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TPS Makes Gains on State Report Card



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TPS Superintendent and CEO Dr. Romules Durant

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The Ohio Department of Education has released its annual report card for public schools and Toledo Public Schools has good news to share with the community. The district moved up one grade level on the report card and is no longer considered to be in Academic Distress as described by the State of Ohio.

In addition to moving up in the overall rankings, TPS saw continuing growth in more specific areas. Students are graduating at an increased rate. When looking at all students, the graduation rate reached 79.2 percent, up from 71.4 percent the year before. Over the last five years, graduation rates have increased 15.2 percent.

Among African-American students, the graduation rate exceeded 80 percent, which represents a 15.2 percent increase over the last five years and a 7.7 percent increase over last year alone. Scott High School had the biggest increase in graduation rate in the entire district, netting a 28 percent

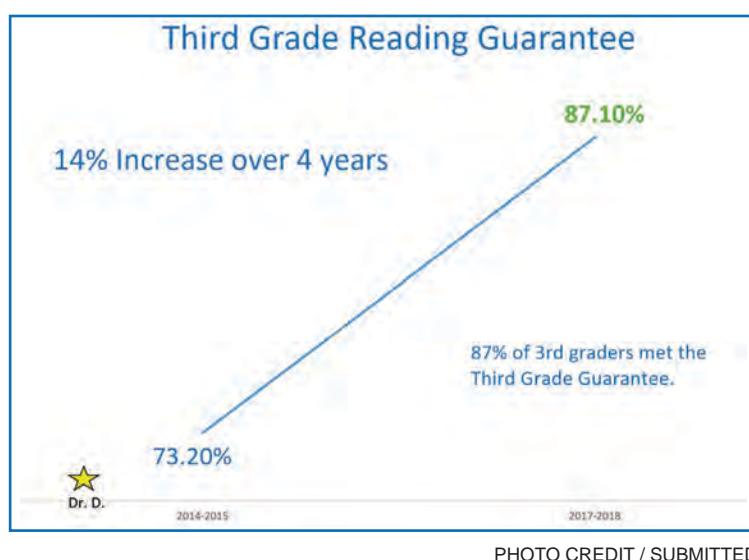
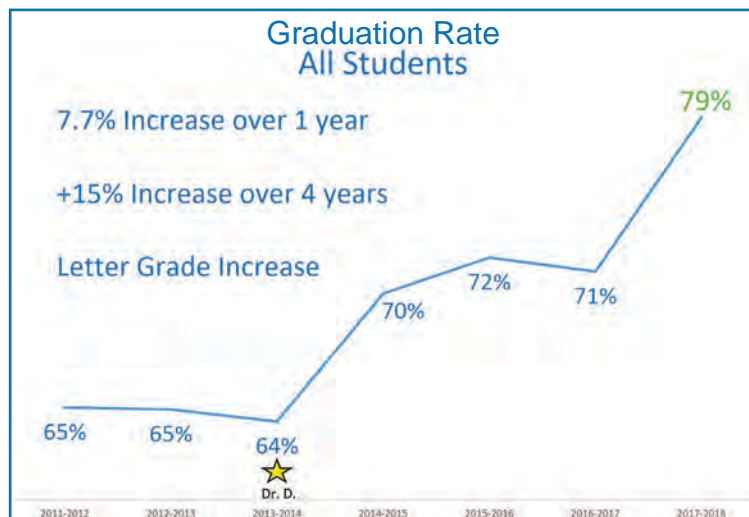
improvement.

Data also shows that TPS students are increasingly well prepared for their life after high school. Over 91 percent of students who followed a career tech pathway in high school either entered employment, enrolled in higher education or enlisted in the military after graduation. The district's "Prepared for Success" score increased for the second straight year, as did dual-enrollment/college credits, which is nearly double what it was two years ago.

Early childhood education also saw significant improvement over the previous year. The percentage of students passing the Kindergarten to third grade literacy test nearly doubled. Over 87 percent of students passed

the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, nearly a 14 percent improvement over three years before.

These results are a reflection in the investment in early childhood education at the Toledo Public Schools. Data consistently shows that students from TPS early



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childhood education are better prepared for kindergarten than students who are not from TPS early childhood education. District leaders feel there are two academic hurdles a student must overcome. One is the third grade reading proficiency tests and successfully navigating through the guidelines surrounding high school graduation.

Overall enrollment increased for the fifth straight year. In fact, TPS has added 1,801 students over the last five years, or the equivalent of 72 new classrooms of students. The district continues to serve a diverse and sometimes challenged population. Enrollment among economically disadvantaged students has increased more than 6,000 students in the last five years, for example.

Moving forward, the district remains committed to improving educational

outcomes for students. That commitment starts with the very youngest children in early childhood education and continues throughout their academic career, all with the goal of having every student be “college or career” ready.

Toledo Public Schools is the most comprehensive school district in northwest Ohio offering more than 35 career technology options, advanced placement courses, seven different foreign languages and 12 associate degrees. The investment the district is making in preparing students for the future is paying off and the success shows in this year's report card results.

In reviewing the results, the district emphasized that it welcomes transparency about its performance but believes the State Report Card continues to give a woefully incomplete picture of public education in this and other urban districts

The Stubblefields hold 18th Annual Collard Green Festival



During the festival the Stubblefield family paid homage to their elders, seen here with two senior family members (seated front L-R) Jenny Esmond (90) and Christina Perkins (98), with (standing) Victor Stubblefield, Joyce Stubblefield, Paula Stubblefield, and Gloria McNairy.



Mrs. Joyce Stubblefield (seated in the middle) is surrounded by family members at the 18th Annual Collard Green Festival.



After memorializing Mr. Glen Stubblefield, Mrs. Joyce Stubblefield's deceased husband who starred the festival with her 18 years ago, family members released white balloons into the sky in his honor at the 18th Annual Collard Green Festival.

By Michael Daniels Eighteen years Stubblefield started an
Journal Staff Reporter ago, Glen and Joyce event that would become



Guest (back L-R) Sammie Jackson, Betty Pope, Sherronda Overton, Shirley Carter, Regina Marshall, and Clarence Young, with (front L-R) Benard Pope and Sheila Pope-Moore eating and enjoying themselves at the Stubblefield's 18th Annual Collard Green Festival.



(L-R) Marcia Madison, Charlotte Daniels, and Camille Oden relaxing and eating at the Annual Collard Green Festival.



Skip Stubblefield prepared fresh Collard Green omelets for guest at the Collard Green Festival. an annual family tradition. The Stubblefield's acquired a large plot of land, situated between two houses which they also own, and made this space into the family's own personal park. Complete with large shady trees, beautiful flower bed planted and cared for by Mrs. Stubblefield, a gazebo and a small shelter house. This area is its own slice of paradise in the city. It is here on Saturday, September 14, 2019, the family hosted the 18th Annual Collard Green Festival on this very site as always. Mrs. Stubblefield said "It all began years ago when my mother, who is from Georgia, and who really loves collard

greens sent me on a search for a particular type of seed. During my quest to find this seed, I was inspired to have a collard green festival of my own. Originally my husband and I invited only about fifty people to join us, well more than 150 people showed up for the first festival. It was such a hit and the community really loved it so much we continued to have it every year."

"This year, which is our 18th year, the festival is dedicated to my husband, who helped me with this from the beginning, passed away last November," said Mrs. Stubblefield.

Today our guests can try up to 25 different collard green dishes that include collard green spaghetti, collard green ribs, collard green egg rolls, collard green quesadillas, collard green deviled eggs, collard greens cornbread, collard green soup, collard green tamales, and even collard green cake and ice cream just to mention a few and there's much, much, more," she said.

However, before she invited everyone to eat there was a short program hosted by Mrs. Stubblefield, where the Stubblefield family gathered together in front of the shelter house and acknowledged their elders, and memorialized their deceased relative Mr. Glen Stubblefield. Several family members and friends gave short

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Ongoing Events

ATTENTION AFRICAN AMERICAN VENDORS!

Join us for the 2nd Annual REAL BLACK FRIDAY TOLEDO! Black Business Expo. If you are an African American owned business looking to market your products or services to HUNDREDS of customers, register today to be a vendor at the largest Black Business Expo in Northwest Ohio.

The REAL BLACK FRIDAY TOLEDO! Black Business Expo is conveniently located within the central city of Toledo at The New Life Center on the campus of Bethlehem Baptist Church. This attractive, secure, one-level building offers 7,000 square Ft. of opportunity for vendors to have a wonderful and interactive experience with convenient and easy to access parking. The event is inside and will take place come rain or shine!

The event will take place November 29, 2019, from 11:00am until 5:00pm. Early bird registration is open now and you can take advantage of a 25% discount on the purchase of your table until September 27, 2019. Tables are limited, so don't miss out on this opportunity to sell on the hottest shopping day of the year. Visit www.ivinstitute.org to register.

For additional information or questions, please contact the Ivy Entrepreneur Institute at 419-989-6771.

Drop Off Refuse and Recycling Event on Saturdays

Acceptable items include electronic waste, but no televisions, CRT monitors, or appliances; 10 tires, on or off the rim, but no commercial tires; documents; houseware goods; clothing; toys; bulky items, and refuse. Latex paint will be accepted for \$1 per gallon

Future Engage Toledo Drop Off Refuse and Recycling Events are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following dates:

Sept. 21 - at Whitmer High School, 5601 Clegg Dr.

Household hazardous waste will be accepted Sept. 21.

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

Ohio MLK Commission Seeks Award Nominations

The Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission is now accepting nominations for awards honoring Ohioans who carry on the legacy of the celebrated civil rights leader. The Commission, with administrative support from the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Equal Opportunity Division, will announce award winners at the annual Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration Jan. 16, 2020, at Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 125 E. Broad St. in downtown Columbus.

"The event reminds us each year of our individual responsibility to carry forward the legacy of Dr. King in our state and local communities."

Nominations for each of the eight awards can be submitted electronically at das.ohio.gov/mlk and are due by Oct. 11. There is no limit on the number of nominations one can submit.

For more information contact the DAS Equal Opportunity Division at 614-466-8380 or mlk@das.ohio.gov.

Woodberry Park Playhouse In Association With Turnerman Productions

Is seeking actors, singers and dancers of all ages for theatrical cinema and stage productions. Serious Inquires Only! If interested call 419-975-5244 or 419-329-0361

Every Third Wednesday

Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition and Social Justice Insitute

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

Every 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the Month

The Redeemed Christian Church of God Food Pantry, 10 AM to 12 PM 2239 Cheyenne Blvd, Toledo OH 43614

ROCK OF PRAISE C.O.G.I.C. INC. SPIRITUAL OUT POUR SERVICES
September 27th, 28th, and 29th.
Speaker: Pastor Anthony Smith, Garden of Prayer Church: Friday and Saturday Sept. 27th and 28th evening services 7:00 pm.
Speaker: Recording Artist Rodney Jordan: Bethel Community Church Murfreesboro TN. Sept. 29th 2019, Sunday 11:00 am service.
Place: Rock of Praise C.O.G.I.C. INC. 1632 N. Cove Toledo Ohio 43607
Host Pastor Eugene Harris Sr. Phone # 472-7630

3rd Saturday of Each Month
Widows Empowered Strengthened & I Inc.
(Affectionately known as W.E.S & I Inc.)
Are you a Widow? Come share with us. We cordially invite you to join us at our next meeting: 1-3pm. Reynolds Corners Branch Library, 4833 Dorr Street, Toledo, OH 43615. To learn more about WES & I, Inc.: Call 419-359-4001, Email: w.e.s.andlinc@gmail.com, Website: www.widowsempowered.com.

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

Sept. 20th
United Nation's International Day of Peace
Dozens of area organizations and individuals will gather Friday, at noon at the Lucas County Courthouse to celebrate the United Nation's International Day of Peace in conjunction with Pace e Bene's Campaign Nonviolence National Convergence March & Action and the local Compassion Games.

The event will include gathering around a peace pole, brief statements and proclamations, acknowledgment of co-sponsors, and a march following the peace pole around the block.

Organized by the Association of U.S. Catholic Priests, Toledo Chapter Social Justice Subcommittee.

Sept. 21st
The Flanders Road Church of Christ Clothing Giveaway
At 5130 Flanders Road, Toledo, on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be clothing for men, women and children. Everyone is welcome.

September 21st
Macedonia Baptist Church Big Hat Luncheon
Sponsored by The Womens Ministry of Macedonia Baptist Church. (The History of The Big Hat in The African American Church), 1501 S. Cove Blvd., 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. this event is Free to the public. Donations will be greatly appreciated. For more info contact Macedonia Baptist Church 419-242-8700. Come out and help us make this fun, and spirit filled fellowship a great success! Ms. Evelyn Wilson: Chairperson, Rev. Clifford L. Mayes: Pastor.

Sept. 21st, Oct. 5th, & 19th
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.
Prior to each show, guests can enjoy the sounds of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra! The 30-minute recording offers a grand selection of music sure to delight audiences as they prepare to travel through the Universe.

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:
Saturdays September 7 & 21, October 5 & 19, November 2 & 16

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Sept 22nd
The Rossford First Baptist Church
"Old Ship of Zion"
Save The Date: Sunday, @ 5:00 PM. 167 Bergin St. Rossford, OH. This is a blessing event by some powerful soloist. Please plan on attending to get your hand clapping, foot stomping, and body movement going.

Sept. 22nd
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
61st Nurses Anniversary
Join us at 1203 Girard St. on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Guest preacher will be Pastor Dock Kelly. Venson Simpson, Pastor.

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

Sept. 29th
Susan G. Komen Race For The Cure Northwest Ohio
Register today: toledorace.com. We race for those who can't. We fund raise to save lives and prevent the next generation from suffering. We come together as survivors, co-survivors and those living with breast cancer so that in the future, we never have to race again. Join us. Sunday: Registration - 7:30 a.m., race starts: 9:30 a.m. Downtown Toledo, 406 Washington Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604. More information call: 419-724-2873.

Oct. 10th
T.U.S.A.
Core Team Meeting
Toledoans United For Social Action (T.U.S.A.). will hold their meeting on Thursday, from 6:00 to 7:30 p/m at Parkwood Seven Day Advent-age Church ,2200 Parkwood Ave. The event will be centered around "Tenant Blacklisting." Community members are invited to tell your story.

It's Time To Fight Right-Wing Domestic Terrorism The Way We Fight Other Forms of Terrorism



By Marc H. Morial
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - "The big thing is we need to change the way we in the United States are viewing these incidents with right-wing extremist terrorism. Stop dismissing this as crazy gunmen, or hate crimes, or that some person 'just snapped.' There is an ideology behind the attack. The attack needs to be called out as terrorism." — Daryl Johnson, former Department of Homeland Security analyst

Just over a decade ago, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the FBI produced a report entitled "Right-wing Extremism: Current Economic and Political Climate Fueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment."

The report warned of the rise of radicalized right-wing groups and individuals and the threat of political violence.

But instead of heeding its warnings, Congress erupted in a frenzy of denial and defensiveness. The conclusions of the report were distorted and misreported. Instead of taking the threat seriously, the ranking member of the House Homeland Security Committee, called for hearings to investigate DHS and the report.

Members took particular offense to the suggestion that divisive issues like abortion were being used as recruiting tools. Weeks after Congress shut down any response to the report, an anti-abortion extremist murdered physician George Tiller at his church.

In the years since outraged Congress

members blocked any official response to the threat, right-wing extremists have been responsible for the vast majority of extremist-related murders in the United States. Right-wing extremists were responsible for every single extremist killing in the U.S. in 2018, "from Pittsburgh to Parkland," according to the Anti-Defamation League.

The white supremacist massacre of 22 people in El Paso two weeks ago was the most deadly right-wing terrorist attack since 1995, when Timothy McVeigh killed 168 people in the Federal Building bombing in Oklahoma City. The suspect published a white nationalist manifesto on an internet message board just before the shooting. He told police he was targeting Mexicans, and drove 11 hours from his largely-white hometown near Dallas to majority-Latino El Paso.

He has not been charged with a hate crime.

And, while federal authorities are investigating the shooting as a domestic terrorism case, domestic terrorism is not codified as a law that can be prosecuted.

Sen. Martha McSally of Arizona has proposed such a law, saying, "For too long we have allowed those who commit heinous acts of domestic terrorism to be charged with related crimes that don't portray the full scope of their hateful actions."

The Patriot Act, passed in the immediate aftermath of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, gives the federal government multiple resources to combat international terrorism but little authority to investigate domestic terrorism.

Mary McCord, former acting assistant attorney general for national security, pointed out in a recent essay that the most common international terrorism charge is providing material support to a foreign terrorist organization. "Charges of 'material support' to a terrorist organization are not available to prevent domestic attacks" she wrote, "because the United States does not designate American groups as terrorist organizations."

"None of the 68 entries on the State Department's list is a white-supremacist group."

But the United States could designate foreign white supremacist groups as terrorist organizations.

"If the State Department put any of



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A woman touches a cross at a makeshift memorial for victims outside Walmart, near the scene of a mass shooting which left at least 22 people dead, on Aug. 6, 2019 in El Paso, Texas

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If the United States does not take steps to combat white supremacy and right-wing extremism, attacks like the one in El Paso will only become more commonplace. As the nation's racial demographics continue to change, so will the racist backlash.
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these groups on the list, the FBI could deploy undercover agents to chat with their members online, and would-be domestic terrorists in the United States would have to think twice about engaging with them."

In addition to a federal domestic terrorism statute and the designation of

foreign white supremacist groups as terrorist organizations, former Department of Homeland Security analyst Daryl Johnson, who authored the 2009 report, offered several recommendations in a recent interview:

Collect statistics on domestic terrorism, and allow those statistics to drive resources for programs to combat it.

Commit to long-term undercover investigations.

Train state and local law enforcement about right-wing extremists groups.

Make grants available for countering right-wing extremism.

Educate the public on their role, how to report suspicious activity, reaching out to communities and organizations that can help identify people being radicalized, working with private industry to get them to do better and more internet and social media monitoring.

If the United States does not take steps to combat white supremacy and right-wing extremism, attacks like the one in El Paso will only become more commonplace. As the nation's racial demographics continue to change, so will the racist backlash. It's time to take domestic terrorism as seriously as we have taken foreign terrorism.

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President Trump Is Ignorant but He's Not Stupid



By Wilmer J. Leon, III, Ph.D.
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(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Baltimore is a "...disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess...Why is so

much money sent to the Elijah Cummings' district when it is considered the worst run and most dangerous anywhere in the United States? No human being would want to live there. Where is all this money going? How much is stolen? Investigate this corrupt mess immediately!" President Donald Trump 7-28-19

President Trump is many things. He is ignorant; probably the most ignorant president ever elected. He is disinterested (ignorant and disinterested are a very dangerous combination). He is racist, a liar, sexist, misogynist, anti-Muslim, homophobic and many other things. The one thing he is not is stupid. He clearly understands and has made millions from marketing, messaging and branding.

His use of racist troupes, bombast, hyperbole, lies and narcissism may be dysfunctional and dangerous but they are shrewd and crude political calculations. This is a base-galvanizing political strategy not a consensus governing political strategy. One data point, according to Pew, even after Trump admitted that he is a misogynistic sexual predator, 47 percent of white women voted for Donald Trump. Why, because as Tom Porter stated, "they rather eat their racism than sit down and dine on a fine meal". Or as H. Rap Brown said, "racism is as American as cherry pie".

Since Trump cannot formulate a political message or campaign strategy that highlights his accom-

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In the Wake of Hurricane Dorian: Climate Change and Infrastructure Issues



By Julianne Malveaux
Wire Columnist

TriceEdneyWire.com) - Hurricane Dorian has drowned the Bahamas and devastated the coasts of North and South Carolina. There are trillions of dollars worth of damages, and communities that it will take years to rebuild. The fury of this hurricane, some say, is unprecedented, with winds measured at 130 miles per hour at their fiercest. Dozens of lives have been lost – at least 30, as of this writing, in the Bahamas, and many others here in the United States. As the winds die down, the questions rise up. Could this hurricane, and its devastation have been prevented? What role does climate change play in the destruction this hurricane has caused? Are extreme and unexpected weather patterns our new reality? What does it mean for our quality of life and our economy?

One doesn't have to be a climate scientist to believe that climate change is affecting our weather. But there is a large body of scientific research to prove it. The ferocity of Hurricane Dorian and the massive destruction it has left in its wake is at least partly due to climatic destabilization. This is why 195 nations signed the Paris Accord, the 2016 agreement to contain greenhouse gas emissions. Many applauded President Barack Obama's support of this accord. We have been dismayed that the current "President" has indicated his intent to withdraw from the agreement, and has already supported public policy to undermine it.

The willingness of US leaders to ignore the scourge of climate change is challenging. It is also challenging to watch democratic presidential candidates flail around the issue, as they did

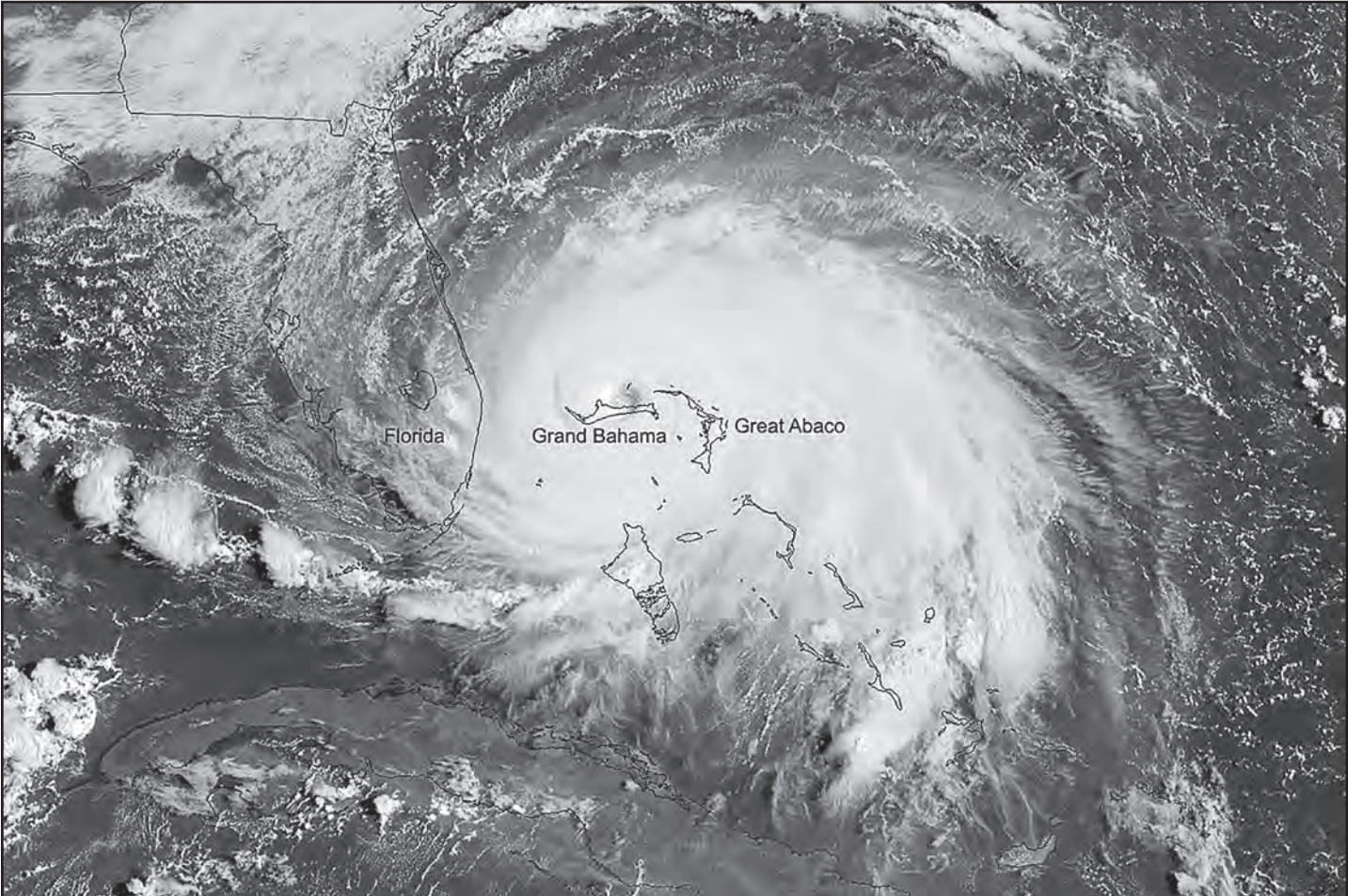


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Hurricane Dorian on Sept. 2, from NOAA.

in the recent CNN debates. To be sure, there was great rhetoric and good ideas, but from my perspective, no robust approach to better managing our environment.

Hurricane Dorian reminds us of the urgency of dealing with climate change policy. It also reminds us of the underinvestment our nation has made to our infrastructure. Better infrastructure would mitigate some of the destruction of this hurricane, and our 45th President promised to address infrastructure. He has not. It's a bipartisan challenge since whether you are a Democrat or Republican, you ride on our nation's highways and drive across vulnerable bridges. The American Society of Civil Engineers (asce.org) rates our infrastructure a D+, hardly a passing grade. It points to deficiencies on everything from our bridges and roads to our water supply, and daily headlines suggest their D+ grade may be generous.

Flint, Michigan has yet again made national news headlines after its water supply has been again polluted. It is easy to focus on Flint, but too many other municipalities also have water challenges, and the public health effects in Flint reverberate all over the country. We have long known of the adverse effects of lead paint on children, yet too many of our schools still are riddled with lead paint. And the beat goes on. The worst thing is that little has improved between 2013 and 2017 when the last report was released. The "President" knows it, but doesn't care to use his political capital to spark a bipartisan agreement, but instead prefers to keep up the combative mess around immigration and jingoism.

Congress is just back from its six-week break. Perhaps they will approach our challenges with renewed enthusiasm. From my perspective, the three top things they must deal with are gun control, infrastructure, and climate change.

These need to be bipartisan issues, issues that the majority of the population will be positively impacted by. But the rudderless, leaderless Oval Office prefers to engage in a rhetorical sideshow that diverts from the flailing economy (even with low unemployment rates), the white supremacist gun crisis, and infrastructure ineffectuality.

Hurricane Dorian reminds us that legislative malfeasance is unacceptable. To ignore climate change, infrastructure, and gun control is to ignore the issues that are critical to the lives of our nation's citizens. I'm not surprised that 45 ignores these issues, but what about the Congress, including those who represent areas that Dorian devastated?

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President Trump Is Ignorant but He's Not Stupid

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ishments or ability to deliver on his campaign promises, he defaults to the troupes that have historically carried the day in America, racism and xenophobia.

President Trump has failed to deliver on any of the major promises that candidate Trump ran on. He has failed to bring manufacturing jobs back to America. According to The Atlantic, "From trade deals to gun control and immigration to military deployments, the president has a consistent pattern: Talk a big game, then back down."

I have watched for the past two years and specifically the past two weeks as Trump has employed the tactics of hyper or uber-racist rhetoric to distract the media and public away from the issues that really matter. Two weeks ago, Trump referred to " 'Progressive' Democrat Congresswomen" (aka "The Squad") in his tweets, saying they should "go back and help fix the totally

broken and crime infested places from which they came." "Go back to where you come from" has been one of the most often used racist rants from bigots in America for centuries. Trump must have been talking about his own administration since all four women are members of Congress and US citizens.

Recently Trump Tweeted the racist insults about the city of Baltimore, MD, its residents and one of its congressional representatives. "No human being would want to live there." Really? Then what do you call the residents of the 26th largest city in the US who choose to and enjoy living in Baltimore...less than human? The racial composition of Baltimore is African American: 62.80%, White: 30.29% and Asian: 2.56%. The average household income has increased over the past 10 years from \$45,900 to \$64,100.

Again, Trump is ignorant but he's not stupid. His Tweets are not the mindless and aimless rants of a stupid man.

They are political calculations designed to distract the media and electorate from the real issues that are plaguing America.

There's a finite number of minutes, hours and days before the 2020 election. Every minute and day that our news cycle is consumed by and dedicated to Trump's Tweets is time that America is not focused on how to address or solve wealth disparity, mass incarceration, the correlation between extrajudicial killings and mass deportation and America's bankrupt and racist foreign policy.

It's easy for so-called analysts and pundits on mainstream corporate media to tell us that Trump is a racist. How do we know this? He tells us this every day. They may as well be discussing is water wet. Calling Trump racist is not journalism, nor is it news. It is simple and obvious. The challenge is to avoid the contrived distractions and deal with the real issues and solutions. Solutions

that solve problems such as why this current generation of young people are slated to be the first generation in this country that will not have a higher standard of living than their parents. We need to ensure that the American dream is obtainable for everyone.

The media, Democrats, pundits and analysts can follow Trump down the racist rat hole is they want but do it at your own peril. Telling us that he's incompetent does not take much analysis or insight. It's a trap that he has set you. It's a fool's errand and a losing venture; just ask Hilary Clinton.

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A group of thirteen people, including men and women of various ages, posing for a group photo indoors. They are standing in a line, smiling, in front of a patterned carpet and a plain wall. A wooden podium is visible on the left side of the frame.

A large group of people, mostly seniors, are seated at round tables in a banquet hall, attending a formal dinner. The room has a patterned carpet and large windows.

In addition to being involved with the NAACP, Ms. Tate works in City Hall, and serves as assistant to Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz.

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Lourdes University Receives Nurse Education Grant

\$156,990 grant addresses teaching and staff development within state

Submitted

Lourdes University Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Terry Keller and Master of Science in Nursing: Nurse Educator Program Director Rebecca Zechman, MSN, RN, are pleased to announce the College of Nursing has been awarded a \$156,990 Nurse Education Grant from the Ohio Board of Nursing. The grant funds will be disbursed from September 2019 to August 2021.

The purpose of the Ohio Board of Nursing Nurse Education Grant Program is to address the nursing shortage within the state of Ohio by supporting nurse education programs in their efforts to increase enrollment capacity of nursing students and nursing educators.

“The NEGP funds will allow Lourdes to expand enrollment in our online Master of Science in Nursing Nurse Educator program through collaborative partnerships with Kingston Healthcare and HCR ManorCare, and in so doing, contribute to the nurse workforce and raise the education lev-

el of RNs practicing in the local community and throughout the state,” says Rebecca Zechman.

The Lourdes Education Grant is projected to increase enrollment in the MSN Nurse Educator program by 75% to help reduce the number of unfilled nurse teaching development positions within the State of Ohio.

The mission of the Ohio Board of Nursing is to actively safeguard the health of the public through the effective regulation of nursing care. The Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN) issues state nursing licenses, sets standards for safe nursing care and assures the scope of practice for nurses within the state of Ohio.

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September 18, 1964: Dr. King has an audience with Pope Paul VI at the Vatican.

September 18, 1970: Rocker Jimi Hendrix dies at 27.

September 24, 2015: When speaking before a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress, Pope Francis references Dr. King’s “dream” saying, “That dream continues to inspire us all.”

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NHA hosts first annual 5k run/walk for sickle cell research



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Doni Miller, and LaShardae Scott, welcomed and thanked the participants. “Take a look around; this is what America looks like. We’re a diverse people, coming together to solve a problem,” Ms. Miller said.

By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN
Journal Staff Writer

“I was surprised how many physicians don’t know how people get sickle cell anemia,” Marqueshia Ferreira, whose daughter, Natahlia, is inflicted with the disease, told The Toledo Journal at the Neighborhood Health Associations, NHA, first annual 5k run/walk. Held on Saturday, September 14, at Ottawa Park, at Ottawa Pkwy, across from Toledo Hospital, the event had

over 200 registered people participate in the event.

In addition to the walk, various health, and social related organizations, who specializes in providing life insurance to those with sickle cell anemia, distributed information.

LaShardae Scott, director for Region 3, for NHA said that, the event is to raise awareness about the disease, as well as connect those, with sickle cell, to various agencies that they may not have been aware of.



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La Shardae Scott gives Brain Byrd, Chief of The Toledo Fire Department, a certificate of appreciation for his assistance at bringing awareness to sickle cell anemia.

Doni Miller, CEO of NHA, said there used to be a time when the disease was receiving more public attention, but over the years, has not receive the attention that’s so needed to help those inflicted with the disease combat it. “So we want to bring that attention back to a disease that affects so many people,” she said.

Brenda Ferreira, grandmother to Natahlia, said she was thankful for the event, and hoped more people become aware the disease. She especially hopes more physicians are made aware.

“It’s sad that many doctors will treat sickle cell patients as if their drug addicts. I’m hoping that events like this educates doctors about the disease,” she said.

Marqueshia Ferreira said that, the treatments her daughter has to endure take a toll on her. She has to get blood drawn every three months, get checked for seizures, and take medications daily, are just a few of the things Natahlia endures, her mom explained.

Marqueshia Ferreira expressed one of the



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Walking for Natahlia are, from left, Dorothy Bumpus, Raeshawn Shaw, Brenda Ferreira, Marqueshia Ferreira, Kimberly Stewart, and Natahlia Ferreira.



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Over 200 people registered for the 5k walk/run for sickle cell anemia.

surprisingly biggest challenges has come from Natahlia’s gym teachers. Ms. Ferreira said, she had to consistently remind the gym teachers that, since her daughter has sickle cell, she needs to rest more, and can’t

do many of the activities, for long durations, due to the disease.

“I think this event is good because it teaches people about the disease, and how it affects us,” Natahlia said.

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Annual 50+ Sports Classic Draws Hundreds of Northwest Ohio Athletes



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Billie Johnson, right, and Melanie Grohowski light the event torch at the Opening Ceremony.



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An athlete leads the pack in his heat during the track and field competition.



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Renard Oliver Sr. who competed in honor of friend Charlie Ollie poses at the Maumee H.S. track after competing in his events.
By Leah Williams

The 25th Annual 50+ Sports Classic sponsored by the Area Office on Aging and YMCA of Greater Toledo took place on Saturday, September 14 across multiple venues in Toledo and Maumee. The opening ceremony was held at the

Wolf Creek YMCA. Athletes and their families gathered bright and early at the flag pole in front of the YMCA to celebrate the upcoming day's events. Mr. Cole spoke of the power of healthy living and community as he emceed the program that included brief speeches,

a youth hip hop dance, and the lighting of the torch by Area Office of Aging Director/CEO, Billie Johnson and Wolf Creek YMCA District Vice President Melanie Grohowski.

According to event organizer Justin Moor, Vice President of Planning and Program Development at the Area Office on Aging, the Sports Classic was the vision of Director Billie Johnson and an incredible testament to aging well.

"This is a really inspirational day where we see positive images of aging - shattering a lot of myths people have about what it means to be age 50 and better," Mr. Moor said. "In the past, we've had 50-year-olds dunking, 90-year-olds running the 100-meter dash, and everything in between, so it's a really great day."

Over 200 athletes, ages 50 plus, participated in the classic on Saturday. The participants competed in over 10 sports including bowling, tennis, golf, track and field, swimming, pickle ball, and basketball. Each sports competition was divided into age groups and awards were given to the winners within each age grouping.

When asked about the importance of the event to the athletes and community at large, Ms. Johnson said that, the event was so important in motivating retirees to engage in activities that improve their overall health.

"We are delighted to promote health and wellness and this is what this is all about - to get our 50 plus population out here to be a role model for other retirees in our community so that, we can be healthy, live long, and be as independent as possible," Ms. Johnson said.

While the organizers had

their reasons for sponsoring the event, the participating athletes each had their own reasons for competing as well. Terri Wolf, age 60, received a flyer in the mail about the event and said she saw it as a great opportunity to challenge herself at the precipice of a new decade in her life.

"I had a hard time turning 60 so I decided I'm going to go do this. This looks really fun, and I love being active. And so that's what got me into it, and I'm doing it again in Albuquerque, New Mexico as well."

Stephanie Marable, 52, said her youngest daughter was the catalyst for her participation. "My daughter forced me. She bullied me," laughed Ms. Marable who won her heat in the 100-meter dash.

"My daughter runs at University of Cincinnati, and I always used to push her so she said 'Oh, you're going to do this mom' so I did," Ms. Marable said.

Renard Oliver Sr. woke up nursing a hamstring injury but pushed himself to compete to honor his childhood friend whom he reconnected with at last



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Stephanie Marable warms up before her 100-meter dash heat.

year's 50+ Senior Classic.

"I came today in honor of my friend, who passed away 6 months ago, Charlie Ollie who the last time we were here had a great day. He earned 6 or 7 medals, and I hadn't seen him in about 15 years so I had to be here today for him," Mr. Oliver said.

The competition started

at 8:00 a.m. and continued well into the afternoon. Interested athletes 50 years and older are encouraged to begin training for next year's competition now, which participant Stephanie Marable said is a great way to stay fit, have fun, and meet others in the same age range who are doing the same

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Evangelist, Loretta Dwight delivered the keynote address.



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Bishop Nolan White leads the choir in a selection



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Overseer and First Lady, Tabitha White explains the importance of Women's Day.



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Bishop Nolan White and First Lady Tabitha with their granddaughter, Noelle and congregation



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This event is free and open to the public; however, due to the intense nature of the program, organizers ask that those in attendance do not bring young children.

For more information about this event, please visit BethanyHouseToledo.org/events, contact Project Coordinator Mary Krueger at SilentWitnessProject@BethanyHousetoledo.org, or call 419-727-4948.

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Pastor Harris said "I personally, Thank our church family for their spirit of giving to support this ministry .

To do what we did, as a church, in such a short period of time, took great sacrifice and commitment not only of the saints but also the pastor."

As founder and Pastor for the last (7) seven years, Pastor Harris refused to accept a penny of salary from the church. "When you ask others to sacrifice and follow you then you must be willing to lead by example, Pastor Harris explained."

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18th Annual Collard Green Festival



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Dancing the night away after dinner on the Belmont Enterprise lot, guest having a good time at the 18th Annual Collard Green Festival.



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Guest enjoyed a selection of 25 different Collard Green dishes at the Stubblefield's 18th Annual Collard Green Festival.

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speeches expressing their love for Mr. Stubblefield and what he meant to them, while others sang songs in his honor. For the family, it was a solemn moment of reflection. To some in the family he was their father, to others he was their grandfather or uncle, and of course

a husband to his wife. It was obvious that he was greatly beloved by all of his family.

Right before the end of this tribute, his daughter led the family in a symbolic gesture that she compared to Jesus feeding the multitudes, where she passed out pieces of fish, for them to eat in his memory. This

was fish Mr. Stubblefield caught on one of his last fishing trips before he passed away. The ceremony ended with the family releasing white balloons up in the air in his memory. The entire activity was a very authentic African-American inspired spiritual experience.

After this, the food was blessed and Mrs. Stubblefield gave the word and dinner was served. This is what everybody came for. There was so much food you couldn't possibly taste everything, even if you came back

twice. There was so many collard greens specialty to choose from.

An extra special treat was on the other side of the park where Skip Stubblefield served up made to order collard green omelets. After eating all this great food, many of the guests sat back and relaxed while sipping a glass or two of the Stubblefield's delicious homemade wine.

All and all the Collard Green Festival was a wonderful time and an extraordinary event for

those in attendance. One never knew you could do so much with collard greens until now.

Collard greens were just one of a few select vegetables that African-Americans were allowed to grow and harvest for themselves and their families throughout times of slavery, and they are still an African-American food staple today. They are also beneficial for reducing high blood pressure and good for the digestion system.

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By Erin Thompson, Public Affairs Specialist in Toledo, OH

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The Village of Ottawa Hills

The Village of Ottawa Hills (pop: 4,500 in north-west Ohio)is seeking an experienced law enforcement professional to serve as Deputy Chief of Police. Under the general guidance of the Chief of Police, the Deputy Chief is responsible for day-to-day management of all Police Department operations.

The Police Department is a 24-hour operation with 13 full-time employees. Together, they are dedicated to fair and consistent law enforcement and preserving peace and quality of life. The Department prides itself on providing a strong sense of security to residents.

To ensure Village residents continue to receive this level of service, the successful candidate will continuously review department operations to plan for future improvements; review and adopt progressive law enforcement strategies;ensure department members continue to receive superior training; and further strengthen already strong relationships with residents and the village school system.

Due to the Village's size (about 2 square miles), the Police Department is very visible in the community. Our officers know the names of most residents, and their children. Our size enables us to offer a high level of service beyond basic law enforcement, such asresident house checks and bicycle registrations. Our officers also are active in the buildings of the Ottawa Hills Local Schools (1,000 students), consistently one of the top ranked schools in Ohio.

The Village and the Police Department are comprised of diverse populations. The successful candidate needs to have experience working with diverse populations and being a positive force in building inclusive communities.

The position's budgeted pay range is \$86,460 - \$101,900, depending on qualifications.The Village is able to offer the successful candidate benefits that include health care, paid holiday time, sick leave accrual, sick leave bonus, and vacation accrual.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- Minimum of 10 years of law enforcement experience with at least five years of command or management-level experience.
- OPOTA certification.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Previous experience at the rank of police lieutenant, captain, deputy chief or chief.
- A master's degree or completion of advanced management training such as the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC), the Certified Law Enforcement Executive program (CLEE), the FBI National Academy, or Northwest School of Police Staff and Command.

The selected candidate will be subject to a comprehensive background investigation, psychological evaluation, and pre-employment medical testing.The first review of resumes begins October 18, 2019. The Deputy Chief of Police position will remain open until filled.

The Deputy Chief of Police job description is available at www.ottawahills.org/deputy-chief

Candidates must submit a resume and cover letter to:

**Chief John Wenzlick
Ottawa Hills Police Department
2125 Richards Road
Ottawa Hills, Ohio 43606**

NEWS

Social Security

Q & A

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death of a beneficiary and continue to receive and cash checks of the deceased. We also depend on you to help stop fraud.

Question:
I haven't received my *Social Security Statement* in the mail the last few years. Will I ever get one again?

Answer:
We currently mail *Social Security Statements*to workers age 60 and over who aren't receiving Social Security benefits and do not yet have a *my Social Security*account. We mail the *Statements*three months prior to your birthday. Instead of waiting to receive a mailed *Statement*, we encourage people to open a *my Social Security*account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount so they can access their *Statement*online, anytime.

Question:
I'm gathering everything I'll need to file my taxes this month. Do I have to pay taxes on Social Security benefits? Also, where can I get a replacement 1099?

Answer:
Some people who get Social Security must pay federal income taxes on their benefits. Still, no one pays taxes on more than 85 percent of their Social Security benefits.
You must pay taxes on some portion of your benefits if you file an individual federal tax return and your income exceeds \$25,000. If you file a joint return, you must pay taxes if you and your spouse have combined income of more than \$32,000. If you are married and file a separate return, you probably will have to pay taxes on your benefits. You can read more about tax preparation in relation to Social Security at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/taxes.htm. Social Security benefits include monthly retirement, survivors, and disability benefits. They don't include Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments, which are not taxable. You can also get a replacement 1099 or 1042S when you open your own personal *my Social Security* account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

Question:
Someone stole my Social Security number, and it's being used repeatedly. Does Social Security issue new Social Security numbers to victims of repeated identity theft?

Answer:
Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America, so you aren't alone. If you've done all you can to identify and fix the problem, including contacting the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), but someone is still using your number, Social Security may assign you a new number. If you decide to apply for a new number, you'll need to prove your identity, age, and U.S. citizenship or immigration status. You'll also need to provide evidence you're having ongoing problems because of the misuse of your current Social Security number. You can read more about identity theft at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

Question:
My same-sex partner and I recently married. Will we qualify for Social Security benefits?

Answer:
You may be eligible to apply for Social Security benefits. Many factors affect your eligibility for benefits, including how long you worked and your age. Social Security is now processing more claims in which entitlement or eligibility is affected by a same-sex relationship. We encourage you to apply for benefits right away, even if you aren't sure you're eligible. Applying now will protect you against the loss of any potential benefits. You can apply safely and securely at www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline. Learn more about Social Security for same-sex couples by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov/same-sexcouples.

From the Desk of Felicia

What to Wear on Your 1st Date

Stop stressing yourself out over what to wear on your first date with a guy. Although first impressions mean a lot, most guys don't particularly focus on your outfit long enough for you to stress over it. Depending on where you're going on your first date, you may want to consider the following:

Check out the venue online. If you're getting the coffee shop/lounge type of vibe from their photos, a casual or chic look is a classic look. You can always dress up or dress down a pair of jeans. Think about that one outfit that you wear that makes you feel god and confident, wear that!

Next, you can dress yourself according to a specific color that pairs very well up against your skin or some experts suggest that you show off that one body part that you're the most, proud of (ex., arms, legs or back). But don't show too much skin, that can be a complete turn off!

Accessories and/or sunglasses are essential to wear during any daytime and outdoor activities. Regardless if you two decide to take a brisk walk, head to a local coffee shop or do a simple picnic in the park, accessories and sunglasses will make any outfit pop!

Think about if you were going on a trip, what outfit would you pack first because it's your favorite to wear? That's the outfit that you can consider, wearing on your first date. As long as this outfit doesn't have wrinkles, shows too much skin or is not appropriate for the activity planned, wear it. You don't want to wear an outfit that you would typically wear to a club on your



first date, either.

In an article written in The Telegraph, the writer said, "Day date outfits are, by nature, more casual and comfy, which will make you feel more at ease in your skin. You'll want to tailor the exact look depending on the activity, but suggested items include comfy shoes – so you can go for an impromptu stroll – and a smart jacket or coat (depending on the season)." Wearing comfortable shoes is key on the first date. You should not wear shoes that hurt your feet as soon as you put them on, or those new shoes that you haven't gotten comfortable wearing yet.

Your first date should be enjoyable and fun without stressing over what to wear. Go with your gut feeling and if you're gut tells you not to wear something that's too revealing, or too much for the date, follow that intuition and go enjoy yourself on your first date.

The Tamron Hall Show Debuts



By Nsenga K. Burton, Ph.D., NNPA Newswire Entertainment and Culture Editor

America's news sweetheart Tamron Hall is back with a self-titled daytime talk show The Tamron Hall Show. Following Hall's controversial yet celebrated 2017 exit from the Today Show after being curbed in favor of white supremacist-y Megyn Kelly, Hall returns to television as a talk show host on her terms.

In addition to Hall's professional life, a lot has also changed in her personal life since the abrupt Today and MSNBC exit. The award-winning journalist is now married and a mother of a son, which she discussed at the "Journey to My Wildest Dreams" Toyota sponsored luncheon at the 2019 NABJ national convention held in Miami.

Hall discussed how motherhood has changed her life, the confidence required to be in the news business and the challenges faced by blacks in general and black women specifically on the often-complicated journey to success.

Hall reiterated the importance of having a seat at the table and being ready when the opportunity presents itself. "There was a window, a sliver of opportunity and I took it," says Hall. "I knew I had to shoot my shot," says the Texas native. Indeed, Hall shot her shot, landing on her feet with a daytime talk show in a market that is crowded but ripe for a voice like Hall's.

Hall's return to daytime pits her against another one of America's sweethearts, Grammy award-winning singer Kelly Clarkson who is also launching a self-titled talk show on the same day on NBC no less.

Clarkson is the season one winner of American Idol and has served as a judge on the wildly popular NBC reality show The Voice.

Hall will also be wading into territory cur-

rently occupied by Wendy Williams, Rachel Ray, and the ladies of The View and The Talk among others. Hall created this talk show to bring people together and to give them an opportunity to share their "authentic journey."

One of the ways Hall is shaping her show is by insisting the makeup of the crew reflect her audience. Despite having veteran executive producer Bill Geddie at the helm, Hall insisted that more women be hired because she wants to empower people like her – a self-described country girl from Luling, Texas who has made it to the upper echelons of television and news.

Although creating and hosting a daytime talk show is new to Hall, working in front of and behind the camera is not. Hall hosted the Discovery ID series Deadline Crime with Tamron Hall, a weekly series which takes at deep dive into crimes, including unsolved crimes.

Motivated by the unsolved murder of her sister Renate, Hall lead an investigative team of journalists working together to find out what happened and why, to victims throughout the country for three seasons.

Hall's talk show will differ greatly but will offer in-depth discussions about important topics in addition to traditional daytime lifestyle segments. Hall believes television has the power to help people share their "authentic journey" and wants people to talk about their lives and inspire others in the process.

The Tamron Hall Show debuted 9/9/19. Check local listings for channel and time information.

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Tyler Perry Sending Relief Supplies to the Bahamas Via His Private Jet



Nationwide — Filmmaker Tyler Perry is reportedly using his own private jet to transport relief supplies to the Abaco Islands in the Bahamas to help the residents who were devastated by Hurricane Dorian.

"To all the incredible people of the Bahamas who have welcomed me and called me an adoptive son, I want you to know that I am watching closely, and as soon as I can, I will be there to do whatever I can to help you rebuild stronger and better. You're not only in my heart and my prayers, you're in my blood. God bless you. Stay Bahamas strong. The sun will shine agin [sic]."

Soon after posting the message on his Instagram feed, Perry sent a private plane carrying necessities such as water, juice,

diapers, sleeping bags, hygiene products, and more. The plane reportedly came back and forth twice the area to deliver the supplies and is still expected to return to bring more.

Perry, who owns a 25-acre island in the Bahamas called White Bay Cay, reportedly also had seven people, including children and a pregnant woman, rescued to receive medical attention.

Hurricane Dorian, which struck the Caribbean nation's largest island earlier this month as a Category 5 storm, has destroyed homes and properties and even sunk the airport underwater. As of now, the death toll remained at 50 but is expected to increase to thousands as officials search the area. Around 70,000 people became homeless.

Despite U.S. Open Loss, Serena Williams is still the Greatest of All Time



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Serena Williams’s legacy is sealed, whether or not she ever hits a tennis ball again,” Tera W. Hunter, a professor of history and African American studies at Princeton, wrote in an op-ed for the New York Times

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Correspondent

Serena Williams lost her bid for what would have

been her sixth U.S. Open Singles title.

It was the second straight year that Williams lost in the finals.

But, with 23 Grand Slam tournament titles and a .850 career winning percentage, Williams legacy as the world’s greatest tennis player was solidified a long time ago.

“Serena Williams’s legacy is sealed, whether or not she ever hits a tennis ball again,” Tera W. Hunter, a professor of history and African American studies at Princeton, wrote in an op-ed for the New York Times.

“It’s sad she didn’t beat Bianca Andreescu at the finals of the U.S. Open Championships and match Margaret Court’s record of 24 Grand Slam singles titles. But her contributions to the game are much bigger than reaching another Grand Slam Final,” Hunter wrote.

Williams, 37, began playing tennis at the age of 5 in Compton, California.

Under the tutelage of her father, Richard Williams, Serena and her sister Venus rose to stardom in the 1990s. The duo took the tennis world by storm with Serena Williams ultimately surpassing her sister and others as easily the best in the sport.

Serena Williams, who has earned approximately \$100 million in her career, won her first Grand Slam title at the age of 17 and she hasn’t looked back.

Here are just some of her accomplishments:

- At the 1999 U.S. Open, became the second African-American woman to win a Grand Slam title at 17 years old.
- By winning the 2001 Australian Open doubles championship with Venus Williams, became the fifth pair to complete a Career Doubles Grand Slam and the only pair to win a Career Doubles Golden Slam.
- At the 2001 U.S. Open, marked the first time in the Open Era, and the second time in 117 years that sisters met in a Grand Slam final (with Venus)
- At the 2002 Roland Garros final, she became the first younger sister to defeat her older sister in a Grand Slam singles tournament.
- By winning the 2003 Australian Open, became the fifth woman to hold all four Grand Slam singles titles simultaneously.
- By winning the 2003 Wimbledon ladies’ title, Williams became just the fifth woman in the Open Era to win back-to-back Wimbledon crowns.
- By reaching the final of the 2003 Australian Open, she and sister Venus became the first players to compete in 4 consecutive slam finals.
- By winning the 2005 Australian Open by defeating Mauresmo and Davenport, became the only player in tennis history to win three Grand Slam singles titles (1999 U.S. Open, 2002 Roland Garros) by beating the top two ranked players.
- By winning the 2007 Australian Open became the first unseeded player since 1978 to win a slam; she was ranked #81 in the world.
- Her six-year gap between Wimbledon titles (2003–2009) is second only to Evonne Goolagong Cawley’s nine years in the Open Era.

“She’s without question the embodiment of strength, character, and accomplishment,” said Julio C. Rodriguez, of Université Paris-Sorbonne.

The Undefeated Magazine’s managing editor Raina Kelley summed up why Williams is the Michael Jordan and Muhammad Ali of her sport.

“Serena Jameka Williams did not come just come to play — she came to slay. And you are alive to see it,” Kelley said.

“Is Serena the GOAT? She reinvented tennis. She invented #BlackGirlMagic. She has all of the trophies ever, and she stands for equality of women around the globe. Is Serena the greatest athlete of all time? Please,” Kelley said.

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A LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY.

Today, the Ohio Department of Education releases its report card for public schools - and Toledo Public Schools has good news to share with the community.

The district has improved on the overall State Report Card, which means TPS has moved out of Academic Distress. Our progress is credited to the work of our students, teachers and staff, all of whom are making tremendous strides.

Our graduation rates continue to improve and our Early Childhood program has shown growth. We are pleased that the improvements in our internal data are beginning to show in the report card.

Toledo Public Schools welcomes transparency about its performance, but believes the State Report Card gives a woefully incomplete picture of public education in this and other urban districts.

Even with these results, the State Report Card remains overly broad and continues to fail to accurately capture our progress. That is why we feel compelled to tell a more complete story. The summary below is supported by a full set of performance data which can be found at www.tps.org.

Sincerely,

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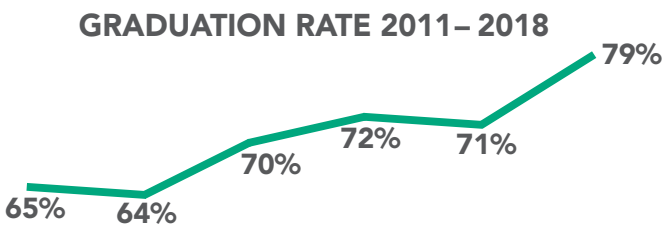
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TPS SHOWS PROGRESS

GRADUATION RATES

- Increased graduation rate by 15.2% over five years and 7.7% in one year
- African-American graduation rate is up 20.9% in five years
- Hispanic graduation rates increased 14.7% over five years
- Economically disadvantaged students' graduation rate increased 17% over five years



TPS STUDENTS PREPARED FOR SUCCESS

- Career Tech students are placed in jobs, education or the military 91% of the time after graduation
- The overall "Prepared For Success" score increased 4.2%
- Dual Enrollment/College Credits earned increased 5.4%



SCHOOLS WITH THE HIGHEST PROFICIENCY INCREASES

Jones Leadership Academy of Business	10.71%
Chase STEMM Academy	7.88%
Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy for Boys	7.74%
Rogers High School	7.61%
McKinley STEMM Academy	7.43%
Westfield/Robinson Achievement	6.70%
Toledo Early College High School	6.57%
Woodward High School	5.02%



KINDERGARTEN TO 3RD GRADE LITERACY

- Student proficiency from Kindergarten to Third grade nearly doubled over the previous year
- 87% of Third graders met the Third Grade Reading Guarantee



KINDERGARTEN READINESS

- Data continued to show that TPS Early Childhood Education students were more prepared for Kindergarten than non-TPS students
- TPS Early Childhood Education students scored higher on all facets of Kindergarten readiness than non-TPS students

ENROLLMENT

- Increased enrollment five years in a row
- In those five years, TPS has 1,801 new students, or 72 new classrooms
- Preschool population has almost tripled
- TPS is becoming more diverse over time

