". Of those keys, five will be awarded to individuals by the city, and one will be permanently installed in the Mayor's office. Accepted artists will be provided a two-hour time slot on Thursday, September 19th at Gathered Glass-blowing Studio's hot shop. Interested parties should submit a short bio (no more than one page), 3-5 images of work which appropriately demonstrate a technical ability in glass, along with a preliminary drawing of their design to: (<https://theartscommission.wufoo.com/forms/zxyvjilOngwu1x/>). Submissions will be accepted now August 1st, 2019. Information: 419-254-2787 x 1022, or 419-262-5501.

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

Scott High School
Class of 1974
45th Reunion
Our reunion activities will be during Scott High Alumni weekend. August 9, 10 and 11, 2019. Classmates can contact: Landress Luckey - (419) 902-3982, or Marci Wilson Gardner - (419) 376-1002.

The Toledo Base Submarine Veterans
Monthly Meetings
The second Tuesday of the month at The Genesis Village Events Center 2429 South Reynolds Road Toledo Ohio at 18:00 hours (6 PM). Our next meeting will be on Tuesday August 13, 2019. For further information you may contact our Base Commander Michael Meehan at 505-554-8636 or at wingsfaninm@gmail.com

Every Third Wednesday
Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition
and Social Justice Insitute
Anyone interested in joining, meet at Kent Branch Library, 3101 Collingwood Blvd., from 9:15 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Every 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 - July 26th
The Bethlehem Baptist Church
Is hosting,"In the Wild, Amazing Encounters with Jesus", beginning Monday through Friday, from 6:00pm -8:30pm at 1430 W. Bancroft St., Toledo,Ohio, 43606, in the New Life Center. Snack provided.

Now - July 26th
The Glass City Church of Christ
Annual Vacation Bible School
Monday-Friday, 6:00p.m - 8:30p.m. At 901 Hoag, Toledo, Ohio. The event is FREE. Can register at the church.

Now - July 27th
Toledo Zoo
Snooze at the Zoo
Spending the night at the Zoo is a wildly good time for families, groups and schools. Durinig the overnight adventure guests make enrichment for our animals, tour the Zoo, meet animals up close and enjoy delicious meals. Each Snooze lasts from 6:30 p.m. - 10 a.m. the next day. Separate fee, pre-registration required. For more information, including pricing and available dates, visit toledozoo.org/snooze.

July 27th
Macomber/Whitney
Class of 1956

63rd Year Reunion
Saturday at 4 p.m. at Bay View Yacht Club. Graduates fro 1955 through 1970 are invited or other Macomber/Whitney family/friends. For reservations call Dave Czajka at 419-385-2292, or 419-699-1532. All reservations should have been prepaid by July 15, 2019. No Walk Ins.

July 28, 2019
Central M.B. Church
97th Church Anniversary
Sunday @ , 821 Junction Ave. Come celebrate with us, Morning worship 11:15 a.m. Evening service 4p.m., Pastor Willie Knighten and Northwestern M.B. Church. Theme: "The Church Will Prevail". St. Matthew 16: 16-18.

July 28th
Art on the Mall returns to Utoledo
The University of Toledo's Centennial Mall, Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m..Attendees will have the opportunity to view and purchase all kinds of art, including acrylic, glass, pen and ink, oil, mixed media, metals, photography, ceramics,, textiles, watercolor, woodwork, jewelry and more. A total of 115 artists will have artwork for sale by cash, or guests can pay using a credit card at the artist's booth or credit card station located in the Thompson Student Union. Throughout the day, visitors can enjoy live jazz music and food from a number of vendors. There also will be a beer garden for guests 21 and older with a valid ID. In addition, Art on the Mall offers a young artist area for children to try their hands at creating their own masterpieces. Free parking is available in parking in lot 1 south, lot 1 north and lot 13. A golf cart shuttle service is available to transport guests and their purchases to and from Centennial Mall.

July 31st
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Books 4 Buddies
2019 Back To School Block Party
LMHA families are invited to join us for FREE books, school supplies and lunch! Wednesday, July 31st, Weiler Homes, 1 - 2:30 p.m. Highlights Include: Hamburger and hot dog cookout, Vision screening, TPS kindergarten registration, TPS Head Start registration, Art and crafts. Books4Buddies is an organization that collects new and gently used books for disadvantaged children and young adults. books4buddies.com

August 1st - August 3rd
A Journey Through Healing
Children Are the Forgotten Victims of Traumatic Events
Batrice Daniels, trauma and grief management specialist, and the staff of A Journey Through Healing, are arranging a two-and-a-half day camp, Free Camp Journey, to be held at the Boys' and Girls' Club on Detroit Avenue, focusing on the grief and trauma experienced by our children and youth: death of grandparent, parent, friend, incarceration of parent, lack of attention because of abusive situations, bullying in neighborhood and school, gang violence in the neighborhood, the current opiate crisis and so many others. For more details contact Ms. Daniels at 419-531-1336.

August 3rd
Warren Church & Women of Faith
Presents: CARE ENOUGH
FREE Comunity Event, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., come and enjoy a variety of activities including: FREE: Clothes, Commodities, Food Baskets, Food, Praise Dancing, Games, Music, Fun & More @ 915 Collingwood Boulevard, Toledo, OH 43604. www.warren-ame.org, warrenchurch@sbcglobal.net. Reverend Dr. Otis Gordon, Jr., Pastor.

August 3rd - August 4th
Art Fair at the Toledo Zoo
Feel the roar, feel the rush at Wild about Art at the Toledo Zoo! Wild about Art is a two-day art fair taking place 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, and Sunday. This unique show, set in the wild beauty of the number one zoo in the nation, will feature 80 local and regional artists with various mediums on display and for sale to thousands of Zoo visitors, along with painting demonstrations from our animal artists in residence!
In addition to art work, this free with Zoo admission event will also include: local entertainment , & interactive activities. The Zoo is open daily at 10 a.m. and is located on the Anthony Wayne Trail (US 25), four miles south of downtown Toledo. For more information, please visit toledozoo.org or call 419-385-4040. Lucas County res-

Coming Events

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
Greater St. Mary Missionary Baptist
church Adult Choir Presents...

Pastor Green & The Visionaires from NYC
An Awesome Quartet Group, full of the
Anointing Power of God, His Holy Spirit.
YOU WILL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN!

HOST GROUP: GSM -The Banks Brothers
Toledo's Finest - Twi-light Gospel Singers &
The Newsome Family Singers.
Do not miss this event... Saturday September 7th, 2019 @ 5:00 PM, held at Greater St Mary M. Baptist church, 416 Belmont Avenue, Toledo, Oh. 43602. Doors open at 4:30. Adult Tickets \$10.00 / \$12.00 at the door / Children \$6.00. Contact: 419-6997330. "Reserve a Pew for 12". Ticket Delivery Available. President: Renee Heard-Love, Vice President: Kathy Taylor, Minister of Music: Johnnie Love, Pastor: Robert W. Lyons Sr. Come One, Come All!

idents are admitted free of charge on non-holiday Mondays from 10 a.m. - noon. Valid ID showing proof of residency is required.

August 3rd - August 9th
The 86th Session of National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses
Will be held in Detroit, Michigan, Saturday - Friday. On Monday, August 5, 2019, at 7 p.m. at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center the City of Toledo has been asked to render a musical selections in memory of Rev. Dr. Derrick E. Roberts former Chairman of the Board of the NCGCC and founder/director of the Toledo Interfaith Mass Choir (formerly the Toledo Mass Choir). We are asking church members of the music ministries and/or groups that were a part of the music legacy of the late Rev. Dr. Derrick E. Roberts to share in this city-wide choir under the direction of Brother Brian K. Thomas. Rehearsals will be held Tuesdays during the month of July at 7 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church, 702 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, Ohio. The Toledo Interfaith Choir would be honored to have your ministry participate in this special tribute. Please contact Brother Larry A. Jones, (419) 241-7332, email: jones425@aol.com or Geraldine Scrutchins (419) 241-3330.

August 4th
The 2019 Warren Sherman Festival
Honor Our Past Presidents, Officers and Members
There will be a Special ceremony on Sunday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Your presence is requested. Trophies and Plaques will be given to one of their Family member Honoring their work they have done in our Community! Also those that have supported and offer their participation to the Warren Sherman Festival! Will be Honored! We cannot pay for what they have contributed to our Community, but we would like to honor them and say Thank You for all you've done!.

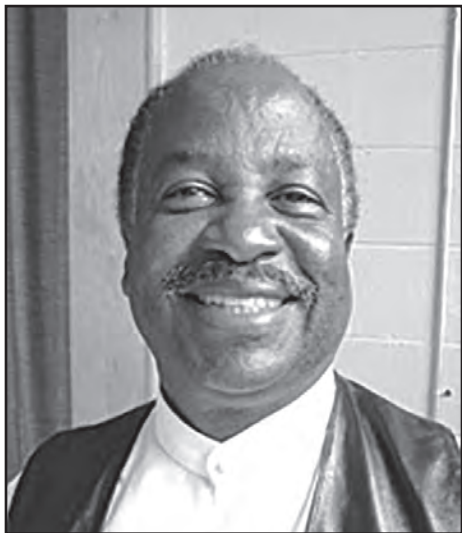
August 5th Thru August 9th
Warren Church Vacation Bible Study
Children & Adults, Monday-Friday, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Reservations are Needed! (You may register at our Care Enough Community Event or at the Church Office). 915 Collingwood Boulevard, Toledo, OH 43604. Reverend Dr. Otis Gordon, Jr., Pastor (419) 243-2237.

August 10th
Rossford First Baptist Church
First Annual Stairway to Health
Health Fair on Saturday, at the church 167 Bergin St., Rossford, Ohio 43460 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Kidney Foundation, YWCA, Blood Pressure Checks, Blood Sugard Checks, OB/GYM, and Helping Hands. Join us as we walk the stairway to health! For more information contact Ebonee Johnson 419-481-6922/rfbchealthfair@gmail.com.

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

BREAKING NEWS...JUST IN!

Montgomery, Alabama.



By Lafe Tolliver,
Attorney

(A Political Satire)

In a shocking and unannounced news conference today in Montgomery, Alabama, David Duke, the presumptively titular head of the American KKK awarded to a smiling President Trump, The George Wallace Civic Achievement Award for outstanding progress in demagoguery and race baiting.

In a glittering presentation with attendees Vice President

Pence, Treasury Secretary Mnuchin, Steve Bannon, Mitch McConnell and Lindsey Graham looking on in deep admiration and envy, President Trump, amid thunderous applause, took to the podium microphone for a few comments:

"I want to thank my dad, who was a KKK sympathizer and my immigrant parents; and two of my wives who were immigrants when I married them for making this day possible."

"As you know, America is being overrun by rapists, murderers, gang bangers and drug dealers from Central America. We have undocumented migrants coming in by the hundreds of thousands at our southern border."

"As you have seen on national television, in the House of Representatives, there are four women of color who are communists in disguise and

who are sabotaging our American values. Plus, they hate Israel and they hate us!"

"I told them that they need to go back to their crime infested countries and fix them up first before they criticize our great country (sounds of wild clapping)." (looking aside at a beaming David Duke, Trump continues):

"You have also seen those black SOB's on the football fields taking a knee against our flag and our first responders. You have seen those animals from those African sh*t-hole countries trying to tell us what to do!"

"Right on Mr. President!" yells out an ebullient Lindsey Graham who is up for reelection in his home state; and is now a total sellout to this President whom he openly disdained during his abortive presidential bid on the Republican ticket.

"Hey, what is it with these black women?" First, we have low IQ Maxine Waters and now we have a slew of those people running around telling me what needs to be fixed in this great country of ours. If they don't like it, leave!"

(At this comment, the whole audience jumps to their feet for a three-minute ovation). Trump continues: "George Wallace was a great man. He tried to Make America Great Again, but the Deep State cut him down in his prime and so now the torch has passed to me to finish his work!"

At this comment, Vice President Mike Pence, unable to control his emotions, rushes to the podium and kisses President Trump's ring finger and on bended knee, pledges undying loyalty and then returns to his seat loudly sobbing into some tissues.

Emboldened, President Trump, sensing that this crowd, his crowd, his people, his base, want more red meat and states the following:

"I have given instructions to Homeland Security to now implant under



the skin, a micro-chip in every undocumented and illegal immigrant's hand or upper arm. We will now be able to pinpoint their exact whereabouts so we can arrest them on a moment's notice!"

(At this wonderful news, the crowd goes berserk and starts chanting, "Four More Years!" for five minutes until Trump signals them to calm down and retake their seats). Feeling empowered at their response, Herr Trump then announces the following policy changes:

I will, by executive order, eliminate the Department of Education, the Department of HUD, The Department of Energy and

The Department of Labor. They serve no purpose and what they do can now be done by each state as they see fit!"

At this announcement, the manic crowd is besides itself and they, as one, rush the stage and carry Trump off on their shoulders shouting at the top of their lungs, "He is a god! He is a god!"

(After order is finally restored, an energized Trump continues):

"I have also ordered the immediate arrest and confinement of the ene-

mies of the American people including the publishers of the New York Times, the Washington Post, Nancy Pelosi, Elijah Cummings, Bob Mueller, Jerry Nadler, Joe Scarborough, Rachel Maddow, Michelle and Barack Obama, Wolf Blitzer, Malcolm Nance and Hillary Clinton for acts of treason against our great country!"

As if on cue, a band of over two hundred military band cadets parade out onto the field and start playing Stars and Stripes Forever and the President, now satisfied that all is well and in place, gives a stiff one arm salute at the thirty foot by forty foot colored poster of his image as it is being paraded in front of the now delirious audience.

Meanwhile, without prior notice and no court order, special and secretly selected federal agents are using steel tipped battering rams at the front door residences of the above-named so-called enemies of the people.

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Color Blindness is Impossible in the United States

By A. Peter Bailey
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Recently, while shopping in an Ethiopian-owned store in my Washington D.C neighborhood, I witnessed a verbal confrontation between an African-American woman and the Ethiopian sales clerk. She was very upset that on a previous visit to the facility he had told her that her credit was no good. What really set her off was the fact that she did that "in front of White people." His response was "I am color blind. I am Ethiopian."

I had listened quietly to their exchange until he said that. In a calm voice I told the brother that it's impossible to be color blind in the United States of America. One may try very hard to ignore color in this country, but one can't be color blind. I told him that when a White person first sees him in this White supremacist society. They don't see an African or African-American; he or she sees a Black man. After hearing you they may make a distinction but their initial reaction is "that's a blackman." With that I left the store and assumed he and the woman continues the confrontation.

The mistake made by that young Ethiopian is one made by many African immigrants to this country and also by way too many Black people born and raised here. They mistakenly believe that the Whites they see and deal with in urban areas are the real White Americans. They spend time in New York City, Washington D.C, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Atlanta and open such urban centers when

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Poverty and the Fallacy of Long-term Economic Greatness



By Julianne Malveaux
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - The first week of July produced a somewhat positive Employment Situation report. While the unemployment rate ticked up just a bit, about 224,000 new jobs were created, nearly three times as many as were created in the tepid previous month. There was, of course, the Administration crowing about the strength of the economy, and with wage growth on the rise, an impassioned outsider might agree that the US economy is doing well.

But too many aren't doing as well as they might, and too many, even with wage growth, aren't making enough money to lie on. Rev. William Barber's Poor People's Campaign says that more than 140 million people are living in poverty or near-poverty, nearly 100 million more than the Census suggests. Indeed, the very existence of a Poor People's Campaign, 51 years after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. launched his initial assault on poverty, speaks volumes about the status of our economy.

Poor people have been the volleyball in a partisan net game, with some simply ignoring the realities of poverty, and others vilifying the poor for their poverty. These are the folks who will tell you that the economy has never been better, ignoring the fact that at least 40 percent (and perhaps as many as 60 percent) have not benefitted from economic expansion. The average family has

yet to recover from the Great Recession. Many have financed their survival with credit cards, and between student loans and consumer credit, our nation's households are \$13.7 trillion in debt. According to the Federal Reserve Bank, 40 percent of our nation's families can't manage a \$400 emergency.

Half of all jobs in this country pay \$18.58 per hour or less. How stable is an economy that pays people so little? Fully a third of all jobs pay less than the \$15 an hour, many legislators want to pay all workers. The minimum wage, at \$7.25, has not increased in a decade, even as the economy expanded, productivity has risen, stock market indices are at an all-time high, and we have a President who crows about economic expansion without paying attention to those on the bottom.

Macroeconomic indicators suggest the economy is healthy, but for how long? How long, can we expect our decades-long economic expansion, to continue? A minor blip, an extended trade war or, heaven forbid another kind of war could have devastating effects. This is why our 45th President keeps picking fights with the Federal Reserve Bank, urging them to cut already low interest rates to fuel economic expansion. Our nation can't thrive when nearly half of its citizens are on the outside looking in. And poverty can be a drag on economic expansion.

The people who are doing well in our economy have a stake in it. They own their homes. They own stocks and bonds. They have retirement accounts and investment accounts. They've seen their asset base soar as the economy has expanded. But the Great Recession cause African American people collectively to lose a third of our wealth. Black homeownership rates grew for thirty years after the passage of the Fair Housing Act. Those gains were wiped out mostly during the Great Recession, and today Black homeownership is

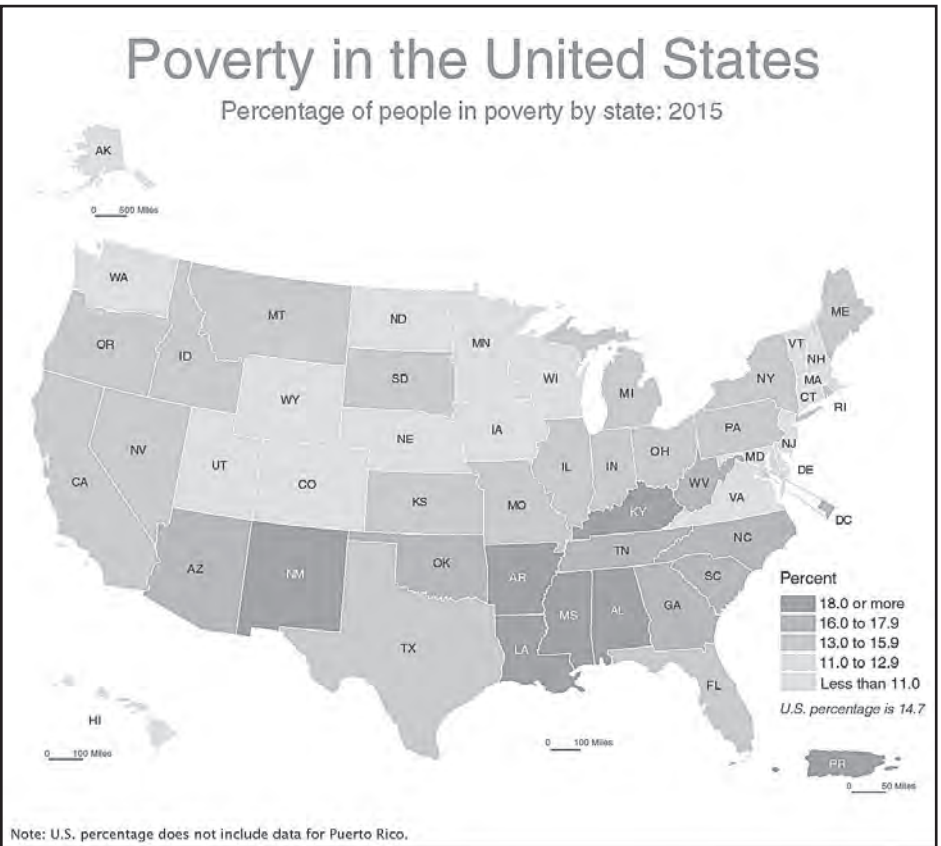


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as low – 41.2 percent – as it was in 1968 when discrimination was legal. In contrast, the overall homeownership rate in 2016 was 63 percent overall and 72 percent for whites.

If this is a stakeholder economy, African Americans have fewer stakes, but we don't occupy the economic periphery alone. Latinos and whites also experience poverty, but not at the disproportionate rate that African Americans do. Racism makes it possible for excessive poverty to exist! As long as some see poverty as a personal, not structural failure, it is easy (and acceptable) to demonize the poor, and even to criminalize them for their poverty. Thanks to folks like Rev. William Barber, some Americans are awakening to the fact that one person's poverty is another person's profit center, that the prison industrial complex needs to be dismantled, and that a restructured, less militarized (and dare I say green) economy might offer more

opportunity for all!

The folks who earn \$18.58 an hour or less aren't benefitting from the expanding economy, but some of them support a wealthy huckster who lies with the same ease that he rises in the morning! He spins economic confusion in jingoistic and confusing terms so that an unemployed manufacturing worker in Ohio will passionately argue that he'd be working if it weren't for illegal immigrants!

Will we buy into the fallacy and let increasing poverty imperil long-term economic expansion? Or will we develop a more inclusive and expansionary economic model? The Presidential campaign offers the opportunity for a dynamic exchange of ideas. What's next?

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Color Blindness is Impossible in the United States

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the White smile, say hello, address them as Mr. and Mrs. Sir and Madam, even if in a patronizing manner, are a prime example of a changed color blind America. My response is that those who share such a belief should leave the urban centers and visit Nebraska, Iowa, Vermont, Kentucky, Kansas, Wyoming, Arkansas etc. That's when they'll see the essence of White America. If I had the money, I'd pay for them to travel from Washington to California by train to experience what this country is all about when it comes to Black folks. His awareness of that America is why Number 45 (aka) Donald. J. Trump is president of the United States today. He mostly ignored the large urban centers, while focusing on White people throughout the country who basically believe that Black people whether African immigrant or born here should be



grateful that they are allowed to be here at all.

Unfortunately, for us as people of African descent, a whole lot of us believe that we should keep our mouths shut, make as much money as

Whites will allow us to make and be grateful like they want us to be. Their position brings to mind a survey on what constitutes racial integra-

“Unfortunately, for us as people of African descent, a whole lot of us believe that we should keep our mouths shut, make as much money as Whites will allow us to make and be grateful like they want us to be.”

tion made by a University of Michigan professor in the 1990's. Black folks said 50 percent Black, 50 percent White with a Black or White person in charge. Whites said one Black person for every 15 Whites with a White person always in charge. That is why it is impossible to be color blind in the U.S.

Michelle Obama Talks ‘Angry Black Woman’ Stereotype

By Defender News Service

Democrats and Republicans tried to take me out by the knees,’ Michelle Obama says at Essence Fest. Former first lady Michelle Obama says dealing with public scrutiny when her husband was campaigning to be president wasn’t as easy as it looked. The New York Times best-selling “Becoming” author sat down for an interview with journalist Gayle King at the 25th Essence Music Festival Saturday at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans. Sporting a curly hairdo that won her social media praise, Obama talked about a portion of her book that explains her journey from being a lawyer to a first lady. “So now I’m Michelle Obama and beloved,” she said in CBS video of the speech. “But for a minute there, I was an angry black woman who was emasculating her husband, who was somebody to be feared because that was

part of the political game.” Before diving into criticism Obama faced, King opened the interview by asking the Chicago native if she had any idea how much she was missed. “Look, I miss us too,” Obama said, sending the crowd into roaring applause. She went on to answer questions about her book and how readers are receiving it. “Whether it’s in Copenhagen, or Paris or London, people have found and recognized themselves in the story of this little Black girl who grew up on the Southside of Chicago,” Obama said. “So what it reminds me is that our stories as Black people and as Black women have power. “The only thing is we don’t often get to see ourselves. We don’t hear ourselves because we don’t get to control the narrative.” Obama said she understands how rare it is for a Black woman to be able to tell her own story and have it shared by millions. King then directed the

conversation to the 17th chapter of “Becoming,” when Obama talked about criticism she’s faced while helping her husband campaign for the presidency. “Well it was important for me to tell that part of my story because I know there are a lot of young kids out there who see me and Barack now,” Obama said. “They see us as the former first. They see us when we were walking out of the White House, but they don’t remember how many punches we took to get there.” Obama said as her popularity increased so did negative criticism of her. “Democrats and Republicans tried to take me out by the knees,” Obama said. “And the best way to do it was to focus on the one thing they knew people were afraid of was the strength of a Black woman, so they turned that into a caricature.” Obama said at one point, she considered stepping off of the campaign trail with her husband, but he never wanted her to leave.



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Michelle Obama

“Well, that was the beauty of Barack. Barack knew how to take punches,” Obama said. “Look, we grew up in Chicago politics y’all. So Chicago politics is rough and tumble, but I had never been at the center of it.”

Obama said she thought about quitting, but she didn’t. Instead, she went on to help her husband become the first Black U.S. president, and she talked about her inner struggle in her book. “But the reason I share

that story is because I want people especially young people to know that we all go through those moments where people try to define us before we have an opportunity to define ourselves,” Obama said.

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National Women’s Hall of Fame will induct Angela Davis



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Angela Davis

by BlackmansStreet. Today Angela Davis is scheduled to be inducted into The National Women’s Hall of Fame on its 100th anniversary in September in New York City. The honor for Davis comes after the Birmingham, Alabama-based Civil Rights Institute rescinded an invitation to her for it’s annual February gala after a Jewish group objected to her support of Palestinians. Davis was scheduled to receive the Fred Shuttlesworth Human Rights Award. After an angry outcry embarrassed members of the Civil Rights Institute,

they reversed their decision and honored Davis. Davis will be one of 10 prominent women inducted into the Hall of Fame for their achievements. The others include: Attorney/activist Gloria Allred, U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Native American lawyer; professor Sarah Deer, actress and activist Jane Fonda, United States Air Force officer Nicole Malachowski, former Congresswoman Laurie Spiegel, biologist Flossie Wong-Staal, and artist/activist Rose O’Neill. Judges selected the 2019 inductees based on their

contributions through American society in the arts, athletics, business, education, government, humanities, philanthropy, and science. Davis, who is 74, was born in Birmingham on June 26, 1944. She is the author of 10 books, including Abolition Democracy, Are Prisons Obsolete?, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, and a collection of essays entitled The Meaning of Freedom. Her most recent book of essays, Freedom Is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine, and the Foundations of a Movement. After 15 years, Davis retired as a professor at the University of California at Santa Cruz. She also served 18 months in prison for assisting in the Soledad Brothers’ 1971 escape from San Quentin Prison, but a jury acquitted her of all charges in 1972. Davis was a member of the Black Panther Party, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and she supported Palestinian prisoners.

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Marr-McGary-Hemphill-King Family Honors Senior Family Members



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Program Honorees and the Family Planning Committee. Back row from left to right: Roxanne Marr-Shears, Robin Marr, Kathryn Mitchell, Wynn Watkins, Pattie Poston, and Deborah Brown. Front row from left to right: Ruth Marr (honoree), Prestein Waddell (honoree), Tara Wrighter, Sarah Frieson (honoree), and Alfred Marr (honoree).



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Program Honorees from left to right: Ruth Marr, Prestein Waddell, Sarah Frieson, and Alfred Marr.



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Mother Ruth Marr holding roses during her granddaughter's tribute.

By Leah Williams

The Marr-McGary-Hemphill-King family held a celebration in honor of their senior family members Mother Ruth Marr (age 92), Mother Sarah Frieson (age 90), Brother Alfred Marr (age 92), and Mother Prestein Waddell (age 86) on June 20 at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom.

Family members converged on Toledo from across the country to celebrate the honorees. The program included prayer by Deacon

Ken Poston, a praise dance by Vanessa Pryor, and musical selections from saxophonist C.J. Manning as well as personalized tributes and special remarks from family members and the honorees.

Pattie Poston who served on the family planning committee said that the Marr-McGary-Hemphill-King family first began gathering in the 1960s after her grandmother Mary McGary-Marr organized the first family reunion picnic with her children and cousins. Ms. Poston said that since

then the family has gathered every two years but felt that it was important to have this celebration now after losing two first cousins in the past year.

"Today is especially important because since our reunion last year, our focus [has been] on our four senior members. We didn't want to wait two years because one of them or several of them could be gone from our presence," Ms. Poston said.

Tara Wrighter who also served on the family planning committee said that the family gathering was not only important for the honorees but also the youngest members of their family.

"Family celebration is so important because as we start to lose family members, regardless of age range, I want us all to be connected, to support each other, and especially for the young people to know their history, where they are from, and to be able to celebrate with their family who they may not see on a daily basis," Ms. Wrighter said.

In addition to sharing



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Jamie Walker-Syph, Monica Reed, Jasmine Poston, and Talma Marr pose before walking in the fashion show honoring Mother Sarah Frieson.

memories and special personal sentiments, family members described Mother Ruth Marr as a "constant pillar" in the family. Mother Sarah Frieson was honored for her active role in the church community and keen fashion sense, and Mother Prestein Waddell was described as a consummate encourager with an "infectious laugh." Brother Marr was said to be a "sharp, quiet force" who was always "up and about" and still very active at the age of 92.

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Books 4 Buddies Hosts Back to School Block Party



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Books 4 Buddies Board Members and Book Ambassadors. Back row from left to right: Bob Mendenhall and Richard Jackson. Front row from left to right: Christopher Smith, Dorian Myers, Laneta Goings, John Dolsey, and Justin Teamer.

By Leah Williams

Books 4 Buddies [B4B] with special participation by the Toledo Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. hosted a Back to School

Block Party on July 17 in the Birmingham Terrace LMHA community. The Back to School Block Party provided families with free school supplies, vision

screening, and a cookout lunch as well as arts, crafts, and face painting. Community partner Toledo Public Schools was also on hand to offer kindergarten and



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Rosalyn Koontz enjoying the Block Party with her granddaughters. From left to right: Tyana Koontz, Vивиanna Koontz, Rosalyn Koontz, and Adriana Koontz.

Head Start registration to attendees.

As a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting literacy and reading, Books 4 Buddies collects new and gently used books for disadvantaged youth. The brainchild of Toledo native, Touré McCord II, B4B has several media/community partnerships and receives support in the form of new and “gently used” donations from local businesses, bookstores, and the general public.

Bob Mendenhall, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction in Toledo Public Schools and B4B Board Member said that the event was in line with the school district’s commitment to literacy.

We’ve been doing these

events for the last 5 or 6 years. We go to various LMHA sites along with community partners to bring awareness to their programs as well as bring awareness to

slide. And this is another program that we do in which we giveaway gently used books to help families build their own libraries in the home.

Along with all the

“Books 4 Buddies resonates with me. I’m actually dyslexic so I love reading to kids. I love seeing the impact it has on kids, and I love giving away books”


what we do in Toledo Public regarding early childhood, Head Start registration, kindergarten registration and information about the district,” Mr. Mendenhall said. “The main piece of this is that we promote literacy. At the end of last school year, we had our Chromebook giveaway to promote literacy and to help combat summer


other activities, the B4B Book Ambassadors dressed in bright orange shirts read children’s books to the Block Party’s youngest attendees. As the program’s public face, Book Ambassadors act as reading role models to the community and are all high school age young men from across Northwest Ohio.

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Mecca Temple 43 gives away 27 bikes during Shrine Day



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The Nobles of Mecca Temple 43 stand behind the winners of the bikes during their annual Shrine Day.

BY JURRY TAALIB-DEEN
Journal Staff Writer
During their annual Shrine

contributions to the community.
There was a bouncy house

children would be given a raffle ticket, and then they would simply stand behind the bike they wanted. A number would be read off, and the winner simply takes home a bike, compliments of Mecca Temple 43. "I'm glad we're able to do this for the children," he said. "I really want to thank our patrons who helped us get the bikes," Mr. Ramsey

said. Mike Stanton, Past Potentate, explained, "As an association, we've been doing this since the early 1900s. It's just a part of our organization to give back to the community." DeShawn Johnson Sr. said that he was fortunate that his three children each won a bike. "This is perfect. I was about

to buy my kids bikes, then I found about this event. I can be costly having to buy bikes for three kids that are why I really appreciate what this organization did today." In addition to their annual bike giveaway, during Shrine Day, Mecca Temple 43 also sponsors free haircuts, works with Martin Luther King Academy for Boys, donates to the Mid-

City Riders football team, the City Park Basketball League, and gives out three scholarships during their annual Potentate Ball. Rodell Ramsey, Illustrious Potentate, said not only was he glad to do a service for the community, but he thanked the Nobles who showed up for the event, and thanked the Daughters of Mecca Court 73.



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Noble Sherard Ramsey gives out the raffle tickets to the parents, and their kids, just prior to the drawing.

Day, on Saturday, July 20, for the children, free hot the members of Mecca dogs, and the Corvette



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In addition to free hot dogs, Mecca Temple 43 provided a bouncy house for the children.

Temple 43, 1343 Avondale, gave away 27 bicycles to area children. The annual event celebrates the members entry into Shrine, while simultaneously, continuing the charitable Club of Toledo displayed some of their cars. But the main event centered on the children getting a bike. Sherard Ramsey headed the event. He told the Toledo Journal that the

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Joyce Rush, center, and family enjoy the festivities.

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participate as a vendor in this year's Festival.

"I shopped till my heart's content. [Antoine] made me this custom made bracelet on the spot. I told him what I wanted, and he created it. And he just made a custom earring for my husband," Pat Bourn said.

Some vendors like Shamari Syph

of Kalonist Beauty and Bobby Cooper of Wellness Lifestyle Group were looking to bring awareness to the benefits of their services to the Toledo community.

"We came because soft tissue manipulation is a key healing component in helping individuals reduce high blood pressure and other health issues that plague our community," Mr. Cooper said.

Though extreme heat caused Saturday morning's African-American Parade to be cancelled for safety reasons, Festival organizers quickly announced on social media that the Parade would be rescheduled for Saturday, August 24. Brief disappointment turned into sheer excitement for many Festivalgoers who said that the postponement meant



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Festivalgoers in the main hall of the vendor area.

yet another opportunity to come together and celebrate the rich history and culture of African-Americans.

The next Books for Buddies Back to School Block Party will be held at the Weiler Homes on July 31 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. All LMHA families are invited to join Books 4 Buddies for free books, school supplies, and lunch.



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Customers talk as they wait for their orders at one of the food vendors available during the event.

Books 4 Buddies Hosts Back to School Block Party



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Smiles all around for these girls after getting their school supplies and books.



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Books 4 Buddies Founder and President Laneta Goings, left, speaks with Alpha Phi Alpha Inc. Alpha Xi Lambda Chapter Vice President John C. Jones, right.



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A volunteer serves lunch during the Back to School Block Party.

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When asked why he wanted to be involved with B4B,

Book Ambassador John Dolsey said a friend recommended the program and guaranteed lunch.

a positive experience.

"He said this is something I would love to do, and he was right. I love it," Mr. Dolsey said. "[B4B] resonates with me. I'm actually dyslexic so I love reading to kids. I love seeing the impact it has on kids, and I love giving away books."

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Beat the Heat: Drink Water



Glenn Ellis

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By Glenn Ellis (TriceEdneyWire.com) - There's a lot to do when the weather is right in the summertime. Unfortunately, too much fun in the sun can be dangerous. Excessive heat exposure can cause dehydration, which in turn can cause dangerous conditions like heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. A lot of people don't realize that when you're well-hydrated, your urine should be close to running water.

As hot temperatures continue to soar throughout much of the country, the nation's emergency rooms are treating more people with heat-related illnesses with a focus on staying cool and keeping hydrated. Untreated severe dehydration can cause seizures, brain damage or even be fatal. Most mild dehydration issues can simply be treated by drinking more water or fluids. Moderate cases may result in a visit to the emergency department

where a patient may need to be given fluids intravenously. Unknowingly, you constantly engage your body in the life-and-death struggle to disperse the heat it produces. If allowed to accumulate, this heat would quickly increase your body temperature. The human body consists of nearly 60 per cent water; brain tissue is said to consist of about 85 per cent water. Although fluid loss occurs during hard physical work,

even simple tasks like gardening, walking or riding a bike can result in a significant loss of fluid within a very short period. We can also lose a lot of fluid in hot or humid conditions. Urine is typically the same as a person's body temperature. On average, this is 98.6°F (37°C). Some people have normal temperature variations that may be slightly hotter or slightly cooler than this. Urine will usually maintain its temperature outside the body for about four minutes. If you've ever had a urinalysis, you may have noticed that your urine feels hot in the sample cup. This is because your urine is the same temperature as your internal body. It'll feel hot since your external body temperature is often cooler, due to the outside air. The human body contains a high proportion of water, so when the temperature rises and the body tries to cool itself by sweating, dehydration can occur, particularly in children. Babies and small children feel the effects of heat sooner and more seriously than adults. Children in cars need special protection from heat as cars can heat up very quickly. A parked, locked car can reach dangerously high temperatures very quickly, even if the windows are open slightly. You should never leave a child in a parked car

- your child can quickly become overheated and dehydrated, with potentially fatal consequences. People who are obese, chronically ill or alcoholics have an increased risk. The elderly are at higher risk because of impaired cardiac output and decreased ability to sweat. The heat makes you sweat, which cools you down, but that also means you're constantly losing fluid. You should drink water to counteract dehydration in hot or humid weather, regardless of your activity level. Drinking water helps lower your body temperature and replace the fluid you lose through sweating. It should be drunk before you get to the stage of feeling thirsty. It's best to remember that other drinks, such as soft drinks, coffee, or alcohol-containing beverages, are no substitute for water. Although they contain water, they also contain ingredients which are dehydrating. When you spend time outside in hot weather you probably start to feel thirsty in a fairly short time. That's a normal response and one you should pay close attention to: it means your body needs more water to deal with the heat. It is recommended that during hot weather we should be drinking water even when not thirsty. You can tell if you are well hydrated if you do not feel thirsty and your urine is a clear color.

If you drink only when you are thirsty, you are dehydrated already. Thirst is not a good guide for when to drink water. In fact, in hot and humid conditions, you may be so dehydrated by the time you become thirsty that you will have trouble catching up with your fluid losses. One guideline regarding your water intake is to monitor your urine. You are getting enough water if you produce clear urine at least five times a day. Cloudy or dark urine, or urinating less than five times a day, means you should drink more. No matter what your plans are this summer, you won't want to miss any of them. Normal urine should not smell unpleasant. Dehydration can cast a distinct aroma if your urine isn't as diluted as usual, signaling that you need to drink up. Remember, I'm not a doctor. I just sound like one. Take good care of yourself and live the best life possible! The information included in this column is for educational purposes only. It is not intended nor implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice. The reader should always consult his or her healthcare provider to determine the appropriateness of the information for their own situation or if they have any questions regarding a medical condition or treatment plan.

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Spiritually Speaking - Faith is Not Religion Never Was Never Has Been



By James A. Washington,
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Contributor

A minister friend of mine once told me that a person can have theology but no faith. He told me this because at one time I was considering going to school to study the bible. My friend, recognizing that I was a rookie trying to crack the starting lineup for Christ, suggested maybe a different course

of action would be better for me and I now know he was correct.

“Being with others who know this is as important as knowing it for yourself.”

You see most of my life I could intellectualize myself out of or into any

situation. Therefore, as you can imagine, my brain was easily corrupted by Satan so much so that I never really accepted Christ into my life, although I considered myself a good and decent person.

That was the point according to my minister friend. Many people can quote scripture and are experts in what the bible says, but clearly, they have little to no faith. So instead of surrounding yourself with academicians, surround yourself with people who are believers first.

I have since found his words prophetic, because one of my blind spots dealing with faith was the hypocritical nature of scripture quoting Christians, who obviously demonstrated little faith from Sunday to Sunday. From the pulpit to the pew, it was enough to keep me out of church. That mindset you see made a winner out of the devil and a loser out of me.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all

your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make

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your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6. Now for people of faith, that makes a lot of sense. I hear all the time that God is not a God of confusion. He has in fact made this thing rather simple.

I believe James when he says faith by itself if not accompanied by some display of works is dead. I now also believe that faith, real faith in the Almighty, demands a change in us. Faith demands that we do something, act

in such a manner that those who know us best, see an attempt to walk in the ways of Christ.

There is nothing intellectual about this and I'm glad to have been hungry enough for the Word, that it led me to others' hunger just like mine.

Now when I go to church and see what I deem hypocrisy, I cannot respond intellectually or even emotionally anymore. I am not now nor have I ever been in a position to cast the first stone.

Isn't that the point? “Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16. Human beings sin and make mistakes against God. It is in our nature. Faith enters the picture as we come to realize the mystery of the gospel. Jesus died to save us from us. Hence, God's grace gives us insight that in Christ, salvation is still ours if we only give all things up to the indisputable mercy of God and His love for us.

Once you step to Him, then life and death become pretty clear. Faith dictates that we know all of us are not worthy. We are all sinners. We all belong in the Lord's house as often as possible, because we all do things in our own best interest as opposed to God's. Hypocrites are hypocrites. I can't do anything about that. I can however, recognize, how important it is to acknowledge that I'm a long way from being perfect. So is everyone else.

One of the things a faith walk will do is to give you the strength necessary to admit and then submit. Being with others who know this is as important as knowing it for yourself.

At that point theology becomes obvious and faith becomes tangible, so tangible in fact that you can see it, touch it and subsequently act on it. It doesn't make you perfect but it sure does show, or at least it's supposed to. May God bless and keep you always.

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Toledo Priests' Group Says Enough! No More Racist Attacks!

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Fr. Bob Reinhart of the Social Justice Subcommittee of the Toledo Chapter of the Association of U.S. Catholic Priests called for “a culture of respect for all persons” to replace the culture of prejudice, specifically the racist language that is infecting our public discourse.

“Our Catholic social teaching stands firm for the rights and dignity of the human person,”

Fr. Reinhart said. Citing the U.S. Bishops' 2018 statement, Open Wide Our Hearts, Fr. Reinhart said that “racism has no place in the Christian heart. This evil causes great harm to its victims, and it corrupts the souls of those who harbor racist or prejudicial thoughts.”

“We need to be clear that racism in words and deeds—in every form—is totally unacceptable.

Racism is a sin,” Fr. Reinhart said.

In a news conference Tuesday at the Believe Center on Aurora Gonzalez Drive, AUSCP Subcommittee members were joined by Sister Fidelis Rubbo of the Sisters of St. Francis/ Pennsylvania, Pastor Pete Bowmer of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and Tonya Duran, Executive Director of the Believe Center.

The Social Justice Subcommittee issued this official statement:

As followers of Jesus Christ, whose mission was to heal those suffering and free the oppressed, and as followers of a God whose essence is love, and who created all things and all people in His image, and who gifts all extravagantly and equally, we, the Social Justice Committee of the Toledo Chapter of the Association of U.S. Catholic Priests (AUSCP) say “enough!”

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1. Bayard Rustin - A civil rights leader who was jailed repeatedly for his association with social disturbances and his open homosexuality.

2. Maya Angelou - The first African American woman to write a non-fiction best seller.

3. Phillis Wheatley - The first published African American female author. She was a servant who published her first poem at the age of 12 in the mid 1700s.

4. Halle Berry - The first African American to win an Academy Award for Best Actress for her role in Monster's Ball.

5. Dorothy Dandridge - The first African American woman nominated for the Best Actress Academy Award for her lead role in Carmen Jones.

6. George Washington Carver - Made several agricultural advances and used the peanut to create over 100 new products.

7. Madam C.J. Walker - She was the first self made female millionaire.

8. Benjamin Banneker - Was a self-taught astronomer credited as the first African American scientist.

9. W.E.B. DuBois - Was the first African American to receive a Ph.D. from Harvard University.

10. Ben Carson - Was the first surgeon to separate twins conjoined at the head.

FAMOUS BLACK QUOTES

You don't have to be one of those people that accepts things as they are. Every day, take responsibility for changing them right where you are.
By Cory Booker

If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.
Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Scams Come in many different forms

By Erin Thompson
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Toledo, OH

Social Security is at the forefront of keeping your online data secure, but you play a vital role in safeguarding your personal information too. Scammers commonly target people who are looking for Social Security program and benefit information. You might receive an advertisement in the mail, but it could be from a private company or even a scammer.U.S. law prohibits people and businesses from using words or emblems that mislead others. Their advertising can't lead people to believe that they represent, are somehow affiliated with, or endorsed or approved by Social Security or the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (Medicare).

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Scams can also happen online. A growing tactic for scammers is to use online dating sites. According to the United States Postal Inspection Service's recent messaging, before starting an internet-based relationship, we should always keep our personal details to ourselves until you meet face-to-face. Next, do an internet search of the other person's name and the town they claim to be living in.

Here are indications that someone may not be who they say they are:

- A mismatch between their name and the name embedded in their email address.
- There are obvious spelling and grammar errors.
- They asked if you would send or receive money/packages on someone else's behalf.
- They need money right away due to a medical emergency, or they need a visa or air tickets. Or, a business opportunity arose that was too good to turn down. Can you wire a loan?

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For more information, please visitoig.ssa.gov/newsroom/scam-awareness.

BLACK HISTORY FACTS

July 28, 1868: The 14th Amendment, making Blacks citizens was passed.

July 27, 1880: A.P. Abourne invented the process to refine coconut oil.

July 29, 1885: The First National Convention of BlackWomen held in Boston, MA.

July 24, 1921: Billy Taylor, jazz musician, born

July 26, 1926: Carter G. Woodson awarded Spingarn Medal for "ten years devoted service in collecting and publishing the records of the Negro in America."

July 30, 1930: Alfred Daniel Williams King, Dr. King's younger brother, born in Atlanta, Ga.

July 25, 1943: First warship named for a Black person, SS Leonard Roy Harmon was launched in Quincy, MA.

July 27, 1962: Dr. King is arrested in Albany, Ga., at a city hall prayer vigil and jailed on charges of failure to obey a police officer, obstructing the sidewalk and disorderly conduct.

July 26, 1967: Black leaders Dr. King, A. Philip Randolph, Roy Wilkins and Whitney Young appeal for an end to the riots, "which have proved ineffective and damaging to the civil rights cause and the entire nation."

July 30, 1970: Author, Louis Lomax, dies, the first African-American

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10 Questions to Ask on a First Date



First dates are fun, as long as you are asking all of the right questions. First dates should be light, fun and easygoing. You don't want to overwhelm your date with unwanted information about yourself. I have compiled a list of questions that won't leave your date running for the nearest exit or you leaving with your head down, no matter your gender because of a question you asked on your first date.

If you could change your career, what would you really enjoy doing?

Do you have any hobbies, if so what are they?

Are you a morning person or #teamnosleep???

What's the funniest thing that you've done so far?

What's your favorite restaurant?

Which do you prefer, music or art? Why?

If money wasn't an issue, where would you travel?

What's something no one knows about you?

What's your favorite movie or book to read?

What Netflix shows do you binge watch?

Notice that these questions aren't too heavy while trying to get to know each other. Other than the typical questions such as "What do you do for a living?" You shouldn't be asking anything too personal on your first date. But time and time again, people ruin their first dates asking for their dates credit score, if they plan on having any more children, etc. I understand you're

wanting to know upfront what you're getting into but a person's credit score can change and so could them deciding to have more children later on in the relationship.

If you are asking those life-changing questions on the first date, your date will probably be sneaking in the bathroom and texting their best friend to fake call them and then your date will start acting like they have to leave, to tend to a family emergency. Put yourself in their shoes, would you want to be in-

“The premises of first dates are to get to know a person initially, it is not intended to identify your life partner.”

terrogated or bombarded with difficult questions when you simply wanted to go bowling and have some fun? Don't ruin a chance at having some phone on your first date by asking too many personal questions.

As you can see from the questions above in the list, you can even plan other dates based on the person's answers. Genius!!!!!! So if your date says that they enjoy art instead of music, your next date could be a trip to the local art museum or a sip and paint date. The premises of first dates are to get to know a person initially, it is not intended to identify your life partner.

Efforts are underway to save and restore Cab Calloway's boyhood home in Baltimore

by BlackmansStreet.Today

The childhood home of Cab Calloway, entertainer and bandleader, considered by many to be the first rapper, and his older sister, Blanche, the first woman to lead an all-male big band called "Her Joy Boys," has escaped the wrecking ball for now and possibly forever.

Baltimore officials wanted to demolish the boarded up rowhouse at 2216 Druid Hill Avenue and the other row houses on the block to build a park nearby named in the siblings' honor. That decision sparked a backlash when the word got out, forcing city officials to back off.

Cab and Blanche spent their tween and teen years in the row house before their parents moved to another neighborhood.

Backers want to raise funds to restore the property, which is owned by Baltimore's Department of Housing. And they want the city's arts and entertainment district extended to include the house, if not the entire block.

Backers have found support from the Tupac Amaru Shakur Foundation, and Baltimore City Councilman Leon F. Pickett III, who sponsored a resolution to designate nearby Pennsylvania Avenue as arts and entertainment area.

Tupac lived in East Baltimore beginning at the age of 13. Most neighborhood kids disliked him because of his looks and his clothing. Both his parents were members of the Black Panther Party for Self Defense.

Peter C. Brooks, the Calloway's grandson, said "The Calloway home is a natural extension of the [Pennsylvania] Avenue as the Pennsylvania Heritage Trail. The restoration would breathe new life into the entire neighborhood and city."

The Calloway home is located outside boundaries of the arts district and historical district.

While Tupac is considered one of the



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Cab Calloway

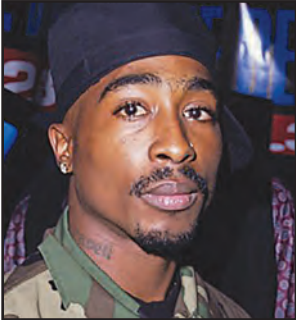


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Tupac Shakur

greatest rappers of all time.

Cab Calloway is considered by many to be the first rapper. He also is credited as being the first person to call New York City "The Big Apple," a phrase made popular by the Last Poets.

Dressed in shiny zoot suits and shaking his straight hair, Cab Calloway paved the way for hip hop with his high-energy dance moves. Calloway was the first jazz artist to sell 1 million records with the 1931 release of "Minnie the Moocher."

His dance moves are considered by many to be a precursor to Michael Jackson's famous "Moon Walk."

Blanche mentored Cab, supporting his becoming a big star. To learn more about Cab and Blanche Calloway, visit TheCalloway-Home.Org.



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Cab and Blanche Calloway's home where they live as teenagers is now boarded up and in disrepair.



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Blanche Calloway



Bob Gibson

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Hall of Fame pitcher Bob Gibson suffering from pancreatic cancer

By Black man's news

Bob Gibson, the Hall of Fame St. Louis Cardinals pitcher, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, he wrote in a message to living Hall of Famers.

Gibson, who will be 84 in November, said he has been diagnosed at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore and will undergo chemotherapy in his hometown of Omaha, Nebraska. Physicians have hospitalized Gibson for the past two weeks.

Hall of Fame induction ceremonies were scheduled for Sunday in Cooperstown, New York, but Gibson said he would not attend because of his illness.

He is one the greatest pitchers in Cardinals' history, winning 251 games and completing 255. He threw 56 shutouts and had 3,117 strikeouts. In 1971, he threw a no-hitter and in 1968, he posted a record-setting earned run average of 1.12. Gibson pitched nine post-season games in three World Series for the Cardinals, winning seven of them.

He won the Cy Young Award for pitchers twice and the Most Valuable Player in 1968. Major League Baseball inducted Gibson into the Hall of Fame in 1981. St. Louis has named a street in his honor.

Serena Williams Finally Featured on Wheaties Cereal Box

Many are saying that it was long overdue, but tennis superstar Serena Williams is finally gracing the cover of the iconic Wheaties cereal box known as "The Breakfast of Champions." Being featured on the box has a long been a tradition of honoring legendary sports icons.

Williams, a 4-time Olympic gold medalist with 72 winning titles under her name, shared the news in a post on Instagram. "In 2001, Wheaties paid homage to a true champion and an icon by putting her on the cover of

in the Open Era for both women and men, Williams is also a renowned entrepreneur and fashion designer. She has also supported several projects that champions women entrepreneurs as well as those who are following her footsteps in tennis. Tiffani Daniels, a marketing manager at Wheaties, said in a statement that Williams "exemplifies all of the personal attributes that Wheaties looks for when choosing who its next champion will be." "On the court she has

nationwide over the month. Williams hopes that it serves as an inspiration to many young women. "I am so excited to be on the cover of the next Wheaties box," Williams said in the press release. "I have dreamt of this since I was a young woman and it's an honor to join the ranks of some of America's most decorated athletes. I hope my image on this iconic orange box will inspire the next generation of girls



Wheaties box featuring Serena Williams.

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I hope my image on this iconic orange box will inspire the next generation of girls and athletes to dream big.

”

a Wheaties Box," Williams wrote. "Althea Gibson was the first Black woman tennis player to be on the box. Today, I am honored to be the second." Aside from currently holding the record for most Grand Slam tournament wins

been named the women's most valuable player seven times, while off the court she uses her voice to inspire and spark change to make the world a better place," she continued. The limited-edition box is available in grocery stores

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Barbara Sykes named President & CEO for Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation

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COLUMBUS – Last week, the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation announced Barbara Sykes, as the President and Chief Executive Officer.

“We welcome the strategic vision, proven record of advocacy, dynamic energy and unique qualifications that Barbara Sykes brings to the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation,” said Sylvester Patton, chair of the OLBC Board. “We have been recruiting Barbara to lead the Foundation for several years because she has a record of raising the profile and professionalism of any organization she leads. We are excited about our future under Barbara’s leadership.”

“I am excited to join the OLBC Foundation and build upon the organization’s legacy and further promote the mission of advancing Ohio’s Black community,” Sykes said. “The OLBC Foundation will set itself apart as the pre-eminent hub for non-partisan analysis of public policy and its impact upon the Black community in Ohio. We will use that information to educate and inform legislators and other community leaders and develop the next generation of Black leaders in Ohio.”

Sykes resigned her position as the State Director of AARP-Ohio to assume leadership of the OLBC Foundation. Sykes was also President and CEO of Ohio United Way and served three terms as an Ohio House member representing Akron. She is the first Black woman from Summit County to serve in the Ohio House and the first Black woman to serve on Akron City Council.



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Barbara Sykes

The Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation is a 501(c)3 that advances Ohio’s Black community through educational research, developing community leaders, facilitating public policy development, analyzing issues of social and economic importance, and the promotion of diversity and inclusion in the public and private sector. Sykes will be the first to serve the organization in the role as President and CEO.

The OLBC Foundation offers scholarships to help students of color pursue higher education.

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