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Jamar Hardiman elected Illustrious Potentate for Mecca Temple 43



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9452 Jamar Hardiman, Illustrious Potentate, sitting center, is surrounded by the Nobles of Mecca Temple 43 on the night of his election.

By Journal Staff Writer

Yearly, on the second Sunday of December, the Nobles of Mecca Temple 43, 1343 Avondale, elect the best amongst them, to serve as the Illustrious Potentate. Jamar Hardiman was elected to serve in that position on Sunday, December 8.

"It's truly an honor to serve as

the Illustrious Potentate, amongst men who do so much for the community," he told The Toledo Journal.

"What attracted me to Mecca Temple 43 were all the charitable contributions they do for the society," he said.

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Activists want local business closed because 'N word' usage

BY JURRY TAALIB-DEEN
Journal Staff Writer

During the evening of November 26, 2019, Alisha, who asked not to have her last name published, told The Toledo Journal, she entered the Sunoco Gas Station, on the corner of Bancroft and Ashland, to purchase several items. When the clerk rang up her total bill, it was much more than she expected.

"I asked him, 'Why is the bill so expensive?' He then called me an ignorant 'N word' b. I didn't respond to what he said, and asked him again, why the bill was so high. And again, he called me an ignorant 'N word.' I still said nothing, and again, asked him why it was so much. It was at that time he called me out my name again, and told me to get the 'F' out of his store," Alisha said. "If I was a male, he wouldn't have talked to me like that," she said.

Although the store was



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Community activists say the only way the problem can be resolved is if the business shuts down.

filled with people, only one person defended her.

Local activist, Sir Maejor Page, and about a half dozen people, were protesting outside of the business on Saturday, December 7. "We

want this business shut down," he said. "I've had numerous people come to me and complain about them overcharging customers, rigging the pumps to which, several cents are already added, before

you start pumping and others reported racial slurs. So their business practices not only affect African American people, but all people who visit it," he said.

Sam Patael, owner of the store, tells a some-

what, different story. He said when Alisha entered the store that night, she was angry about something. "She came in cussing throughout the store, and began

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cursing at one of the female employees,” who he didn’t want to name.

“She began calling the female employee, ‘Bs.’ Her son, who I don’t want to name, was witnessing the entire exchange. He became upset, and called Alisha the ‘N word.’ He was instantly filled with remorse, and tried to apologize to Alisha, but she refused to hear anything from him, and left the store,” Mr. Patael said.

Mr. Patael said the employee is still with the company, but is not working at the moment. He said that particular employee will face further actions.

“We’re not racist. The comment was said in the heat of the moment,” he said.

Both Mr. Patael, and Mr. Page, said they will have upcoming meetings, but not with one another, on how the situation can best be resolved.

Zaneta Williams details night she was stabbed 12 times, almost set on fire

BY JURRY TAALIB-DEEN
Journal Staff Writer

On the evening of November 4, at the Cedar Ridge Apts., located in West Toledo, Charles Powell Sr. had just returned to his apartment that he shared with his fiancé, and friend of 27 years, Zaneta Williams. He entered into their bedroom, and without warning, explanation, or provocation, Ms. Williams told The Toledo Journal, he began dousing her with fuel from a hand held propane tank. In shock, she repeatedly asked him why he was doing it; Mr. Powell didn’t respond. He then tried to lite the tank, to set her on fire, but it wouldn’t lite, Ms. Williams said.

She then said, when Mr. Powell couldn’t lite the tank, he began hitting her in the head with the handle of the tank. Ms. Williams said she had been trying to flee from him, but he was holding her arm extremely tight, that would later be broken.

Ms. Williams said when she managed to escape her bedroom, trying to leave the apartment, and as she made her way into the living room, she noticed Mr. Powell had covered the entire living room

with propane fuel, as if he was going to set the apartment on fire.

By this time, her daughter, Ariyanna Lewis, 21, who was in the bathroom bathing, had exited the bathroom to come to her mom’s defense. With Mr. Powell being physically larger, he was able to ward off the help Ms. Lewis tried to provide to her mom, with multiple blows to her person.

It was at that time Mr. Powell began using a large hunting knife to continue his attack on Ms. Williams. Once in the upper breast, once in her back, once in her lower left lung, once in the groin area, then seven times in the abdomen, which would cause her intestines to hang out of her body, would be the method he utilized to continue his onslaught.

The attack started in their apartment, but would ultimately continue down a flight of stairs, and into the parking lot where Ms. Williams was attempting to head to her vehicle to escape the attack.

“I noticed the hood to my van was up, and wires pulled out, as if he wanted to make sure I couldn’t get away from him,” she said.

The noise from the at-



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Not wanting to show her face, Zaneta Williams shows her abdomen area, in which her intestines were hanging out, and her arm which was crushed by Mr. Powell.

tack had caused neighbors to call the police. Ms. Williams had fallen to the ground, and her daughter was with her screaming for help, and telling Mr. Powell to stay away.

When the police arrived, Ms. Williams was till conscious, and could see Mr. Powell swinging a sword as the police approached. She said she could hear police telling him to drop his weapon, which ultimately, he did.

From November 4-18, Ms. Williams was hospitalized, and in a medically induced coma. Three sur-

geries on her abdomen, three reconstructive surgeries on her arm, which Mr. Powell had crushed, reconstructive surgery in her groin region, surgery for her collapsed lung, and crushed fingers, all in a two week time.

From November 18-24, she was in a nursing home rehabbing.

“My family and medical personnel told me they were surprised I survived; no one thought I would make it,” Ms. Williams said.

Although she knew her former fiancée had two

prior domestic violence convictions, it wasn’t until after the attack that she would find out in detail about those convictions.

Ms. Williams also said that, during their one year engagement, Mr. Powell never physically attacked her.

But as she reflects, she said her advice to any woman would be, “Look for warning signs. My warning signs were the fact he had prior domestic violence convictions, and he was too clingy. He also wanted me to install a GPS app in which he could track my movements. At first, I agreed, but then said no.”

“If your prospective mate has prior domestic violence convictions, or a history of domestic violence, no matter how long ago, and if they began to behave strangely, like to possessive, or too clingy, or want you to do something out of the ordinary, those are red flags, and you should stay away from him,” Ms. Williams said.

Charles Powell Sr. is in the Lucas County Jail awaiting trial. He’s charged with attempted murder on Ms. Williams, and felonious assault on Ms. Lewis.

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Jamar Hardiman, left, the newly elected Illustrious Potentate of Mecca Temple 43, proudly displays the association’s flag, with a little help from Shawn Phelps, past Potentate.

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benevolent association does for the community include, hosting their annual Potentate Ball, in which they presented scholarships to graduating high school seniors, distributing baskets during Thanksgiving, and Christmas, donating bikes to area children during their annual Summer Shrine Day, sponsoring a back to school drive in which they give away book bags, school supplies, and they’ve adopted Martin Luther King Academy for Boys as the school in which they sponsor free haircuts, donate clothing items, and serve as mentors.

“My duties, as the new elected Potentate, is to lead, and it’s an honor to guide men who do so much for the community,” Mr. Hardiman said.

Following the election, members of the association, as well as those in the community, celebrated his election.

Ongoing Events

The 2020 elections are fast approaching. There will be new faces and issues on the ballot. If you are interested in participating in local politics or political activities and the 2020 elections, please attend an informational community event on Saturday, December 14th, 2019, at Toledo Lucas County Mott Branch Library, in conference room B. Mott Branch Library is located at 1010 Dorr Street, Toledo, Ohio. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. Councilman Tyrone Riley.

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
Free Meal
Soup kitchen now open at 901 Hoag. Hours: 1:00-2:00 pm 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.

Auditions for the Toledo Repertoire Theatre's
Production of "A Raisin in the Sun"
By Lorraine Hansberry. Directed by Irina Zaurov. Looking for strong African American Actors! December 19 and 21 from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Rep. Show will take place from February 28-March 8, 2020. 8 Male roles from ages 20ish-50 years old, and one boy 10-12 years (not tall), 4 female roles from 20 ish-65 years old.

Now Thru Dec. 21st
Every Friday and Saturday
Ritter Planetarium showing holiday **programs on full dome for kids**
The University of Toledo Ritter Planetarium is showing "The Alien Who Stole Christmas" and "Santa's Secret Star" in full dome for children throughout the holiday season. "The Alien Who Stole Christmas" is featured 7:30 p.m. on Fridays through Dec. 20. "Santa's Secret Star" is featured 1 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 21. "These are amusing, entertaining and educational programs for children and Santa fans of all ages. Admission to the programs is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children, senior citizens and UToledo community members. All children younger than four are FREE. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the show.

Now Thru Dec. 31st
The Toledo Zoo
Lights Before Christmas
Sun - Thurs 3 - 8pm, Fri - Sat 3 - 9 pm. p.m. in the Gardens. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Now open for Lights from 3 - 8pm, park will close at 9pm. New Yer's Eve, open all day from 10 am - 8pm. Lights on at 3 p.m., park closing at 9 p.m. With over one million lights, the award-winning Big Tree and 200 + illuminated animal images spread out across the electrical spectacle is sure to be both merry AND bright! Ticket Prices: Member: Mon - Thu: Unlimited Visits, Fri - Sun: 1 FREE Weekend Visit. Non-Member: Adults - \$20, Kids (2-11) & Senirs (60+) - \$17.

Dec. 12th
Alzheimer's Association to Hold 2-Part Educational Series for Caregivers
Living with Alzheimer's: Late Stage
The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter will hold a 2-part educational series for caregivers titled Living with Alzheimer's: Late Stage for families and community members impacted by the disease. The series will be held Thursday December 12 from 3pm - 4:30pm. at Park Terrace Nursing and Rehab, 2735 Darlington Rd. in Toledo. Please register online at alz.org/CRF or call 1-800-272-3900.

Dec. 12th, 19th, & 26th
Toledo Zoo

\$20 ALL SUPPLIES INCLUDED
Vision Board Party
Women Entrepreneurs with a Purpose
Sunday, December 15, 2019
Time 1pm - 3pm & 4pm - 6pm
Valley Bridge
5351 Nebraska Toledo, OH 43615
Light refreshments & Guest Speaker
For more information please contact:
Alethea Easterly 419-810-1747, or Camille Harris 419-450-3805
See It, Believe It, Do It

Ice Carvings at Lights
Watch ice master pieces take shape right before your eyes in the Zoo's Main Plaza beginning at 6 p.m., 2 Hippo Way, Toledo, Ohio 43609

Dec. 14th
Sanger Branch Library
Sounds of the Season
Saturday, 11:00 am - 11:45 am. Sanger Meeting Room A & B, 3030 Central Ave., Toledo, OH 43606. Get into the holiday spirit at this fun filled event featuring the Lake High School Jet Set Show Choir. Age Group: All Ages. Information: 419-259-5370.

Dec 14th, 20th, and 21st
Toledo Zoo
LBC Overnights
Enjoy the Zoo for Lights - then spend the night! This overnight experience features up-close enounters with animals, special talks by Zoo staff, evening cookies and hot cocoa and a continental breakfast. For more information, please visit toledozoo.org/snooze.
Location: 2 Hippo Way, Toledo, Ohio 43609.

Dec. 14th, 20th, and 21st
Mystery of the Christmas Star returns to Lourdes University
The Star of Bethlehem is part of every telling of the Christmas story. What was this Star and what was so remarkable that the wise men undertook the long journey across the desert from Babylon to Bethlehem? What sign did they see that made them expect the birth of a king? Journey back 2000 years to Bethlehem and discover a scientific explanation for the star the wise men followed to find the baby Jesus. Admission prices for The Mystery of the Christmas Star are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. the family-friendly shows are offered at 7:30 p.m. on the above dates. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to purchase tickets contact Dr. Laura Megeath, Appold Planetarium Coordinator, at planetarium@lourdes.edu or call 419-517-8897.

Dec. 15th
2019 City of Toledo
Holiday Tree Lighting Event
The 2019 City of Toledo Holiday Tree Lighting Event will be 3-7 p.m. Sunday, at the Ottawa Park Ice Rink. The event is free and open to the public. The activities include:
Free Open Skate, 3-7 p.m.
Ice Carving Demonstration, 3-5 p.m.
Food Trucks, 3-7 p.m.
Horse Carriage Rides, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Tree Lighting, 6:05 p.m.
More information can be found at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/501554320444371/>
The city of Toledo supports the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you would like to request a reasonable accommodation, please conact Joahn Easler, ADA coordinator, at 419-245-1059.

Dec. 15th
The Toledo Interfaith Mass Choir
Praise Gathering
"Pastors in Praise"
Sunday, @ 6:30 p.m. Greater St. Mary's Baptist Church, 416 Belmont Avenue, Toledo, OH 43604. Rev. Robert W. Lyons, Sr., Pastor. You will miss a spiritual treat by The Choir, Guest and Pastors as soloists. For more information you may call 419-241-7332, or 419-241-3330.

Dec. 20th Thru Dec. 21st
SquadGoals Presents:

CONGRATULATIONS
LA'NIYA MOORE



La"Niya Moore grand-daughter of Cassandra L. Moore will be in this year's production of "The Nutcracker" at the Stranahan Theater, presented by Toledo Ballet on Friday, December 13, 2019 at 11:00 a.m., and Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., as a Little Mouse and Baby Angel.

She is: THE WIZ
Friday, Decemeber 20th 6-8pm, and Saturday, December 21st 6-8pm, at the Collingwood Arts Center, 2413 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo, OH. Tickets available on eventbrite \$5 for kids, \$10 for adults. Information contact Anique Davis 419-705-9558.

Dec. 21st
Kent Branch Library
Family Movie Time
Saturday, 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm., Kent Meeting Room A, 3101 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, OH 43610. How the Grinch Stole Christmas (26 minutes), TV-G. Age Group: All ages. Information: 419-259-5200.

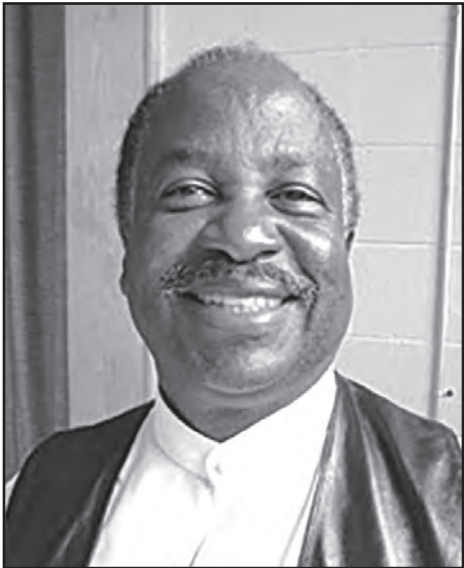
Dec 24th & 25th
Toledo Zoo Holiday Hours
Lights Open 3 - 8p.m. on Christmas Eve., Admission gates open 3 - 8 p.m. Park will close at 9 p.m. Lights Open 3 - 8 p.m. on Christmas Day, Admission gates open 3 - 8 p.m. Park will close at 9 p.m., 2 Hippo Way, Toledo, Ohio 43609.

Dec. 26th Thru Dec. 29th
Toledo Kwanzaa House
Presents 2019 Kwanzaa Celebration
Location: Martin Luther King Jr. Academy for Boys, 1300 Forest Ave. 43607. December 26th, Umoja - Unity Mrs. Diane Gordon Kujichagulia/Self Determination Mr. Donald Lynn.
Performers: Dec 26 - Serenity Gordon, Pride United Drill Team, Drums of Thunder.
December 27th Ujima - Collective Work & Responsibility , Mr. Steve Easton, Ujamaa/Cooperative Economics Rev. Kenneth Peterson.
Performers: Dec. 27 - Tayah Dance Studio, Mary Mitcham
December 28th Nia - Purpose Mr. Keith Jordan, Kuuma/Creativity Mr. Willie ward & MLK Jr. Academy for Boys
December 29th - Review of the 6 Principles, Imani - Faith - El' Alizar
Pre-Kwanzaa Programs - 5:00 p.m.
Open Market/Vendors
Presentations: African Quilts - alice Grace, The Legacy Foundation - Robert Smith, Toledo Collard Green Festival - Joyce Stubblefeild, Sickle Cell - L Scott, African Head
Wrapping demonstrations - Jeanette Martin

Dec. 31st
Toledo Zoo
Noon Year's Eve
Ring in the new year at the stroke of ...NOON! Kids and families start the New Year a little early by committing to a reZOOlution and gathering for a celebration in the Main Plaza, complete with an apple juice toast and singing of "Auld Lang Syne." Event runs 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., 2 Hippo Way, Toledo, Ohio 43609.

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Poison Ivy For White Politicos:



By Lafe Tolliver,
Attorney

Unknown to a lot of people, I have written a secret memo regarding the perils that white politicians face when they attempt to ingratiate themselves with the powerful black voter bloc.

I have kept this expensive booklet a secret because it exposes a lot of information that, in the wrong hands could cause a lot of adverse backlash to the recipients of this valuable guide of how to win a skeptical black voter.

However, in the interest of fairness to white politicians who may be clueless as to how to develop a rapport with a person of color and winning their vote, I decided to publish this truncated version of my secret memo originally entitled:

How To Influence The Black Voter.

I am proud to say that the feedback that I have received from novice white politicians has been hugely favorable; and they have indicated that but for my secret memo, they would be at wit's end to even know how to approach the black voter.

So, with some hesitation, I have released the below talking points in the interest of full disclosure on all things political. Maybe with these "talking points" white politicians will not appear as a clueless zebra in a herd of hungry lions!

ONE: When you enter a room full of black folks, don't walk in with a nervous grin on your face as if you are about to be mugged. Smile but don't grin! Showing off your latest dental work does not successfully work a room!

TWO: When you appear at black events, you need to have someone in



your entourage who is black and who is not just carrying your briefcase. If you appear with an all-white cast, you are stating the obvious which is you are without a modicum of intelligence as to the visual optics of needing to hire people of color to be around you and thoroughly engaged in your campaign.

THREE: Whatever you do, don't try to mimic any phony solidarity by attempting a "brutha" handshake! Be natural and give the standard European two pump handshake. It is what you are used to giving so stick with it.

FOUR: Regardless of how tempting it maybe, do not try to use colloquial statements about black people that some black people use. For example, don't say, "I'm down wid it!" Not good...not good at all. Stay in your lane and speak like you were speaking at that stuffy downtown white Rotary Club.

FIVE: If you were born with both a silver spoon and gold spoon in your mouth, don't manufacture some tear sobbing story from your past that you think will get you immediate street cred.

It won't. You can not create a past that you did not live in.

SIX: If dancing music comes on, please do not believe that you must, "move with the music!" Politely, take a pass and enjoy others enjoying the moment. If prodded to do so, simply tell the host that you have two left feet and laugh at yourself.

SEVEN: In the event that some rowdies want to take your space on the stage, resist that hustle by standing firm and make direct eye contact with the ruffians that says, "That ain't happening on my watch!"

EIGHT: When making campaign promises, do not make a blood pledge for or against reparations. Unless you have studied the issue, in depth, your best line is to say, "Fairness was not done to the former slaves and I will appoint a commission to make recommendations."

NINE: If a meal is served, eat whatever is placed before you, yes, even if it is chitlin's, cornbread and greasy fatback! A hearty taste is all that is required, or you will come across as a food snob.

TEN: If you are asked to comment upon any black historical figures such as Frederick Douglass or Malcolm X or Fannie Lou Hamer and you are without a clue, say so and how you need to bone up on Amer-

ican History. Whatever you do, don't under any circumstances confuse Thurgood Marshall with Clarence Thomas!

That alone could cost you the election.

ELEVEN: If you are a gay candidate, never, never, ever try to equalize your sexual preference with the oppression and degradation of slavery, Jim Crow or present-day American segregation that black Americans still suffer under.

TWELVE: For some initial primary reading material, start off with: Why We Can't Wait, The Autobiography of Malcolm X, The New Jim Crow, The Fire The Next Time, Stony Road, The Mis Education of the Negro, A Lesson Before Dying, Stamped From The Beginning and the Condemnation of Blackness.

There you have it! There are more tips, but the above primer will get you headed in the right direction.

And remember to keep this following tip on the front of your brain: Under no circumstance or in any situation and no matter how provoked you could become, never ever utter the words, "You People!" Best way yet to lose your audience.

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Bloomberg's Apology - Sorry Doesn't Always Make it Right

By Julianne Malveaux
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Billionaire Mike Bloomberg entered the already-crowded Democratic presidential primary with a splash. His ad buy of about \$35 million represents more than half

of what the other dozen or so candidates have spent on the campaign so far. His \$54.6 billion net worth (according to Forbes) means he has deep pockets and virtually unlimited funds to spend on a campaign. Some think that he can beat Trump in an election since Bloomberg is far wealthier than him. In addition to his wealth, he's white and male. Facetiously speaking, what's not to like?

Except. In his 12-year tenure as Mayor of New York City, Bloomberg was an ardent proponent of "stop and frisk," the policing policy that allows officers to stop virtually anyone without a warrant if they seemed "suspicious". At its peak, more than 650,000 were detained in a single year. Nearly six million New Yorkers were "stopped

and frisked" between 2003 and 2015. The overwhelming majority of those who were stopped -- 90 percent -- were African American or Latino. In about 85 percent of the cases, there were no fines or convictions.

Civil rights organizations and many others vehemently opposed "stop and frisk." Hundreds thronged to Bloomberg's Upper East Side home to protest the policy. But the then-Mayor was adamant that "stop and frisk" was justified, and explained that more Black and Brown people were being stopped because more of them were committing crimes. But the era of "stop and frisk" was an era where any Black or Brown person, regardless of their appearance or status could be stopped.

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Oldest Black-Owned Bookstore in the Country Founded 60 Years Ago is Still Thriving



Black News

Marcus Books, based in Oakland, California, is known as the nation's oldest Black-owned bookstore. Founded by the Richardson family in the 1960s, the establishment is still going strong and is still very relevant in the publishing world, allowing Black history and creativity to be recognized and preserved.

Dr. Julian Richardson and his wife Dr. Raye Richardson established what was initially called Success Book Store in San Francisco's Fillmore district inside their printing shop. It was eventually named Marcus Books in honor of the political leader and publisher, Marcus Garvey.

Their children now manage the family-owned bookstore. Karen Johnson, their daughter, said his father has always wanted to open a bookstore "for and by Black people." And even though some of their bookstore locations were closed due to rising rents, they are proud that the Oakland location is still thriving.

Some of their loyal patrons include educators who are finding books that are usually not available

in larger publishers as well as new authors who are interested in having their books on the shelves of Marcus Books.

"I used to go there when it was in the Fillmore," Maureen Sullivan, a teacher-librarian told Fox KTVU. "It's an institution. It's too bad that it's no longer in San Francisco and there's hope that will happen again. I'm really glad that Marcus Books still thrives in Oakland."

"I've known about this place since college," said new author Daud Jodi. "For me it was a natural thing, a natural progression, to come here first because if I can get my book in Marcus Bookstore then I've accomplished something in my life."

Within its nearly 60 years in the business, Marcus Books has also been graced with the presence of several authors, celebrities, and speakers such as Muhammad Ali, Patti LaBelle, Barry White, B.B. King, and Rosa Parks. It also hosted a number of organizations including the Association of Black Policemen, the Black Firefighters Association, the Black Nurses Association, among others.

Learn more about Marcus Books, visit <http://marcusbooksoakland.com>



Meet Maggie Lena Walker, the First African American Woman to Own a Bank

Submitted

In 1903, Maggie Lena Walker founded St. Luke Penny Savings Bank in Richmond, Virginia making her the first African American woman to charter a bank in the United States. Her bank not only focused on adult clientele, but also marketed to children and encouraged them to save their money.

From the beginning Walker was born on July 15, 1864 in Richmond to parents who were slaves. During her early years, her father died and she had to help her mother financially by working.

In 1902, however, she had become a journalist and began writing for the The St. Luke Herald where she encouraged African Americans in Richmond to harness their economic power

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by establishing their own institutions. She focused her efforts on accounting and math, and as a result, she established her first business which was a community insurance company for women.

Just one year later, she had established her own bank, and in 1924, St. Luke Penny Savings Bank began attracting customers from other parts of Virginia. During the Great Depression

when other banks collapsed, her banks managed to stay afloat.

More than just a business woman Walker was very active in civil rights organizations like the National Association of Colored Women (NACW) and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), where served as the Vice President of the Richmond chapter.

As for the fight for rights, she fought arduously for women's rights as well and served as a board member for the Virginia Industrial School for Girls.

Sadly, she died on December 15, 1934 due to diabetes complications, but her bank eventually consolidated with two other large bank and moved to downtown Richmond. It is still in operation today!

Bloomberg's Apology - Sorry Doesn't Always Make it Right

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A few of those who should not have been stopped sued. Many protested. Some considered 'stop and frisk' the byproduct of racism and racial profiling and chose not to take the legal route. The era of stop and frisk exacerbated tensions between "law enforcement" officers and the Black community. And until recently, Mayor Bloomberg stood by his stop and frisk policy.

Then a week before his entry into the contest for President, Bloomberg "apologized" for the stop and frisk policy, speaking at an African American megachurch in Brooklyn, New York. His very cynical use of the Black church, along with the timing of the so-called apology, is highly suspect. And the decade-too late apology, offered with no remedy, is meaningless.

The very wealthy Mr. Bloomberg could accompany his apology with a sizeable donation to criminal justice reform. He

could break off a few million and donate it to the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, the LatinoJustice PRLDEF, the American Civil Liberty Union, or any of the other organizations fighting for criminal justice reform. An apology, without an offer to redress the wrong, is meaningless. A simple apology, especially after all the harm that was done, is as sorry as the words "I'm sorry." Sorry doesn't always make it right.

The apology seems to have been made to aid the Bloomberg presidential campaign, but most people won't be fooled. Despite his money, Bloomberg is a late entry into the race. His wealth is the only thing that makes him stand out, but not by much, since there is another wealthy white man – Tom Steyer – in the race. Some say it takes a big person to acknowledge their wrong, but Bloomberg left office in 2013. He's had at least six years to apologize.

In the years since Bloomberg left

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Trigger-happy cops have killed too many Black and Brown folks. Do the names Tamir Rice, Philando Castille, or Michael Brown mean anything? If Mayor Bloomberg were sorry, he could talk about the flaws in our criminal justice system.
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office, tensions between Black and Brown citizens and police officers have risen. Trigger-happy cops have killed too many Black and Brown folks. Do the names Tamir Rice, Philando Castille, or Michael Brown mean any-

thing? If Mayor Bloomberg were sorry, he could talk about the flaws in our criminal justice system. Instead, he has offered a half-baked apology without acknowledging or attempting to remedy, the impact his unjust policies had on Black and Brown lives.

The current President is proof positive that money, integrity, and sagacity are not positively correlated. Bloomberg's tepid apology may be further evidence that the wealthy don't think the rules apply them. Mike Bloomberg clearly has money to burn, but it would be great if he burned it for criminal justice reform than for an ill-fated, vane, presidential campaign.

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W.O.W. to Host 'Ice & Onyx' Black Tie New Year's Eve Gala



The members of W.O.W. From left to right: Sharlene Roberts, Dana Cumberland-Hueston, Arvita McMickens, Marsha Hill, Brenda McKitric Jackson, Fionne Wright, Bonita Brazzel Craig, Jacqueline Brooks, and Beverly Barnhill.

*By Leah Williams
Wire Writer*

W.O.W. – Women of Worth, Wellness, Worship, and Wisdom will host a black tie New Year's Eve Gala on December 31, 2019 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel featuring KGB and DJ Keith Success.

The black tie affair is the undertaking of W.O.W., a tight knit group of dynamic wom-

en that was initially a small familial gathering on Monday evenings. Member Beverly Barnhill said that what started as a way for her family to stay connected turned into a sisterhood of family and friends that have supported one another through life's triumphs and tragedies.

When Ms. Barnhill's late sister Gwen Roberts passed away from breast cancer, she said it was the other women who had joined their family gathering that embraced and supported her.

"I had just become a part of a community of women, and when [Gwen] died, they just kind of swooped me up, and we became really good friends. And I just started inviting other people into that Monday night activity that we began as a family, and those that came and stayed became W.O.W.," Ms. Barnhill said.

Now the group of retired and working professional women describe themselves as a "community-minded social group" that supports each other and other women's events with a focus on faith and wellness activities. Last year they held a 'Christmas Party with a Purpose' that helped support a family of seven for the holiday.

Ms. Barnhill said the idea for this year's 'Ice

& Onyx' New Year's Eve Gala was born out of conversation within the group about how long it had been since many of the ladies attended a formal New Year's party. After that conversation, planning for the black tie event began. In addition to the evening's musical entertainment, guests at the gala will be served a buffet dinner and champagne toast. Vendors will be on-site as well as a cash bar and 50/50 raffle.

For tickets and additional information, Ms. Barnhill said that interested parties can contact Bonita at (419) 250-1391, or Sharlene at (419) 283-6003. Tickets can also be purchased at Tommie's Sports Bar & Grille, Jack's Mens Wear, Henry's Jewelry, Powell's Barber and Beauty Supplies, Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union, and Divine Printing.

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"The addition of Mark and Lukas to our team speaks to the momentum and growth of the First Federal Bank Wealth Management division," said David Kondas, Senior Vice President, Director of Wealth Management. "We are excited to continue Mark and Lukas' exceptional service to the clients of SIA."

Mark Klopfenstein provides clients with tailored solutions to understand the opportunities and successes of a proactive approach to financial planning.

Mark graduated magna

cum laude from Cleary University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and is an Accredited Investment Fiduciary (AIF®). He has been actively involved in the community as a former Corporate Treasurer/Finance Chair for the Toledo Community Oncology Program (TCOP) Board of Trustees. He also served as Vice President and Finance Chair for the Northwest State Community College Foundation. Klop-

fenstein can be reached by calling 419-517-9100 or by email at mklopfenstein@first-fed.com.

Lukas Thill is responsible for finding solutions for his clients' investing, retirement, estate planning, and wealth preservation needs. He earned his bachelor's degree from Taylor University where he studied finance and economics and holds a Series 66 License. Thill can be reached by calling 419-517-9103 or by email at lthill@first-fed.com.



Mark Klopfenstein. Lukas Thill.

Donnetta Carter hosts eighth Annual Christmas Bazaar



Left to Right Terry Crosby, Jaden Anderson and Mrs. Anderson Guests



Jessica Morgan, Usborne Books.

The 8th Annual Christmas Bazaar was held on Saturday, November 30, 2019 at the Stephenson-Roberts Fellowship Hall at the Indiana Ave MB Church. This was hosted by Donnetta Carter "The Social Butterfly" There were small businesses with products and goods along with food and entertainment. This is the largest Christmas event hosted by an individual person. The guests were able to take advantage of the jewelry, handmade crafts, women's & mens apparel, candles, massages, educational books for children and much more. Some guests included

Suzette Cowell, President and founder of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union, State Rep, Paula Hicks-Hudson, Councilman, Tyrone Riley and Lisa Washington, Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). The famous Jaden Anderson, independent news reporter was able to interview the small business owners. Also, Santa & his Mrs. took complimentary photos with families. There was a large attendance despite game day Ohio State University and University of Michigan. Ms. Carter stated its is "due to her

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Nicholas' book to help kids expand on their vocabulary became an overnight success making him a bestselling author at such a young age. When he launched his book series, Kayla & Kyle: The Walking Dictionaries, he instantly received accolades from Whoopi Goldberg who honored him on her show, The View. From there young Nicholas went on to appear on the Steve Harvey Show.

The app is already a hit. The app, available for

both Android and IOS devices, has been an instant success. The feedback from kids using the app has been nothing but positive.

Being a kid himself, Nicholas understands that kids learn better when education is made fun for them.

More than just a young business man

At 8-years old, this young man is not only an entrepreneur, but he is also a philanthropist who has started a nonprofit called Books Without Borders Inc.

Nicholas travels around to different schools giving his books to students free of charge. Earlier this month, he teamed up with GivingTuesdayKids.org and adopted two elementary school classrooms, a first-grade class at Flat Rock Elementary School in Lithonia, Georgia and a first-grade class at Annistown Elementary School in Snellville, Georgia. He visited their classes and inspired the students, and even donated 53 copies of his book.

What's next?
One of Nicholas' goals in

the near future is to have his books sold in one of the big box stores like Walmart or Target. His mother feels that if they partner with one of these companies, they would then have the support to create several products around the book's characters.

Nicholas would also like to collaborate with a publishing company because he feels this would help his book series reach a broader audience. Last but not least, the young mogul would like to work with an animation studio and one day turn his characters into an animated cartoon series.

To support Nicholas in adopting more classrooms, visit his website or contact his company directly. All donations to Nicholas' nonprofit organization are tax-deductible.

His book can be purchased on Amazon, and autographed copies can be purchased directly through Nicholas' website at www.MotherHubbard.us

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British Museum - the World's Largest Receiver of Stolen Goods, Says Book Author

(TriceEdney-Wire.com/GIN) – An outspoken human rights lawyer in a new book is calling for European and US institutions to return treasures taken from subjugated peoples by “conquerors or colonial masters.”

In the new book by Geoffrey Robertson, the British Museum is accused of exhibiting “pilfered cultural property” and urged to ‘wash its hands of blood and return Elgin’s loot’.

“The trustees of the British Museum have become the world’s largest receivers of stolen property, and the great majority of their loot is not even on public display,” Robertson charges.

His views appear in the book, “Who Owns History? Elgin’s Loot and the Case for Returning Plundered

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Healthcare for All: An Oxymoron?



By Glenn Ellis
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" - The Declaration of Independence

Ask anyone what the one topic that seems to be on the lips of all the Democratic Presidential Candidates, and they will answer: Healthcare for All.

But few of us have really stopped to think about who All is referring to. And how are we defining Healthcare?

Sadly, the focus of the advocates of Medicare for All, is centered on health insurance. But we clearly must take a look at some of the deeper issues. Even having some type of insurance is no guarantee of health status. There are differences in the healthcare provided, and the health status between those with Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance, and those uninsured. I think we all know better to think that any of the proposals by the candidates is suggesting that Healthcare for All will mean that everyone will receive the same care. It ain't gonna happen!

Somehow, the most disadvantaged within the healthcare and medical system in this country have allowed this conversation to take place at "30,000", forgetting about the barriers, obstacles, and bias that impact those on the "ground".

Who are these folks on the "ground"? Children; seniors; the homeless; and of course, people of color – particularly African-Americans.

There are mounds and mounds of research and studies that have conclusively documented that the disenfranchised parts of our society are left behind, if not forgotten.

Here are a few facts that you may need to be reminded of:

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, "Significant child health disparities exist by race, ethnicity, and immigrant status. Across a range of health conditions including infant mortality, obesity, and asthma; children of racial and ethnic minority backgrounds fare worse than their majority peers."

Children living in poverty are more likely to have risk factors such as obesity and elevated blood lead levels, affecting their future health prospects.

Older adults face their own set of disadvantages, including decreased cognitive and physical capabilities, entering into a period of fixed income or having to work at an older age, and experiencing the onset of many diseases that generally come later in life. The unmet needs of prescription drugs for the elderly, coupled with the lack of good access to homecare and nutritious food is a shameful disgrace. Health disparities are affecting black and brown elders and will worsen as this population grows in the coming years.

Somehow, we must not forget to mention the 800-pound gorilla in the room. The thing that is central in all of these subpopulations, even more than race: Poverty.

Health disparities are directly associated with higher levels of poverty. The state of insecurity that poverty creates has been demonstrated to cause more mental distress than war, leading to higher blood pressure, increased levels of stress, and drastically higher levels of depression. Mental distress brought on by financial strain can then be passed on to children, leading to poorer health and education outcomes that occur even if an individual's financial state later improves. The experience of poverty at any stage of life may impact individuals' health as they age. It is estimated 14.6 percent of older adults are currently living in poverty. Being raised in poverty puts children at risk for a wide range of problems, including impaired cognitive, social, and emotional functioning, as well as poorer health. Child poverty is also associated with negative outcomes in adulthood.

Blacks and Hispanics often get less effective health care than whites. They often get more unnecessary and economically inefficient care. It holds true from the cradle to the grave. Even at the end-of-life, while 5 percent of white Medicare patients with dementia received a feeding tube, 17 percent of blacks and 13 percent of Latinos did.

For the first time in our history, the United States is raising a generation of children who may live sicker and shorter lives than their parents. It doesn't stop there.

As reported in Time, "Researchers from the New York University School of Medicine recently used data from NYU Langone Health's City Health Dashboard to find that 56 of the U.S.' 500 largest cities are home to people who can expect to live at least 20 fewer years than those in other neighborhoods, even if they're just blocks or miles away".

That's right. Where you live can determine how long you live. In fact, right here in Philadelphia, you will die 20 years sooner if you live in parts of North Philadelphia, than you would if you lived in Rittenhouse Square (location of the infamous Starbucks incident).

If we are to make it possible for everyone to enjoy "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" as promised in our nation's founding documents, then we must take an honest and objective look where we are falling short, and demand that the words in the Declaration of Independence ring true: That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, - That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

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Ask Rusty

Using a Restricted Application to Maximize Benefits

Dear Rusty: I was born on 1/14/1953, and my wife was born on 6/27/1954. I will have the largest Social Security benefit by 2 or 3 to one. She has been retired for a year or so, but I am working part time. We planned on not taking our SS until 70, since my IRA and Social Security will cover us until 90plus. I want to maximize my SS benefit in case we live past then. I have read about a restricted application and file and suspend, but I get conflicting information on who must be born before 1/2/54. Is there anything we can do besides wait to 70 to maximize our benefits? Signed: Wanting to Maximize



Dear Wanting: How you, as a married couple, should plan your Social Security depends largely upon whether your wife will be eligible for a spousal benefit from you and, if so, how much her spousal benefit will be. Your wife will get a spousal benefit from you if her own benefit amount at her full retirement age (66) is less than half of your benefit amount at

your full retirement age (66). The difference between those two amounts will be added to your wife's own benefit (from her own work record) to become her spousal benefit. At her full retirement age (FRA) she would get 50% of the amount you were eligible for at your FRA, which you reached in January 2019. If your wife's benefit at age 70 will be more than her spousal benefit will be, then it would be prudent for her to delay claiming until age 70 when her benefit will be 32% more than it would be when she turns 66. However, if her spousal benefit will be more, it could make

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Barbara Hillary, the first black woman to reach the North Pole, has died

By BlackmansStreet.Today the North and South Pole, has died. She was 88.

Barbara Hillary, the first African American woman to reach both the North and South Pole, then 75, reached the North Pole on April 23, 2007, after

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skiing there from a location where she had been dropped off by a helicopter. Hillary was so excited about her accomplishment, she removed her gloves and suffered frostbite on some of her fingers, reported the Seattle Times.

The North Pole at the northern end of Earth's axis, lies in the Arctic Ocean, about 450 miles north of Greenland. This geographic North Pole does not coincide with the magnetic North Pole—to which magnetic compasses point.

Matthew Henson, whose life had been chronicled in the book "Dark Companion: The Story of Matthew Henson," was the first person and the first black man to reach the North Pole.

Matthew Henson, a black man, was the first person to reach the North Pole



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Barbara Hillary. She has a famous last name. Edmund Hillary was the first man to climb Mount Everest.

learned and mastered intuit language, ended up working as a postal clerk.

The New York Times published an article about Peary reaching the North Pole but never mentioned Henson. On April 6, 1954. President Dwight Eisenhower honored Henson during a ceremony at the White House.

In 1996, the U.S. Navy commissioned USNS Henson, a pathfinder/survey ship named in his honor.

At the age of 79, Barbara Hillary reached the South Pole.

Hillary, whose last name briefly reminded me of Edmund Hillary, the New Zealand mountaineer who was the first man to climb



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Matthew Henson, a black man, was the first person to reach the North Pole.

Mount Everest, the world's tallest mountain, became interested in exploring after surviving lung cancer.

Previously, she had worked 55 years as a nurse. She also drove a cab. After retiring, she went dogsledding in Quebec, Canada and photographed polar bears, a very dangerous animal.

When Barbara Hillary learned no black woman had reached the North Pole, she decided to try, raising the \$25,000 mostly through donations to make the trip.

Born June 12, 1931 in Manhattan, N.Y. , she earned both her bachelors and masters degrees in gerontology from the New School in New York before becoming a nurse.

Hillary died Saturday, November 23, at a hospital in Far Rockaway, Queens. Hillary is now known as both an explorer and a nurse.

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Ebenezer Baptist Church has 25th Pastoral Appreciation Service for Elder Jimmie L. Jordan Jr.

By Evang Debra Everett

Ebenezer Baptist Church concluded their 25th Pastoral Appreciation Service celebrating Elder Jimmie L. Jordan Jr. on December 1, 2019. The theme was "All for the Glory of God".

Pastor Jordan has served Ebenezer Baptist Church as a labor of love and a work of faith. Elder Jordan also founded the J.L.J.

Vision Outreach, and the iNeed-to- Feed Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Elder Jordan was processioned into the sanctuary by his brother and sister-in-law, Elder Johnnie & Mrs. Brenda Jordan Sr., of Friendship Baptist Church; the church's Mother's Board, and Pastor's Aid, while Minister Michael Bailey and Pastor Frank Sherman rendered special

musical selections.

The Master of Ceremony, Bro. Larry Jones, of Indiana Baptist gave his first-hand account of Pastor Jordan's service of thirteen years as pastor of Jordan Temple Church at 234 W. Delaware Avenue. When Pastor's Jordan's father, the late, Elder Jimmie L. Jordan, Sr., former pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church became ill, he requested his son

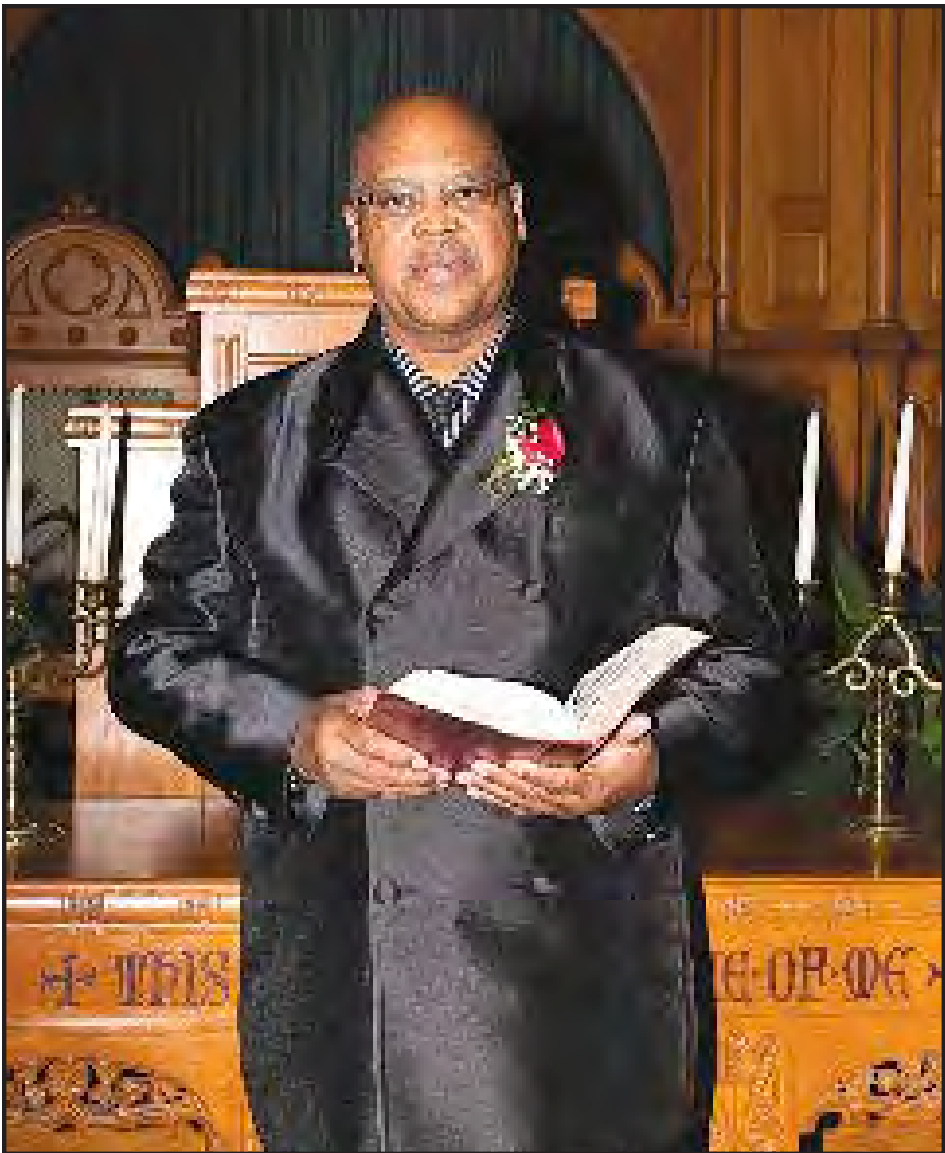


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Elder Jimmie L. Jordan, Jr.



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From the left: Elder Johnnie Jordan, Sr., Elder Jimmie L. Jordan, Jr., and Rev. Dr. John Williams pastor of Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church.



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Minister Michael Bailey, soloist, rendering song.



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Elder & Mrs. Johnnie Jordan, Sr. from left and Elder Jimmie L. Jordan, Jr.

to become the pastor. Elder Jordan Jr. took on the role as Pastor of Ebenezer at 2030 Putnam Avenue. Bro. Larry Jones continued his words of honor to Pastor Jordan's giving recognition of the 2001 Ashland Avenue sanctuary where the work continues.

The Rev. Dr. John Williams, Pastor of Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church, ministers, choir and members were the special guest. The songs of praise from the Eastern Star Choir, were uplifting and spirit-filled. Pastor Williams gave gracious words celebrating the work and labor of love and admonished the Ebenezer Church to move forward as God uses Elder Jordan to do a greater work in the coming years.

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sense for your wife to file for her own benefit first, which would allow you to file a “restricted application for spousal benefits only.” Your wife cannot file a restricted application because she was born after January 1, 1954, but you can file the restricted application because you were born before that (the “File and suspend” option which allowed your wife to collect spouse benefits while your benefits are suspended is no longer available).

Provided your current finances, as well as your health and expected longevity suggest you can delay, it would be a wise strategy for you to delay claiming until age 70 because it will provide you with the maximum possible monthly benefit and also the most in cumulative lifetime benefits if you attain at least “average” longevity (about 84). This would also give your wife the highest possible survivor benefit should you predecease her (as your widow, your wife gets 100% of the benefit you were

“How you, as a married couple, should plan your Social Security depends largely upon whether your wife will be eligible for a spousal benefit from you and, if so, how much her spousal benefit will be.”

receiving at your death). Your wife cannot collect a spousal benefit from you until you start your own benefits, but if she were to choose to claim her own Social Security retirement benefit from her own work record first (so you could file the restricted application), she would switch to her higher spousal benefit when you claim.

So, if your wife’s spousal benefit will be her highest benefit, as a couple you may wish to consider your wife filing for her own benefit to start in January (will be reduced by about 3.3%) and, at that time, you file a “restricted application for spousal benefits only” which means you will collect 50% of your wife’s (unreduced) FRA benefit amount while your own Social Security benefit continues to earn delayed retirement credits (DRCs). DRCs are given at the rate of 2/3rd of 1% per month of delay (8% per year of delay), up until age 70 when your benefit will be 24% more than it would be at age 67. Then, at age 70, when you switch from the spousal benefit from your wife to your own SS retirement benefit, your wife can file for her spousal benefit from you. If you are, indeed, fortunate enough to live well into your 80s, the above will provide you with considerably more in lifetime benefits than any other strategy you might consider.

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Treasure.”

Along with a distinguished career as a trial lawyer, human rights advocate and United Nations judge, Robertson has appeared in many celebrated trials, defending Salman Rushdie and Julian Assange, prosecuting Hastings Banda and representing Human Rights Watch in the proceedings against General Pinochet.

In his just released book, he scores the British Museum for allowing an unofficial “stolen goods tour”, “which stops at the Elgin marbles, Hoa Hakananai’a, the Benin bronzes and other pilfered cultural property”. The three items he mentioned are wanted by Greece, Easter Island and Nigeria respectively.

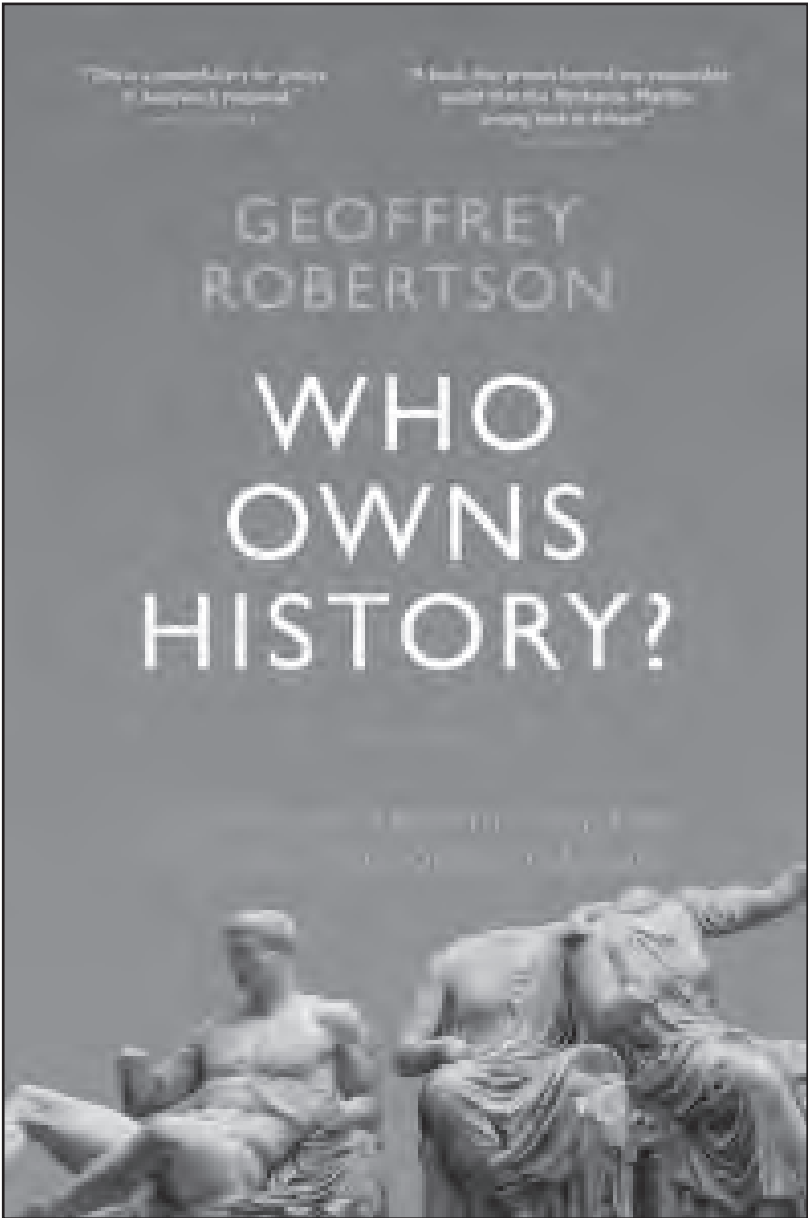
“That these rebel itineraries are allowed is a tribute to the tolerance of this great institution, which would be even greater if it washed its hands of the blood and returned Elgin’s loot,” he wrote.

He accused the museum of telling “a string of carefully-constructed lies and half-truths” about how the marbles “were ‘saved’ or ‘salvaged’ or ‘rescued’ by Lord Elgin, who came into possession of them lawfully.”

He criticized “encyclopedic museums” such as the British Museum, the Louvre in Paris and the Metropolitan in New York that “lock up the precious legacy of other lands, stolen from their people by wars of aggression, theft and duplicity”.

“This is a time for humility,” he observed, “something the British, still yearning for the era when they ruled the world do not do very well. Before it releases any of its share of other people’s cultural heritage, the British Museum could mount an exhibition – ‘The Spoils of Empire’.”

Advocating the return of cultural property based on human



rights law principles, Robertson observes that the French president, Emmanuel Macron has “galvanized the debate” by declaring that “African cultural heritage can no longer remain a prisoner of European museums”.

“Politicians may make more or less sincere apologies for the crimes of their former empires, but the only way now available to redress them is to return the spoils of the rape of Egypt and China and the destruction of African and Asian and South American societies,” he writes.

“We cannot right historical

wrongs – but we can no longer, without shame, profit from them.”

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Dec. 31st
Kent Branch Library
Noon Year's Eve Bash
Tuesday, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm., Kent Meeting Room A, 3101 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43610. Join us as we ring in the New Year! We will have games and plenty of fun, complete with a countdown to Noon. Age Group: All Ages. Information: 419-259-5200.

Jan. 18th
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PROPOSALS FOR MENTAL HEALTH

SPECIAL NOTICES

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BLACK QUOTES

Whatever is bringing you down, get rid of it. Because you'll find that when you're free...your true self comes out.
Tina Turner

Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.
Harriet Tubman

Have a vision. Be demanding.
Colin Powell

In a world filled with hate, we must still dare to hope. In a world filled with anger, we must still dare to comfort. In a world filled with despair, we must still dare to dream. And in a world filled with distrust, we must still dare to believe.
Michael Jackson

If you succumb to the temptation of using violence in the struggle, unborn generations will be the recipients of a long and desolate night of bitterness, and your chief legacy to the future will be an endless reign of meaningless chaos.
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Greatness occurs when your children love you, when your critics respect you and when you have peace of mind.
Quincy Jones

I really don't think life is about the I-could-have-beens. Life is only about the I-tried-to-do. I don't mind the failure but I can't imagine that I'd forgive myself if I didn't try.
Nikki Giovanni

believe every word, cause even in the madness, there is peace. Drowning out the voices all around us, through all of this chaos, you are writing a symphony. Orchestra, String Ensembles, Dance, Drill, Step & Mime, Spoken Word, Soloists, Duets & Choirs. **All are Welcomed!** To participate, contact: Mr. Faulkner 419-885-2889. Questions? Send email to: Mrs. Sayer darlenesawyer25@yahoo.com. Hosted by: Christian Education & Young People's Division Warren AME Church 915 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo, Ohio. Rev. Oits J. Gordon, Jr., Senior Pastor. Limited Vendor tables contact Mrs. Palmer 419-450-0165.

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December 16, 1870: Colored Methodist Episcopal Church organized in Jackson, Tennessee.

December 12, 1899: George F. Grant, dentist & golfer, receives a patent for a wooden golf tee.

December 15, 1911: William Hinton, first African American professor at Harvard Medical School born.

December 15, 1961: Dr. King arrives in Albany, Ga., in response to a call from Dr. W.G. Anderson, the leader of the Albany Movement, to desegregate public facilities.

December 16, 1961: Dr. King is arrested at an Albany, Ga., demonstration. He is charged with obstructing the sidewalk and parading without a permit.

December 11, 1964: Sam Cooke, one of the founders of soul music, dies.

December 14, 1968: Sammy Davis Jr. awarded Spingarn Medal for his "superb and many-faceted talent," and his contributions to the civil rights movement.

December 13, 1981: Dewey "Pigmeat" Markham, comedian, popular for his "here comes de judge" routine on television's Laugh-In, dies.

The Psychology of Your Five Best Friends (Or Boys)

By W. Eric Croomes
Wire Columnist

Do our “boys” have an impact on our success and failure? Is negative peer pressure something only teenagers experience? Is it possible that our so-called friends – or the fellas we most hang around – say they have our best interests at heart but really don’t?

Yes. No. Yes.

Here’s the bottom line: Our ‘friends’ represent an invisible force field that can yield positive or negative results for our lives, depending on our ability to discern the meaning of such friendships and our willingness to take corrective action when circumstances deem it necessary.

Jim Rohn once said: You are the average of the five people you spend the most time with.

Has your life stagnated? Have you stopped moving toward your goals? If yes, check who you’re keeping company with. Someone to hang with may not always be what’s best for you.

The fact is what you hear over and over and what you experience on a daily emotive level becomes part of your internal system; the wrong friends can become silent killers of our dreams.

Here are three negative effects that your five closest friends can have on your life and what to do about it.

One

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Whether it’s money, attention, baby-sitting or hanging out, our friends can become co-dependent, often sucking the life out of our own dreams and ambitions. Over time, we are robbed of much-needed time alone to develop and nourish our own sense of becoming.

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Friends Reinforce You, For Better or Worse

Here’s the question to ask of anyone worthy of being close to you: Do my friends tend to display a success or a failure consciousness? The answer can be pivotal to your own aspirations. Who among your friends are constantly speaking failure into their experience? Beware of people who habitually use the following: I’m broke. I’ll never reach my goals. I’m too old. The cumulative effect on your well-being can be debilitating.

Fix:

Determine not to become a dumping ground for the negativity of others. Always look at the difference between a person’s dreams and their actions, and always listen to their words. The point is to raise your awareness, not necessarily to drop friends who are



perpetually negative (although that may not be a bad idea).

Two

Friends Can Keep You In Bad Relationships

Girlfriends sometimes make poor relationship counselors.

We like to think our friends always have our best interests at heart when it comes to relationships or potential suitors. When we tell our friends of our romantic struggles, we allow ourselves to become quite vulnerable. Most people are happy to see others in bad relationships because it gives them a feeling of superiority.

Often, the dog that brings the bone carries the bone.

Fix:

Be aware of counsel; it may not always be in your best interests. Always be willing to listen, but in the end do what’s best for you. If the situation warrants, seek professional help. Someone much wiser than me said, We love only the reflection of ourselves we find in others.

Three

Friends Can Become Co-dependent

You gotta stop watering dead plants is the way somebody put it recently. There is no guarantee that in giving love we will receive it in like fashion. This maxim is true for friendships as well.

We always hope what Eric Fromm says is true: love will produce love in the loved person. It often produces the opposite.

Whether it’s money, attention, baby-sitting or hanging out, our friends can become co-dependent, often sucking the life out of our own dreams and ambitions. Over time, we are robbed of much-needed time alone to develop and nourish our own sense of becoming.

Fix:

Robin Sharma writes, Associate only with positive, focused people who you can learn from and who will not drain your valuable energy with uninspiring attitudes. Timeless advice!

Birds of a feather do indeed flock together.

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From the Desk of Felicia

How to Maintain a Healthy Relationship

Healthy relationships require some work to be done, from both partners. Healthy relationships cannot be one-sided and neither should they be. Relationships that are considered healthy exemplifies equality, consists of the absence of male privilege, shared responsibilities and mutual respect is given from both partners. Typically, healthy relationships are a topic of discussion when violent relationships are present.

In healthy relationships, non-violent behaviors are encouraged. These behaviors include acting and communicating



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Maintaining a healthy relationship should always be judgement free and fair. To ensure that you are being fair in your relationship, check your intentions. If your intentions are for the well-being of the relationship and are also non-controlling, chances are, you are being fair to your partner.

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with you or your partner, in ways that make both of you feel safe. Using coercive or manipulation tactics in a relationship is not healthy. You want your partner to do things for you or feel a certain way about you because they genuinely want to, not because they’re afraid of you or afraid of what can happen to them if they do or don’t do something for you. Maintaining your healthy relationship means constantly sharpening your communication skills and or body language with your partner.

Maintaining a healthy relationship means that you have to trust your partner. Not just trusting your partner not to cheat on you but also trusting your partner to do what he or she is capable of doing without your input all of the time, or monitoring them constantly. For exam-

ple, if you and your partner agree that they will handle the household finances, while you focus more in another area, trust and allow them to do what was agreed upon. Trust that your partner goals and opinions will ultimately be beneficial for your relationship and this strengthens your economic partnership.

Always be honest with your partner to maintain a healthy relationship. No one enjoys being deceived and constantly worried about if their partner is being honest with them or not. Do unto others as you would want done to you. Acknowledge any wrong doing and communicate truthfully. Your actions may hurt your partner momentarily but if you aren’t being honest, that can hurt for a lifetime.

Maintaining a healthy relationship should always be judgement free and fair. To ensure that you are being fair in your relationship, check your intentions. If your intentions are for the well-being of the relationship and are also non-controlling, chances are, you are being fair to your partner. A great example that comes to mind is being fair when it comes to parenting. Don’t assign parenting roles based on gender. In a healthy relationship, both parents share equal responsibilities for the children. Dad should be the nurturer and disciplinary, just as much as mom is.

Finally, to maintain a healthy relationship, you may have to get rid of previous beliefs that are toxic and were introduced to you from your childhood. Just because your parents modeled an unhealthy relationship, doesn’t mean that you have to.

Meet the First Black Woman to Successfully Climb Mount Everest

Black News
In 2006, Sophia Danenberg became the first African American and the first Black woman to climb to the summit of Mount Everest in Nepal, the world's tallest mountain. Since 1953, only about 2,500 people have actually reached the top and more than 300 people have died trying.

But the potentially deadly climb was not at all easy for Sophia. In fact, when she reached the peak, she was suffering from bronchitis, a stuffed nose, frostbite on her face, and a clogged oxygen mask. Nonetheless, she made it to the top and made it back alive.

She has also successfully climbed other famous mountains including Mount Tasman (in New Zealand), Mount Kilimanjaro (in Tanzania), Mount Rainier in Washington State, and Mount Kenya (yes, in Kenya).

Also a business woman Sophia, however, is more than just a mountaineer. A graduate of Harvard



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Sophia Danenberg.

University, she works for Boeing as an aerospace industry expert in global chemical and environmental regulations. Her job is to advise the corporation on EH&S policy developments and interfacing with

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global trade associations, governments, the United Nations, OECD, APEC and other intergovernmental organizations.

Prior to launching her career, Sophia was a researcher-writer for a travel guide in Thailand and a Fulbright Fellow in environmental economics at Keio University in Tokyo.

She didn't go on her first hike until she was in college when she went rock climbing with a friend.

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