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## Triple the Pink



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At the end of the program, all the women made a unanimous pledge to stand up against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault while holding up signs that said, 'NO MORE!'



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At the beginning of the program the ladies from six different organizations that participated in the 'Triple the Pink' program posed for a group photo.



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Crystal Harris Darnell: Youth Activities Director-YMCA, with Guest Speakers Deborah Roberts and Lisa Winda Birt participate in a questions and answers session with the audience at the 'Triple the Pink', Triple Negative Breast Cancer program.

By Michael Daniels Toledo  
Journal Staff Reporter

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. To acknowledge this important month and its significance, The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc, The Toledo and Maumee Bay Adult/Youth Club collaborated with five other local organizations to present an informative Breast Cancer Awareness Program on Sunday, October 27, 2019, at the YWCA in downtown

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# Bullet-proof monument rededicated for Emmett Till



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Shot up memorial honoring Emmett Till



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The new bullet-proof monument for Emmett Till

By Frederick H. Lowe

Interpretive Center in BlackmansStreet. Today Sumner, Mississippi, on The Emmett Till Saturday dedicated a



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E.D. Nixon with Rosa Parks

bullet-proof sign honoring Emmett Till. The 500-pound sign replaces three others that either had been shot up by racists, including by members of a frat from the University of Mississippi, or had been thrown into a river.



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Emmett Till

Three Ole Miss frat brothers, posing with smiles and guns, shot up one of the signs. They were members of Kappa Alpha Order, whose spiritual founder is U.S. Civil War traitor General Robert E. Lee.

Two men carried the shot-up sign and placed it at the base of a Confederate statue on the University of Mississippi campus.

Relatives of Emmett Till attended the ceremony to see the sign installed in Graball Landing on the banks of the Tallahatchie River where Till's bloated and beaten body was discovered after it unexpectedly floated to the water's surface.

Till, a 14- year-old from Chicago, was spending the summer of 1955 with relatives in Money, Mississippi, where his mother believed he would be safe from Chicago gangs.

But two white men who brutally beat him and shot him in the head in what some call a lynching.

J.W. Milam and his half-brother, Roy Bryant,

murdered Till. The teenager's lifeless body, which had been weighted down so no one would ever find it, was thrown like a bag of garbage into the Tallahatchie, a 230-mile long river that flows through Mississippi.

Jet magazine, whose editor and founder was John H. Johnson, published a photo of the open casket, showing Till's face disfigured beyond recognition. His teeth were missing, one eye was hanging from its socket and one ear had been severed. Mamie Till, his mother, leaned over the casket, and wept uncontrollably.

But even in death, Till did not find peace.

His mother buried her son in Burr Oak Cemetery, an African American-owned cemetery in Alsip, Illinois. Investigators discovered Till's casket had been desecrated along with others in a scheme to resell burial plots.

The first sign that notified visitors this was where Till's body was discovered was thrown into the Tallahatchie. The next two signs were riddled with bullets. These incidents occurred over 11 years.

The new sign is heavy and sleek. It is made of thick AR500 steel and sheathed by an acrylic panel.

In the summer of 1956, an all- white, all- male jury acquitted Milam and Bryant of murdering Till. The jury took a little longer reaching a verdict than expected.

It wasn't because crime's brutality made some them want to vomit or even rethink their decision.

Just the opposite.

One juror explained they took time to finish their soda pops, which were bottles of Coca Cola.

Till's crime was that he allegedly whistled at Milam's wife, Carolyn. Years later in a book, she denied the incident ever happened.

Ed Bradley, correspondent for CBS's 60 minutes, reported on the news program that Henry Lee Loggins, a black former employee of J.W. Milam, may have participated in Till's kidnapping and murder.

Loggins denied any involvement. Others said they saw Loggins, Milam and Bryant standing on the porch of the house where Till was staying because he was kidnapped. Loggins was accused of leading Bryant and Milam to the house where Till was staying. In the segregated South black homes did not have addresses.

Till's brutal murder set off a chain of events no one could imagine.

Look magazine paid Milam and Bryant for an interview. During the interview, they admitted they murdered the teenager.

Bryant and Milam owned a store and many of the establishment's customers were black. Blacks boycotted the store and it went out of business.

Rosa Parks, a seamstress, was sitting on a bus owned by a Chicago company in Montgomery, Alabama. She was angry about what happened to Till.

A white man ordered Parks to give up her seat him, the custom of time. She refused. Police arrested her.

E.D. Nixon, a Pullman Porter and local civil rights leader, bailed Parks out of jail.

Jo Ann Gibson Robinson, a teacher at Alabama State College and leader of the Women's Political Council, called for an organized a bus boycott, which led to one of the greatest victories for blacks in the civil rights movement—The Montgomery Bus Boycott.

Robinson's idea was to boycott the buses for one day, but the action was so successful, it continued. The boycott began December 5, 1955 and ended on December 20, 1956.

Historians have given Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. credit for the successful boycott, but it was black women who came up with the idea and organized it. The story of the boycott is told in the book "The Thunder of Angels: The Montgomery Bus Boycott and the People Who Broke the Back of Jim Crow"

Jo Ann Gibson Robinson came up with the idea of the Montgomery Bus Boycott



# Ongoing Events

**Toledo Water Action Plan Meeting, Location Change**  
Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz announced this week there will be six community forums in Toledo to discuss the Toledo Water Action Plan and the Regional Water Commission in more detail. The meeting will run 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. as follows:  
Council District 2: **Wednesday, Oct. 30** at Heatherdowns Library

**Every Third Wednesday Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition and Social Justice Institute**  
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: 1:00-2:00pm 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.

**Oct. 31st. Braden UMC Annual All Saints Day Community Festival**  
Toledo area youth are invited to an evening of fun activities, treats and prizes. Friendly costumes are welcome, 4725 Dorr St., Toledo, OH 43615 from 6-8PM. For more information, call 419-386-2700 Rev. Cecil J. Fitzgerald Thompson, Pastor

**Oct. 31st True Light Pentecostal Holiness Church Hallelujah-fest**  
All invited: Community Event, Thursday, 5pm-8pm. Games, music, fun! Talent, Hoop, fun! Any age fun, Minor with adult. **Location:** Toledo Patrol Athletic League Center, 1111 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43608. **More information:** 419-537-9329, 419-509-5770. District Elder Sylvester Awls, Pastor.

**Nov. 2nd Thru Nov. 3rd Shiloh Baptist Church 2nd Pastoral Anniversary**  
for Pastor Venson & First Lady Demetria Simpson  
The Word of the Lord: Not By Power, Not By Might; But By My Spirit

**November 2, 2019 - 6:00 pm:** Pastor Jerry Boose - Second Baptist Church  
**November 3, 2019 - 3:30 pm:** Pastor Joseph Simpson - First Missionary Baptist Church, St. Paul, NC. @ 1203 Girard St., Toledo, OH 43605.

**Nov. 2nd & 16th Appold Planetarium presents The Psychedelic Trip into Fractals**  
The Lourdes University Appold Planetarium presents The Psychedelic Trip into Fractals. Like stepping into a kaleidoscope, mind-bending fractal zooms will take your breath away in this immersive show. Combining a state-of-the art projection system, original music, and powerful computer graphics, this show is a journey into an infinitely complex and visual world created by powerful computers. Admission prices for The Psychedelic Trip into Fractals are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Shows are offered at 7:30 p.m. on the following dates: November 2 & 16. Reservations are strongly recommended. Please call 419-517-8897 or email planetarium@lourdes.edu.

**November 2nd Fundraiser To Take Youth To D.C. African American Museum**  
First Fundraiser For The Trip will be held Saturday, 12-5 P.M. Martin Luther King Jr. Academy For Boys in the Parking Lot, 1300 Forest Ave., Toledo, OH 43607. Big C's BBQ will be serving Rib and Chicken Dinners. The Donation is \$20.00. The plan is to take some of the boys on a one day field trip to the Museum in Washington, D.C. as an educational project during Easter Vacation. Gentlemen working on this project with William C. Liddell are Charlie Collins, Mike Hilton, Nathaniel Green, George Hillard and Steve Kemp. Thank you in advance for your support. We appreciate you.

**Nov. 2nd Free Youth Survival Workshop**  
Saturday, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM, **Special guest Santoria Sawyer author of the book, “The Broken Crayon That Colored Still”.** **Location:** Fellowship Hall, Warren AME Church, 915 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, OH. Lunch provided. Door prizes, drawings. **Information:** pre-register to: darlenesawyer25@yahoo.com. Rev. Otis J. Gordon, senior pastor.

**November 6th Black Violin Impossible Tour 2019**  
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. The Valentine Theatre! 410 Adams St., Toledo, Ohio 43604. Information:

Valentine Box Office 419-242-2787, valentinetheatre.com

**Nov. 9th Church of the Living God Annual Seed & Harvest**  
Men's Day Program, 3220 Meadowbrook Ct. Toledo. Saturday at 5:00pm. Guest speaker Elder Steve Allen of New Bethel COGIC. Theme “God's Great Harvest Is On The Way”. All are welcome. Elder Linda Warren, Sr Pastor, Rev Eric Russell, Assoc. Pastor, Dec. Talven Warren, Program Chairman

**Nov. 16th The Junction Coalition 7th Annual Health and Wellness Expo**  
Saturday, , 10 am - 3 pm, at the Frederick Douglass Center, 1001 Indiana Ave., Toledo, OH 43607. . It will offer: Massage Therapy, Financial Advice, Healthy Food Options, Medical Screenings, Stress Tests and Evaluations, Disaster Preparedness, Water Democracy, and Fun Activities for the Kids. For more information you can contact the Junction office at 419-408-0998.

**Nov. 21st Thru Nov. 23rd Greater St. Mary’s Missionary Baptist Church Musical Workshop**  
Clinician - Pastor Leon Wilkerson. He is the Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Middletown, OH, song writer, musician and a Professor of Music who serves on the faculty of the National Gospel Music Workshop of America. Pastor Wilkerson teaches Praise & Worship classes to hundreds of church members, choir members, choir directors and musicians from across the world. This workshop is open to Deacons, Choir Directors & Choir Members, Musicians and church member in the entire community of Toledo and the surrounding areas. Thursday - Saturday at 6:30p.m. Closing out on Saturday with a concert at 7:00 p.m., at 416 Belmont Street, Toledo, OH 43602.

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


# Leaf Collection Program Begins Nov. 4

A variety of methods will be used to inform residents when leaf collection will occur in each neighborhood. The city will announce to the media each Friday where crews will be working the following week and the week after. That will give residents time to rake leaves to the curb and make sure cars are off the street.  
**There are several other ways to determine when crews will be on your street:**  
• Sign up for Toledo Text Alerts to be alerted when leaf collection crews will be in your neighborhood, and of any change in plans. Toledo Texts Alerts will notify residents two weeks prior, again one week prior to pick-up, and again when the collection is complete. The link to sign up is: [http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/toledo\\_oh/wens.cfm?ep\\_id=](http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/toledo_oh/wens.cfm?ep_id=).  
• Residents can refer to the map on the city website for information on their specific addresses. The map will be posted at this link: <https://toledo.oh.gov/services/public-service/streets-bridges-harbor/2019-leaf-collection/>.  
• Call Engage Toledo at 419-936-2020.  
• Check the city Facebook and Twitter accounts on Fridays.  
• Watch for signs to be posted on your street.  
Residents should rake or blow leaves into the street, just over the curb, as close as possible to their leaf collection date. Do not place leaves in the street weeks ahead of time. That will clog

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**“Issue 8 is a renewal of the Senior Services Levy for 0.60 mill which expires in December, with a modest 0.15-mill increase. The annual cost to the owner of a \$100,000 home will be \$22.52. For an extra \$4 a year, you can help seniors stay independent.”**  
**~The Senior Citizens Committee**

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**Senior Citizens**

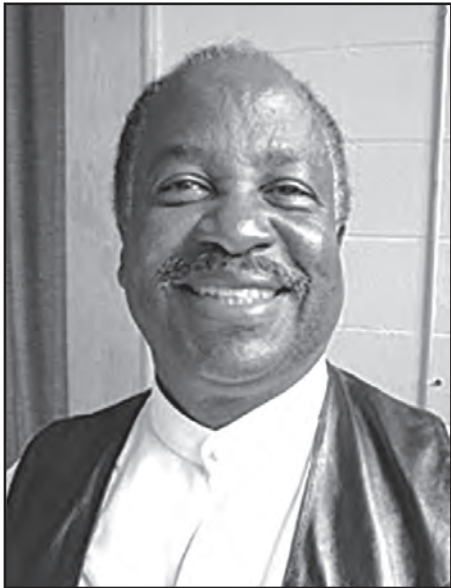
**Help Seniors Remain at Home**

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# Trump playing the race card...Again!



By Lafe Tolliver, Attorney Wire Writer

Of all the possible odious words that can be uttered in these United States, there are two that are jockeying for the first-place trophy in the annals of American history.

This foul word has a documented history of generating paralyzing darkness, terror, unmitigated hatred and wrath against people of color. A word whose history has coils and tentacles that reaches from hundreds of years in the past to the present.

Only in America could these two vituperative twins be allowed oxygen to breath, populate and influence our culture and how we view one another.

The time in American history where America debauched itself with the African slave trade; and by strength of sheer will and brute power, America converted kidnapped Africans to that of chattel slaves.

One word we are acutely aware of and that is the unspeakable “N” word. A word that, to my great sadness, is still used by certain black ninnies who parade themselves around as if they are the savants of black history and culture; and who, misguidedly believe, that they using such a vile slur means it is being defanged and re purposed for good.

Not so now and it never will be so, but I will leave that for another discussion at another time.

The current word that Herr Trump is now trying to get mileage out of in order to help his losing impeachment cause is invoking the word, “lynching” to explain how he is being treated by the Democrats.

What a load! Imagine if you would an extremely wealthy and ignorant white male who grew up with both a silver and gold spoon in his mouth, trying to pimp off the documented images of African Americans being lynched as being his personal political experience!

Oh, this is so rich and raw about a person who has repeatedly demon-

at the lynching of African American males and females (yes, children were also lynched!).

Crazed and fiendish mobs of white folks that yodeled and howled to the moon when innocent black men, women and children were, without any accompanying rules of law, dragged to the nearest tree and, with or without an accompanying bonfire burning them, were murdered as if they were just a foaming mouth rabid dog.

No grace. No mercy. No last words. Just barbarism of the first order and yet this president, an embarrassment to the White House; and who



strated that he does not possess a modicum of decorum or knowledge when it comes to discourse about the agonizing and myriad issues of race in America

Trump's potty mouth on issues of race is documented for all to see and hear. No fake news! Trump has shown a peculiar venom to debase all things black and to engage in race baiting tactics (such as using the word, lynching) in order to gin up his political base.

Regrettably that same base which, unless they denounce his use of that sordid word now being used as a political foil, will be typecast as the howling mobs so frequently seen

possesses no sense of historical analysis, would place himself at the center of one also being lynched!

At the center because the Democrats have chosen to uphold the rule of law over that of a con, a cheat and a fraudster and for that, Trump's sycophants in the Republican GOP Senate are willing to turn a blind eye and deaf ear to his race mongering gibberish.

Is Trump using the “L” word for his own political gain and profit?

Of course he is! What else does he know? He is an opportunist of the first degree and has no shame in de-

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*What a load! Imagine if you would an extremely wealthy and ignorant white male who grew up with both a silver and gold spoon in his mouth, trying to pimp off the documented images of African Americans being lynched as being his personal political experience!*

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basing himself and the White House with his racist shenanigans.

Herr Trump knows the atomic bomb impact that such a word will have in the political debate about he being possibly impeached; and he tosses that “L” word out like a hand grenade and sits back to enjoy the explosion.

I contend that when historians of this abnormal time, record how a certain swath of ugly Americans chose hate over enlightenment, conspiracy theories over truth and debauchery over civility, that Trump will be properly assigned to the dust bin and his name will forever remain a reproach to any politician who would remotely consider repeating his Trumpian ways.

So, go ahead Herr Trump, resurrect the hateful images of the “L” word and spread its dung like a thick lotion on the hateful waters that you constantly churn and see what turns up on the shores.

You will be the eventual loser and regrettably America will have to bear the thick keloid scars you have inflicted for a generation to come.

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## Republican Senate Stands in the Way of Moving America Forward



By Jesse Jackson Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Americans are disgusted that Washington has become dysfunctional, even as Americans struggle with

ever greater challenges — from stagnant wages and growing inequality to catastrophic climate change to soaring health-care costs to a decrepit and dangerously aged infrastructure. President Donald Trump blames House Democrats, saying they are “getting nothing done in Congress.”

Don't believe it. The record is clear: The Democratic majority in the House has passed major reforms that would begin to address America's challenges. All of them have been blocked by Republicans in the Senate, led by Mitch McConnell, who calls himself the “grim reaper” dedicated to killing reform.

As of July, in their first half year as the majority, House Democrats had passed a total of 569 bills that are blocked in the Senate. These include major reforms that would make America better. Consider:

The For the People Act — HR 1 — contained the most comprehensive campaign finance and voting reforms since the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

It would have made it easier to register to vote, harder to gerrymander districts, forced disclosure of secret funds, required paper ballots to limit election interference and would have begun to counter the influence of big money in our elections. McConnell refuses even to allow a vote in the Senate. HR 5 — the Equality Act — extends civil rights protections to members of the LGBTQ community.

This is long overdue. McConnell refuses to allow a vote in the Senate. HR 6 — the American Dream and Promise Act — would have protected the Dreamers and offered a path to citizenship to 2 million immigrants

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# Poll of likely voters shows rising student debt problems: Weakened borrower protections, blocked debt relief cited

By Charlene Crowell,  
Center for Responsible Lending's  
Communications Deputy Director

When likely voters across the country were recently asked their opinions about student loan borrowing, 82% agreed that the still-growing \$1.5 trillion debt is a national crisis. Even when partisan affiliations were included, the solid concern for this unsustainable financial burden held strong: 74% of Republicans, 80% of independents, and 90% of Democrats.

When asked further about the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)'s reduced efforts to protect students from abusive student loans and student loan services, those most concerned were Blacks, Latinx (73%), consumers earning less than \$50,000 per year (72%). Additionally, voters in early Democratic Primary States agreed at 77%, as did both women and military or veterans' households that polled 70% each.

Conducted by Lake Research Partners and Chesapeake Beach Consulting, the poll was jointly commissioned by the Americans for Financial Reform (AFR) and Center for Responsible Lending (CRL). Its student loan results, released on October 2, found that recent actions by the Department of Education (DOE) and the CFPB both contributed to consumer concerns.

Higher penalty fees charged to struggling borrowers, making it harder for state and federal law enforcement agencies to pursue wrongdoing by state loan servicers and blocked debt relief for students who were defrauded by for-profit institutions were the top DOE criticisms cited in survey.

"[T]he Department of Education seems to be making it easier for for-profit colleges and servicers to take advantage of students," said Debbie Goldstein, CRL Executive Vice President. "We need a Department of Education that holds for-profit institutions accountable for abusive practices and a CFPB with a division that protects borrowers from predatory student loan servicers."



"Without proactive regulatory action and strong state laws," continued Goldstein, "students of color will continue to carry larger debt burdens, exacerbating the racial wealth gap."

"The student debt crisis in the United States deserves greater attention and voters know it," noted Alexis Goldstein AFR Senior Policy Counsel. "Borrowers need federal authorities as allies, not as apologists for the for-profit college industry."

The disproportionate student debt burdens borne by Black and Latino borrowers was the focus of a joint research report by the NAACP, National Urban League, UNIDOS US, Leadership Conference Education Fund and CRL. Initially published this July, QUICKSAND: Borrowers of Color & the Student Debt Crisis, the report examined how unprecedented debt levels weigh heaviest on Black America.

Key findings from that report show that: Today, over half of all families with Black heads of household aged 25-40 have student debt.

Black bachelor's degree graduates are unable to afford loan repayments

at five times the rate of comparable white graduates. These Black grads are also more likely to default than whites who never completed a degree.

Four years after graduation, nearly half of black graduates owe more on their undergraduate student loans than they did when they received their degree; by contrast, only 17% of white graduates face this same dilemma.

Similarly findings and concerns were found in a September student loan debt report entitled Stalling Dreams by Brandeis University's Institute on Assets and Social Policy, a part of its Heller School for Social Policy and Management. Among its key findings:

Twenty years after starting school, the typical Black borrower owed about \$17,500 more than their white peers;

The typical Black student loan holder in their 30's, has negative total wealth of \$10,700 compared to whites who are close to breaking even; and

About half of all Black borrowers and a third of all Latinx borrowers wind up defaulting on their student loans within 20 years.

With researchers and consumers agreeing that student debt is at crisis levels, the larger question becomes: What – as a nation – are we prepared to do about it? And if so – when?

With 44 million people affected by student loan debt, this trillion-dollar issue should not be ignored but rather vigorously debated as part of the 2020 elections in the interest of our collective futures.

"We need a racial equity filter for solutions to reverse the consequences of our current privatized high education financing regime," states Brandeis' Stalling Dreams. "We need a return to strong public investment in higher education that acknowledges the societal benefit on an educated public."

In other words, if you're drowning in student debt, your education is working against you – instead of for you. It's time for a new paradigm in American education.

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## Senate Stands in the Way of Moving Forward

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without official status. McConnell refuses to allow a vote in the Senate. HR 7 — the Paycheck Fairness Act — would have strengthened measures to counter the growing pay gap between men and women. No vote in the Senate. HR 8 — the Bipartisan Background Checks Act — would have required universal background checks in the sale of guns, a reform supported by the vast majority of Americans. No vote in the Senate.

This list can go on. The Raise the Wage Act would have raised the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2025. House Democrats passed a bill to return the U.S. to the Paris Climate Accord, which Trump scorns. House Democrats have passed legislation that would protect those with pre-existing conditions and lower prescription drug prices.

They've acted to save net neutrality. They've passed nine bills to aid veterans, including extending childcare to veterans with young children. House Democrats put forth a major plan to rebuild our infrastructure; Trump stormed

out of the meeting set up to discuss it. When the Senate actually passed a House resolution to get U.S. forces out of the Yemen catastrophe, Trump vetoed it.

The House isn't paralyzed; the Senate is. As House Speaker Nancy Pelosi summarized, "the Senate is the graveyard where bills that pass in the Congress, that have bipartisan support in the country, go to die."

For McConnell and Republicans, paralysis is a partisan political ploy. McConnell openly brags about the strategy. With Trump dominating the air waves, they believe that they can pin the blame for legislative paralysis on the Democrats. Now Trump uses paralysis as part of his defense strategy, arguing falsely that Democrats can't investigate his crimes and legislate good reforms at the same time. McConnell doesn't even deign to offer an alternative agenda and the Trump administration doesn't have one.

When Republicans controlled everything for two years after Trump's




election, they passed only two notable reforms: an obscene tax bill that benefited the rich and the CEOs, and a decent criminal justice reform bill that made the first steps toward reducing mass incarceration. Republicans failed to offer a coherent alternative to the Affordable Care Act. They failed to offer a serious plan to rebuild our infrastructure.

The administration rolled back protections of our air and water, and Republicans looked the other way. The paralysis in Washington won't change until McConnell and Senate Republicans start losing elections. They are standing in the way of reforms this country desperately needs. And they will continue to do so, until voters move them out of the way.




# Happy Birthday!



Thanks to Neveal of J's Arcade for my great 91st Birthday Celebration! And thanks to all my Johnson and Tramble Family and Friends.

To God be the Glory for the Great Things He has done!

Love  
Mattie Taylor Brown



# Lower Emissions, Cleaner Environment: API Says ‘We’re On It’

By Stacy M. Brown,  
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When it comes to and reducing its lowering emissions environmental footprint



LEADING THE WORLD IN CUTTING GREENHOUSE GASES

in the U.S., the American Petroleum Institute (API) wants the world to know that the natural gas and oil industry is already doing it.

A new API advertising campaign highlights the natural gas and oil industry's leadership in reducing emissions, protecting the environment, making climate progress and serving consumers. While one commercial focuses on the role of industry as problem solvers, a second highlights industry's ability to solve complex problems.

API has already been vocal throughout the year on the climate role that industry plays in, while providing abundant, reliable, and affordable energy across the world. API President and CEO Mike Sommers notes that the industry is "laser-focused" on tackling the dual challenge of delivering energy globally and protecting the planet.

Sommers says that the industry is keeping pace with record demand for affordable fuels while reducing emissions every step of the way.

By investing in innovative technologies, developing state-of-the-art standards and supporting smart regulations that reduce emissions, Sommers says the industry is improving sustainability, particularly in the production of clean natural gas.

API counts as the only national trade association that represents all facets of the natural gas and oil industry, which supports 10.3 million U.S. jobs

and nearly 8% of the U.S. economy.

The 100-year-old trade association's focus is primarily domestic, but it notes that exported liquefied natural gas (LNG) also can help lower global emissions while addressing third-world countries' lack of access to modern energy.

API touts the benefits of increased use of natural gas in projections by the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) that energy-related carbon dioxide emissions will decline this year by 2.5%. Meanwhile anew Department of Energy report on the life cycle of greenhouse gas emissions associated with U.S. LNG exports confirmed the environmental benefits of natural gas vs. coal – which is significant given expanding markets in Asia and Europe for U.S. LNG.

EIA's CO2 projection, along with the projected 4.9% increase in natural gas consumed for power generation relative to 2018, underscores the point that increased use of natural gas in fueling power generation lowers CO2 emissions, and that the recent trend of the U.S. recording the lowest CO2 levels in a generation will continue.

Natural gas' competitiveness in the marketplace is a key to these national and global opportunities. The abundant, affordable fuel has driven emissions lower and helped the pocketbooks of U.S. consumers, especially low- and fixed-income

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# ‘When We Fight, We Win’ Theme of 104<sup>th</sup> Annual NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet

By Leah Williams

Speakers on the program of the 104th Annual NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet championed ways in which Americans, in particular black and brown Americans, can push back against racism, white supremacist ideology, and economic disenfranchisement. Held on October 26 in the Great Hall of the Stranahan Theatre, hundreds of guests including elected officials, union leaders, educators, community members, and clergy joined members of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People [NAACP] in an evening focused on engagement and action.

Emceed by local news anchor Kristian Brown, the program included remarks from Ray Wood, NAACP local chapter President; Michael Alexander, NAACP local chapter 1st Vice President; Andre Washington, NAACP Ohio Conference of Units Treasurer; and local Pastor Michael Key of People Missionary Baptist Church. Guests stood and sang the Black National Anthem ‘Lift Every Voice and Sing’ together, and NAACP ACT-SO youth participant Alana Hicks sung a moving rendition of the Oscar-winning song ‘Glory.’

In his opening remarks, Toledo Chapter NAACP President Ray Wood spoke of the history of the local chapter and its significance as the third



**First Vice President Patty Poston accepts the Freedom Fund award on behalf of The Maumee Bay Club of The National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women's Clubs Inc.**

oldest NAACP branch in the United States. Mr. Wood recalled the role then Toledo Mayor Brand Whitlock, a white man, and Albertus Brown, the first president of the local chapter, played in the early days of the branch, which was founded on February 2, 1915.

Mr. Wood later rallied the crowd in a raucous call and response chant of the 2019 theme - When We Fight, We Win. He then encouraged the crowd to take advantage of the time they were given by God to fight for worthy causes in these turbulent times. As his closing, Mr. Wood read the 54-word poem made famous by the late U.S. Representative Elijah Cummings who read the poem written by civil rights leader Dr.

Benjamin E. Mays in his first address to congress. “I only have a minute. Sixty seconds in it. Forced upon me, I did not choose it, but I know that I must use it,” Mr. Wood said. “Give account if I abuse it. Suffer, if I lose it. Only a tiny little minute, but eternity is in it.”

When Andre Washington from the NAACP Ohio Conference took to the podium, he spoke passionately about the need for African-Americans to participate in the coming census. “I’m talking about billions of allocated dollars,” Mr. Washington said referring to the community dollars that are linked to census population data. “We have to make sure everyone is counted,” he said, encouraging the crowd to go into black businesses, churches, and even local “watering holes” to ensure census data accurately reflected the number of African-American U.S. citizens.

Shortly before emcee Kristian Brown introduced acclaimed author and journalist Touré as the evening's guest speaker, Ray Wood and Michael Alexander recognized two honorees of behalf of the local chapter NAACP: The Maumee Bay Club of The National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women's Clubs Inc. [NANBPWC] for their Black College Tour Program and 11-year-old journalist Jaden Jefferson who has



**NAACP Honoree Jaden Jefferson, center holding his award, accepts congratulations from Michael Alexander (left) and Ray Wood (right).**

received both local and national praise for his political news coverage and interviews with celebrities including Brad Pitt and Oprah Winfrey.

Maumee Bay Club First Vice President Patty Poston accepted on behalf of the NANBPWC and Jaden Jefferson graciously thanked the

NAACP for the award and his family for their love and support. “Oh, and I have to especially

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**Acclaimed author and journalist Touré delivers his address as the banquet guest speaker.**

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# Lourdes University College of Nursing Hosts One-Day Nursing Camp

## 25 Bowsher High School Students attend



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Bowsher High School and Lourdes University Nursing Students. The University hopes to offer this camp every semester.



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Lourdes Nursing students show Bowsher High School students how to check patient vital signs.



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Camp participants learn proper infection and disease control.

Submitted

For high school students, one of the toughest questions to answer is “what do you want to do after high school?” Some already know. On Friday, October 18, Lourdes University hosted 25 students from Bowsher High School to participate in its first Nurse Camp. From 9am to 2pm, Juniors and Seniors from Bowsher learned first aid techniques, proper hand washing, and took vitals and blood pressure. Camp participants were also given financial aid

information, tips to prepare for college and nursing school acceptance, and had the chance to meet current Lourdes nursing students and faculty. Created by Facilitator and Recruiter for the Lourdes College of Nursing Workforce Diversity Grant, Nydia Chatman, the purpose of the camp is to prepare current high school juniors and seniors for the demands of nursing school and provide opportunities for success. “This camp is not only a great opportunity for high school students to explore a career in nursing, but a chance for our Lourdes Nursing students to give back and use some of the knowledge they’ve gained so far. We are trying to kind of

“ This camp is not only a great opportunity for high school students to explore a career in nursing, but a chance for our Lourdes Nursing students to give back and use some of the knowledge they’ve gained so far. We are trying to kind of push nursing because of our NWD (Nursing Workforce Diversity) grant. We need to really work to increase that but we like for them to decide whether nursing is something that they would like to do.”

push nursing because of our NWD (Nursing Workforce Diversity) grant. We need to really work to increase that but we like for them to decide whether nursing is something that they would like to do.” The camp was organized by members of the

INSPIRE (Increasing Nursing Student Professionalism, Integrity, Resilience and Engagement) program funded by nearly \$2 million Nursing Workforce Diversity grant from the Health Resources & Services Administration.

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# Antwone Muhammad explains how cancer saved his life

By Rolling Out

According to the American Cancer Society, about 2,670 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. The lifetime chance of getting breast cancer in the United States for men is 1 in 833.

Chicago hip-hop artist Antwone Muhammad was diagnosed with breast cancer in December of 2013. In June of 2014 after surgery and chemotherapy, he went into remission. In June of 2019, his cancer recurred. Muhammad remains a beacon of light as he continues to fight. Rolling out spoke with Muhammad about his battle, his new book, which he explained at a fundraiser he had this month.

What were your initial feelings when you were diagnosed with cancer again?

It hurt because so much has happened in the past year but I prayed and I trust that I will be victorious again with God's help and support of family and friends.

What are some of the misconceptions when it comes to men and this disease?

The main misconception is that men can't get breast cancer. It's



Antwone Muhammad (Photo by: Tito Garcia)

largely viewed as a woman's illness. This illness affects 1 percent of men.

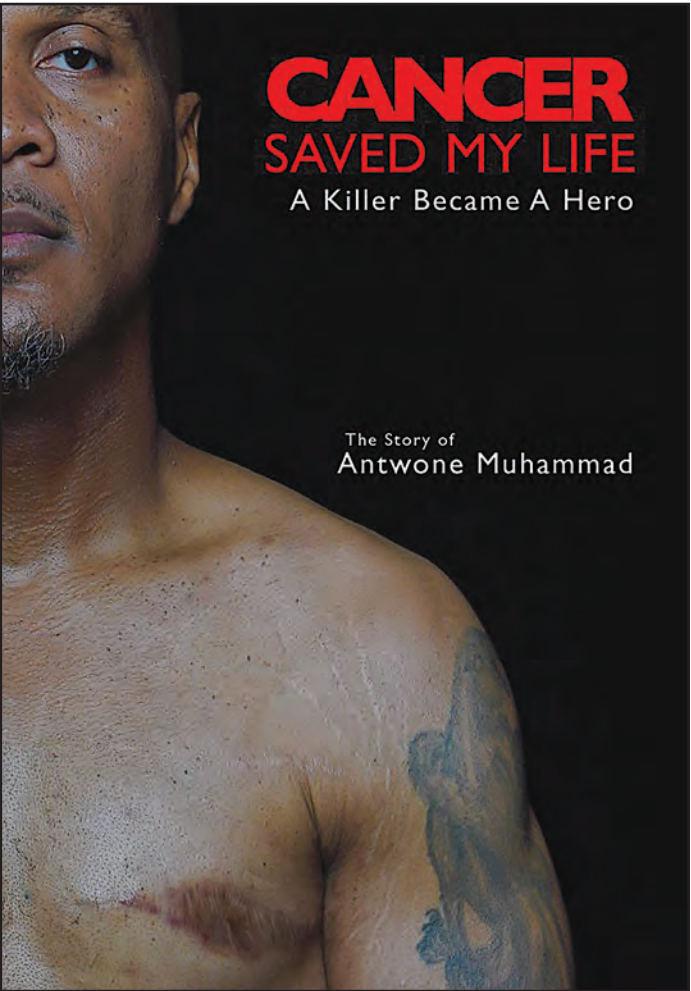
What were some of the symptoms that caused you to take notice?

I started feeling sensitivity on the left side of my chest on my nipple. Soon after, brown fluid started discharging from my chest. This led me to [go to] the emergency room [and] after a series of tests, I was diagnosed with stage three breast cancer.

Talk about your book Cancer Saved My Life. Why did you decide to write the book and why that title?

I feel sharing my experience can help others in their journey and possibly can prevent someone from having a similar experience. The title is important because people only change for three reasons. There are three levels of change. Level one is when we know enough to be able to change. This is when a person has empowered themselves to change. This is the best place to make a change but hardly anyone does. Next is level two. This is when you have to ask yourself, "do I care enough to want to change?" We ask this after we know enough to change but still have not made the change due to excuses or stalling. Last is level three. When we hurt enough to have to change. This is where most make a change. Cancer was that pain for me. It forced me to make changes that have and [are] saving my life. I'm urging people to empower yourself at level one so something like cancer will not have to save you. Save yourself by being proactive [about] illness instead of reactive.

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## Ask Rusty- Understanding the Family Maximum

Submitted

Dear Rusty: My husband passed away when our children were 3 and 5 years old. I received benefits for myself, our two children and my 14-year old son from a previous relationship. When my 14-year-old son turned 18, the amount he received stopped and was added to ours, keeping the total family amount the same. Then in July of this year my youngest daughter turned 16 so I fell off with that amount now going to my kids. Again, the total family amount stayed the same - \$625.00 each for my daughter and son. The very next month in August, my youngest son turned 18 so of course, he fell off. I called Social Security and the representative said that she couldn't guarantee that my son's full amount will go to my daughter. It turns out that none did, decreasing the family amount by \$625.00. My question is why was the family amount reduced when she still has 2 years before she turns 18? Signed: Confused Survivor

Dear Confused: I understand your confusion - let me clarify what happened in your situation: Social Security (SS) sets a "Family Maximum" amount, which is the most all eligible family members combined can receive from a worker's (your husband's) record. SS uses a rather complex formula to compute the Family Maximum amount, but it comes out to be somewhere between 150% and 180% of your husband's "primary insurance amount" (or "PIA," what he was entitled to when he passed). The family maximum is in effect whenever there are multiple beneficiaries on a worker's record.

The benefits you were personally receiving were "child in care" benefits which entitled you, as a surviving spouse with a minor child, to collect 75% of the benefit your husband was receiving, or entitled to receive, at his death. Child in care benefits stop when the youngest child reaches 16 years of age. Each of your 3 minor children were also entitled to receive 75% of their deceased father's (or stepfather's) benefit amount. Minor children can receive 75% of the deceased parent's benefit until they reach 18 years of age (or 19 if still in high school). However, all benefits are subject to the "family maximum." The total of benefits paid to all survivors of the deceased is limited to that family maximum and, if that amount is reached, all eligible survivors share equally in that family maximum amount. Then as each survivor becomes ineligible due to their age, the remaining survivors each receive a proportional share of the family maximum amount, but that adjustment cannot result in an individual's benefit being more than they are otherwise entitled to (their maximum individual benefit of 75% of your husband's PIA).

When your oldest son turned 18 and became ineligible, the sum of benefits due all remaining survivors was still more than the family maximum, so the family maximum amount was equally divided among the remaining eligible survivors. Then, when your eligibility for child-in-care benefits ceased when your youngest turned 16, your two remaining minor children each received either a) their equal share of the family maximum, or b) 75% of their father's PIA (their normal entitlement as a surviving minor child). When your youngest son turned 18 and became ineligible, your youngest daughter was then eligible to receive only her full benefit as a minor surviving child (75% of your husband's benefit), which she can continue to receive until she is 18 (or 19 if still in high school). So, as you can see, the family maximum isn't an amount which is fully available to any survivor, it is an amount that restricts the total amount which can be paid to all when there are multiple eligible survivors.

Please note that at age 60 you are once again eligible for a surviving spouse benefit, which will be based upon 100% of the benefit your husband was entitled to at his death, subject, of course, to normal reductions and earnings restrictions for claiming benefits before your full retirement age.

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## IN MEMORIAM: John Conyers Dies at 90



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**Former U.S. Congressman John Conyers**

By Stacy M. Brown,  
NNPA Newswire Senior  
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Former U.S.  
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The longtime Michigan Democrat represented what is now the state's 13th Congressional District (which includes parts of western Detroit) for more than 50 years. Conyers resigned in 2017. Conyers was born in Detroit in 1929. He was elected to Congress in 1965 and immediately became a forceful voice in the Civil Rights Movement, co-sponsoring the Voting Rights Act of that same year. Conyers was the first African American to chair the powerful House Judiciary Committee and helped spearhead the 1994 Violence against Women Act. Conyers and 12 other African American members of the House of Representatives founded the Congressional Black Caucus in 1971. "We always knew where he stood on issues of

equality and civil rights in the fight for the people," Rep. Rashida Tlaib, who now represents Conyers' district, tweeted. "Sad to hear of the passing of former Congressman John Conyers," the Rev. Al Sharpton stated. "He worked with us on many civil rights cases as Chair of the House Judiciary Committee and helped lead the fight for the Martin Luther King [Jr.] Holiday." "Most of us from Michigan loved our congressman.

He was idolized and was absolutely an icon. Not only was he an icon of the civil rights movement but we looked to him for leadership. This is a massive loss. All of us in business, the clergy, the community, respected, admired and aspired to be like John Conyers," Said Hiram Jackson, President and CEO of Real Times Media. "Congressman John Conyers decades ago held the first U.S. Congressional Hearings on Racially-Motivated

Police Brutality; led the House Judiciary Hearings on Criminal Justice and Prison Reform in America; was co-founder of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC); and was a leading congressional advocate for the freedom of Angela Davis, the Wilmington Ten, and all political prisoners in the United States," remarked Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association. "Conyers was a constitutional scholar and political visionary whose longstanding vision for freedom, justice and equality was unparalleled in the Congress of the United States," Chavis continued. "May God bless the freedom-fighting memory and legacy of The Honorable John Conyers." Chavis stated.



# Second Baptist Church Women's Conference Promotes Love, Peace, and Unity



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The women of Second Baptist Church.



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Second Baptist Church Pastor Dr. Jerry L. Boose in the pulpit.

By Leah Williams

By the end of the Sunday morning service during Second Baptist Church Women's Conference this past weekend, ministry guests and members were overwhelmed by what they described as an impartation of God's spirit. As women prayed for one another, one could sense the conference theme 'Love, Peace, and Unity' in action. First Lady Debra Boose

who sat on the planning committee along with Minister LaNita Roberts and Sister Ruby Burel was understandably at a loss for words when interviewed by the Toledo Journal. "My prayer is that we will continue to walk in peace, love, and unity," she said. "I'm so full right now that I can't even say any more than that." The October 26-27 conference included a Women's Brunch and



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The Women's Conference Planning Committee from left to right: First Lady Debra Boose, Minister LaNita Roberts, and Sister Ruby Burel.

Learn on Saturday and special morning service on Sunday. Minister LaNita Roberts said that the Brunch and Learn focused on money management and mental health. Guest speaker Ethel Scott led a 'Money Matters' session while Delores Williams from the Lucas County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board led a session about mental wellness. Before heading to the fellowship hall for the women's day dinner, Second Baptist

Church member Elder Tracey Brown shared her feelings about the Brunch and Learn. "We were able to discuss things we need, not necessarily things we want to hear, such as our finances and the mental health [issues] really running rampant in our families and in our community," she said. On Sunday morning, Elder Ronnell Ferrell who serves as the Associate Pastor at Tabernacle of Praise Church was the guest speaker. The service program was



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First Lady Debra Boose and Sunday guest speaker Elder Ronnell Ferrell.

emceed by Elder Kay Crenshaw and included remarks from First Lady Debra Boose and Pastor Dr. Jerry L. Boose, a special poem, memorial tribute, and musical selections from the Women's Conference Choir as well as Brother Mark Ferrell. All the women on the platform and in the congregation wore various shades of purple and white. After the service, Minister LaNita Roberts said that the conference theme – Love, Peace, and Unity – was given to her by God earlier in the year. She said it

was going to be used for another ministry event but Pastor Boose discerned that it should be the theme for the women's conference. She said the outcome was more than they could have imagined. "The vision was for women to open their hearts and minds and souls to release whatever was keeping them," Minister Roberts said. "The spirit was rampant in here this morning and I do believe there were breakthroughs. And I'm grateful to God for that, [we're] truly blessed."

## Leaf Collection Program


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sewers and cause flooding. Consider mulching leaves at home. **City crews will not be able to return to an area once we have completed collection. If you miss collection, do not place leaves in the street. At that point, the options for residents are to:**

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- Dispose of leaves in your

gray trash container. All vehicles should be off the street when leaf collection crews come to your neighborhood in order to get the street as clean as possible. City crews will leave a tag at the homes where parked vehicles prevented the collection of all leaves. It will include information on what to do with leaves that are left behind under vehicles. Curbed streets will be marked complete once a street

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# Home Fire Risks Increase As Weather Cools



(NAPS)—The fall and winter seasons bring cooler temperatures, holidays, and images of cozy nights by the fireplace. Yet the change in seasons also comes with the chance of severe weather and an increase in fire risks. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, more home fires occur in winter than in any other season. “Holiday decorations, space

heaters, generators, and fireplaces all present fire hazards if not properly used and maintained,” said Steve Hirsch, chair of the National Volunteer Fire Council. “Residents should be aware of the dangers and take the steps to make sure their families and homes are protected.” Follow these tips to minimize home fire and safety risks:

- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home. Test monthly to ensure they work.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms and test them at least once a month.
- Know where the gas, electric, and water main shut-off controls are and how to use them.
- Place fire extinguishers in the kitchen, garage, and living room, and make sure all household members know how to use them.
- Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it with the entire family.
- Keep portable generators outside and away from the home.
- Install a screen in front of each fireplace or wood stove. Store cooled ashes in a metal container outside the home.
- Have chimneys professionally inspected and cleaned every year.
- Keep anything that can burn

at least three feet away from fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, or other heat source.

- Never leave lit candles unattended, and keep them out of the reach of children and pets.
- If using a live Christmas tree, keep it adequately watered and get rid of it after Christmas or when it gets dry.

Residents can also take an active role in protecting their communities from hazards such as fires, medical emergencies, and much more. Fire departments across the country are looking for volunteers to serve as firefighters, EMS providers, and auxiliary members. “The majority of firefighters in the U.S. are volunteers—neighbors helping neighbors in an incredible and rewarding way,” said Hirsch. “We need more people to answer the call to serve.” Training is provided by the department, and volunteers can serve in a variety of roles, from providing life-saving emergency response services to conducting fire prevention programs and disaster preparedness planning. Learn more and find a volunteer fire service opportunity by going to [www.MakeMeAFirefighter.org](http://www.MakeMeAFirefighter.org).

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## NAACP Banquet

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thank my grandmother,” Mr. Jefferson said. “She drives me to all my new stories.” Guest speaker Touré candidly shared his perspective on the current climate in the United States under Donald Trump as president and why it is imperative that black and brown people take a stand against what he called Trump’s racist ideology. “If you can call Trump’s thought process a philosophy, it’s based on white supremacy and white victimhood and white privilege. And the core idea in the electorate, the core idea that has made people susceptible to his message is a widespread fear of the coming demographic shift,” Touré said. “In 2040, America will become predominantly people of color.” Touré elaborated saying that the fear many white people feel about the coming demographic shift is connected to their fear of losing political, cultural, and economic power. He also said it is these fears that have led to a rise in ‘white anger’ and a widespread acceptance of “Trump’s racism.” Acknowledging that the road to freedom leaves many weary, Touré encouraged the crowd to keep their eyes on the prize and develop a “Teflon shield” that enables them to continue to fight while maintaining self. “We fight back because we must. We fight back because we as people are survivors and we have been through too much to stop now. We fight back because of course when we fight back, we win,” he said. “We fight back because in spite of the racism we know, this country is ours too.” After giving Touré a standing ovation, banquet guests were invited to enjoy the rest of the evening in fellowship.

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THE SCOPE OF WORK consists of construction of a 12 foot, 6.14 miles long multi-use trail along the abandoned Wabash Railroad from State Route 109 to the Lucas County line including railing upgrades on a bridge over Swan Creek. General construction includes earthwork, erosion control, aggregate base, asphalt pavement, wooden guard-rail, pavement markings, signage, mulching and seeding. Bidders may obtain copies of plans, specifications, contract documents and plan-holder's list through Newfax Corporation, 333 West Woodruff, Toledo, Ohio 43604 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Tuesday (check made payable to Newfax Corporation) or via the Newfax Digital Plan Room at [www.newfaxcorp.com](http://www.newfaxcorp.com). Newfax can be contacted at 419-241-5157 or 800-877-5157. A non-refundable fee of \$40 is required for each set of full-size documents obtained. For additional information, please contact Jon Zvanovec @ 419-360-9184, [jon.zvanovec@metroparkstoledo.com](mailto:jon.zvanovec@metroparkstoledo.com).  
  
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.  
  
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By order of the Board of Park Commissioners  
METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT OF THE TOLEDO AREA  
  
David D. Zenk, Director

After retiring from baseball, **Jackie Robinson** helped establish the African-American owned and controlled Freedom Bank.  
  
Being mischievous was **Thurgood Marshall's** gateway to the law. For punishment, he was forced to copy the Constitution. It eventually piqued his interest.

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**November 1, 1847:** The North Star newspaper was established in Rochester, New York.

**November 4, 1879:** T. Elkins puts patents on the refrigerating apparatus.

**November 2, 1891:** Charles Wesley, historian, born.

**October 31, 1893:** William Henry Lewis, named All-American football player.

**November 3, 1896:** J.H. Hunter, patients portable weighing scales.

**October 31, 1954:** The Rev. King, Sr. installs Martin Luther King, Jr. as the 20th pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala.

**November 5, 1956:** Death of pianist Art Tatum, one of the greatest jazz pianists of all time (46), Los Angeles.

**October 30, 1979:** Richard Arrington was elected the first Black mayor of Birmingham, Alabama.

**November 4, 2008:** Barack Obama elected 44th President of the United States of America

**November 4, 2008:** Barack Obama is elected president of the United States. He will be the African American president.

**Maya Angelou** stopped celebrating her birthday for many years following the assassination of her friend, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on the same day. She annually sent flowers to Mrs. King to commemorate that day.

At age 42, **Satchel Paige** became the oldest rookie to play Major League Baseball and continued to play until he was 47.

In 1967, **Robert H. Lawrence, Jr.** became the first

African-American to be trained as an astronaut. He unfortunately died in a plane crash during flight training before he could be sent on his first space mission. Sixteen years later, **Guion "Guy" Bluford** carried on Lawrence's legacy by becoming the first Black man in space.

**Langston Hughes'** daddy discouraged him from being a writer and only agreed to pay for his college education if he studied engineering.

Architect **Paul Williams** mastered the art of drawing upside down so that he could sit across from - not next to- white clients who didn't want to sit side-by-side with a Black person.



# From the Desk of Felicia

## Red Flags of a Failed Relationship

As they say, "Sometimes, all good things must come to an end." This saying goes for relationships as well. Dating someone who is just not that into you anymore is a red flag for a failed relationship. We get so caught up in being in a relationship and the popularity of it all, that we miss paying attention to certain red flags from our partners, that clearly lets us know that the relationship is over!

Lack of intimacy: If your partner doesn't have a sudden medical condition that prevents them from being intimate with you, this could be a red flag.

Work-related stress

or caring for an elderly parent could be a temporary cause of your partner's lack of intimacy BUT, if it's been for example, six months or more since you and your partner have been intimate, that's a red flag for sure!

Absent from the home: If you're married or live with your partner and they're never home, that's a red flag. People make time for who they want to spend their time with, so if your partner is always out with their family, colleagues or friends and not spending time with you....sorry but the relationship has failed.

No communication:- Total avoidance or sitting in silence around you is definitely a red flag. I'll add here becoming or being verbally abusive to you is a serious red flag and please remove yourself from being disrespected and within that relationship. If your partner doesn't communicate with you while you're engaging in a conversation with them, this definitely shows you that they're not interested in anything you have to say and they are not into the relationship any-



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more.

Intuition or gut feeling: A woman's intuition or that gut feeling you have about something is very powerful so use it! If something keeps tugging at you about a negative vibe you're getting, address it. You don't have to be confrontational with your partner when that gut feeling or intuition arises. Simply, ask. Your partner will either be truthful with you or deny everything. Most of the time, the latter happens and that's when it has been confirmed to you that the relationship has failed.

The truth always comes to the light. Maybe your partner has done some or all of these things and you just didn't realize it until it became noticeable. Don't try to force a relationship with someone just for

the sake of saying you're in a relationship. If you see the red flags, address them and if the behavior(s) doesn't change, move on. Sometimes people are simply not aware of their actions until it's brought to their attention. So again, if you are experiencing any of the aforementioned, address your concerns first, don't just break up with your partner.

Just because a relationship has failed, doesn't mean that you are a failure. The universe is aligning your destiny and sometimes, people just can't go with you on your journey. Don't lose hope on finding that forever love and definitely don't continue to take up space in a failed relationship, you are worth more than that.

## The Largest Black Doll Show of It's Kind to Provide Culture, Fun and Empowerment November 9



Black News-Detroit, MI — Sandy's Land LLC is an entertainment service where the mission is to "Party with a Purpose" to provide amusement and empowerment. Its 2019 Detroit Doll Show will include new and returning vendors and a power packed program to delight every child as well as the inner child of an adult. Attendees will experience a variety of vendors that include children authors, the culture corner, Black memorabilia and Black dolls. The event has moved to the Northwest Activities Center to provide free parking and other amenities such as food and comfort in the heart of the west side community on Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 11am to 5:30pm.

Program will include 2019 Motown Mic – spoken word artist of the year and two times TEDx speaker Mikhaella Norwood to provide spoken word, Mini Play House Workshop sponsored by Power Org Math, Photo booth sponsored by B Elegant & Strike a Pose, Doll Look Alike Contest, Giant Games, Girl Power Corner, Food, DJ (Live Music), Arts & Crafts, Head Wrap Workshop, Doll Making Workshops, Building Better Men presentation by Odis Bellinger Founder of Building Better Men Program, shop with a variety of vendors and the screening of "The Sky Princess" film that include actors: Vivica A. Fox, Robert Gossett and Angell Conwell.

The Detroit Doll Show mission is to celebrate history, culture, diversity and self love with the promotion of dolls of color. The event has been featured in the Michigan Citizen, WDIV – Live in the D, The Detroit News, BLAC Magazine, The HUB Detroit, Metro Parent, American Black Journal/PBS, Rhythm and Praise with Dr. Deborah Smith Pollard on Mix 92.3 FM WMXD, "Small Talk" with Mark Lee on WXYT 1270, Black America Web, Black Doll Collecting and Dolls Magazine. The event draws in attendees from around the globe of all ages. Ny'Ree Hardyway stated this doll show isn't just dolls being brought and sold. There's a spirit of pride, love and creative genius throughout the event. And Ms. Sandy always incorporate live and exciting performances that's unexpected.

Be prepared to shop with unique vendors before the Christmas holiday and have a Dollightful time at Sandy's Land 8th Annual Detroit Doll Show on Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and a special schedule time for the film screening of "The Sky Princess" at the Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers Rd, Detroit MI 48235. For film screening and group tickets, visit <http://2019detroitdollshow.eventbrite.com>. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5.

## Kevin Hart finally makes statement regarding devastating car crash



ROLLINGOUT — Superstar comedic actor Kevin Hart has finally broken his silence about the horrific car crash in suburban Los Angeles that nearly claimed his life. The 40-year-old father of three was in the passenger seat of his classic 1970 Plymouth muscle car – without proper safety restraints – when it careened off an embankment in Malibu, California. Hart and the driver, Jared Black, each suffered broken backs that required surgery. The passenger, Black's fiancé Rebecca Broxterman, escaped nearly unscathed.

Kevin Hart (Photo credit: Splash News)



# How to Detect Flooded Cars

*Submitted*

BETHESDA, Md., Recently, severe weather, unprecedented rainfall and flooding have taken their toll on car owners. Many in the affected areas have driven through high water that may have damaged their vehicles. Even if your vehicle was not flooded or completely covered in water, the non-profit Car Care Council recommends that you follow these guidelines to check for damage due to water intrusion or contamination:

- Check interior carpets, upholstery and door and trim panels for dampness. If they are wet, the vehicle needs professional attention. If you simply let the carpet dry, it will quickly grow mildew and give off foul odors. Seat brackets, motors and modules should also be checked for rust and proper operation.
- Pull the engine oil and transmission fluid dipsticks and differential plug. If the fluid appears milky, diluted, is no longer its original color or is beige in color, then it is likely the pans contain water and the vehicle should be towed to your repair shop. Driving the vehicle with water present may damage the internal parts and require extensive overhaul or repairs. The council reminds motorists that some synthetic differential fluids may appear to be milky, but are not water contaminated. When in doubt, a professional automotive technician should make the evaluation.
- Check the air filter for water. If it is wet, replace the air filter and change the oil.
- Check the undercarriage, bumpers, radiator area and frame for mud, grass, dirt, debris and rust. If any

of these are present, the vehicle should be washed and cleaned as soon as possible.

- Have the brake system checked by a professional automotive technician.
- Check the exterior lights for moisture and water. Replace headlights and bulbs that contain water.
- Listen for abnormal noises while the engine is running. Make a note of where the noise is coming from and take the vehicle to a professional automotive technician as soon as possible.
- Have the suspension joints lubricated, if necessary. Many newer vehicles are lubricated at the factory for life; however, these joints should be checked for rust.

“It all comes down to how much water the vehicle took in and where it reached,” said Rich White, executive director, Car Care



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visit the council’s online media room at <http://media.carcare.org>. To order a free copy of the popular Car Care Guide, visit the council’s consumer education website at [www.carcare.org](http://www.carcare.org).

# The beautiful NFL Draft tradition by the late Willie Brown.

*Submitted*

(ThyBlackMan.com) As many sports fans know, the NFL is celebrating its 100th season this NFL season. There has been a season-long celebration of fans, historic players, historic teams, and great moments in NFL history. One of the iconic images for NFL Films is the 75-yard interception return for a touchdown by Oakland Raiders cornerback Willie Brown in Super Bowl XI as he ran straight towards the camera with both eyes and a face full of determination. Sadly, Willie Brown passed away in late October and he leaves behind a fantastic football resume and an awesome tradition that should live on in NFL Draft history. ProFootballHall of Famer Willie Brown was one of the best cornerbacks

in NFL history and one of the best of the Raiders franchise which includes former All-Pros like Lester Hayes, Mike Haynes, Charles Woodson, and Nnamdi Asomugha. Like so many black NFL players during the 1960s, Brown honed his craft in college at an historically black university as he attended Grambling State University. His time spent at Grambling means that he was coached by legendary head coach Eddie Robinson, who was known for molding so many great teams, players, and shaping so many great young men. It was apparent that Brown was one of those men in college yet he still was not drafted by any professional football team after leaving school in 1963. Being undrafted did not stop Willie Brown from enjoying a standout

professional football career with the Denver Broncos and Oakland Raiders. Much of his career was highlighted by big plays and interceptions in the postseason for the Raiders as they were one of the best NFL teams during his time there. He also earned the fitting nickname “Old Man Willie” for his looks. However, one of the things that Willie Brown should be remembered for is his annual participation in the NFL Draft over the last decade.

As a former Raider, Brown used to announce some of the Raiders later round draft picks at the podium of the NFL Draft in recent years. The timing of the NFL Draft on the calendar often took place slightly before a major holiday and Willie Brown reminded people of that. He would also do something special prior



to announcing picks as he often reminded the men in the audience that Mother’s Day was coming up and to show the women love during that day.

During the 2017 NFL Draft, Willie Brown shouted out his own mother during his annual Mother’s Day salute and said, “Let me get a couple things out of the way... Happy mother’s day’s coming up in a

couple weeks, guys, so go shopping for your mom, OK? My mom will be 103 in October. So her and Mrs. Al Davis... I won’t tell you her age — don’t worry about her age.” His salute to mothers became a NFL Draft tradition over the last decade and during the 2019 NFL Draft, another former Raiders great Charles Woodson, carried on the tradition with Brown

unable to attend. This sign of love and affection that started with Willie Brown and continued with Charles Woodson was an awesome moment and the Raiders should continue it in the NFL Draft as a special tradition. It also showed that Brown was the classy guy his opponents thought him to be.

**Staff Writer;**  
**Mark Hines**

# Cleaner Environment: API Says ‘We’re On It’

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households. Meanwhile, American liquified natural gas (LNG) exports are affecting the economics of power generation abroad.

While positive developments should affect all citizens, African Americans and other minorities should especially take note.

“Our industry certainly recognizes the great opportunity to enlist the talents and skills of more women, African Americans and Hispanics. A recent study projected nearly 1.9 million direct job opportunities in industry through 2035, with women and minorities accounting for hundreds of thousands of them.”

The “We’re on It” campaign underscores the commitment of the natural gas and oil industry to provide reliable and affordable energy, while reducing emissions and its footprint.

“Today, the U.S. carbon dioxide emissions are at their lowest in a generation, largely due to the increased use of natural gas, evidence that energy and climate progress can coexist,” Sommers wrote last month.

“Through continued development of sustainable energy resources and collective action toward emissions reduction, the natural gas and oil industry will continue leading efforts to improve our environment.”



# Triple the Pink

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Toledo. Other organizations involved with the program were The YMCA of Northwest Ohio, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc, National Sorority Phi Delta Kappa, The Ladies of Distinction, and ABC Healthcare, Inc. All women, who attended the program, were encourage to show their support for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month by wearing something pink. The two-hour long event, which was entitled, ‘Triple the Pink’, dealt with the subject of Triple-Negative Breast Cancer. Statics show that women, who are more likely to develop Triple Negative Breast Cancer, are women of color, although it can affect women and men of any race.

There are different types of breast cancer, but about 10 to 20 percent of Breast Cancer diagnosed are Triple-Negative Breast Cancer. It is for that reason this type of breast cancer was chosen for discussion, with a targeted audience, who were women of color. It’s also a subject that most women and men know very little about or ever imagine it might affect to them someday. Over and over again throughout the program, it was stressed that early diagnoses is the key to dealing with Triple-

main points during her presentation was early detection, she said, “Be an advocate for yourself and take care of yourself. Early detection is the best, get your mammograms and know what’s normal for you. If you need assistance to do this financially or otherwise contact the YWCA and we will gladly help you through the whole process.”

Guest speaker, Deborah Roberts, shared with the audience her own personal experience with breast cancer and offered this advice, she said, “Be proactive with



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Endorsed by U.A.W. Local 12, Ohio State UAW Community Action Program Council – Region 2-B UAW , Northwest Ohio Building Trades, AFSCME Power in Action, Toledo Police Patrolman’s Association, Carpenters Local 351, United Association Local 50 – Plumbers, Steamfitters, and Service Mechanics Union, Firefighters Local 92, Councilman Tyrone Riley and U.A.W. President Bruce Baumhower discuss future plans.

## Tyrone Riley makes District 1 a better place to live.

- ENSURED** community input into the new Mott Branch library
- CONDUCTED** 7 years of monthly neighborhood meetings
- CREATED** a domestic violence awareness program
- COORDINATED** the Skilled Trades Fair to help employment of young people
- FOUNDED** Smith Fest, giving away 600 bicycles to neighborhood youth

Negative Breast Cancer and all types of cancers. In other words, don’t wait, go get checked out was the point!

The program began with opening remarks by Mistress of Ceremonies Denise Black-Poon, 1st Vice President of NANBPWC, Inc. the Toledo Club. She was followed by a warm welcome from Dr. Frances Collins: NANBPWC Toledo Club President, and Morgannia Dawson: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. ZAO-President. Then Clara Branks, Chaplain for The Top Ladies of Distinction offered a prayer of healing for the room.

Next 1st Vice President Denise Black-Poon returned to explain the purpose of the program and Brenda Holsey: 1st Vice President NANBPWC Maumee Bay Club went over the key points of the program. Following these ladies was the introduction of the Special Guest Speakers, Winda Birt; YWCA Health Connection, Breast Cancer survivor Deborah Roberts and moderator Crystal Harris Darnell by Lisa McDuffie of the YWCA of NW Ohio and AKA Health Chairman.

One of the guest speakers, Winda Birt’s

your healthcare and put your faith in God and trust that he will get you through. A breast cancer diagnosis is not the end of the game, you can make it through.”

Moderator Crystal Harris Darnell repeated the same message over again and urged the ladies too, “take the time to take care of yourself and understand that breast cancer is not a death sentence. Taking care of yourself is so much bigger than just you, it’s also about the other people in your life that love and depend on you, take care of yourself get a checkup.”

Denise Black-Poon said, “All the organizations involved felt this program was important to present to the community and inform everyone to check their health and their bodies. We also wanted people to let people know that men can get breast cancer as well. We hoped we have encouraged everyone to go out and check their health.”

The program ended with a free raffle for door prizes for the audience, and lite refreshments. Over fifty women participated in the NANBPWC ‘Triple the Pink’ program.

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