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Three friends pose during the Block Party in their Afrocentric wear.

By Leah Williams

Powell's Beauty and Barber Supplies hosted a Juneteenth Dashiki Block Party on June 15 in the 900 block of Nebraska Avenue to showcase Powell's and other local vendors as well as provide a platform for AfricanAmerican cultural pride and education.

"We have natural hair specialists here, local vendors, and [it's] letting people know we're still here after 50 years, a black-owned beauty supply," said Calvin Powell, store owner of Powell's. "We also wanted to



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A couple decides on hand printed Afrocentric t-shirts.



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Local artist Meecheb offered handmade hair wraps, original artwork, and traditional African face painting.

do something cultural with the dashikis, letting the kids know what Juneteenth is. Lots of people these days don't know what Juneteenth is so we wanted

to educate them."

Juneteenth, short for June 19th, is known as the oldest

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Rob Pasker wants to help build wealth via homeownership



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Rob Pasker at the Ohio REALTIST Association Conference

By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN Journal Staff Writer

Real estate broker, and owner of Pasker Real Estate, Rob wants to Pasker, increase the wealth of people by helping them purchase a home.

A college graduate of the prestigious, Franklin University, in Indiana, irequires applicants have a 3.4 GPA, to be admitted, Mr. Pasker has been a licensed agent for five years, and is a member of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers.

Wishing to be in a better position to help the underserved, particularly first time home buyers, Pasker established his own real estate agency

He said, besides being

a little over two years use your home to start a business, or send your child to a good school; the youngest African your house is a type of

I want to help people take advantage of this market, and help them build wealth,

through homeownership.

American broker in NW Ohio, he is only one of three African American brokerage institutes in NW Ohio. Considering those facts, Mr. Pasker said he has a stronger desire to help as many people as possible, especially Americans, being that they're less likely to own a home, as opposed to their white counterparts.

"When you're homeowner, you can a month of income

bank that can be borrow against," he said.

Mr. Pasker shared that many people think they need the best paying job, and even a certain type of job, in order to purchase their first home. In actuality, he said, you simply need to show a stable income for two years, even if it's social security, have an, above, middle credit score, and have at least

He related a story of customer, who had a stable income, and an above middle credit score, as well as, at least, a month worth of income saved. Mr. Pasker said on the day of closing, his client only needed \$3.95, and that was on a house valued at \$75,000.

"Toledo is a cheap market to buy a house. ranked one for affordability. I want to help people take advantage of this market, and help them build wealth, through homeownership. want people to contact me first, so I can get them going in the right direction toward owning their home," he said.

Kenetta Kay Jones named HR Professional of 2019 by Northwest Ohio Human Resources Association

2019) - Kenetta Kay Jones, the Rudolph Libbe Group, has of 2019 by the Northwest Submitted Walbridge, Ohio (June 12, human resources director of been named HR Professional Ohio Human **UPCOMING**

JULY

Prayer Breakfast

Location: Friendship Baptist Church - 5301 Nebraska Avenue Time: 8:00 AM Toledo, OH 43615

Gospel Concert

Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union

Location: Friendship Baptist Church - 5301 Nebraska Avenue Toledo, OH 43615

African American Parade + Festival

Dates: Saturday, July 20 2019 Time: Kickoff at 10:00AM (1441 Dorr St.)

Festival Location: Seagate Center (401 Jefferson Ave, Toledo)

Featuring: Local Talent 1:00 PM - 9:00PM +

Confunkshun "The Heroes of Funk"

Confunkshun "The Heroes of Funk" Tickets Available on Ticketmaster and at the Credit Union

African American Festival **Date:** Sunday, July 21 2019 | **Time:** 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM Location: Seagate Center (401 Jefferson Ave, Toledo, OH 43604)

Featuring: Local Talent + The ZAPP Band + R&B Singer - Angela Windbush Tickets available on

Ticketmaster and at the Credit Union



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Kenetta Kay Jones Association.

The award recognizes human resources professionals who have made a significant impact in their organizations and local communities in northwest Ohio.

Jones, a Sylvania resident with a 40-year career in human resources, joined the Rudolph Libbe Group in 1997. She holds a bachelor's degree in human resource management from the University of Toledo and a Professional Human Resource Certification (PHR) from the HR Certification Institute and a Society of Human Resources Management SHRM-Certified Professional designation. She is a board member of FrontPath Health Coalition, a board director of Sun Federal

Credit Union and a member of the University of Toledo Corporate Partners Program. Rudolph Libbe Group

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Coming Events/News

Come and Praise God With Us!! RECORDING CONCERT

June 22nd, 2019 at 5pm
Bro. Arthur Johnson & Toledo Worship Choir
Where:

United Church of God 701 Phillips Toledo, Ohio Pastor Dewayne Braxton \$5 donation at the door

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. Events are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following dates:

June 22 at Scott High School, 2400 Collingwood Blvd.

July 13 at Keyser Elementary School, 3900 Hill Ave.

July 20 at Manhattan Plaza, 525-701 East Manhattan Blvd.

For more information please call Engage Toledo at 419-936-2020 or visit www.toledo.oh.gov.

Scott High School Class of 1969

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

Every Third Wednesday **Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition**and Social Justice Insitute

Anyone interested in joining, meet at Kent Branch Library, 3101 Collingwood Blvd., from 9:15 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Every 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the Month The Redeemed Christian Church of God Food Pantry, 10 AM to 12 PM 2239 Cheyenne Blvd, Toledo OH 43614

3rd Saturday of Each Month Widows Empowered Strengthened & I

(Affectionately known as W.E.S & I Inc.)

Are you a Widow? Come share with us. We cordially invite you to join us at our next meeting: 1-3pm. Reynolds Corners Branch Library, 4833 Dorr Street, Toledo, OH 43615. To learn more about WES & I, Inc.: Call 419-359-4001, Email: w.e.s.andlinc@ gmail.com, Website: www.widowsempowered.com.

Every Saturday Glass City Church of Christ

Soup kitchen now open at 901 Hoag. Hours: 1:00-2:00pm every Saturday. We are reaching out to individuals and families in need of a free meal. Please see our Facebook page for menu items and any updates.

Now-August 9th Toledo Zoo Summer Safari Camps

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

June 22nd & June 23rd United Missionary Baptist Church Youth Day Service

The Youth invite you on Saturday, from noon until 7 p.m. come and enjoy a KOA Campground outing (Admission fee is \$6.00). Youth Day Service on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. @ 2705 Monroe

June 22, 2019 & June 23, 2019 Shiloh Baptist Church 80th Church Anniversary

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

St., where Rev. Robert G. Bass, is Pastor.

June 23rd 17th Annual Kilometers for Kidneys

The Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio is moving the location of the walk to: Owens Communiity College. Sunday - Registration at 12 p.m. - Walk begins at 1 p.m. *1st 20 patients to arrive at KFNWO table receive a \$25 Marathon Gas card*. For information on sponsorship opportunities, donation options, or any other information/questions please all 419-329-2196 or e-mail: events@kfnwo.org

June 23rd St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church Annual Youth Day

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

June 23rd First Missionary Baptist Church Women In White

On Sunday @ 4pm, Angola & Eber Roads, Swanton, Ohio 43558. Speaker Sister Kim Ham. Pastor William Jerome McCaster.

June 23rd
The Indiana Ave. Missionary Baptist
Church
Music Department

In concert on Sunday at 5:00 p.m. at 640 Indiana Ave., Toledo, OH 43604. The Theme: "Together in unity we have come to praise the Lord". Psalm 150. Pastor Rev., Dr. John E. Roberts.

June 30th Calvary Missionary Baptist Church The Lion of Judiah Victor Choir

Will celebrate their choirs anniversary on Sunday, at 4pm 702 Collingwood Blvd. Under the Direction of our Minister of Music Bro. Brian Thomas. Theme: I Will Bless The Lord at All Times, His Praises Shall Continually be in my Mouth. Psalm 34-1. There will be guess from around the city. Please come and enjoy this program with us. Sister Hallie McKinney - Program Chair -Person, Sister Ann Walker - Co-Program Chair-Person, Sister Betty Houston - President, Bro. Brian Thomas - Minster of Music. Rev. Floyd Smith Jr. - Pastor, and Pat McFarland - Administrative Assistant.

June 23, 2019 Central Missionary Baptist Church Pastoral Anniversary

Rev. Sylvester Day, June 23rd, at Central Missionary Baptist Church, 821 Junction St. You're welcome to worship all day with us. FREE Dinner will be served, 11am service and 4pm evening. Union Grove and congregation quest Church, Pastor Spears Speaker.

June 23, 2019 A Night of Fellowship and Fun!

Gospel Skating Party

Sunday June 23 rd., 7pm-10pm Admission \$10.00, Skate Rental \$2.00 Ohio Skate 5735 Opportunity Drive Sponsored by: Victory Christian Center Ministries

> June 30th St. Stephen A.M.E. Church Annual Pew Rally

Sunday, at 3:00 PM, 812 City Park. Please join us for this inspirational program.

July 11th Free Movie Nights In The

Park Black Panther

Join us at 7 p.m., Thursday, at Joe E. Brown Park, 150 West Oakland St., for a FREE movie night in the park - Black Panther. DJ Mpress will be spinning the hottest music before the movie and concessions. Entertainment starts at 7 p.m. The movie starts promptly at 9 p.m. The city of Toledo supports the Americans with Disablities Act. If you need a reasonable accommodation because of a disability to fully participate in this or any city program/event, please contact Joan Easler, city of Toledo ADA Administrator, Office of Diversity and Inclusion at 419- 245-1059.

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OREO or REO, No Matter—Carson Is Still Trump's Guy

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson Wire Writer

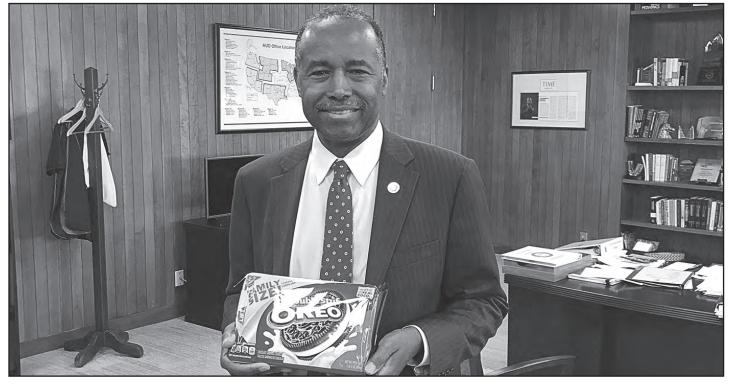
When word leaked out that Trump would appoint Ben Carson as HUD Secretary, no one seemed more taken aback than Carson. He publicly declared that he had no experience running a government agency. Many took this to mean that even Carson knew that he was way over his head in trying to run an agency tasked with overseeing and administering the dizzying array of programs. How dizzying? HUD ladles out billions annually in public housing subsidies, rental assistance, and housing finance activities, employs more than 8000 workers and administrators and operates more than 100 subsidy programs. HUD's task is to shore up America's perennial housing needs, especially for the poor.

Still, to think that Carson might say no to the job, they misread Carson and Trump. Trump wanted him for two obvious reasons, and one less obvious. One, he owed Carson big time for withstanding all the abuse heaped on him for being the lonely Black to tout Trump during the 2016 presidential campaign. The other tracked back to the first reason. He is Black and Trump needed at least one name Black as a cover to parade around to prove he was not the racist that Blacks near universally are amply convinced he is.

Then there was the other reason. By the time Trump took the oath of office, Carson had carved out a well-documented reputation as being a first-class ignoramus with a litany of off-beat, nonsensical quips on anything that came to mind such as calling the Affordable Care Act the worst thing since slavery.

This was the stuff of snickers, chuckles, and lampooning when Carson was simply private citizen Carson, or, the mercifully brief, failed GOP presidential candidate Carson. Few then could ever imagine that Carson would ever be able to act on any of his rabid antique ultra-right notions of how a government should be run. However, as Trump's HUD boss, he was in the perfect position to give free rein to his basest impulses about government.

He could a lambast housing discrimination suits, over-dependence on "so-



cial safety net" programs, getting government out of competition with private enterprise, and denouncing anything that supposedly deadens individual initiative. He could talk about kicking undocumented workers out of public housing, while scraping investigations into civil rights abuses in public housing.

This is more than political theater of the absurd. It gets even more attention for Trump. But more importantly, Carson's laughable forays into ignorant gaffes such as the mix-up of OREO with REO touches a deep, dark, and throbbing pulse among legions of Trump backers who frankly revel in his digs, cracks and insults and name calling of Democrats. The revelry in Trump's personal mudslinging is on dramatic evidence at every Trump rally when he takes a personal shot at some Democrat whipping person or another.

This calculated know nothingness in 2016 did much to put Trump in the White House. Trump banks on the same dirt slapping, name calling to do the same in 2020. So, just think, given that, how would it look for Carson to go before the U.S. House Committee on Financial Services and sound erudite, polished, and knowledgeable on the

fine details of housing policy. That, of course, would include being thoroughly versed on what an REO is.

This might draw some praise and grudging respect from some Democrats. But it wouldn't mean a thing to Trump's base since many of them already think that HUD is just another bloated, wasteful government agency that needs to be privatized or simply scrapped. Carson recognized that his know nothing confusion on what an REO is had some political shelf value. He quickly posed with a knowing grin on his face holding a box of OREO cookies. He topped by taking a crack at the Committee member who posed the embarrassing question to him. The message seemed to be so what if I don't know the difference between cookies from a piece of property foreclosed on by a bank.

Trump understands the fundamental political axiom that self-interest rules politics as well, if not better, then the Democrats. Party leaders have long known that many blue-collar white voters, especially male voters, can be easily aroused to vote and shout on the emotional wedge issues: abortion, family values, anti-gay marriage and tax

cuts.

Carson again fits neatly into this script. He's an African American with name identification who once had some admiration among blacks. But that's past. He's now simply a serviceable tool that Trump can use to play a version of the race card. That is to depict him, a Black man, as a victim of allegedly closet racist Democrats who seethe at the notion of a Black man who dares have the express views that don't parrot the Democratic Party's positions. Any attack on Carson plays to that, and that includes the lampoon and ridicule of him by Democrats for his OREO-REO mix-up.

So, OREO or REO, it's all the same. Carson is just being Carson. And for Trump and his fervent backers that's all the counts. He's still Trump's guy.

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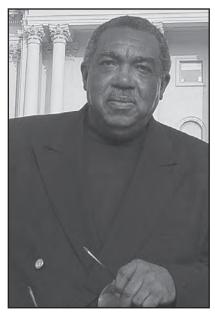


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Number 45, AKA Donald Trump, is Not an Aberration



By A. Peter Bailey Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) -The American news media is deceiving the world when it consistently describes Number 45 as an aberration in the history of the United States presidency. Equally deceiving is its describing and romanticizing the American voting public as some kind of godly people who are devoted to liberty and justice for all citizens of this country.

Rather than being an aberration, Number 45 is a direct descendant of the presidents, including Saint George Washington and Saint Thomas Jefferson, who bought, sold, owned and exploited African men, women and children. He's also a direct descendant of those presidents who did absolutely nothing from

the Reconstruction Era through the 1960's as leaders in the former Confederate States of America economically and politically oppressed Black people, including those who fought in the Civil War, World War I, World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam wars respectively.

Number 45 is also a direct descendant of those presidents who sat by passively as thousands of Black folks were lynched and otherwise murdered by white supremacists/racists mostly in the former Confederate States of America. Their victims included Black combat veterans. Therefore, Number 45, a draft dodger, is by no definition

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Capitol Hill hearing takes up the war between the needy and the greedy: The future of payday loan regulation

By Charlene Crowell Wire Writer

At an April 30 Capitol Hill hearing, the multi-dimensional problems wrought by small-dollar, high-cost loans were brought to the attention of lawmakers serving on the powerful House Financial Services Committee. A witness panel representing bankers, consumers, clergy, and public policy organizations taught, recounted, reasoned and preached to lawmakers on the rippling and disastrous effects of debt-trap loans.

Each addressed the industry that reaps billion-dollar profits from the poor: payday, car-title, and other triple-digit interest small-dollar products. The average annual interest rate for payday loans in the United States is 391% although in more than 17 states, many of them home to consumers of color, the APR is even higher.

As consumers suffer financially, it's a different story for payday lenders: \$4.1 billion in fees every year in the 33 states that allow these debt traps, according to the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL). Similarly the annual fees generated on car-title loans was found to be \$3.8 billion.

The session occurred as the current Administration seeks to permanently reverse a payday rule that was developed over five years of public hearings, research and comments that sought the input of consumers, financial institutions and other stakeholders. Announced by the first Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) Director, the rule would require lenders to determine if a consumer could repay the loan, also known as the ability-to-repay standard.

With a new CFPB Director, the rule's suspension was accompanied by an announcement of an intent to begin rulemaking anew. For the industry, the suspension provides yet another opportunity to take the teeth out of financial regulation. For consumers, long-awaited consumer protection that would have taken effect this summer is now indefinite.

With the average borrower earning \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year, whatever difficulty led them to a payday loan store or web site, made their lives even worse.

For Detroit resident Ken Whittaker, the hearing was a high-profile opportunity to share his personal experience with a \$700 payday loan that wound up costing him \$7,000, in addition to debt collections, a court judgment, and his tax refund garnished.

"I found I could not afford to pay off the first loan without taking out another one. Then I began a cycle of debt which lasted over a year," testified Whittaker. "Soon I was paying \$600 per month in fees and interest. I eventually closed my bank account to stop payments from being drawn out and leaving me without cash for my family's rent, groceries and other essential bills."

In the hearing's most poignant moment, Whittaker appealed to the lawmakers saying, "Please support strong reform of predatory payday and car title lending for people like me. We work hard to support our families and make our finances stable, and this kind of lending only makes it harder."

For one lawmaker, Boston's Rep. Ayanna Pressley, Whittaker's plea was heard loud and clear.

"Any universe with payday lending is answering the question of how to make poverty a sustainable profitable enterprise," noted Rep. Pressley. "Well a lot of people are getting rich off of keeping people poor. And so how do we reform anything that's based on that premise? The short answer is, we don't."

Todd McDonald, Senior Vice President and Board Director of the New Orleans-based Liberty Bank and Trust, a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) spoke at the hearing from the perspective of community banks. His own firm operates in eight states through 15 branches. He is also a board member of the National Bankers Association, the leading trade association for the nation's Minority Depository Institutions.



Nearly in 4 borrowers

report some form of public assistance, retirement funds, or other benefits as an income sources.

"As a CDFI that serves a largely low and moderate-income consumer base that often utilizes these high-cost, small dollar loans," testified McDonald, "Liberty often works to help our customers get out of these predatory loans and into more manageable products."

Since 2008, Liberty Bank has offered a payday and car-title loan alternative known as Freedom Fast loans that averages just over \$6,000 and comes with an average interest rate of 12.6%. Liberty provides these loans to customers with credit scores ranging from a low of 500 to higher than 700. It also reports payments to the credit bureaus so that customers can also build their credit ratings.

For the Rev. Dr. Frederick Douglass Haynes III, senior pastor of Dallas' Friendship West Baptist Church and a leading partner in the Faith and Credit Roundtable facilitated by the Center for Responsible Lending, predatory lending is a matter of economic justice that deserves actions and not just hearings.

"Payday predators are a part of a hostile takeover of the economy of the unbanked and underserved. This exploitative industry targets and saturates communities that are already suffering from economic apartheid," said Rev. Haynes to the lawmakers. "When the vulnerable are drowning in desperation the payday industry throws a 'life preserver' weighted with

the iron of usurious interest rates."

"We are calling for strong protections so that those who experience an emergency don't end up drowning in debt they cannot repay," added Rev. Haynes." The pastor forcefully called for the CFPB to implement its "common sense rule" and for enacting legislation, like a bill introduced by Illinois' Senator Richard Durbin, that would establish a national 36% interest rate cap while allowing states to have lower rate ceilings.

"Borrowers have described the debt trap, in their own words, as 'a hole that you can't get out of', 'soul-crushing', and a 'living hell', Diane Standaert, a CRL EVP testified. "And research has shown time and time again, that these high-cost lending storefronts are disproportionately situated in Black and Latino communities, even when they have the same or higher incomes than white communities."

The good Reverend Haynes agreed, adding, "The Bible teaches that nations will be judged by how they treat 'the least of these'. It must not be said of this nation, "I was hungry, and you gave me a payday loan...I was given a bad hand and you gave me a bad plan."

Amen, Reverend!

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an aberration.

As for the American voting public, through the years the overwhelming majority of them looked on, often with relish, as atrocities were committed against black people. They voted for politicians who did little, if anything, to stop or punish the white supremacist/ racist terrorists. It was overwhelmingly white American men and women who put Number 45 into the White House. Not one of them can say that he or she was deceived by him. He made it very clear in the Republican primary campaigns and in the general election campaign who and what he was and is. In fact, that's one positive thing that can be said about him.

Number 45 is the personification of most White males in this country and, unfortunately, a sizable number of Black men for whom I have coined the name

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oppressed Black people, including those
who fought in the Civil War, World War
I, World War II, and the Korean and
Vietnam wars respectively.

"Blawhis" i-e black-whites.

When, if ever, is the American media going to tell it like it is? Number 45 is not an aberration, and the White American voting public is not composed of bamboozled innocents.

Robert and Latonya Greenlee Celebrate Their 20th Wedding Anniversary



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Robert and Latonya Greenlee, seated center, surrounded by their children, grandchildren, and extended family in attendance.



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The Greenlees seated center with members of their original wedding party in attendance at the celebration.

By Leah Williams

Robert and Latonya Greenlee celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on June 15 among family and friends at the American Legion Hall.

The hall was beautifully decorated in royal blue and white as deftly-dressed guests enjoyed fellowship, and festivities celebrating the happy couple. Their wedding video was shown during the event while the DJ played both uptempo and love songs.

The Greenlees said their love story started in church. They were both attending Jerusalem Baptist Church at the time, and Mr. Greenlee, who was a city bus driver then, said his now wife Latonya used to cross in front of his bus every day.

"I told her one of these days if she doesn't watch where she's going, she was going to get bumped... she got bumped off," Mr. Greenlee said jokingly referring to them getting married. Mrs. Greenlee laughed and said, "That's a true story!"

The couple that one of their greatest accomplishments after 20 years of marriage is still being friends. "I married my best friend," Mrs. Greenlee said.

couple The great another that accomplishment is their tightknit blended family. Together they have 5 children, 14 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren.

When asked what

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Robert Greenlee, left, and wife Latonya Greenlee, right.



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Mr. and Mrs. Greenlee with their daughters and grandchildren. Standing from left to right: Bre'Jai Horn, Brittany Horn (daughter), and Ri'ane McIntyre. Sitting from left to right: Kali McIntyre, Robert Greenlee, Latonya Greenlee, McKenna McIntyre, Lanaya McDonald (daughter), and Kalib McIntyre.

advice they would give newly married couples, Mr. Greenlee said quickly, "Don't give up!"

"And know that the road ain't easy, but it's always

sure," Mrs. Greenlee said. "You have to keep God in your life. Our wedding song was The Lady, Her Lover, and Her Lord. If you do that, you can't go wrong."



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Barbara Hollowell Celebrates Her 75th Birthday With Family and Friends



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Mrs. Barbara Hollowell, center, with great grandchild Josiah Reditt and her family and friends.



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Leon Hollowell, left, and wife Barbara Hollowell, right

By Leah Williams "I built a connection

Family and friends gathered at New Covenant Baptist Church on June 15 to celebrate the 75th birthday of Mrs. Barbara Hollowell.

Born in Plains, Georgia, Mrs. Hollowell migrated to Toledo 50 years ago and began to build a legacy of faith, family, and hard work with her husband of 47 years, Leon Hollowell. Mrs. Hollowell said she and her husband have a large blended family that includes her 3 children (1 daughter and 2 sons), 2 stepsons, 18 grandchildren, 12 great grandchild.

"I built a connection with family," Mrs. Hollowell said. "I always tell them to be together and to enjoy the family."

Mrs. Hollowell started her professional career as a beautician and then worked for The Holiday Inn for 22 years. She later worked for Toledo Public Schools [TPS] in addition to starting her own catering business. She fully retired in 2015 from TPS after 22 years and has since enjoyed spending time with her husband Leon and great grandchildren.

Daughter Valerie Barnett said that her mother's focus



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Mrs. Hollowell, her siblings, and great grandchild. Standing from left to right: Lorice Griffin, Larry Oates, and Mary Oates Baisden. Sitting from left to right: Gloria Oates, Josiah Reditt, and Barbara Hollowell.

on family is a part of her legacy. "We love our mom," Ms. Barnett said. "[She is] taking care of her children and grandchildren to this day."

Youngest son Ron "Chris" Barnett said that his mother made sacrifices to give her children and grandchildren more than she had growing up in the Jim Crow south. He said it allowed he and his siblings to be in any environment and thrive.

"She grew up in an area that was really segregated and race was a big factor," Mr. Barnett said. "We had access to education and [she] exposed us to many different things. It enabled us to be more diverse."

When asked about his sister, Mrs. Hollowell's younger brother Larry Oates smiled broadly and talked about his eldest sister's character and demeanor.

"She's the most wonderful person that I know in this world, and she's mysister," Mr. Oates said. "She's a loving and kind person."

In addition to a special video presentation, family and friends shared memories, special tributes, and feasted on a catered southern style meal. Though Mrs. Hollowell's husband Leon was unable to attend the 75th birthday celebration due to illness, he expressed his love and birthday well wishes to his loving wife in advance.



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The Green family reunion yields much more than expected



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Members of the Green family traveled from all over the country to meet family they never knew existed.

By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN Journal Staff Writer

Witherspoon, McQueen, Brady, Davis, Brewer, McCallum, Coutee, Harrison, Michell, Middlebrook, Nwankwo, and Jackson were all of the names that are a part of the Green family reunion. Held during the weekend of June 14, through the 16, members traveled from parts of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Illinois, and Colorado, to finally meet a relative they never knew existed.

Friday evening was the first official start of the weekend. Those who lived in Toledo would converge on a central hotel, where those traveling decided to lodge. There, they would themselves, introduce

understanding of who, and what are the Green family.

On Saturday, everyone would converge on the Community Building, 948 Clarion in Holland, Ohio, to

There's so much rich history about our family. So I made it my mission to unite the entire family of those who are descendants of the 17 siblings

memories, and begin to connect the dots of and a historical family had; hoping to get a better activities that made up

further the activities. Dinner pieces of stories that each trivia hour were two of the Saturday's itinerary

Sunday, the family conclude weekend with a family breakfast, before everyone returned to their particular

Ella Brewer, Candace Brady, and Vanessa McQueen, were organizers of the reunion.

"I really wanted to help organize this, because many of us don't know one another," Ms. Brewer said. "That's one of the reasons we have the theme, 'Remembering the past, celebrating the future;' we want to know, and help each other. Some of us our doctors, lawyers, actors, and much more; we need to know everyone's particular skill, so we can begin to help each other," she said.

"I'm really excited about meeting everyone," Ms. Brady said. "It's not every day you get to interact with family who've traveled long distances, and you've never met." she added.

Oddly, Ms. McQue revealed that those, who were present during the reunion, were descendants of one, of the 18 siblings, Charles Green, born from the union of Thomas Green Sr. and Matilda Lester.

Also, she shared, that the

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Clockwise are, organizers of the reunion, Vanessa McQueen, Candace Brady, and Ella Brewer, looking at old photos of what the lineage of the Green family began

original name of the Greens. was spelled, "Greene." Ms. McQueen said neither Virgil Greene, nor Betty Mahone, of the early 1800s, knew how to read. She theorized that, during the census, a census taker assumed Greene, was misspelled, and respelled it without the E at the end.

"There's so much rich history about our family. So I made it my mission to unite the entire family of those who are descendants of the 17 siblings," Ms. McQueen

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that all women are evil. But before eventually appearing on Broadway, the play Girl's Knight Out @ the Mall, opens at the Maumee Theater, July 5th starting at 6pm. Tickets are \$15 but there is limited seating. Email: forwearestrangers@yahoo.

Two UToledo professors create, common-sense, safe way in solving how to treat prostate cancer



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Dr. Mohammad Elahinia, and Dr. Ishmael Parsai

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innovative Two The professors at University of Toledo from different fields of expertise teamed up to create a common-sense clever, way to solve a problem prostate treating second the leading cause of cancer in men. Recognizing the potential, the Ohio Third Commission Frontier awarded \$150,000 to the startup company founded mechanical the engineer and medical physicist to develop and commercialize the new technology they invented that allows a higher level of radiation to safely be

delivered at each session, decreasing significantly the number of treatment sessions needed eradicate the cancer, while reducing damage to nearby, healthy tissue. Dr. Mohammad Elahinia, professor and chair of the UToledo Department of Mechanical, Industrial Manufacturing and Engineering, and Dr. Ishmael Parsai, professor and chief medical physicist in the UToledo Radiation Oncology Department and director of the Graduate Medical Physics Program, created the company called Retractor with the support of UToledo Launchpad Incubation,

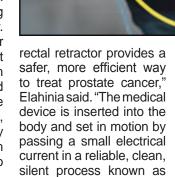
Rocket Innovations and the National Science Foundation's **I-Corps** program. The new, patentpending technology, which is being tested on cadavers, is a minimally device invasive that moves the rectum away from the vicinity of the radiation fields targeting the prostate cancer. This allows for the delivery of higher doses of more focused radiation beams, resulting in shorter days while treatment reducing damage to healthy rectal tissue. "The

nitinol actuation, solving the persistent challenge in radiation therapy of prostate tumors." "Instead of a patient undergoing daily radiation treatment sessions for nearly two months in a conventional method of radiotherapy, he can come in and have five sessions," Parsai said. Through his work with patients at the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center at The University of Toledo Medical Center, Parsai came up with the idea for the rectal retractor and approached

Elahinia to engineer a prototype. "Normally during radiation therapy for prostate cancer, we work to reduce as much as possible the impact of the radiation dose on any healthy organs, such as the bladder and rectum,

but often some damage to healthy, nearby tissue is unavoidable," Parsai said. "This new device, however, allows us to move the rectum out of the field of radiation so we can eliminate the risk of sacrificing healthy tissue while safely delivering a higher dose for more effective treatment of the tumor. This especially promising when implementing what is called high dose-rate brachytherapy, as well newer techniques such as stereotactic body radiotherapy for treatment prostate cancer." While the retractor will mainly serve prostate cancer patients, it also can be applied during radiation therapy for all pelvic tumors, such as cervical, uterine, vaginal and endometrial cancers. The award to Retractor is part of \$2.25 million awarded by the Ohio Third Frontier Commission to develop new technologies and move them out of the lab and into the marketplace. "Ohio's world-class research and medical institutions are developing breakthrough technologies," said Lydia L. Mihalik, director of

the Ohio Development Services Agency and chair of the Ohio Third Frontier Commission. "We are helping get these products to market where they can make a difference." The Ohio Third Frontier Technology Validation and Start-up Fund provides grants to Ohio institutions of higher education and other nonprofit research institutions. The funding to demonstrate that a technology is commercially viable through activities such as testing and prototyping. The ultimate goal is to commercialize technologies. Retractor is a success story for UToledo's Launchpad Incubation program and Rocket Fuel Fund. The Rocket Fuel Fund is a program in the UToledo Office of Research funded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration to support early stage technology development. "We serve the community, faculty, and students,' staff Brian Genide, director incubation venture development at Launchpad, said.



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Front left are, Judge Denise Navarre Cubbon, Dr. Tracee Perryman, Dominique Mays, who sat in for her son Tasani, Andrea Justice who sat in for her cousin Carl Banks, Azavia Crenshaw, Judge Connie Zemmelman, and Rev. Robert Lyons. Back left, James Smith, Maurice Winfree, and Jaylin Gilland.

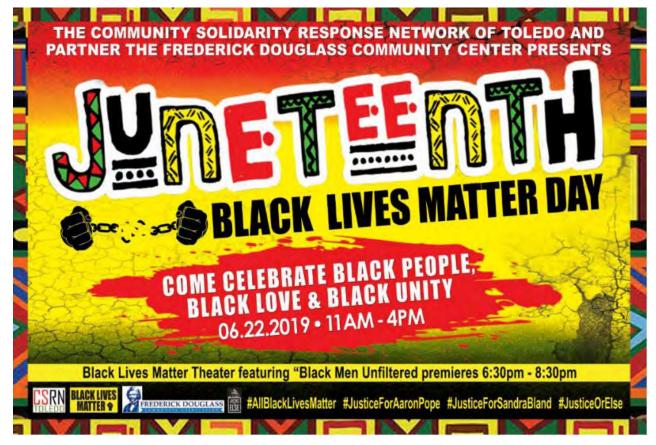


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(Above) Family and friends were in attendance to offer their continued support for their love one.

(Right) Dr. Tracee Perryman, followed by Judges, Connie Zemmelman, and Denise Navarre Cubbon, lead the graduates out.





By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN Journal Staff Writer

Despite being, at one time, either incarcerated, still incarcerated, or having dealing with juvenile penal institute, Center of Hope Family Services, and its Family Navigator Program, housed within the Lucas County Juvenile Court, honored six recent high school graduates, or those who earned their GED, at a ceremony on Friday, June 14.

Held on the first floor of the Lucas County Juvenile Justice Center, 1801 Spielbusch, family members, friends, and officials from the sponsoring agencies, came to show support for those who recently graduated.

Dr. Tracee Perryman, executive director for Center

of Hope Family Services, told The Toledo Journal the third year program works by, the court contacting those juveniles who were at one time, incarcerated, still incarcerated, or had some type of dealings with the court, and either graduated, about to graduate, or earned their GED. Then they're invited to the graduation ceremony and applauded for the accomplishments. Afterwards, graduates, and their families were treated to dinner.

"Some of my closest friends I met under trying circumstances," Dr. Perryman told those in attendance. "Getting your high school diploma or earning your GED needs to be celebrated," she said.

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Juneteenth Block



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Vendor and founder of Glass City Skincare, Ms. Kendra, poses in front of her natural beauty product table.



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Megan Davis of The Kitchen Salon set up her product stall on the 2nd floor of Powell's historic building.

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June 19th, is known as the oldest emancipation celebration on record. President Though Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation abolishing slavery went into effect January 1, 1863, the

enslavement of blacks Texas remained unchanged until the arrival of Union soldiers on June 19, 1865 in Galveston. The former Texan slaves celebrated their freedom that day henceforth with and elaborate simple to celebrations, which spread throughout Texas and other states as the newly freed blacks migrated across the United States.

Powell's The Juneteenth Block Party celebration hosted local vendors including artists, natural hair and beauty specialists, jewelry makers, and clothing designers. DJ MissT provided music for visitors to the 2nd floor of the building, and food trucks lined the street outside. Some attendees came dressed in colorful dashikis and others in Afropunk and/or Africaninspired garb.

Powell's co-owner Maria Powell (wife of Calvin) offered hair product consultations in addition to information about new beauty services available at their salon Color & Style by Powell's located at 2563 Nebraska Avenue. She said that most black women embarking on a natural hair journey initially need help.

"A lot of people don't really understand how to take care of their natural hair, what products to use, what hair type they have," Maria Powell said. She said that it was important to help people select the appropriate products for their hair, which could include different kinds of curling creams, defining custards, shampoos, and/or conditioners.

During the Block Party, Mrs. Powell also introduced several new services available at Color & Style by Powell's including microblading, henna brows, and eyelash lifts. Microblading and henna brows are techniques used to enhance and shape the eyebrows, while the eyelash lift elongates the natural lashes.

"Instead of putting permanent eyelashes on, which a lot of people are losing their lashes, I do an eyelash lift that lasts 4 to 6 weeks," Mrs. Powell said. "It uses your natural eyelashes and makes you look like you

have [false] lashes on."

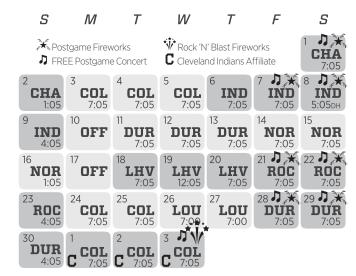
For more information about any of the vendors from the Juneteenth Party and/or Block hair care products, microblading, henna brows, or eyelash lifts, contact Powell's Beauty and Barber Supplies at

(419) 243-7731, or Color & Style by Powell's at (419) 535-9478.

More information about the history of Juneteenth and/or other local Juneteenth festivities is available online







Center of Hope

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The graduates were Azavia Crenshaw, Maurice Winfree, Jaylin Gilland, James Smith Tasani Mays, whose mom, Dominique Mays, sat in for him, and Carl Banks, whose cousin, Andrea Justice, sat in for him.

Azavia Crenshaw graduated from Sylvania Northview. He's currently working, and plans on attending college to major in engineering.

Maurice Winfree earned his GED, and has plans on becoming a realtor. "I wanted give up and getting my

GED. There were so many challenges in my life that was making everything hard, that I just wanted to say forget it. But my therapist encouraged me to keep going," he said.

Jaylin Gilland earned his GED and is currently working on obtaining a trade in masonry.

James Smith received his high school diploma and is working on getting a trade in electrical field.

Tasani Mays earned his GED, and is working on getting a wielding trade.

Carl Banks received his high school diploma from

Waite High School, and would like to pursue a career in basketball overseas.

"Events like this are some of the most fulfilling," Dr. Perryman said. "This event is a manifestation of what we hope to accomplish every day. It's evidence that you don't have to finish like you start. With engaged and authentic support, our youth can overcome obstacles, and past mistakes. As a community, the youth belong to us. We can't turn a blind eye, or a deaf ear. We have to keep planting seeds," she

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Father Augustus Tolton, the first black Roman Catholic priest, is expected to become the first black saint

By Frederick H. Lowe BlackmansStreet.Today

Father Augustus Tolton, the Roman Catholic Church's first black priest, who is slated to become the church's first black saint, was forced to attend seminary in Rome because no American school would admit him despite his intellect, special abilities (he spoke several languages) and his devotion to the church because of his race.

Tolton, a former slave from Missouri, attended seminary at The Sacred Congregation de Propaganda Fide.

Father Augustus Tolton is destined for sainthood

He arrived in Rome on March 21, 1880. Church officials ordained him as a priest on Holy Saturday, April 24, 1885, at Basilica St. Lateran Church in Rome.

Tolton lived in Rome for six years as one of 70 seminarians who attended the school and had come from different parts of the world. The other seminarians called him Gus, for U.S.

What they didn't call him was "nigger" or go out of their way to make him feel uncomfortable or unwanted, according to his biography.

In his free time, he walked around the neighborhoods of the "Eternal City", sketching more than 600 churches and the city's architecture in his artist's notebook.

Tolton's career will soon make another dramatic turn.

On Wednesday, Pope Francis approved a decree recognizing Tolton's "heroic virtues," which is a step in the process toward sainthood, following a five-year investigation by the church, which began in 2010 when Chicago's Cardinal Francis George announced Tolton's cause for canonization. Pope Francis made Tolton venerable within the church, which is two steps away from canonization.

On November 4, 2011, Chicago dedicated "Honorary Father Augustus Tolton Street."The honorary street sign is located at the corners of 41st Street between State Street and Michigan Avenue.

Other events honoring Father Tolton also have taken place throughout Chicago, where he founded in 1889 the parish of St. Monica at 36th and Dearborn Streets for black Catholics. He was parish priest until his death in 1897 from heat-



stroke. Father Tolton was only 43.

Born into slavery Tolton's historical journey began on a small plantation in 1854 in Monroe County, Missou-

ri, where slaveholders

that owned his family

baptized him a Catholic.
In a dangerous escape to the Underground Railroad city of Quincy, Ill., from Missouri, his mother led the family to freedom. Confederate sol-

diers shot at the family,

but no one was wound-

His father escaped slavery – and probably underwrote the family's successful escape. He was a member of the Colored Infantry in the Union Army. He reportedly died in a prison camp in Arkansas, according to The Catholic Telegraph, the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

After ordination, Father Tolton believed he would be assigned to a parish in Africa because of racism which was sewn deeply into America's fabric. Catholic leaders, however, had other plans. They sent him to U.S.

Roman Catholic authorities believed it was time America lived up to its self-image as an enlightened, "Christian nation."He was assigned to St. Peter Church in Quin-

cy, Illinois, where he had grown up after escaping slavery.

When he first arrived in America, however, he gave his first Mass on American soil atSt. Benedict the Moor Church before a majority black congregation in New York City.

It was the first time congregants had seen a black Catholic priest. Many parishioners traveled from other towns and other states to see and hear him.

In Quincy, it was a different story. The new pastor of St. Boniface Church referred to Tolton as that "nigger priest." The Catholic Church discouraged blacks from attending Mass. In Chicago, priests in white parishes often called blacks "niggers" and told them they weren't welcome to pray to God among the white Christian worshippers.

Blacks were so poor that it was heartbreaking. They attended Mass to keep warm because they did not have shoes or adequate clothing.

After three years in Quincy, the Roman Catholic Church reassigned Father Tolton to Chicago. A parade welcomed him to the city.

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EACH BIDDER MUST FURNISH either (1) a bond for the full amount of the bid or (2) a certified check, cashier's check or irrevocable letter of credit in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid with its bid. The successful bidder must furnish a 100 percent (100%) Performance Bond and a 100 percent (100%) Labor and Materials Bond.

No bidder may withdraw its bid within thirty (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT OF THE TOLEDO AREA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any informality in bidding.

By order of the Board of Park Commissioners METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT OF THE TOLEDO AREA

Dave Zenk, Director

HELP WANTED

SERVICE & SUPPORT SPECIALIST

Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities has multiple opportunities for Service and Support Specialists (SSA) to assess needs of individuals with developmental disabilities, develop and monitor service plans, and ensure that services are effectively coordinated and provided. The successful candidates must possess a Bachelor's degree in Social Work, Counseling, or related area, plus one (1) year of experience in coordinating, assessing, and linking services and supports and/or developing, and assessing habilitation programs and activities for individuals with DD or in a related area. Will be required to obtain and maintain Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities certification for Service and Support Administrator. Comprehensive training provided. All candidates must submit by June 27, 2019 a resume and cover letter along with an employment application, which is available at www.lucasdd.org. If in need of ADA accommodations, contact us directly at 419-380-4033. EOE

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA), located in Toledo, OH is seeking experienced applicants for the following position(s): Safety & Security Patrol Officer, Maintenance Mechanic III. Family-Self Sufficiency Specialist, Education Success Coach, Laborer. For complete details. visit www.lucasmha.org/Careers. Deadline: 07/02/ This is a Section 3 covered position(s). HUD recipients are encouraged to apply and are to indicate on the application if you are a LMHA Public Housing client or Housing Choice Voucher Program participant. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. **NO PHONE CALLS.** Equal employment opportunity shall be afforded to all qualified persons without regard to age, race, color, religion, religious creed, gender, military status, ancestry, disability, handicap, sexual orientation, genetic information or national origin.



COMING EVENTS

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July 12th The Isaiah Thomas Giving Foundation Party For A Purpose Fundraiser

This event is to help a local family that lost everything. We are asking for you to come out and party for the purpose of donating items for the family. Friday, 5pm - 9pm, Club Evolution 519 N. Reynolds Rd, Toledo, OH. We are inviting you out to party for the purpose of helping a family in need. We have learned that when you have a tragic event in your life, coming together with family, friends and strangers can make this tragic event not so bad. Come party with us! Bring your donations of any kind to help this family in need. Clothing, shoes, jackets, socks, blankets, bedding, kitchen items - the family literally lost everything. Help us, help them.

July 20th Toledo Zoo YPAC Wild - Games

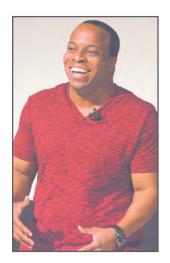
Saturday, join Young Professionals for Animals and Conservation (YPAC) for a full day of Zoo fun including animal interactions and games of giant Jenga and Connect Four. Children welcome. toldedozoo.org/ypac

August 17th National African American Male Wellness Walk & Run 5K

Mark Your Calendar! **S**aturday, 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.

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Commentary: Quick Hit 1)

Men, when you understand what shopping does to a woman you will want to take her shopping all the time. Ladies, you can thank me later. Shopping creates these things in a woman, variety, creative drive, sexual tension, manifestation, thrill of the chase to create, it's stimulating, and it helps her relax.

Quick Hit 2)

Any time a woman relaxes its foreplay, talk relieves stress. For example, any time she tells you about her day, this is her way of connecting with you and relaxing. The more she relaxes the more she is open to expressing herself sexually.

Quick Hit 3)

The bad boy versus the bad man syndrome, most women want a good man, but they want a man with bad boy tendencies. The bad boy thing is a myth because most bad boys are mama's boys. No real man ever has to over do it on the masculinity to show everybody he thinks he is a man. Women, don't want a bank robber or a thief but they want the tension that bad boys create. What they want is a good man that's bad. Create some bad boy moments, which create sexual tension in her without being the jail

Quick Hit 4)

Always talk to a woman as an authority, so you become the one she comes to, to validate her decisions.

Quick Hit 5)

Any time a man says something women always attach these two statements, "What did he mean by that" and "why did he say that?"

Quick Hit 6)

When a woman is trying to improve or help in a relationship she is doing it out of love

Fact of the Day:

Smoking is the cause for more than 80% of all lung cancers, but people who do not Smoke can also have lung cancer.

Question of the Day: How many days does it take something to be-

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come a habit?

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For answers to "Ask Dr. Sam," speaking engagements, or questions and responses go to www.sammallette. com check out my site for everything from new updates, consulting, relationships, business, sex, manhood, empowering women, and health/wellness.. Thank you in advance for your

consideration.

When They See Us: Central Park Five vs. Scottsboro Boys



By Fernando Rover Jr. Wire Writer

History is like a pendulum. It swings back and forth between narratives and many times those narratives swing back around.

?No other metaphor rings true than looking at African American history. Then and now, experiences are reborn and relived through perpetual rhetoric in America. From Emmitt Till to Trayvon Martinboth teenage Black boys, both visiting relatives when killed, both posthumously villainized and sparked a movement.

Despite their experiences being fifty years apart, how their deaths left Black America has not changed.

That is what makes discussing Central Park Five so important and so painful.

On May 31st Acad-

emy Award nominated director Ava DuVernay released her critically acclaimed miniseries When They See Us. The multi-part miniseries tracks the story of the five young Black boys in New York who were accused of gang raping a white woman jogging through Central Park. From the first accusation, to imprisonment, to release, and finally, acquittal, DuVernay assures that we witness the psychological impact this had on these boys beyond social and cultural persecution.

Much of the reception surrounding When They See Us has been strong and controversial. Many having to take breaks when viewing the series and many news outlets voicing their support of the avant-garde director taking on such difficult sub-

ject matter. The 46-yearold California native is no stranger to such subject matter, having created films on topics such as the March on Selma and the 13th Amendment and Mass Incarceration.

Upon viewing and learning about Central Park Five, it becomes necessary to revisit the story of the Scottsboro Boys.

In 1931, nine African

American boys ranging from ages 13 to 20 were falsely accused of raping two white women on a train. No other evidence, other than the women's testimony, was used to show these Black boys were guilty of such a heinous crime. Beyond the crime and trial, the Scottsboro Boys were stripped of their humanity and were not given a fair trial, despite being American citizens.

The similarities be-Scottsboro tween Boys and Central Park Five is not one of coincidence. It is one of African American experiences in a perpetual context. Much conversations surrounding the miniseries have been about how so many years later, after the impact of being falsely accused had on the five boys, this story is still relevant? What does this say about the Scottsboro Boys case in which many of them were given 75-99 years in prison and dying before receiving any recognition?

One thing that still stands. History, like a pendulum, swings back and forth between narratives. Which direction will the narrative swing next?

This article originally appeared in the San Antonio Observer.

Does Living w/ Your Partner Prolong the Process of Getting Married?

By Felicia T. Simpson Wire Writer

Honestly speaking, my answer is no. To me, your partner will marry you if that's what they want to do. I don't think the status of your living arrangements determine that per say. Living together won't make that choice for them, faster or slower. Now there are men who make excuses once you move in together to prolong the process of getting married, but that's up to you as a woman to tolerate those excuses or simply move on. If a man wants to marry you, he will marry you.

Ladies, we've pretty much all had the teachings of "Why would a man buy milk when he has the cow at home?"..... Or something along those lines. But even in this overkilled analogy, the man has first decided that he wants milk. Now how he gets it, that's another process. Now a days,

couples are cohabitating for various reasons and it has nothing to do with religious or other traditional reasoning. The most common factors that I hear and know of myself personally are that, it saves the couple a lot of money living together, one partner is always over the other partner's home/ apartment so they may as well move-in together or they both work in a similar area and again, saving money, cuts down transportation costs.

I honestly believe that people in relationships should be upfront about their expectations. Don't beat around the bush in the beginning of the relationship to appease your partner because you will always be left disappointed. If you expect marriage eventually, say that in the beginning. Don't wait til your partner moves in to have that kind of conversation. Listen to your gut, if your gut tells

you that your man is prolonging the process to marriage, more than likely he is. I'm a firm believer of speaking my mind when needed, and having a conversation about a lifelong commitment to anybody is reason enough to speak your mind.

Marriage is a serious thing although in today's society we'll toss around a marriage like it's a Spalding basketball. Living together is what you make it with whom you make living together with. Women in the older generations lived with their parents until they tied the knot. Today, we don't live with our parents in our late twenties, mid-thirties and so forth, so our reality is different from our older generations, including shacking up together as they would call it. Biblically and bluntly, shacking up is not advised and I'm most definitely guilty of that, however

I don't think God is go-

ing to send me to hell for living with my boyfriend.

I've known many of success stories from couples living together and getting married and I've also heard many of horror stories where the engaged couple lived together and they met the real person they were living with and called the wedding off. I'm one of those persons who believe in living together before getting married because I need to see my man's flaws and all and decide for myself, if that's something I can deal with once we get married or not. So again go with your gut feelings and be honest about your marital expectations upfront. A real man will be honest and let you know his marital plans or lack thereof or a man that's still playing games and bs'ing around, will give you the run arounds and make excuses that prolongs the marriage process.

New Road Trip Report Shows Rising Gas Prices, Work Schedules Cramp Car Travel



By Stacy M. Brown,
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Nearly half of American drivers surveyed say that rising gas prices are stopping them from heading out on a road trip this summer, according to results of a motorist study released by Carlnsurance.com, a one-stop destination for expert advice on car insurance.

Soon, the school year will be in the rear-view

drivers can
save an average
of \$1,000 by
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after an accident...

mirror, and families across the nation will hit the road for a good old-fashioned summer road trip.

To kick off the season, CarInsurance.com surveyed 1,000 drivers to find out how they feel when behind the wheel, what their family road trip experiences are like, what they do to cope with traffic and what types of mishaps they've had due to poor road conditions.

CarInsurance.com found that 44 percent of people said that gas

prices are preventing them from taking the family on a road trip.

That's an increase from 36 percent last year.

Another reason drivers may skip a summer road trip is that they can't take time off from work.

Nearly one-third of respondents pointed to not being able to take off time, according to a news release.

The research also revealed that the vast majority of people enjoy family road trips, despite some respondents mentioning that a family member had a meltdown before the adventure was underway.

More than 90 percent say they've taken a family road trip over the past five years.

Only 17 percent of respondents claim to prefer air travel over road trips.

Most of those who favor the road say those trips are just more enjoyable than heading to an airport. While on the road, 44 percent of drivers

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surveyed say they feel contentment when driving. A mere 10 percent feel either stressed or "rage-y."

However, one noted headache associated with road trips is traffic.

Approximately 11 percent called people who they weren't particularly close to because they were bored.

The survey found that poor road conditions also caused 20 percent of drivers to have a one-car accident, 19 percent report getting into an accident with another car.

Just one accident can raise your yearly car insurance rate by 32 percent, or \$450 a year, on average, according to Carlnsurance.com's rate data analysis.

Whether you've experienced an accident or not, you can save on car insurance by comparing rates, according to Penny Gusner, Carlnsurance. com consumer analyst.

"You can always save money by comparison shopping, as pricing varies significantly among insurers for the same coverage," Gusner said.

"But you should definitely shop around after an accident. Your current company may assess risk differently than others, so it may no longer be the most affordable," she said.

Gusner added: "Our rate analysis of six major insurers shows drivers can save an average of \$1,000 by comparing car insurance quotes after an accident."

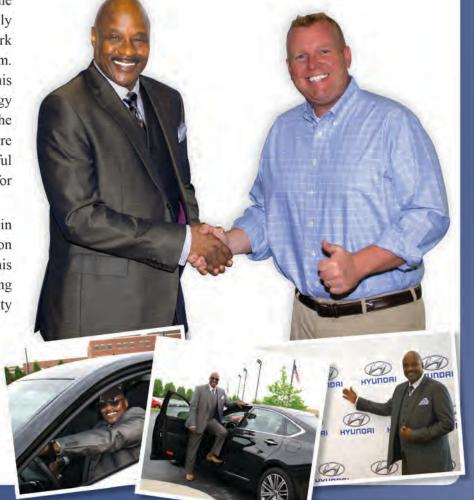
To view the full report and methodology visit, https://www.carinsurance. com/Articles/2019-familyroad-trip-report

Terry Crosby Joins Taylor Automotive Family Team

Taylor Automotive Family is proud to announce that Terry Crosby has joined the Team. Mr. Crosby was a remarkable football and basketball player at DeVilbiss High School in Toledo, Ohio. Many would claim that Mr. Crosby is one of the greatest two sport athletes to come out of the city of Toledo. Mr. Crosby went on to continue his outstanding basketball career at the University of Tennessee. After attending the university, he was picked in the third round of the NBA draft by the Kansas City Kings. After his time with the Kings, he went on to play for 17 years in four different countries in the European league. He still holds the single highest scoring record in the European league with 73 points, in an era when the three-point shot did not exist yet. Mr. Crosby would like to personally express

his gratitude and appreciation to the entire Taylor Automotive Family for bringing him on board to work with yet another amazing team. Mr. Crosby hopes he can bring his unrivaled enthusiasm and energy to his Ambassador role for the greater Toledo community, where he will strive to make meaningful collaborations and relationships for years to come.

"I am thrilled to have Terry join the Taylor Team! Terry's connection with the Toledo Community, his positive attitude, and his unending quest to give back to his community are a perfect fit with our organization," Steve Taylor said. "We look forward to working together to continue to make a lasting impact in Northwest Ohio and we could not be happier to welcome such a great addition to the Taylor Automotive Family."



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Irish voters elect a black may

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Α black through walking Bridgeport, a heavily Irish neighborhood in Chicago, might well put his life at risk.

But in Ireland, it's a different story.

Nigerian who arrived in Ireland seven years ago as an asylum-seeker, recently was elected mayor of Portlaoise, a bustling commuter town west of Dublin. Backed by both the

Rotimi Adebari, a party and left-wing Sinn person Fein, Adebari is the first black man elected mayor in Ireland.

> Adebari, 43, ran unopposed for the seat. He called his election a great honor.

Little more than a right-wing Fine Gael decade ago, a black

risked being gawked at because they were so rare. But Ireland has absorbed more than 30,000 asylum seekers, particularly from Africa's most populous nation, Nigeria.

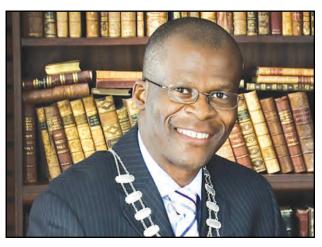


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