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The Area Office on Aging Sponsors a 'Safari' For Seniors



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On their way to the Toledo Zoo Malawi Center were (L-R) Doris Greer, Beatrice Gracie, Naomi Thompson and Carol Thompson, Claudia Simmons, Tina Dunn and Lois McDougal at the Area Office On Aging's Safari.



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Seniors (L-R) Rita Oliver, Gomes and Bernadine Powell, Gloria Walker, Barbara Ifeduba, and Beverly Beasley arriving at the Toledo Zoo for the Area Office On Aging's 2019's Safari.



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Mr. and Mrs. Clark at AOA senior Safari



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Seniors Enjoying a nutritious lunch and the music of the Contours at AOA Safari.



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Senior Catherine Watson gets a ride to the Malawi Event Center at AOA's 2019 Safari.



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(L-R) Roland Moore, Everett H. Anderson, Delores Anderson, Rev. William Davis, and Geri Scrutchins at the AOA Safari, Exhibitors Expo Tuesday, September 17, 2019.



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Inside the Toledo Zoo's Malawi Event Center (L-R) Dr. Samuel H. Hancock, Linda Cobb, Sandra A. Fincher, Norman A. Bell Jr., and Valeri Betts get ready for a day at the AOA Safari.



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Participates in the introductions at AOA Safari inside the Malawi Center before lunch were (L-R) Master of Ceremonies Jerry Anderson, Director of External Affairs for The Toledo Zoo Bob Vasquez, Immediate Past Board Chairman of AOA Phil Walton, President and CEO of AOA Billie Johnson, Judge Jack Puffenberger, Lucas County Auditor Anita Lopez, City Council President Matt Cherry, Judge Lisa McGowen, Lucas County Sheriff John Tharp, AOA's Luella Ward and Officer Jeff Medere.

By Michael Daniels,
Journal Staff Reporter

Over a thousand seniors from Toledo and the Lucas County Area assembled Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at 10:00 am for Toledo's Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio's 'Safari' at the Malawi Event Center in the Toledo Zoo. For many seniors, they haven't made a trip to the zoo since their elementary school field trip days.

Now in their, a little older years, with some of those obstacles behind them, it's time for a good old fashion field trip to the Toledo Zoo, only this time for seniors only. Not to worry seniors, the Area Office on Aging had it all worked out for you from start to finish with an all-expenses-paid senior trip to the Toledo Zoo for a 'Safari.'

As seniors arrived in the parking lot, they

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Lucas County is Experiencing an Unprecedented Growth in Its Senior Population

Lucas County's demographics are changing. In 2000, Lucas County had 76,180 seniors. In 2020, the number of Lucas County seniors is projected to reach 101,899. During the course of the projected next Senior Levy (2020-2024), the number of Lucas County seniors will reach 108,382. The growth in senior population has been accompanied by a shift to emphasize aging-in-place, with people remaining in their homes and communities as they grow older, rather than moving into nursing homes and other institutions. This is strongly preferred by residents, and nationwide, 87% of adults ages 65+ want to stay in their current home and community as they age.

Of this senior population, approximately 30,000 individuals will be age 75+ and 50% will likely have a disability which means they will need assistance with activities of daily living. Along with a disability comes an increased need for services such as home-delivered meals, a home health aide to help with bathing and dressing, adult day care and transportation to medical appointments.

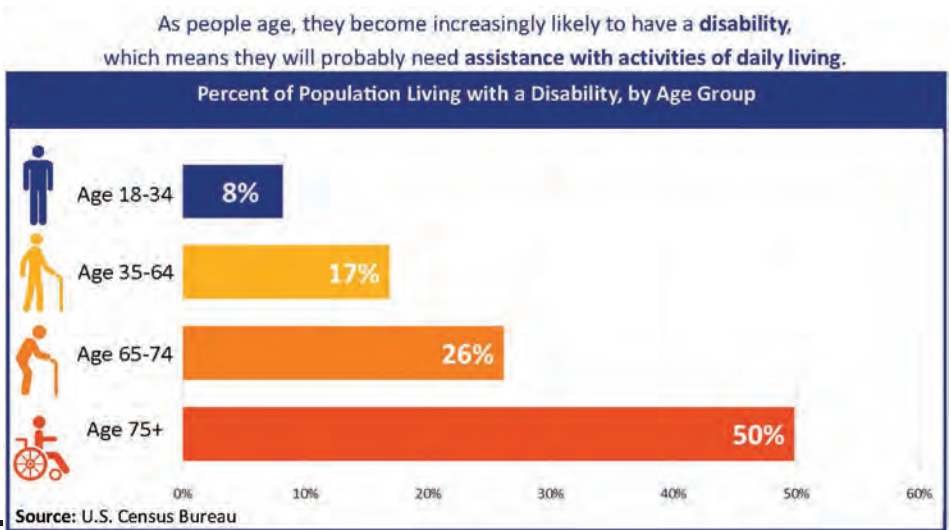
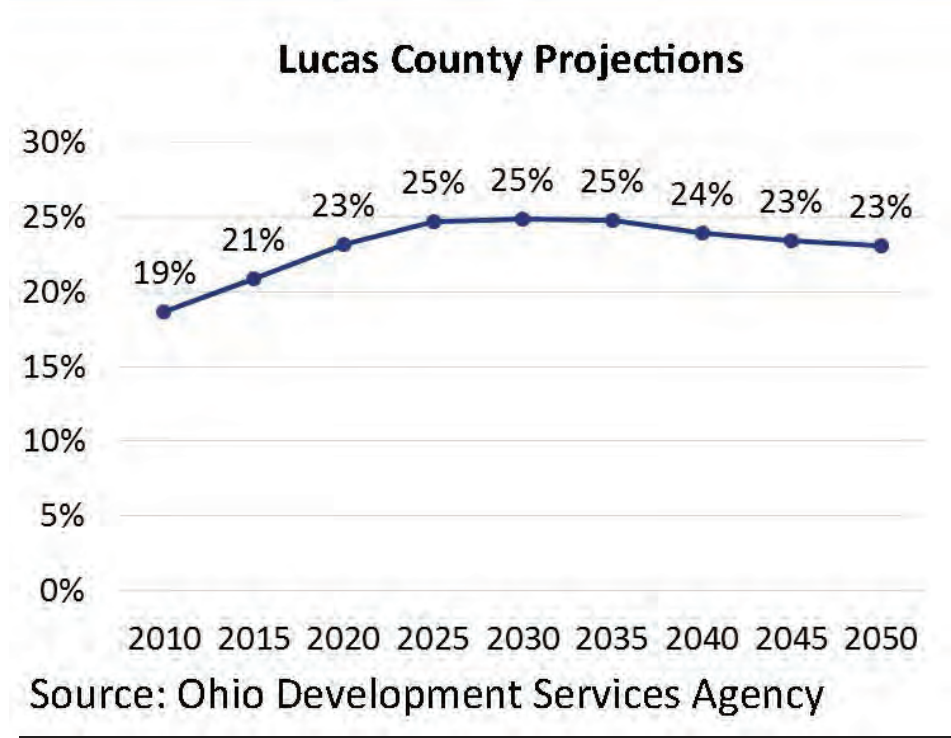
Both the number of Lucas County seniors and the increased care needs of these seniors have resulted in an increasing demand on nutrition, home care, Alzheimer's day care and senior services.

Even with service limitations, such as only two medical transportation trips a month per senior, there are currently waiting lists for home care, chore, medical transportation and minor home repair services. Some seniors receiving home repair this year had been on the waiting list for an average of nearly four years. Often these seniors have a disability requiring them to be in a wheelchair and live in a home with stairs as the only way to get in and out of the home. These seniors are in need of a ramp, but cannot afford to privately pay for this modification.

The Area Office on Aging is helping meet the needs of Lucas County seniors by helping 30,000 Lucas County seniors remain at home. The Area Office on Aging promotes the health, well-being and safety of older adults, persons with disabilities and family caregivers to foster independence.

For more information on services or to access them, contact the Area Office on Aging at 419-382-0624 or visit AreaOfficeOnAging.com

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Speaker: Recording Artist Rodney Jordan: Bethel Community Church Murfreesboro TN. Sept. 29th 2019, Sunday 11:00 am service.
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Sponsored by the Toledo/Lucas County Commission on Disabilities, Partners for Inclusion, the Ability Center of Greater Toledo and the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Voters Forum will focus on issues of importance to persons with disabilities. Representatives from the Senior Citizens Committee will answer questions about Issue 8 on the November ballot; The League of Women Voters will help with voter registration. Thursday, 6:00 pm. Sanger Branch Library, 3030 Central Avenue, Toledo 43606. The event is open to the public. **Free transportation is offered by TARPS to the Forum for those who are registered riders.**

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October 6, 2019 St. Mark Baptist Church 64th Annual Women's Day

Sunday, St. Mark Baptist Church Celebrating Women's Day Come And Join Us.
11:am - Speaker: Mother Betty R. Johnson, St/Mark
4:pm - Speaker: Vera Sanders, Ebenezer Baptist Ch., Tol. Ohio
Theme: "Stand On Faith And Hope Knowing That God Is Always There". Matthew 28:20. **Colors:** White with Hunter Green accessories, 2340 N. Holland Sylvania Rd., Toledo, Ohio 43615. Shelia Dewberry, Chair, Georgia Daniel. Co-Chair, Rev. C.L. Johnson. - Pastor.

Octobr 12, 2019 St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church Annual Men's Day BREAKFAST

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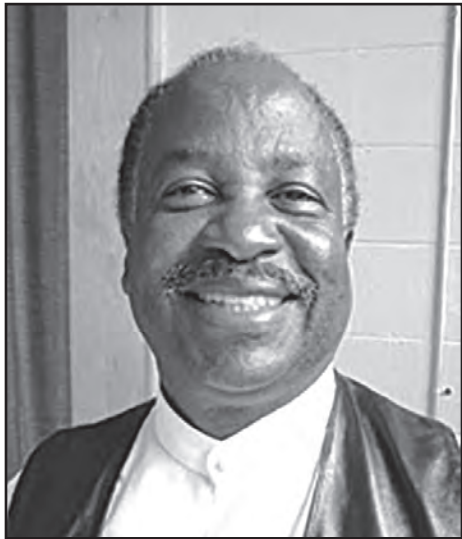
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A Garden Of Eden Redux...?



By Lafe Tolliver,
Attorney

First, a little history lesson that will set the prelude to the following opinion piece.

Let's go back...way back to the Garden of Eden, you know, the place God set up for his first creations, Adam and Eve to tend to the Garden and to have fellowship with God.

Things were going good for Adam and his wife, Eve. Adam named all the created animals at that time. He and wife were doing super with meals provided in the Garden. Great weather. No mosquitoes to worry about while walking around in the buff.

No cell phones dying on you. No worry about overdue rents or catching a cold or having medical coverage. To say the least, it was the good life!

Matter of fact, it was so good that God said, "Listen you two, anything you want in this Garden you can have or sample, but...leave that Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil alone!"

"Are we clear on that," said God.

"Oh yes", said Adam and Eve, "we got the picture and will stay away from it!"

So, God leaves for a moment but said that he will be back in the cool of the evening to converse with Adam and Eve and see how things are progressing in the Garden.

But, wouldn't you know it. Satan, the enemy of all things God, has access to the Garden and hears what God told Adam and Eve about "that" tree.

"Sweet!", Satan says to himself. "Now watch me!"

So, Satan waits a while until Eve is by herself tending to the Garden and



Satan, appears as a talking serpent. Now talking serpents don't scare Eve for after all, God can make animals talk. Remember the talking donkey rebuking the prophet Balaam when he, without mercy beat his poor riding donkey, for not following his directions.

The donkey saw an angel blocking his path and the donkey had enough sense to stop moving forward. He knew something was up, but the prophet was clueless until the donkey spoke and gave some wisdom as to what was happening in the spiritual realm.

But I digress. Back to the Garden story.

When Satan, appearing as a serpent, told Eve that God was selfish and stingy and he did not want them to be like him and knowing the difference between good and evil, Eve got tripped up and started listening to another other than God.

Bingo! That was the opening Satan needed to issue those now famous words: "Did God really say that if you eat of that tree you would surely die?"

Matter of fact, Satan plied his lie and said that if Eve and Adam were in fact to eat the delicious fruit of that grand tree, they would be like gods and would live forever!

So, Eve, beguiled by the serpent did eat of the fruit and later Adam

with her encouragement also ate of the forbidden fruit.

What happened here in the Garden that is now being multiplied around the world and especially in the US of A.

Simple: a concerted campaign of misinformation, alternate facts, internet bots, fake news, trolls, false videos, engineered stories that parade as solid news and thousand of lies that are gushing from the White House.

Satan was able to have Adam and Eve question their primary truth source and he was able to convince them with appeals to their vanity and ego that God was not to be trusted about his warning of not eating from that particular tree.

No, Eve or Adam did not have a cell phone to watch CNN or MSNBC or Fox News. They had a relationship with God but allowed someone else with a different agenda to corrupt their thinking and to jettison what they knew was truthful.

If you examine current events, it appears that people are vesting less and less truth in previously solid institutions that they relied upon for accuracy and truthfulness.

Now, for many, truth is a scrambled salad full of sandy grit and questionable lumps of fact or half-truths.

Governmental agencies are being challenged for their veracity (remember Trump using his Sharpie to redo the Hurricane Dorian map?) and venerated organizations like the FBI and the CIA and the military are under severe strain of credulity because Trump is playing the role of Satan in order to undermine pillars of truth if it serves his purposes of becoming an autocrat.

When God found out what Satan did to Adam and Eve, Satan, as the serpent, was punished and had to now crawl on his belly (whereas before he walked upright) and eat the dust of the earth.

As for Adam and Eve, their innocence was lost, and they were banished from the Garden for their rejection of the truth of God in exchange for a lie.

Moral of the story: There is nothing new under the Sun and what we are now knew as truth is being denigrated and dismissed. This assault on truth has a long history and we are now seeing personalities that are mimicking the same art of Satan's distortion of truth. This assault is being given a 2.0 upgrade via the explosive use of the Internet, cell phones and social media to reach the masses.

Apples anyone?

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Can America Break Its Gun Addiction?



By Jesse Jackson
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - After mass shootings in Southaven, Mis-

issippi; Dayton, Ohio; and Midland, El Paso and Odessa, Texas, public demand for sensible gun reform once more soared. And once more, Republican politicians, led by President Donald Trump, were intimidated into inaction by the gun lobby, led by the National Rifle Association.

Remarkably, it was America's largest retailer — Walmart — that exhibited the courage politicians lacked. It was in a Walmart store in El Paso where a gunman armed with an assault-style rifle, roused by the hate-filled rhetoric about a Latino "invasion" of our country, shot 48 people, killing 22. Walmart CEO Doug McMillon, a lifelong hunter, realized that they had to take action to protect workers and

customers in their stores. Walmart announced that it would ban open carry of guns in its stores.

In addition, it would discontinue selling handgun ammunition and ammunition that can be used in large-capacity clips on assault-style weapons. This was no small step. The NRA and other gun lobbies immediately called on members to boycott Walmart. Walmart itself projected that it would lose about half of its ammunition sales with this decision and also called on the federal government to act to "strengthen background checks" and to consider "reauthorization of the Assault Weapons ban."

Walmart's action moved other retailers to act, as Kroger, the nation's

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Why Would HUD Gut Its Own Disparate Impact Rule?



By Charlene Crowell
Wire Columnist

Whatever happened to the American Dream of owning a home and giving your children a better life than you experienced as a child? Is this 'dream' being deferred or denied?

In 2019, these questions are as timely as they are timeless. Beyond rising housing costs for would-be buyers and renters alike, serious doubts are emerging about the nation's commitment to the letter and spirit of fair housing laws, related enforcement, and regulations supporting both.

Today's Black homeownership rate is 41.1% — lower than it was when the 1970 census showed this same data point at 42%.

Since 2013, the disparate impact rule has objectively examined the effects of business practices with lenders, landlords, insurers, and real estate professionals against the provisions of the 1968 Fair Housing Act. The rule required that first a plaintiff must establish a discriminatory effect in policies and/or practices, before the defendant(s) would bear the responsibility of proving their own practices were non-discriminatory.

But in the August 19 Federal Register, HUD proposed a new rule that would expand the disparate impact rule into a five-step process that would

shift the burden of proving discrimination nearly exclusively to plaintiffs. By proposing that third parties test practices against algorithms to determine fairness, defendants in fair housing cases could later move for dismissal and/or be shielded from liability.

"Secretary Carson has proposed a rule that represents yet another egregious step by this Administration toward the dismantling of key civil rights protections in America," said Congresswoman Maxine Waters in reaction. The veteran lawmaker is also the Chair of the Housing Financial Services Committee. "The proposed rule would make it substantially more difficult for victims of housing discrimination, including persons with disabilities, families with children, and racial minorities, to prove their case in a court of law and thereby hold bad actors accountable for their actions."

New York Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney was even more direct in a Twitter post. "What is wrong with Ben Carson. You can't expand housing rights by limiting civil protections. The 'D' in HUD doesn't stand for 'Discrimination'."

During delivery of Capitol Hill testimony earlier this spring, Nikitra Bailey, an EVP with the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) also underscored the importance of disparate impact in fair housing.

"Disparate impact analysis encourages creative approaches that both increase effectiveness and inclusion," testified Bailey. "This process and the value of disparate impact analysis was recently pointed out and endorsed by the largest personal loan company in the country, Lending Club."

Other organizations actively engaged in opposing HUD's proposed rule reversal include the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law, the Leadership Conference for Civil and Human Rights, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, and the National Fair Housing Alliance.

Between now and October 18, concerned citizens, advocates, organiza-



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tions and others have a brief opportunity to stand up and speak out against the Carson proposal. Once this 60-day public comment period concludes, HUD will have the green light to move forward as planned or modify its proposal. How long the remainder of the rulemaking process lasts will be a HUD decision.

Before the Fair Housing Act's enactment, local zoning laws across the country supported segregation along with redlining Black communities to exclude borrowers from mortgage and home improvement loans along with a litany of real estate practices that denied Blacks and other people of color opportunities to build family wealth. Particularly by omitting Black neighborhoods from multiple listing services, door-to-door block-busting practices inflamed racial tensions with warnings of lost property values if integration was to occur. Additionally, many neigh-

borhoods enforced restricted covenants that explicitly excluded families of color from ever buying property in designated areas.

The irony is that despite more than 50 years of fair housing being federal law, not only does housing discrimination persist, the federal agency charged to defend it seems to have forgotten its own mission.

"HUD is looking for a problem that does not need a fix," added Bailey, speaking directly to the proposed disparate impact revision. "Even the lending industry supports disparate impact and uses it as a tool to create fairer and more profitable lending."

So exactly whom is HUD serving?

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Can America Break Its Gun Addiction?

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largest grocery chain, CVS, Walgreens and Wegmans also announced bans on open carry. (Other chains like Target, Starbucks and Chipotle have had policies against open carry for years). The laws on open carry and concealed carry of handguns vary from state to state, but open carry is legal in most states, often without any requirement for a permit. Walmart's example should now lead to a broader nonviolent movement to limit the carrying of guns, even as citizens push for legislative reforms at the state and national level.

In many states, like Texas, open carry is legal in churches. Churches across the country should follow Walmart's lead and post signs banning the carrying of guns — open or concealed — on church property. On university campuses, states' laws vary dramatically, but most allow institutions to limit open or concealed carry. Students across the country should ensure that their univer-



sity has acted to limit guns to the extent the laws allow. At athletic events, again laws vary. Generally, it is illegal to carry guns into professional athletic events from the NFL to the MLB.

Most states also ban guns from high school or interscholastic sporting

events. But as a college level, laws vary. In many states, concealed carry is legal unless the university posts signs banning guns. Surely every campus should act to keep guns out of the stands at athletic events. If more retailers follow Walmart, and if churches and

universities and concert halls and movie theaters act to ban weapons from their premises, a movement for common sense gun regulation can continue to build. When Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. called America the "most violent nation on earth," he was widely condemned, but he was right.

No other nation suffers the level of gun violence that we endure. No other nation fights in as many wars on as many continents as we do. Other nations savaged by civil war or outside invasion may suffer greater casualties in a conflict, but we have made violence — and victims of violence — routine. King argued that we have a choice in the end between nonviolence and nonexistence. The only hope for sensible gun regulation is to challenge the corruption represented by the NRA by nonviolent demonstrations and action, enlisting the overwhelming majority of Americans in a movement for change.

Deacon Marvin March Celebrates his 60th Birthday



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Family members who came to celebrate Deacon March's birthday were (front L- R) Caleb Jones, Anne Brown, Deacon March, and Gwendolyn Jones. (Back row (L- R) Clarence Jones, Yolanda Jones, Kenneth W. Jones, and Courtney Jones.



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Deacon Marvin March, program host, Brother Etholia Sweat and Larry Jones, coordinator for the event, from the left.

By Michael Daniels
Journal Staff Reporter

If you are involved at all in Toledo's core African-American church society

scene you've probably known or have heard of Marvin March. On Saturday, September 21, 2019, some 160 of his

church friends and family gathered at the Radisson Hotel on the UTMCC campus for a lavish 60th birthday celebration in his honor.

Mr. March who is currently a deacon at Indiana Missionary Baptist Church, grew up in the church and has served in the church in some capacity most of his life. Originally a member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church during his youth, it is here where he was chosen by his pastor, Rev. Brehon Hall to become a deacon in the church. In 1989 he moved to Indiana Baptist where he joined the choir and he became a member of the Toledo Interfaith Mass Choir under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Derrick Roberts. After

Dr. Roberts took another position Deacon March became the president. He is also a member of the Thomas Dorsey National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses.

At his birthday celebration, it was a who's who of leaders in the church including singers, ministers of music, deacons and a host of the clergy as well as regular church-going people. The affair was very elegant and everyone was dressed to impress including several ladies wearing gorgeous church hats. It was almost like you were at your favorite church on Sunday morning.

The program was hosted by Brother Etholia Sweat a friend of Deacon March from Charleston, SC. The invocation was by Deacon March's former pastor, who is now a bishop, Bishop Brehon Hall. Another friend, Dr. Stacy Scott from Gaitier, MS gave the welcome. There was a musical tribute by Sister Grace Summers of Southfield, MI and one by Deacon March's God child, Kristain Delayne of Farmington Hills, MI.

This was followed by a host of Tributes to Deacon March by the Toledo Interfaith Mass Choir, Indiana Baptist Church, NCGCC, Inc. and a host of family and friends. The festivities ended with the cutting and serving of his birthday cake by Deacon March, and some final remarks from him and the Benediction.

Also, during the program guest enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner.

Deacon March's older sister Anne Brown had nothing but praise for her



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Members from Indiana Missionary Baptist Church where Marvin March serves as a deacon at the celebration were (front L-R) Donald and Robin Hagans, and Jean Brown, with (back L-R) Prescilla Hutchens, and Evelyn Tucker.



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Members of The Interfaith Mass Choir of which Deacon March is the President, attending his birthday celebration were (IL-R) Lorena Roberts, Geraldine Scrutchins, Beverly Tucker, Deborah Gardner, Denise Woodard, and Cersandra McPherson.



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Church Ladies at the celebration were (L-R) Renee Heard: Greater St. Mary, Dorothy Gray: Search-lite Community Church, and Lorine Bell from Charity Baptist.

brother saying, "What's special about my brother is that he such a beautiful person because he tries to help everybody and I admire him for that. He looks after our other sister, who is disabled, and makes sure her needs are meant. He also looks after me and makes sure I can get back and forth to Toledo, from Detroit, where I live. This program tonight is wonderful and I'm so glad to be here celebrating his birthday." Gwendolyn E. Jones, his other sister, added, "I thank God for him because in 2012 I almost left this world, and he has taken care of me ever since. God is good for giving me a brother like him. He has done a lot for me and I thank the Lord for him."

About his wonderful

celebration birthday party Deacon March had this to say, "Tonight I'm celebrating sixty years of life and I have so much to be thankful and blessed for. I thank the Lord for allowing me to make it to sixty. I advise everyone to trust in the Lord and he will supply your needs, just have faith. You must believe in him no matter how hard it gets. Know that God will make a way, he always does. You have to learn to trust him and wait! Live your life to the fullest and know it pays to love Jesus."

About his party, he said, "I loved it and it felt good for everyone who came and expressed their love for me, I just want to say thank you to them all. Deacon Marvin A. March was born on September 30, 1959.

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Vaping: Who's side is the FDA on?



By Glenn Ellis
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Most recently, we are finding out that vaping and e-cigarettes are causing health problems in the healthy lungs of young people.

Initially touted as a sure-fire way to create a generation of tobacco-free adults, we are now finding that they are not the panacea they were intended to be. Electronic cigarettes are less harmful than traditional cigarettes, but they aren't safe. There's evidence they can damage the lungs, and they're also a path to nicotine addiction. Last year the percentage of teenagers using nicotine grew at the fastest rate ever recorded for an addictive substance, according to a survey funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

In fact, studies have found that young people who use them are more likely to become consumers of tobacco products than those who have never used them.

I should say a little about vaping, and what it is, for those who don't know. In 2014, The Oxford English Dictionary made "vape" the word of the year!

Vaping is the act of inhaling and exhaling the aerosol, often referred to as vapor, which is produced by an e-cigarette or similar device. The term is used because e-cigarettes do not produce tobacco smoke, but rather an aerosol, often mistaken for water vapor, that actually consists of fine particles. Many of these particles contain varying amounts of toxic chemicals, which have been linked to cancer, as well as respiratory and heart disease.

Vaping has grown in popularity with the rise of e-cigarettes, which were introduced to the mass market in the U.S. in 2007. Vaping devices include not just e-cigarettes, but also vape pens and advanced personal vaporizers.

More than 200 people across the US have come down with a mysterious illness that ap-

pears to be linked to vaping - the latest wake-up call to the potentially serious health risks of using e-cigarettes.

Federal officials are now confirming 193 potential cases of lung ailments linked to e-cigarettes reported by 22 states. The most publicized was the recent young student-athlete in Wisconsin, whose suffered from severe lung damage from vaping. Even when vapor is nicotine-free, it may carry other heart health risks. The heating element in e-cigarettes emits tiny particles, sometimes including metals, which can lodge themselves deep into the lungs and get absorbed into the body's circulatory system.

As of August 27, there were 215 cases of severe respiratory disease in 25 states since late June, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported Friday. All patients reported using e-cigarette products. But while officials believe their illness is associated with vaping, they haven't been able to single out which ingredient or device may be causing the problem.

My issue is with the FDA, not the CDC.

The CDC monitors and tracks diseases and outbreaks; the FDA is charged with the responsibility of "is responsible for protecting the public health by ensuring the safety, efficacy, and security of human and veterinary drugs..."

They are supposed to have our backs!

Until 2016, e-cigarettes were freely able to enter the market without any premarket approval by the FDA.

At the time electronic cigarettes were first available on the market, Obama-era Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell said in a news release, "Today's announcement is an important step in the fight for a tobacco-free generation - it will help us catch up with changes in the marketplace, put into place rules that protect our kids and give adults information they need to make informed decisions." I don't think so, Ms. Burwell!

To their credit, the CDC has been warning about the identified and potential dangers of e-cigarettes and vaping since these devices first appeared around 2007. In May of 2016, the FDA informed the public that its authority would be extended to cover elec-

tronic cigarettes and e-liquids, which meant that they were able to develop and enforce regulations on the industry. Essentially, any vaping product or e-cig that was released after February 15, 2007 fell under the exact same lengthy and expensive FDA approval process as regular tobacco cigarettes.

It doesn't help matters to know that in 2010, the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit rules against the Food and Drug Administration that absent therapeutic marketing claims, the FDA cannot ban e-cigarettes as unapproved drug delivery devices. This decision provides the legal framework for the very survival of the e-cigarette and vapor industries.

Seems we've been down this road before: The Federal Agency (FDA) charged with protection us as consumers, failed us. We saw what happened with FDA oversight on allowing Tobacco products; Opioids; and now with electronic cigarettes.

I believe that this is the tip of the iceberg or an even larger problem. A new study found that more than a third of drugs failed to complete the approval process. This means there are lot of drugs on the market that haven't been fully approved!

The time has long passed when we can assume that as consumers, we are protected from products entering the market that can cause us harm. We must hold the FDA, and all regulatory bodies to a higher standard of accountability. If not, we pay with our lives and the lives of our children.

Remember, I'm not a doctor. I just sound like one. Take good care of yourself and live the best life possible!

The information included in this column is for educational purposes only. It is not intended nor implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice.

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Medicare, A simple explanation

By Erin Thompson
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist,
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Social Security and Medicare are both programs that are household names, but do you know the true difference? Both programs help safeguard millions of Americans as well as improve the quality of life for their family and friends. While Social Security offers retirement, disability, and survivors benefits, Medicare provides health insurance.

Medicare is our country's health insurance program for people age 65 or older and younger people receiving Social Security disability benefits. The program helps with the cost of health care, but it doesn't cover all medical expenses or the cost of most long-term care. When you first enroll in Medicare and during certain times of the year, you can choose how you get your Medicare coverage. There are 2 main ways to get Medicare:

Original Medicare

Original Medicare includes Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Insurance). If you want drug coverage, you can join a separate Part D plan. To help pay your out-of-pocket costs in Original Medicare (like your deductible and 20% coinsurance),

you can also shop for and buy supplemental coverage. Examples include coverage from a Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policy, or from a former employer or union.

Medicare Advantage (also known as Part C)

Medicare Advantage is an "all in one" alternative to Original Medicare. These "bundled" plans include Part A, Part B, and usually Part D. Part C plans may have lower out-of-pocket costs than Original Medicare. They also may offer extra benefits that Original Medicare doesn't cover — like vision, hearing, dental, and more.

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Over 500 Local High School Students Attend UT Human Trafficking Conference



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Celia Williamson, Ph.D. hosted a three-day seminar at the University of Toledo on Human Trafficking.
By Leah Williams

The University of Toledo hosted over 500 local high school students from public and parochial schools on Wednesday, September



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Kizzy Williams presents Human Trafficking 101 during the conference.

has welcomed high school students to campus for the last six years. Anna Schramm, Research Assistant at the University's Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute, said that conference organizers were purposeful in creating an opportunity to address teenagers.



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Art contestant and high school junior Jadyn Greisiger's digital art piece submitted for the conference.

they learn something and take it back to their schools and spread the word."

The day for the high schoolers started en masse with a Human Trafficking 101 session presented by Kizzy Williams, a Toledo area social worker and victim advocate, who provides legal advocacy services to victims of sex and labor trafficking. During the session, Ms. Williams spoke to the students about relationship warning signs, victim grooming, and how predators use social media to target vulnerable youth.

Among the sea of students and teachers in the Thompson Student Union Auditorium was Community Activist and Educator Mona Al-Hayani, who attended the conference, with nearly 50 students from Toledo Early College High School. This included members of the Young Women for Change

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Human Trafficking Conference



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Educator Leah Hudson, center, with students from Jones Leadership Academy attending the conference.

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student organization who will be presenting along with Al-Hayani in November at the Ohio State House for the Ohio Human Trafficking Prevention Youth Summit.

"It's so important to have students come to conferences talking about human trafficking and the risk factors and how social media plays into tracking vulnerable youth," Ms. Al-Hayani said. "Our students think that they're invincible. Conferences like this makes them see that they are vulnerable."

Sarah Sahmarani, senior student and president of Young Women for Change at Toledo Early College, said it was important for students to attend the conference especially for those who identify as female. Ms. Sahmarani said that young women needed to be active in the fight against human trafficking.

"It's really important to empower women and girls to stand up and realize that they have a voice and can make a difference. They can make a change and stand up for themselves," she said.

Following the opening group session, the high school students' day rounded out with pre-selected breakout sessions, lunch, and the naming of winners from both the spoken word and visual art contest.

Art contestant and Maumee High School junior Jadyn Greisiger wrote that her digital art piece was meant to highlight the misconceptions that all human trafficking victims are female and victimized by strangers. She said that many victims are males and most people being trafficked were



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Members of the Young Women for Change student organization at Toledo Early College High School.

manipulated and abused by people they had come to be in relationship with on some level.

"Sadly, things such as 'You have nowhere else to go' or 'No one else will love you' and even physical abuse are used to keep the victim captive and vulnerable," Ms. Greisiger wrote. "I tried my best to show that sex trafficking and abuse isn't always as black and white as many people view it to be."


The final two days of the conference were sold out and the University of Toledo saw nearly 1200 people attend 75 breakout sessions that focused on diverse topics including research, direct services, legal and law enforcement, and survivor stories. Dr. Celia Williamson, Distinguished University Professor and director of the University's Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute said

the following in a statement to the press.

"We are proud so many people want to learn about human trafficking. Our conference brings sex and labor trafficking out of the shadows and helps end abuse. More than ever before, we have the opportunity to educate, collaborate, and save lives," Dr. Williamson said.


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Men from Four Churches Gather for Two-Day Retreat



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From left to right: Pastor Troy Brown, Deacon Willie Tucker, Deacon Avearn Ford, Deacon Eugene Williams, Reverend Robert Bass, and Deacon Troy Ogle



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The Glass City Singers leading the men in praise and worship.

By Leah Williams Missionary Baptist Church their own congregation.
Deacon Willie Tucker started their annual men's However, after four years,
said that Calvary retreat with members from the two-day retreat and

conference has grown to include men from three other churches - United Missionary Baptist Church, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, and Second Baptist Church.

"We're trying to bring men together to celebrate and learn more about the Lord," Deacon Tucker said.

The men's luncheon on Saturday, September 22 was held in the banquet hall facilities of the Radisson Hotel. Nearly 20 men enjoyed food, fellowship, worship, and the word. The Glass City Singers led the men in praise and worship, and Reverend Robert Bass delivered the sermon.

Deacon Troy Ogle from Calvary said that the weekend was ordained by God.

"I believe that the Lord has brought these four



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Reverend Robert Bass delivered the sermon during the men's retreat on Saturday.

churches together for a purpose," Deacon Ogle

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Second Baptist Church hosts 'out of the box' Pastoral Anniversary



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Sitting center are Dr. Jerry and First Lady Debra Boose, with the Pastoral committee. From left are, the Mothers of the Mother Board; Ella Betts, Virginia Welch, Augustine Scott, Florence Pargo, and Emma Brown; standing is Shirley Williams.



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Bishop Duane Tisdale, left, congratulates Dr. Jerry Boose on his 11th year as Pastor, while First Lady Debra Boose, applauds Bishop Tisdale for his words.

By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN
Journal Staff Writer

During the weekend of September 20-22, the members of Second Baptist Church, 9300 Maumee Western Rd, Monclova, Ohio, hosted

an, "Out of the box," as describe by the members, 11th Pastoral Anniversary,

Shirley Williams, church administrator, told The Toledo Journal that Dr. Rev. Jerry Boose, senior



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Friendship Baptist Church joined Second Baptist Church in the 11th Pastoral anniversary

pastor, always believed in "out of the box," methods to deliver the message of Christ. Motivated by his belief, Ms. Williams, and the Pastoral committee members, began moving on that premise.

On Friday, the church hosted a golf outing to raise money to help three, local, non-profits continue in their programming.

Saturday evening, at Second Baptist Church, Mel Bender, a comedian from Detroit, Michigan, as well as national recording artists, and stellar award nominee, Men of God's Heart, from Columbus, Ohio, headlined the night.

Sunday concluded the

weekend celebration with Pastor Nathan Proche, from Detroit, Michigan, being the keynote speaker for the morning service, and Bishop Duane Tisdale, of Friendship Baptist Church, conducting the afternoon service.

"We didn't want people to leave the same way they came in," Ms. Williams said of the Saturday's event. "People battle with depression, and other challenges, so we wanted them to leave Saturday's event feeling good," she explained.

Mother Virginia Welch, president of the Mothers' Board, said, "To honor

our Pastor, and First Lady, Debra Boose, is to honor ourselves. In truth, we need to honor them more than just once a year. He does more than preach; he cares for us. For what he does, as well as the First Lady, is the reason I say they need to be recognized more than once a year."

While fighting tears, First Lady Debra Boose, told the congregation how appreciative she was for the honoring by her church, as well as the members of Friendship

Baptist Church. "Pray for us. This job can be challenging, but I love serving the Lord," she said.

Dr. Boose also expressed his gratitude for the celebration, and added, "Members of Second Baptist, God has put us out here for a reason. He has shown us signs that we have a mission to do. This mission couldn't be possible without the leadership within the church assisting me; for that, I'm very grateful."

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said. "Hopefully, to be able to share the word of God not only with these churches but with the community as a whole. I believe that this is just the beginning [of] bringing brothers together in unity for fellowship and instruction."

When asked about why he agreed to speak at the retreat, Reverend Bass talked about his own experiences as an attendee.

"I've been a part of this experience for the last four years, and I have found myself to be enriched. So, I am grateful for the opportunity [to be] on the

other end by inspiring others to be enriched spiritually through the word of God."

Pastor Troy Brown of Calvary said that the retreat was an opportunity for Christian men in the community to encourage and learn from one another.

"We are in our fourth

year, and I thank God for the opportunity to come together. For me, this is an opportunity to be mentored by fellow black men in the community that are striving to be more like Christ and striving to better the community and our situations as the head of our households."

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September 28, 1991: Miles Davis Jazz Innovator and composer dies, 65.

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Aretha Franklin: She was not only the first African

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were transported by golf carts to the Malawi Event Center, the main hub for the Safari. It was in here that the senior were able to view an array of senior services, related exhibits and learn what services are available to them in the Toledo area. All exhibits were staffed with individuals ready and willing to answer any question about their services. There were also free samples and health screening available for those who wanted it.

While all this was going on inside, outside seniors, who wanted a little exercise and adventure, participated in the SilverSneakers scavenger hunt. On the hunt they had to find and visit several designated places in the zoo and get their game card validated, then successfully return to the SilverSneakers exhibit in the Malawi Event Center to claim their prize. There were also guided tours of some of the animal exhibits, such as the Aquarium, the Gorilla Area, and the Africa Overlook. Others participated in the '10 Million Step Walk' from the main entrance to the Malawi Center.

After all that activity in the morning, everyone was ready to sit down and enjoy a hot nutritious lunch and wait for the upcoming concert. At lunch, seniors were served lunch by special guests volunteers.

As the seniors finished their lunch, the big moment came and they were entertained by the Motown singing group, The Contours. Singing their hit song 'Do You Love Me' and other popular songs from the sixties. They wowed the crowd and took everyone back on time and had some people dancing in their seats.

Retirees, Leon and Barbara Hollowell said, "We came out especially for the concert and just to get out and get some exercise walking around. We picked up a lot of useful information here today and saw people we haven't seen for a while and it was fun."

Billie Johnson the President and CEO of the Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio, said, "Today we are celebrating senior citizens throughout Northwestern Ohio and especially in Toledo and Lucas County. This is our day that we enjoy the zoo and partner with them so we can honor seniors and show them how much we respect them and support them and that we are proud that they are a part of our community. The Toledo Zoo is one of the best zoos in the country and we want to get seniors out here to enjoy this wonderful event and to enjoy our zoo."

She also said, "With this event, we also wanted to make sure seniors understand what the Area Office on Aging and all of our partners do throughout the year to make it possible for them to be more independent, live in dignity and to stay at home as long as they can. For more information about AOA and our services call us at 419-382-0624.

American woman to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, she was the first woman. Period.

Madam C.J. Walker:

She was the first self-made female millionaire.

Thurgood Marshall

- was the first African American appointed to the Supreme Court. He played a pivotal role in the Brown v Board of Education case. The results of this case made it possible for all children to attend school together, regardless of their race.

Ella Fitzgerald and Count Basie

- Were the first African Americans to win Grammy Awards.

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Sept. 29th
Susan G. Komen Race For The Cure Northwest Ohio
Register today: toledorace.com. We race for those who can't. We fundraise 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.

Sept. 29th
New United Fall Feast!
All Are Welcome, Sunday 10am service. Come and Enjoy Great, Preaching, Worship, and Hospitality! Fellowship meal following service! No cost Jesus paid it all! Pastor Dewayne Braxton located at 701 Phillips Ave.

Oct. 1st
Lourdes University College Night
Hosts Catholic College Night, from 6:30p to 8:30p. Free and open to invited high school students. For more information, contact Alaina Coe at acoe@lourdes.edu

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. 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: October 5 & 19, November 2 & 16. Reservations are strongly recommended. Please call 419-517-8897 or email planetarium@lourdes.edu.

Oct. 6th
Owens Community College FREE Fall Band Concert
Everyone is invited to attend on Sunday at 2:30 pm. Presented by the Owens Community College Concert Band, in the Center for Fine & Performing Arts Theater on the Owens Perrysburg Campus. The program will feature a variety of musical styles including "The Great Waldo Pepper March", Habanera", "Alexander's Rag Time Band", "Fireman's Quick Step March", "Ray Charles - A Man and His Soul", "I Left My Heart In San Francisco". Refreshments will be served shortly after the concert in the theater lobby. For more information please call Owens Community College Department of Fine & Performing Arts at 567-661-7081.

Oct. 6th
Cause Without A Rebel Presents: TOLEDO'S GOSPEL GOATS
Greatest of All Times, Sunday, @ Maumee Indoor Theater 601 Conant St., admission \$10. Program begins at 6:30. Johnnie Love, Joyce Rush, Halo. Featuring: Bishop Darrell F. Sheares II, Artist Minister Chris Byrd, Bishop John Williams, Mackey Haynes, Twann Gaston, Cora Jones. A Good Time in the Lord! A portion of the proceeds benefit Family House Homeless Shelter. For tickets call E. Wiggins 419-536-3555, A. McClelland 419-902-2683, P. Carter 419-410-1198.

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.

From the Desk of Felicia

Why Do Men and Women Cheat?

Between reading a book and multiple conversations on social media, it seems like the theme for my week was: infidelity. I posted this question on my Facebook page Friday, and before I share some of the comments, let me make it clear, this post had nothing to do with my relationship. You know people will jump to assumptions whenever one poses a question such as this. See the posted comments and then my responses underneath:

Q: Why do men/women cheat?

Answer from T.C.M.: Excitement of the risk

Felicia: In my past, I know I cheated for the excitement and that usually involved a risk of my partner finding out. I mean why else would I cheat, if there were no risks? Why was that such a thrill back then? Thank God I've grown up and know better now, plus thrills for me now includes laying in my bed or on the couch reading a book, NOT cheating and creeping.

Answer from G.A.: Cause P%*%Y is plentiful

Felicia: So is penis....

Answer from multiple people: Selfish

Felicia: I'm selfish with a lot of things but cheating, is a zero tolerance for me. I'm too grown to be selfish and lying to my partner. I would respect my partner more if he told me upfront that he's interested in another person, intimately, and let me make the decision to stay or leave.

Answer from R.S.: Greedy cowards... Not getting what u want at home and afraid to break up or you're even getting what u want but you want something different. Or payback.

Felicia: The spirit of reflecting on a past breakup jumps out of me reading that one. I had an ex-boyfriend that cheated on me so many times, I wrote a whole monologue about his ass in my production, "Love 'Em All Monologues." The crazy thing as I look back on those moments, I kept accepting him back because I was just so in love with him. I couldn't have loved myself back then to continue to stay with a man who wouldn't break up with me, but would rather cheat on me and whenever he did break up with me, I begged him to come back, now how foolish was I for that?.....PRAISE BABY JESUS FOR MY GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT! It took me years to



break free of that cycle of a dysfunctional relationship.

Answer from M.J.: Most likely to seek advancement

Felicia: Y'all gotta help me out with this one. You make advancements in your career NOT by infidelities. I guess a person cheats because of the possibilities of finding someone new. But why not just be single and be mingling? Save your partner the heartbreaks if you really care about them and have the honest conversations needed to define the relationship. For me, after two hugs, a glass of wine and a kiss shared between us, WE GO TOGETHER. LOL so please ladies and gents, don't seek advancements, just define the relationship ASAP.

Answer from O.B.: Because we have unrealistic expectations of long-term monogamy and expect our partner to "complete" us or be our "everything" and when our realities don't live up to the expectations of ultimate bliss, people don't know how to have the necessary, hard conversations with their partners. People are afraid (some may say too cowardly) to talk about boundaries and wants and needs and how they may differ from their partners in order to have a genuinely honest, vulnerable relationship with that person.

Felicia: Preach! Let all the saints and aint's #SayAmen I knew that even though I attended Bedside Baptist this morning, I would still get a word and this person's comments was the word. *Passing my offering now*

I don't know why it's so hard for people to set boundaries EARLY in a relationship (I'm guilty of this obviously in my past). Not to say that, stuff don't happen in relationships because it does BUT stop settling for less and get you somebody that values and respect you and the boundaries that are placed in your relationship.

Hollywood loves films about itself. Finally, we've got one from a black perspective.



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In *Dolemite Is My Name*, Eddie Murphy plays Rudy Ray Moore, who dreams of making it big but is down on his luck. (Photo Courtesy of TIFF)

By Soraya Nadia McDonald
Wire Writer

TORONTO — If there's one thing that Hollywood loves, it's films about the hometown business. Once Upon a Time in Hollywood, Hail, Caesar!, La La Land, The Artist, Sunset Boulevard, Tropic Thunder, The Day of the Locust, Slums of Beverly Hills, Trumbo, Saving Mr. Banks and Hollywoodland, just to name a few. (Then there's a subset of this genre dedicated entirely to stories about Marilyn Monroe, a well that never seems to run dry.) There's just one issue with these films: They suffer from a self-indulgent racial myopia. Films that tell stories of what it's like to be a minority in Hollywood are all too rare. Enter *Dolemite Is My Name*, a new Netflix film starring Eddie Murphy that premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF).

Directed by Craig Brewer, *Dolemite Is My Name* shares some familiar beats with your typical film about the movie business, namely a persevering protagonist who dreams of making it big but is down on his luck. This time, he's played by Murphy, who stars as Rudy Ray Moore, the real-life figure who crafted the *Dolemite* character and the blaxploitation-era films centered on him.

Moore is an over-the-hill vaudevillian with a potbelly who works as the assistant manager of a record store in Los Angeles and never seemed to catch a break. He sings, he dances, he tells jokes. When he left his sharecropping daddy back in Arkansas, he dreamed of becoming a movie star.

Dolemite Is My Name tells the story of how that finally happened and the challenges that Moore faced getting *Dolemite* made. Although he didn't know a thing about filmmaking, Moore miraculously assembled a team through his own grit, hustle and charisma. He persuades a hoity-toity thespian named Jerry Jones (Keegan-Michael Key) to co-write the first *Dolemite* film with him after the character he's created becomes a hit on the black nightclub circuit. *Dolemite* wears a wig, carries a cane, dresses like

a pimp and tells jokes in verse. Moore doesn't have the looks, acting ability or panache of Harry Belafonte or Sidney Poitier, but he has something else: a tremendous knack for entertaining, and an understanding that sometimes a little crude humor makes you forget that you're broke.

“What a relief to see something so nakedly committed to entertaining its audience, and which made the case for doing so with such passion.”

Moore's director, D'Urville Martin (Wesley Snipes) is a lot like Jerry Jones: a black actor with real credits who can't break out of the shadows and into the meaty, demanding roles that go to white leads. Snipes gives Martin an assortment of truly gut-busting affectations, from a pinkie nail perfect for escorting a bump of cocaine to his nose to an eye roll that's just begging to be memed. It's Snipes' funniest and most inspired comic role since he played Noxeema in *To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything!* Julie Newmar, which came out in 1995. He upstages Murphy, who plays Moore as a showman who's been humbled but not broken, in just about every scene the two share.

Genocide, systemic injustice and police violence were among the themes that dominated the TIFF films I saw this year, and frankly, *Dolemite* offered a welcome reprieve. What a relief to see something so nakedly committed to entertaining its audience, and which made the case for doing so with such passion.

What a breath of fresh air to see a film in a genre that's way too dominated by whiteness, revealing, in funny and stylish fashion, how black artists make a way out of no way. But *Dolemite Is My Name* of-

fered more than belly laughs and a light bit of popcorn fare about how a low-budget *Shaft*-inspired comedy came to be a hit. So many of Moore's struggles, which largely center on drumming up the money to give himself work when no one else will, are still relevant for black artists trying to make it in the film business today. I've spoken to many promising black artists who, like Moore, have had to beg, borrow and steal to get their art made in front of people's eyes. That's the story of the early days of Numa Perrier, Ava DuVernay, Issa Rae, and of so many black directors of the L.A. Rebellion. So many talented black directors are forced into becoming new iterations of John Cassavetes because Hollywood still struggles to see how employing them is profitable.

Despite their limited viewpoint, I enjoy films about classic Hollywood more often than not. The best ones help us understand what an enormous undertaking it can be to make and release a feature film, and how many people and jobs are involved in such an enterprise. They shed light on eras gone by and the troubles that characterized them, such as the tyranny of the studio system and the struggles against McCarthyism. Plus, the costuming is just delicious.

Costuming, by the way, is essential to *Dolemite Is My Name*. Oscar-winning costume designer Ruth E. Carter makes the film a feast for the eyes with an array of 1970s trends, from wide-lapel suits in eye-searing colors to polyester getups that look as though they'll burst into flames if they come too close to a naked lightbulb. What a breath of fresh air to see a film in a genre that's way too dominated by whiteness, revealing, in funny and stylish fashion, how black artists make a way out of no way. With any luck, *Dolemite Is My Name* will make the case for more such films to come.

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50 years later, black University of Wyoming football players score a touchdown

By Frederick H. Lowe
BlackmansStreet.Today

The University of Wyoming has installed a plaque honoring 14 African American football players 50 years after they were kicked off the team not for smoking, drinking, smoking pot, or assaulting coeds, but for wanting to ask about wearing black armbands in protest during an upcoming game against Brigham Young University.

The players, later known as the Black 14, wanted to ask Lloyd Eaton, University of Wyoming head football coach if they could wear black arm bans during the team's 1969 game with Brigham Young to protest the racist beliefs of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, owner of Brigham Young University.

The players didn't get a chance to pose the question. They wore the black armbands to a meeting with Eaton. He exploded in anger.

Eaton insulted the players, charging that they all came from fatherless homes and that they were lucky to be recruited by a major white university instead of a small black college. In federal court, Eaton testified the players should think about going to Morgan State or Grambling.

I was a student at the University of Washington around that period, and there were demonstrations on campus—some large others small—protesting the belief that blacks couldn't enter the priesthood because of our skin color.

The protestors demanded that the University of Washington not play Brigham Young. The Mormon Church has since outwardly changed its views about African Americans.

The events of the day were part of a turbulent period for black athletes who had high profiles in a country that often ignores or vilifies black men.

A year earlier, John Carlos and Tommy Smith gave clenched fist salutes during the medal ceremony during the 1968 Summer Olympic Games in Mexico City to protest police brutality. As they walked off the track, the crowd booed loudly.

Years earlier, heavy-weight boxer Cassius Clay changed his name



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School apologizes for kicking off team members who wanted to wear black armbands in a game against Brigham Young University.

to Muhammad Ali after joining the Nation of Islam. White sportswriters universally condemned him.

Colin Kaepernick, the former quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers, had been ostracized by the National Football League, for taking a knee during the National Anthem to protest police brutality.

The Black 14: Jerry Berry, Tony Gibson, John Griffan, Lionel Grimes, Mel Hamilton, Ron Hill, Willie Hyshaw, Jim Issac, Earl Lee, Don Meadows, Tony Magee, Ivie Moore, Joe Williams and Ted Williams were stripped of the football scholarships and kicked off campus.

Some of them were psychically damaged as result of the experience.

Grimes said the episode repeatedly came up during job interviews, and he wondered how many job opportunities he missed because of it. The anger has taken years to overcome, he explained.

Following their dismissal on October 17, 1969, the Wyoming Cowboys, now an all-white team, defeated all-white BYU 40-7.

Fans on both sides of the stadium chanted, "We love Eaton." After the game, Eaton said, "The victory was the most satisfying one I've ever had in coaching."

But that was a high

point. The team under Eaton went on a losing streak, and he was demoted.

The University of Wyoming has issued to formal apology to the Black 14 Friday.

"We are thrilled to welcome the members back to campus to honor them

during this 50th commemoration," said Tom Burman, the University of Wyoming's athletic director, said in a statement. "We believe this event serves multiple purposes: education, healing and learning how to move forward effectively."



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