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African-American Bar & Nightclub Owners Say they are Unfairly Targeted by Nuisance Ordinance



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Toledo area bar and night club owners and managers listen intently during the presentation by Ms. Orr, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Collins.



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Ken McFadden asks council members in attendance why he should be held accountable for the actions of others on or near his commercial property.

By LEAH WILLIAMS
Journal Staff Writer

Temporary six-month stay, or moratorium, on the controversial chronic commercial nuisance ordinance after receiving backlash from African-American bar and nightclub owners who say the law unfairly targets their businesses.

The Chronic Commercial Property Nuisance ordinance, or Section 1726.09, was proposed by former council member Tom Waniewski and passed unanimously by city council this past October.

A special Feb. 5 meeting of the Neighborhoods, Community Development, and Health committee was called by council member and committee chair Yvonne Harper in response to public outcry following an informational meeting hosted in January by Council Member Tyrone Riley and Lt. Jessica Meyer of the Toledo Police Department.



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Following adjournment Council Member Yvonne Harper listens to concerned citizens share their thoughts about the ordinance moving forward.

Most business owners learned only then of the new law that established a point system tracking instances of reported criminal activity as well as health and food violations. The ordinance language specifies affected commercial properties



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Zahra Collins pauses before replying to a question by Council Member Gary Johnson.

as those where the owner "sponsors, conducts, hosts, invites, or permits a social gathering, event, or party" on their property. Any such business that accrues 12 or more points within a 12-month period, or 18 or more points within a 24-month period would be deemed a chronic commercial property nuisance and could be shut down by the city. Owners would have the right to appeal.

Ms. Harper opened the Feb. 5 meeting by explaining her reasoning for holding the special public forum.

"I felt the necessity that the community, the business owners have the right to come before council to discuss the ordinance whether they like it or not," Ms. Harper said. "I'm giving you an opportunity to come before council and tell us what you would like to see changed."

Ms. Harper asked her colleagues to

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

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

Every Saturday
Glass City Church of Christ Free Meal

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

Feb. 13th
Annual Mayor D. Michael Collins Blood Drive

Toledo's annual Mayor D. Michael Collins Blood Drive will be held Thursday, Feb. 13 at the Toledo Police Patrolman's Association union hall, 1947 Franklin Ave.

The blood drive honors the memory of Mayor Collins, who died five years ago – Feb. 6, 2015. The blood drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donors may register at www.RedCrossBlood.org. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds, and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Feb. 15th
Health & Wellness Information COMING TO A LOCATION NEAR YOU!

Saturday, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, Warren AME Church, 915 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo, OH 43604, Wheelchair Accessible. RSVP to 419-243-2237, for a Free Lunch. LEARN HOW YOU CAN RECEIVE: FREE Health Services, FREE Prescription Assistance, FREE Flu Shots, FREE Dental Care, FREE Vision Coverage. Note: Some Services may be based on a sliding fee scale. Hosted by Christian Education/Young Peoples Department. Rev. Otis J. Gordon, Jr., SR Pastor.

Feb. 16th
Third Baptist Church
32nd Annual Black History Musical
Third Baptist Church 9775 Angola Rd., Holland, Ohio on Sunday. Special Guest: Third Baptist Male Chorus (Toledo), Ebenezer Baptist Church Choir, and The Spirit of Truth @ 4:00 p.m. All welcome to come on out. Madison Gregory III Pastor.

Feb. 16th
Light of Hope/
La Luz de Esperanza Prayer Vigil and Disaster Relief
Charity Dinner for Pureto Rico, Sunday, at 4:00 PM Braden United Methodist Church 4725 Dorr St., Toledo, OH 43615. For more information contact (419) 386-2700. Rev. Cecil J. Fitzgerald Thompson, Pastor.

Feb. 16th & Feb. 23rd. The Indiana Ave. Missionary Baptist Church
74th Church Anniversary
Theme: "My Church, My Rock" Matt 16:18
Sunday, February 16, 2020 4:00 p.m. Reverend Dr. Jerry Boose, Pastor Second Baptist Church, Sunday, February 23, 2020 4:00 p.m., Reverend Dr. Willie Perryman, Pastor Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church. All services will be held at 640 Indiana Ave., Toledo, OH. Because of Christ, Chairpersons - Deacon Robert and Deaconess Jackie Jackson, Reverend Dr. John E. Roberts, Pastor

Feb. 18th, 21st, 25th, & 29th
The University of Toledo will pay tribute to this year's theme, "Celebrating Resilience," with several events during Black History Month.
Tuesday, Feb. 18 — Black Career Night, 6 p.m., Thompson Student Union Ingman Room. This event sponsored by the Black Student Union will

bring together local community members who will talk about their businesses and organizations and allow students to network and learn about career opportunities.

Friday, Feb. 21 — Black Student Union Fashion Show, 7 p.m., Thompson Student Union Auditorium. Ticket prices to be announced. Proceeds from the 51st annual event go to a student scholarship that aids in the retention of black students.
Tuesday, Feb. 25 — "Honing in on Triple Negative Breast Cancer: Improving Health Outcomes for Women of African Ancestry Using Precision Medicine," 5:30 p.m., Health Education Building Room 105 on Health Science Campus. The free, public forum is hosted by the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women.

Saturday, Feb. 29 — Ujima Day of Service, 10:30 a.m. Volunteers will meet in Thompson Student Union Room 2500 for breakfast and then volunteer at the MLK Kitchen for the Poor, the Ronald McDonald House and the Beach House Family Shelter. Ujima is one of the seven principles of Kwanza and stands for collective work and responsibility. "Ujima means to build and maintain our community together and to make our brother's and sister's problems our problems and to solve them together," Young said.

Feb. 19th, Feb. 23rd, Feb. 26th & Mar. 1st.
Greater St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church
"Pastor Robert W. Lyons' ANNI-BIRTH-SARY Celebration"

Paying Tribute to our Pastor, Robert W. Lyons, Sr. & First Lady Shirley M. Lyons', for their Seventeen Years of Service and Celebrating Pastor Lyons' 75th Birthday @ 416 Belmont Avenue Toledo, Ohio with our special guest on the following days:

Wednesday, February 19th @ 7:00 pm -Pastor Clayborn Arnett & The Greater Harvest Choir & Congregation.

Sunday, February 23rd @ 4:00 PM - Pastor Bobby Wilborn & The Charity Baptist Church Choir & Congregation.

Wednesday, February 26th @ 7:00 pm - Pastor John Williams & The Eastern Star Baptist Church Choir & Congregation.

Sunday, March 1st @ 4:00 pm - Pastor Roger Carson & The Southern Missionary Baptist Church Choir & Congregation.

Please come join us as we give honor to a true Servant of God.

Feb.21st, 28th, 29th & Mar. 20th, & 21st

Take a Trip to The Moon in Lourdes University's Appold Planetarium

Calling all astronauts! Take a virtual trip to our closest neighbor in space with Field Trip to the Moon, shown at Lourdes University's Appold Planetarium. Feel the ground shake beneath you as you experience a thrilling NASA rocket launch, and orbit the Earth to get an astronaut's view of a sunrise in space. Field Trip to the Moon is a virtual journey created using NASA engineering models and scientific data. Like NASA's astronauts, you will come face-to-face with the challenges and excitement of traveling through space to land on the Moon. Along the way, you'll discover some of the differences between the Earth and the Moon and what makes our planet unique and habitable. Showing at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 and for Lourdes students presenting their student ID. Shows at the Appold Planetarium are limited to 50 and often sell out. For more information or to purchase tickets contact Dr. Laura Megeath, Appold Planetarium Coordinator, email planetarium@lourdes.edu or call at 419-517-8897.

February 22, 2020
Dramatically Inspired Works Sounds of Black History

Saturday 4:00 P.M., 2340 N. Holland-Sylvania Rd., Toledo, OH 43615. In honor of those leaders who fought and died for us to come together in unity as a country; Dramatically Inspired Works and St. Mark Drama invite you to come and celebrate the legacy they paved for us and support the generation that now holds the awesome responsibility of carrying out the dream!! Celebrate with us in Poetry, the "Who Am I" game, Dramatic Skits, Songs from the

Coming Events

Dramatically Inspired Works Vocals and more... Together We Stand, Divided We Fall. FREE EVENT. See You There! St. Mark Baptist Church, Rev. C.L. Johnson.

Feb. 23rd
Calvary Missionary Baptist Church 31st Pre-Anniversary of Pastor Floyd Smith Jr.

With the fellowshiping of Bishop Duane C Tisdale and Friendship Baptist Church on Sunday @ 4:00 pm., 702 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, OH 43604. Please come out and help us celebrate this wonderful occasion. Open to the public and free lunch.

Feb. 27th
Sylvania Franciscan Village 9th Annual "Have A Heart Restock Drive"

Kicks off Monday, collecting unused personal care items for seven human service agencies and outreach programs: Bethany House, Claver House, Family House, Helping Hands of St. Louis, Our Lady of Lourdes Outreach Soup Kitchen, Sylvania Area Family Services and Toledo Street Newspaper. A complete list of collection sites can be found at www.sylvaniafranciscanvillage.org. To make a monetary donation, contact Sophia Lloyd at 419-824-3533 or slloyd@sistersosf.org. For more information, visit www.sylvaniafranciscanvillage.org.

Feb. 27th
Lourdes University The Annual Black History Month Celebration

The Power Within Us: Acknowledging the Past, Recognizing the Present, Focusing on the Future. Program begins at 4:30 p.m., 6832 Convent Blvd., Sylvania, OH 43560. For more information, contact Tonya Colbert, Coordinator of Multicultural Services and Director of Upward Bound, at (419) 824-3866. FREE and open to the public.

Feb. 28th
Black History Month Annual Soul Food Potluck

On Friday at 6PM. The theme is African Americans and the Vote. Dinner is FREE and open to the public. For more information contact (419)386-2700 Braden United Methodist Church 4725 Dorr St. Toledo, OH 43615. Rev. Cecil J. Fitzgerald Thompson, Pastor

Feb. 28th
Monroe Street Neighborhood Center Presents: Dancing And Dessert Reception

Friday, 6 PM Dessert served, 7 PM Urban Line Dancing with Waverly "Shakey Shakey" Hawkins and Toni Quinn. Mondroe Street Neighborhood Center, 3613 Monroe Street, Toledo, OH 43606. \$10. RSVP with Toni (419) 473-1167 (333).

Feb. 29th Justice: Through a Different Lens

The African American Legacy Project in collaboration with City Councilman/Attorney Tyrone Riley 10:00 am, Saturday, at Jerusalem Baptist Church, 445 Dorr Street, Toledo, OH 43604. Justice: Through a Different Lens seeks experienced voices who come in contact with youth offenders at various points in a juvenile's experience with the justice system. This is the third in a series of ongoing engagements entitled: I Dream... The series is designed to seek real solutions to issues facing this community. For more information about this event contact: Robert Smith, Director, The African American Legacy Project Phone: 419-720-4369, Email: rsmith@africanamericanlegacy.org, or Tyrone Riley, Toledo City Council Phone: 419-250-1050, Email: tyrone.riley@toledo.oh.gov

Feb. 29th Calvary Baptist Church Planning for the Expected and Unexpected Forum

On Saturday from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, 702 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo, OH. FREE event. Topics of Discussion are: Insurance, Hospice Care, Living Wills, Wills, Medical Power of Attorney and Preplanning Funeral Arrangements, etc.

This is a free event, Refreshment will be served. Rev. Floyd Smith Jr. Pastor.

Rep. Waters: Impeached President, Illegitimate Acquittal

Trump’s conviction was bipartisan, his acquittal was partisan.

By Congresswoman Maxine Waters (CA-43),
Chair of the House Committee on Financial Services

Today’s illegitimate acquittal is fitting for a dishonorable, unpatriotic, dangerous, illegitimate, and impeached president. Anyone who lends any credence to the idea that this unlawful outcome serves as a credible exoneration of Donald Trump is an enemy to the rule of law and the Constitution.

The founders of this country never imagined that our democracy would be confronted with a corrupt president

who would be aided and abetted in the coverup of his crimes by a coequal branch of government. Despite the fact that the House Managers presented an ironclad set of facts that Donald Trump did in fact abuse his power and obstruct Congressional investigations of his crimes, the Senate has utterly failed to do its job. This was not a credible trial. No witnesses were called. No evidentiary documents were presented. The jurors abandoned impartiality and openly colluded with the guilty defendant. The presiding justice remained silent in the face of unprecedented attacks on judicial norms.

I applaud the courage of the 48 Senators – 45 Democrats, 2 Independents, and 1 Republican – who put their careers on the line to protect and defend our nation from the most dangerous president our country has ever known. Each and every Trump-party elected official who betrayed their oath of office and protected the deplorable interests of a conman over the interests of this country is a national disgrace who should be voted out of office without delay.

The American people can rest assured that this fight is not over, and all is not lost. The Democratic House majority will continue to provide a check on this president. Each House committee chair will continue to conduct proper oversight of this administration.



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Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA), Chairwoman of the House Financial Services Committee

“The American people can rest assured that this fight is not over, and all is not lost. The Democratic House majority will continue to provide a check on this president. Each House committee chair will continue to conduct proper oversight of this administration. We will continue to fight in the courts and demand that our lawful subpoenas be upheld.”

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Donald Trump has been impeached. His conviction was bipartisan. His acquittal was partisan. This is the legacy of Donald Trump, now and forever. His presidency is an utter failure and disgrace, and history will record it as such. In November, the American people can and will do what insufferable and pathetic Trump-party Republican Senators didn’t have the courage to do: remove him from office once and for all.”

Letter To Editor

AFFIRMATION

As I watched the movie "Joker" I thought, "this isn't the Joker I grew up watching on the Batman and Robin series, back in the day." If anyone watched Joker and thought it was too violent, well it was. If you watched Joker and felt that enough is not being done, in regards to mental health issues, you are right. If watching Joker made you think gun laws, gun ownership, background checks, need an overhaul, I had those same feelings.

I watched Joker and felt sorry for a person who was lonely, bullied, lied to by his mother. He was different and felt demoralized, disrespected, depressed, by society. Jackie Wilson's song "To Be Loved" expressed everything joker needed in his life. We want others to care about us, affirm us. When a person receives respect, understanding, from others, it speaks volumes! We all want to be validated, even people with mental health issues! The power of love is so amazing! Just by saying I love you can mean a lot, it can make a big difference in a person's life.

People with mental health issues aren't the only victims of ridicule. Overweight individuals, elderly people, homosexuals, the list goes on and on. I don't condone violence, but somewhere in the Joker's mind, he felt justified to take lives, because no one showed him love. Watch Joker and look beyond the obvious, see the real message. Be kind to one another, realize "there's only one happiness in life, to love and be loved." (G. Sand).

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The Impeachment Was Really Just Senators and Lawyers Talking

By Roger Caldwell,
NNPA Newswire Contributor

The impeachment is completed, and President Donald Trump has been acquitted. After millions of dollars, thousands of lies, and 17 witnesses in the House, President Trump was let off and cleared of any wrongdoing. He has been declared not guilty and proved innocent of the articles of impeachment.

The American rule of law and the system has not worked again. President Trump lost the popular election by almost 3 million votes, but with the Electoral College (the American System), he is the President of the United States. Indeed, this appears unfair, but what can the citizens do?

It seems the impeachment was a circus, and everyone knew the president was going to be acquitted. "What we're doing is watching, Trump's most furious opponents lashing out at him as they have done over and over again since the president's inauguration. These efforts haven't worked before and they aren't going to work now, and their refusal to face that fact doesn't speak especially well for them," says Damon Linker, of Yahoo News.

The American system on many different levels is broken. President Trump and his cronies break the law, and the Republicans continue to act as if everything is great. When the president has been documented by the media for lying 15,000 times, the system is broken. When different Republicans agree that our president has been caught breaking the law, the system is broken.

"There is an underlying truth glimmering in claims of a broken system. Laws, rules, and norms are made through a political process, and the decision about how to apply them will always be a matter of judgment, which means it will be a matter of politics too," says Damon Linker.

The impeachment is politics at its highest level, and Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell was in control once the articles of impeachment left the House of Representatives. Most of the bills in 2020 are partisan, and the members of each party vote together in lockstep. This is the new reality in the Senate and the House, and no one can make a decision that is good for the country.

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Everybody's Got the Right to Live

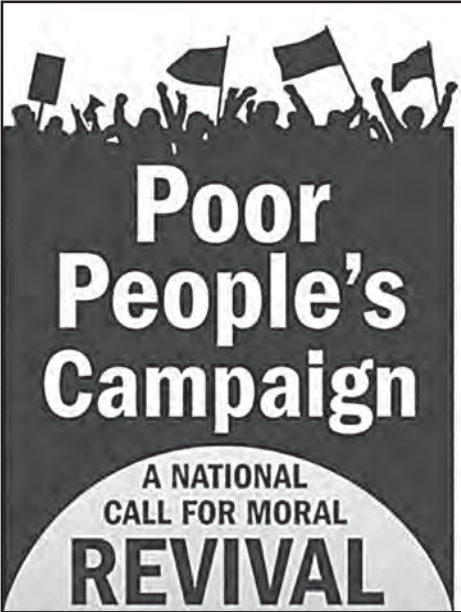


By Julianne Malveaux
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - More than nine hundred people crowded into the Church of the Epiphany, an Episcopal church in Washington, DC. They had gathered to hear Rev. William Barber, the dynamic and prophetic co-leader (with Rev. Liz Theoharis) of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. They came, not only to hear Rev. Barber but also to sing and bond and listen to poor people tell their own stories.

This late January gathering is one of many that the Poor People's Campaign is having all over the country, leading up to a Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington on June 20, 2020. With 43 state coordinating committees actively working in communities, Barber and Theoharis are planning to peacefully "take it to the streets" in downtown Washington, and to make the statement that "everybody's got the right to live."

To assert that everyone has a right to live seems obvious. But many of those who live in poverty have to fight to live. The poor have to scramble to eat, to afford medication, to find an affordable place to live. They have to watch their neighborhoods being decimated by gentrification, as rising housing costs push long-time residents out. As many as 45,000 people a year die because they don't have health insurance. And more than 10 percent of the US population is "food insecure," which means that they either skip meals, eat less at meals, or cannot afford nutritious food. One in six children is food insecure.



Several of the poor people told their stories, while Congresswomen Barbara Lee (D-CA), Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), and Brenda Lawrence (MI), among others, listened to the harrowing personal narratives from homeless people, a deaf student whose financial aid was cut when her father got a small raise, a woman who was arrested and incarcerated in front of her children when she sold food on the street, and many more. The audience was urged not to clap but to shout supportively, "Somebody is hurting our people, and we won't be silent anymore."

Poverty is trauma. Poverty can be the source of enormous stress, and perhaps even some mental illness (though you don't have to be impoverished to be crazy!). Poverty or near-poverty impacts 140 million people, nearly half

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of us. Rev. Barber says we must have "righteous indignation" about poverty.

Instead, we seem to accept poverty as something we can do nothing about. We walk by homeless people on the street, drive past homeless encampments under freeways. Some of us roll up our noses and are appalled by the odors that some homeless emit without wondering why there are odors and whether there are places where they can get showers or a bath. Some of us find the homeless "unsightly" and lobby to have them moved from visible commercial corridors and upscale neighborhoods to places where we don't have to look at or think about their plight. But homelessness is the most visible manifestation of poverty. And when we endeavor to render the homeless invisible, we are also attempting to eliminate the scourge of poverty. Dr. Martin Luther King once called poverty "an abomination" and compared it to cannibalism. Just a few weeks ago, we celebrated Dr. King's birthday, but there were too

few mentions of poverty.

Indeed, while some of the presidential candidates have paid attention to economic structure, fewer have candidly discussed ways they would reduce or eliminate it. Speeches and debates go by with nary a mention of poverty. The candidates who choose to ignore poverty seem to forget that poor people vote. Or perhaps they are counting on poor people to be absent from the polls, especially when some forms of voter suppression require voters to incur additional costs to vote. Between 2016 and 2018, hundreds of polling places were closed, and if some have their way, there will be even fewer in 2020. Our electoral system is biased against Black people, Brown people, poor people.

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The Impeachment Was Really Just Senators and Lawyers Talking

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Politics has always been about whom is the most articulate, and factual, but the impeachment appeared to be more about talking, and the facts were not important. America heard from 17 witnesses in the House impeachment inquiry, and Democrats in the House are proud of their accomplishment. The House managers had 24 hours to make their case, even though everyone understood what was going to be the outcome in the Senate.

Talk is cheap and our elected officials and their lawyers are paid well for their expertise. There are two America's in the country, and they are virtually split down the middle. Many citizens believe that the president has gotten stronger, as a result of the impeachment.

An impeachment is always a dark period in the history of America. Many Republicans think the impeachment was absolute nonsense, but over 70% of Americans wanted a credible trial, with witnesses, and facts. Sen. Mitch McConnell understood

how to use his power, and there was only mindless conformity in his party, and the Senate.

President Trump will take a winners leap around the country with his tweets. He will call the impeachment proceedings a distraction and a waste of taxpayers' time and money. But, House Managers and Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, did a great job proving their case, and they addressed the corruption in the White House.

The Democrats will say the Republicans are not telling the truth, and they broke the law. President Trump has been acquitted, and the only Republican Senator who stood for with truth was Senator Mitt Romney.

After three years of the embarrassment with the Trump administration, there will be no legal remedy to get President Trump removed from office. Our president will only be removed from office at the ballot box. The system may be broken on many different levels, but your vote will remove the President from office. GO out and VOTE.



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Many Republicans think the impeachment was absolute nonsense, but over 70% of Americans wanted a credible trial, with witnesses, and facts. Sen. Mitch McConnell understood how to use his power, and there was only mindless conformity in his party, and the Senate. (Photo: iStockphoto / NNPA)

Which Race and Ethnic Card to Play?

Census Identities Still Confound

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on Census 2020



By KHALIL ABDULLA

(TriceEdneyWire.com) Everyone in the United States plays a race or ethnic card some time, or at least everyone responding to the census. Despite the scientific view that race is an artificial social construct, unmoored from biological reality, is there a box that best describes you?

Whether you plan to respond to the census online, in writing, or by telephone, one question you'll have to answer will be how you self-identify.

FAQ: What are the race and ethnic categories on the census form?

Answer: Your racial choices are: (1) White; (2) Black or African American; (3) American Indian or Alaskan Native; (4) Asian – with numerous boxes as subsets; and (5) Some other race. The questionnaire also asks, separately, if the respondent is “of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin,” but instructs that, “for this census, Hispanic origins are not races.”

FAQ: What if I'm not White or Black? I'm Egyptian and my neighbor is from Iran. What are our options and who determines the categories?

Answer: You and your neighbor fall into what is called the MENA classification: Middle Eastern and North African. There was a proposal to add MENA to the 2020 form, but the Office of Management and Budget, which makes the assigned identity group determinations about the census, decided to keep the same basic categories that were on the 2010 census form.

FAQ: So, if I'm MENA, what box best describes me?

Answer: That's a personal choice. Many MENA residents, and others, end up checking “Some other race,” the third-largest race category after White and Black or African American.

FAQ: But I thought Hispanics and Latinos were now the second-largest racial group in the United States according to their population. So how do you get “Some other race” as the third-largest group?

Answer: As far as the census is concerned, Hispanics and Latinos are ethnic classifications not racial classifications. Some will check the “White” box

and some will check the “Black” box or write in Afro Latino, for example, as an addition. Many will check the “Some other race” box. MENA respondents also frequently check the “Some other race” box as well. They don't see themselves as Black or White, and in most cases, they are not of Hispanic or Latino origin.

FAQ: Have census categories changed over time?

Answer: Yes. Mulatto, octoroon or quadroon once were options on the census form to describe African Americans of mixed heritage. One estimate calculates that 500,000 of these individuals checked the “White” box on the 1920 form. In later years, public demand and pressure resulted in the OMB removing “Negro” as an option for American-born residents of African descent. The term still appeared on the 2010 decennial census, but on the 2020 form the choices are “Black” or “African American.”

FAQ: What if I was born here, but my parents are from Africa?

Answer: There is a lot of subjectivity involved in making these choices. For some, Black has come to mean anyone who is a descendant of the African diaspora, regardless of where they were born or live. One Somali man, a longtime resident and U.S. citizen, married an American woman who identified as Black. When asked how he describes his U.S.-born children, he said, “Well, now that I think about it, I guess they are African American.”

FAQ: What if I am of mixed heritage? My parents are African American, but I know some of their ancestors were from Europe. They were Irish, for example, Dutch or German. Other ancestors, we think, were Native American.

Answer: The questionnaire is set up so that you can “Mark one or more boxes AND print origins.” We know America has had a complicated history (<https://tinyurl.com/EMS-FAQ>), as more people are discovering through genomic testing. One adult census respondent recalls discouraging his mother, who identifies as Black, from checking every major race category box on the form.

FAQ: Why would it have mattered if she had? What difference does the box I check make or any information I may add?

Answer: For one, you have a better chance of “owning” who you are. Therefore, you are less likely to be misrepresented by a census employee who, without that information, would make a determination about your identity. So, in that sense, checking every box would be a more accurate contribution to understanding our country's history. Individual census data is sealed for 72 years, but in the future your descendants or distant relatives will be able to look you up by name on the census form you respond to this year. In fact, the census is among the primary tools genealogists and researchers use to trace family histories. You might also reflect on that first constitutionally mandated census in 1790. To achieve a political compromise, those held in bondage were counted only as three-fifths of a person, and their names were not recorded on the census. Even as late as 1860, the last census before the Civil War, some owners reported the age and sex of their captives, but not their names.

FAQ: But how does filling out the census or not filling out the census affect my immediate financial or economic condition?

Answer: For practical purposes, as a measure of population, census data is used to determine how the federal and state governments allocate funds and resources, in addition to determining the number of seats states get in the U.S. House of Representatives. Data can be a double-edged sword. Some data are critical to attempts to address structural disparities among America's peoples, but data also can be used as a guide to steer resources away from those deemed political adversaries. How and why data are used is an important conversation, but it's a different conversation from whether it is in your interest to respond to the census. However, unless you are clear about who you are by identity, you may be grouped with a different race than your preference. That was why the individual discouraged his mother from checking every box. He wanted to make sure that if there were resources linked to her identity, those resources would be allocated to and benefit the community with which she primarily identified.

107-year-old Aleathia Carson 'Is Living Memorial to Prove God's Faithfulness' says Daughter



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From left to right (front row): Cyndi Blair, Lester Blair, Mrs. Aleathia Carson (seated), Rev. Dr. Janice Carson Hearn, and Michele Carson. From left to right (back row): Dorothy Hayes and Edward Coleman.

By LEAH WILLIAMS
Journal Staff Writer

On February 2, Bishop Robert A. Culp and the First Church of God honored 107-year-old Aleathia Carson during their Sunday morning service. Bishop Culp said Mrs. Carson was his long-time friend and yielded time to Council Member Larry Sykes who presented her with a resolution from Toledo City Council. The special presentation ended with Mrs. Carson's cousin Lester Blair singing a moving rendition of the gospel classic "Walk Around Heaven All Day."

Mrs. Carson was joined in the service by her daughters Rev. Dr. Janice Carson Hearn and Marilyn Carson Wilson as well as a host of relatives from across the country. The family also celebrated the milestone birthday with a party earlier in the weekend that was covered by two local news stations.

According to her daughter, Mrs. Carson's long life can be attributed to her strong faith in God as well as a lifelong commitment to healthy living.

"The secret to her longevity is God's faithfulness. It's Psalm 92. She is a living memorial to prove God's faithfulness, that He's faithful to His promises and there is no unrighteousness in Him," Rev. Dr. Carson Hearn said. "Her faith in God is deep and real, and God is faithful to her. That's how she has lived this long."

Born in Mobile, Alabama, Mrs. Carson moved to Toledo in 1926 at the age of 13. She eventually married Arthur Carson Sr. and became a stay-at-home wife and mother to six children. Mrs. Carson recently told her daughter that she was "made to be a good mother." After raising her kids, Mrs. Carson worked as a clerk at the Mott Branch library for over a decade. She also worked for a time at Sixty Plus before retiring.

An unsung pioneer in 'clean eating' who often researched health practices, Mrs. Carson maintained two gardens while her children were growing up; one in the backyard and another on a plot of land where Scott Park campus currently stands. She served her family fresh herbs and vegetables from those plots daily and continues to practice the same dietary regimen at age 107.

"She was juicing before we even knew about juicing. She ate cod liver oil twice a day, garlic, fresh romaine lettuce, and fresh vegetables. She continued to eat like that, and she has passed that on to us," Dr. Carson Hearn said. "That is a part of her longevity - eating a fresh salad everyday - cod liver oil, crushed garlic and onions."

Even with the health practices in place, her daughter says that it is God who is responsible for keeping Mrs. Carson on the earth for so long, a sentiment shared by Bishop Culp in his remarks.



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Lester Blair sings a moving rendition of the gospel classic "Walk Around Heaven All Day."

"I promised God that if I ever got on television, I wasn't going to do like everybody else, [say] it's luck and all that stuff," Dr. Carson Hearn said. "No, it's God's faithfulness."



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Mrs. Aleathia Carson, seated center, with daughters Marilyn Carson Wilson and Dr. Janice Carson Hearn.



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Toledo City Council Member Larry Sykes presents Mrs. Aleathia Carson with a bouquet of flowers in honor of her 107th birthday.

HIV Activist Hydeia Broadbent Bares Her Soul in Emotional Awareness Day Speech

By Leah Willson
Journal Staff Writer

Renowned HIV activist Hydeia Broadbent gave an emotional address during the University of Toledo Medical Center (UTMC) National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day program on February 8 hosted by the Ryan White Program. The 35-year-old tearfully shared details about both her personal life and activism since being diagnosed HIV positive at age three.

Ms. Broadbent opened her address by sharing a portion of her appearance at age 11 on The Oprah Winfrey Show in 1996. She later talked about her mother's initial struggle to come to terms with the diagnosis, which was a "death sentence" at the time. Ms. Broadbent went on to say how her mother eventually grounded her in a truth that she still leans on today.

"My mother instilled in me that HIV was something that happened to me, but it did not define who I was," Ms.



A teary-eyed Hydeia Broadbent recalls the experiences that have shaped her life.

“We have all the tools and all the power to prevent new HIV infections.”

my legacy. What do I want to leave behind,” Ms. Broadbent said.

Since then, Ms. Broadbent says her work to spread HIV/AIDS awareness and rally people to eradicate the disease that disproportionately impacts the African-American community has continued with renewed urgency.

“We have all the tools and all the power to prevent new HIV infections. We are in 2020. I was born in '84. That's a long time for the disease to wreak havoc in our community,” she said.

“We know that people who are HIV positive can be in successful, loving relationships. We know that women who are HIV positive and even men can now have children without passing HIV on to their wives, to their children,” Ms. Broadbent said. “We know that this is all possible but the one thing that keeps us back is our stigmas and judgment.”

Per 2018 statistics from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), African-Americans accounted for 13% of the U.S. population but 42% of the new HIV diagnoses. Of that 42%, black males accounted for 31% of all new HIV diagnoses and black women accounted for 11%.

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Front row (l to r): Olivia Holden, Danielle Van Fleet, Jean Billops, Hydeia Broadbent, and Dr. Willie McKether. Back row (l to r): Pastor Talmadge Thomas, Richard Meeker, Rosalind Andrews-Worthey, Christopher Coleman, Christopher Johnson, and Christina Billops.

Broadbent said.

Despite great advances in education, care, and prevention, Ms. Broadbent says that people living with HIV/AIDS continue to face discrimination, outdated stigmas, and fear-based HIV criminalization laws that can threaten their personal well-being and safety.

She said her own experiences with fame, social media trolls, and even receiving death threats caused her to withdraw and step back from the limelight for some time.

“I didn't like being a part of the Hollywood mega system. People are evil. They will try to manipulate you, use you, and just really destroy you if you allow it,” she said. “And being young and having so many people try and take advantage of me and be opportunists, it may me not really want to speak out on HIV.”

“It made me withdraw but I got to a point where I was like okay what is



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HIV Activist Speech



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Rosalind Andrews-Worthey from Gospel Against AIDS talks about the first time she met HIV activist Hydeia Broadbent.

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In Lucas County specifically, Richard Meeker, Manager of Community Engagement and Development at the Ryan White Program, said that African-Americans make up between 17-19% of the population but about 49% of all new HIV infections. However, he said awareness about prevention efforts such as U=U and PrEP can prevent transmission.

“According to the CDC, if someone who is HIV positive [takes meds] and has an undetectable viral load, they cannot transmit HIV to someone else. That is U=U, or undetectable equals untransmittable,” he said.

The CDC also says that U=U is 100% effective at preventing HIV transmission and PrEP, an anti-HIV medication, can reduce the risk of acquiring HIV from sex by 99%.

Other program participants at the UTM National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day program included the City of Zion Praise Team and the Friendship Baptist Dance Team. Brief remarks were also given by UT Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion Dr. Willie McKether, City of Zion Pastor Talmadge Thomas, Richard Meeker, and program partners from Detroit’s Gospel Against AIDS, ASSETS Toledo, and Eclipse Toledo. For more information about the Ryan White Program and its services, contact Richard Meeker at (419) 383-4072.

Officials Won’t Designate Dr. King’s New Jersey Home a Historic Landmark

By LINN WASHINGTON JR.
(BlackmansStreet.Today) - A significant “first” usually merits the designation of historic.

For example, the first formal protest against racial discrimination by civil rights icon Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in June 1950 — an action that produced King’s first lawsuit against discrimination — is a significant “first” that fits the definition of historic.

However, the Historic Preservation Office in New Jersey recently declared that Dr. King’s first protest and his first lawsuit — both of which occurred in Maple Shade, New Jersey, not Montgomery, Alabama — were not historic.



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Dr. King’s home in New Jersey

The HPO based this declaration on the startling assertion that King’s first formal protest and first lawsuit hold “minimal” historic importance.

This declaration contradicts statements from King that the Maple Shade protest accelerated his commitment to social change activism. One of King’s references to that protest occurred in Philadelphia during a 1961 press conference.

This HPO declaration is even more baffling from a New Jersey history perspective because it completely dismisses the support King obtained hours after his 1950 protest from two noted New Jersey civil rights leaders: the then-state NAACP president and that NAACP’s lawyer. Both of those leaders have their own respective historic “firsts” in New Jersey.

That NAACP president had lobbied for passage of the civil rights law the NAACP’s lawyer utilized for King’s lawsuit. That New Jersey civil rights law was the first such statewide civil rights enforcement measure approved anywhere in the United States.

The HPO made that declaration as part of the agency’s rejection of an application to list the Camden house where King plotted that first protest on the state’s Register of Historic Places. The HPO asserted that since King did not officially “live” in that house, the property has no historic importance. Residents of that house said King both plotted that protest there and stayed there often. The HPO rejected this confirmation of historic import.

The HPO’s process for rejection of that registry listing application, filed in March 2015, is fraught

with irregularities.

- The HPO rejection took 1,782-days, far longer than its normal 90-day or less approval/rejection time frame.
- According to the HPO, its review included a first-ever study to determine the validity of the registry listing application, an action never ordered for any of the other 51,000-plus items on New Jersey’s Historic Registry inclusive of nearly 100 registry listings in the city of Camden.

The HPO’s dismissal of the New Jersey roots of Dr. King’s activism is abhorrent, particularly when numerous sites and the impacts of King’s activism are respectfully recognized from Alabama through Philadelphia to London, England and beyond.

A Pennsylvania historic marker, bust and mural at 40th Street and Lancaster Avenue in West Philadelphia commemorating a rally where Martin Luther King Jr. spoke, and drew more than 10,000 people. (Courtesy of Linn Washington Jr.)

Adding insult to injury, the HPO announced its rejection of New Jersey’s share of Dr. King’s vibrant legacy on the eve of Black History Month 2020.

The HPO’s rejection arguably continues the indignities the prompted King’s protest inside a café in Maple Shade nearly 70-years ago.



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Former NAACP Chief and Congressional Black Caucus Chair Kweisi Mfume Wins Primary for Cummings Seat



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Three generations of Maryland’s 7th District Congressmen (Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, 1996 to present; former Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, 1971 to 1987; and former Congressman Kweisi Mfume, 1987 to 1996) attend the ceremony officially designating the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 6101 Liberty Road in Baltimore, Maryland, as the U.S. Representative Parren J. Mitchell Post Office. (January 2007) (Photo: Office of Congressman Elijah Cummings / Wikimedia Commons)

By LAUREN VICTORIA BURKE, NNPA Newswire Contributor

Former NAACP President and five-term Congressman Kweisi Mfume won big in a Democratic primary contest to replace the late Congressman Elijah

Cummings who passed away on October 17, 2019 at the age of 68.

Mfume’s primary challenger in Maryland’s seventh congressional district was Cummings’ widow, Maya Rokeymoore Cummings. But the contest was not close. The general election will be held on April 28, 2020. Mfume, 71, will be expected to win easily in a heavily Democratic district that includes parts of Baltimore.

Mfume won by a decisive margin winning 43 percent of the vote to Maya Cummings’ 17 percent. Over 28,000 voted for Mfume as Cummings received over 11,000 votes in a field of 12 candidates.

Mfume left the U.S. House in 1996 to lead the NAACP and stayed in the position until 2004.

“I accept your nomination as the Democratic nominee to Congress! Experience matters,” said Mfume from his victory part on the night of February 4.

“This is for him. This is for him!” added Mfume. The two had been friends for 42 years and Mfume delivered a moving eulogy to Elijah

Cummings at his funeral last year.

The winner of the Republican primary was Kimberly Klacik, whose produced a video of trash in West Baltimore last summer. The video prompted Trump to call Cummings’s district a “disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess.” Klacik is a member of the Baltimore County Republican Central Committee in Baltimore.

“Thank you to the voters of Maryland’s 7th Congressional District for your consideration and to the other candidates for your valiant and inspiring races. I also thank my team, including the hardworking volunteers who dedicated many hours to the campaign. Putting my hat in the ring was a faith walk, a journey I am still on. I deeply appreciate the well wishes and encouragement and look forward to what comes next,” wrote Maya Rokeymoore Cummings on facebook the morning after her electoral loss to Mfume.

Cummings can challenge Mfume again on April 28. It is likely that Mfume will be favored to win given his strong primary showing.

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Getting Bad News from Your Doctor: Don't Settle for Just Being Told



By Glenn Ellis
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - "The physician should be the minister of hope and comfort to the sick; that, by such cordials to the drooping spirit, he may smooth the bed of death, revive expiring life... The life of a sick person can be shortened not only by the acts, but also by the words or the manner of a physician." -The American Medical Association (AMA), 1947-

Most of us have recently heard the medical news about Congressman John Lewis and Alex Trebek, who were both given diagnoses of having Stage IV pancreatic cancer.

According to research from 2015, about 53 percent of people with pancreatic cancer receive a diagnosis when the cancer is in stage 4. Stage 4 pancreatic cancer has spread to other organs. This means that surgeons cannot remove it, and there is no cure. While the median survival rate is around 3-6 months after diagnosis, some people live longer than this. According to the American Cancer Society, the 5-year survival rate for people with stage 4 pancreatic cancer is approximately 1 percent. This means that 1 out of every 100 people with this type of cancer are still alive 5 years after their diagnosis.

Regardless of how each of these men fare in their respective treatment

and outcome, this is definitely what you can call "bad news".

For many of us, receiving "bad news", the news alone isn't the only worry. One of the reasons for this column is to address how not being to handle bad news in healthy way, can contribute to making our worst fears become reality. I'm speaking about the D word...depression.

The sense of hopelessness, and for some looking mortality (death) face-to-face, can lead to a depression filled with hopelessness, despair, and anxiety. All of these feelings can contribute to behaviors that cause a person to not want to "try" any longer; stop eating (or worst, don't care what they eat); and even worse, self-destructive behaviors (drugs, smoking, alcohol). Needless to say, any, or all, of these behaviors can exacerbate what might otherwise be a beatable health challenge.

It's almost inevitable that at some point you'll have to deal with bad news or a scary diagnosis from a doctor. While it's easy to read articles offering "tips for dealing with bad news," when you get that news and you're scared, all that advice can fly out of the brain pretty quickly. At some point in their careers, virtually all doctors and nurses face the duty of telling patients something they don't want to hear.

A 2011 report from the Institute of Medicine emphasized that "effective pain management is a moral imperative, a professional responsibility, and a duty of people in the healing profession." Nonetheless, few physicians are formally trained in effectively managing pain, and achieving this goal remains problematic. So, this can be a problem, if you're expecting that getting bad news is an easy, and automatically smooth process.

This is not as easy as one might expect. In order to not be overwhelmed from receiving bad news, it can truly help to get as much information as possible from your doctor. Don't settle for just being told, "We found something, and it doesn't look good". Ask



questions and get complete answers to your questions. Often, we're afraid, and learning as much as possible about our condition can help you come to terms with what's happened and what the next steps should be. Just having a clear view of the facts can be calming in and of itself.

If you don't understand something, when doctors don't explain a diagnosis and next steps in terms you can understand, it can make an already stressful situation worse. Never be ashamed to tell your doctor, "I'm sorry, I don't understand. Can you explain it to me in simpler language?" Keep asking questions until you do understand.

In many situations, the potential for getting bad news from the doctor happens when we go back for a follow-up, or to get the results of a test of some kind. If this is the case for you, it might be a good idea to bring someone with you to record important facts during the appointment. You may be unable to focus on the details because you're distracted by impending news or your

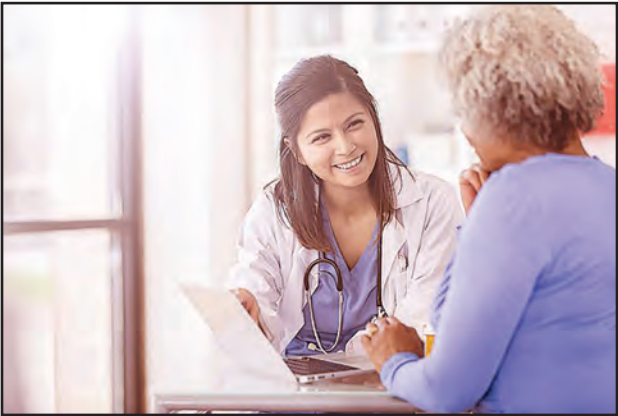
fears. Having someone with you can make sure the information your doctor provides is clearly recorded for you to refer back later when you have more questions or find yourself unable to remember the answers you received during your appointment.

Most of us want to keep up strong appearances and be tough about the news. Being afraid is not the same as being weak. It's brave to ask questions and battle your fears with knowledge.

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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By Erin Thompson
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Toledo, OH

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LMHA Announces the Grand Opening of Collingwood Green Phase III

A new mixed income community for families

By DEMETRIA SIMPSON
LMHA Staff Member

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) is celebrating the grand opening of Collingwood Green Phase III—a mixed income community located near the Toledo Central Business District. This development will add fifty-five additional 2-, 3- and 4-bedroom family units within 8 buildings. Twenty-eight of the units are HUD Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Transfer of Assistance rental units. The RAD program allows Public Housing Authorities to convert public housing units to Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) or Project Based Voucher (PBV) rental units. The Collingwood Green Phase III units are PBV units. The remaining twenty-

seven units are Low Income Housing Tax Credit rental units. Included in the design of Phase III are Energy Star appliances, window coverings and central air conditioning. This development is expected to meet or exceed the LEED for Homes certification. All the units are within walking distance of the Jones Leadership Academy of Business at Gunckel Park (grades 7-12) and a full-service health clinic. Residents will have access to off-street parking, bus transportation and green space. Thirty-four units and 5 of the 8 buildings have been completed. Construction of Collingwood Green Phase III began in late November of 2018 with completion of the remaining twenty-one units scheduled to be completed early this spring.



“We are delighted to be opening these units to the community,” stated Demetria Simpson, president and CEO of LMHA. “They are great family homes that will serve the community well for many years to come.” Collingwood Green Phase III is funded through 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credits, City of Toledo HOME funds, HUD FHA 221 (d)(4), LMHA Capital Fund Program and Turnkey funds.

Upset Bar & Nightclub Owners

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Ms. Harper asked her colleagues to write down their questions and then yielded the floor uninterrupted to Crystal Orr, Blair Johnson, and Zahra Collins who made general remarks before presenting a red-lined revision of the ordinance on behalf of area business owners and the newly established Toledo Metropolitan Tavern and Pub Association. “It saddens us to see that the overall issue of commercial nuisance has been reduced to a small group of commercial properties and businesses who sell liquor, and applied selectively within the community based on criteria that intentionally excludes a large majority of the commercial properties the ordinance is written to police,” said Ms. Orr. “We understand the need for an ordinance

to be in place to deal with such issues like nuisance commercial properties and businesses. After reading the ordinance that was voted on unanimously and passed by city council, we feel that this ordinance as it’s written is not the optimal answer.” Ms. Orr along with Mr. Johnson and Ms. Collins provided research and scenarios for the council members to consider in addition to jointly proposing the elimination of the ordinance point system, application of the law to all commercial properties equally regardless of industry, removal of owner responsibility for random acts perpetrated on their property, and the establishment of a joint nightlife advisory board consisting of city officials and community representatives. “Looks like they did their homework. We didn’t,” Ms. Harper said before recognizing remarks and/or questions to the presenters by fellow council members. Council members were unable to answer several questions posed by the trio of presenters including whether or not the ordinance was currently being enforced. They also submitted 13 other questions in writing along with their proposed revision. Ms. Harper assured them and the audience that all unanswered questions would be “referred” meaning council would seek answers and provide them at another time.

“The community deserves it. There will be another meeting. There will be answers,” she said. The floor was later opened to remarks from members of the public. Several African-American business owners or managers representing their respective establishments voiced their concerns including frustrations over the risk of being closed for service calls to the police when help may be needed. Attorney Bradley Waugh who provides legal representation to some of the business owners who were in attendance said, “These establishments are being penalized for calling the police. Being hesitant to call the police should never be something that occurs in any context. And this hesitancy often times leads to delayed response and gives more time for incidents to escalate from small to large.” Ms. Harper said a vote on the six-month moratorium proposed during the meeting by Council Member Larry Skyes could be placed on the city council agenda as soon as their next session scheduled for February 11. **EDITOR’S NOTE:** The Toledo Journal goes to press on Tuesday as City Council meets. We should have the votes in our next issue, February 19, 2020.

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Council Member Yvonne Harper and Clerk of Council Gerald Dendinger confer during the meeting.



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From left to right (facing council): Crystal Orr, Blair Johnson, and Zahra Collins prepare to make remarks before the city council Neighborhoods, Community Development, and Health committee.

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February 3, 1977: This was the eighth and final night for the miniseries based on **Alex Haley's** Roots. This final episode achieved the highest ratings ever for a single program.

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May 23, 1982: Lee P. Brown was named the first black police commissioner of Houston, Texas.

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ical support to the Administrator, Finance Depart-
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Qualifications:High School graduate or equivalent.
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Complete job description and application are avail-
able in the Finance Department or online at:
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Cover letter, resume and notarized application must
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November 4, 1988: Bill Cosby announced his gift of 20,000,000 to Spelman College. This is the largest donation every made by a black American.

January 29, 1989: Barbara Harris was elected the first woman bishop of the Episcopal Church. August 10. General Colin L. Ppowell was named chair of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff.

November 7, 1989: David Dinkins was elected mayor of New York, and L. Douglas Wilder, governor of Virginia.

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February 12, 1909: NAACP Founded

February 16, 1923: Bessie Smith makes her first recording, "Down Hearted Blues,."

February 13, 1957: Southern Christian Leadership Conference organized at New Orleans.

February 14, 1957: Dr. King establishes the South-
ern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to fight
for civil rights and against segregation. He is elected
the group's first president.

February 18, 1957: Dr. King is featured on the cover
of Time magazine.

February 17, 1960: A warrant is issued for Dr. King's
arrest on charges that he falsified his 1956 and 1958
Alabama state income tax returns.

From the Desk
of Felicia

Dating in
Your 40's

I posted on Facebook recently, "What is dating in your 40's like?" Out of 37 comments of responses, it was a majority vote of basically saying, "Don't even think about it." I've been in a committed relationship for a while now but as I approach becoming 40 years old next year, I always wonder what life is going to look like, including dating. Although I expected a more positive response from my peers, I was totally shocked by the lack of suitable and eligible candidates out there for both men and women.



Of all the comments, this one was by far my favorite in regards to dating in your 40's: "Like shopping at Salvation Army. Most of its worn out, ripped, stained or out-dated, but you keep searching for that designer piece with the tags still on." – MJS

As the queen of thrift store shopping, I could easily relate to this analogy and it was quite funny. But that's the premise of dating no matter what age you are, searching through possibly tons of people until you find that unique match for yourself and then you build around that match. Of course I've been led to believe that the older you get the better your choices should get when seeking a partner to date. According to this next comment, I was wrong:

"Honestly, it's crazy. I'm at that in between age (in his 40's)getting craziness from both older and younger women. Women treat me as an anomaly and are willing to "fight" for something that hasn't even developed yet. If I see someone more than 6 weeks, that's progress." – MF

Although the comments kept rolling in, the similarities were the same with words such as: no loyalty, disappointing, non-existing, no commitment, men aren't mature, etc. I am so eager to find a way to change this narrative to something more positive. Let's be very clear, my one social media post does not equate to the sum total of black love in your 40's. This post was made again to create dialogue and to look at life at a glimpse. I believe you get out of relationships what you put into them.

As Maya Angelou said, "When people show you who they are, believe them." The problem happens when the person has shown us who they really are, but we start thinking that they will eventually change or we enter into the courtship with predetermined expectations for that person that they are simply unable to meet or finally, they were never interested in having a long-term or committed relationship with you. Dating in your 40's may be a challenge but I have to believe that it's possible to do and can be enjoyable with someone who you are equally yoked with.

Gayle King Blames CBS
For Her Questions About
Kobe Bryant's Rape Case



Black New - Nation-wide — Journalist Gayle King is reportedly upset at her long-time employer, CBS News, for resurfacing and sharing a video clip of her provocative line of questions about Kobe Bryant's sexual assault case from 2003, which has sparked a national outrage against her. King, who is the host of CBS This Morning, has come under fire from many Twitter users and celebrities including Snoop Dogg, 50 Cent, and Ari Lennox after seeing the clip. King addressed the issue through a video posted to her social

media accounts, defending herself and blaming her home network, CBS News. "I know that if I had only seen the clip that you saw, I'd be extremely angry with me too," she said. "I am mortified, I'm embarrassed and I am very angry. Unbeknownst to me, my network put up a clip from a very wide-ranging interview — totally taken out of context — and when you see it that way, it's very jarring. It's jarring to me. I didn't even know anything about it." In the clip, King asked Leslie about Bryant's sexual assault case

which was eventually settled in 2005. During the interview, she says, "It's been said that his legacy is complicated because of a sexual assault charge which was dismissed in 2003, 2004. Is it complicated for you, as a woman, as a WNBA (Women's National Basketball Association) player?" Leslie then responded, "It's not complicated for me at all... I just never see — have ever seen him being the kind of person that would be — do something to violate a woman or be aggressive in that way. That's just not the person that I know." Bryant's untimely

death in a helicopter crash last month revived the issue of the 2003 sexual assault, but King claimed that "last thing I would want to do is disparage him (Bryant) at this particular time." Meanwhile, CBS said in a statement that King "conducted a thoughtful, wide-ranging interview" with Leslie but the clip that was posted "did not reflect the nature and tone of the full interview." Their spokesperson added that they "are addressing the internal process that led to this and changes have already been made."

At 67-Years Old, She's Not Your
Typical Model — But She's Working It



PHOTO CREDIT / SUBMITTED

Black News - JoAni Johnson, a 67-year old woman from Harlem, is breaking fashion stereotypes by pursuing a modeling career despite her age. Recently featured in The New York Times, the popular model has also been hired by singer Rihanna to be a model for her Fenty Beauty cosmetics brand.



3-Time Olympic Champion Dominique Dawes to Open Gymnastics Academy

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Dominique Dawes is a three-time Olympic champion and the first Black woman to have won an individual Olympic medal in women’s gymnastics. Now at 43-years old, Dawes is taking on a new journey as an entrepreneur and is planning to open her very own gymnastics academy in Maryland.

Dawes, also known as ‘Awesome Dawesome’ in the gymnastics community, was just 10-years old when she started competing as a junior elite. During her gymnastics career, she won many awards and medals, making her one of the most decorated gymnasts in the world.

After retiring from gymnastics, Dawes started a family and became a mother of four. She wanted to also expose her children early to the world

of gymnastics like her, and it has always been one of her inspirations to start her own gymnastics academy.

“All four of my kids are my motivation!” she told Black Enterprise. “They will be active in the gymnastics and ninja programs and I couldn’t be more proud to build a community to empower and positively encourage today’s generation of gymnasts and beyond.”

Dawes grew up in Silver Spring, Maryland and she will launch the Dominique Dawes Gymnastics Academy in Clarksburg, Maryland, just 30 miles away from her hometown. The center aims to be “a safe, supportive

and empowering gymnastics and ninja gym for all,” according to their website. Aside from training athletes in gymnastics, the center will also focus on fostering connections, creating memories, and building their self-confidence and characteristics that are necessary in and out of the gym.

“Words leave a lasting impact on the

self-esteem of a young child, which is why it’s beyond gold medals here at Dominique Dawes Gymnastics Academy. Every child that walks through our doors will know that they are valued. My amazing staff will understand that the most important kid is the one standing right in front of them,” she said.

Dawes said she plans to expand the academy and open other locations across Maryland someday. She

“This is me leaving a lasting legacy in the sport of gymnastics. I know I was able to do it as an athlete. This is my way of doing it by creating a healthy, positive encouraging gymnastics community in this area, in the state of Maryland, that has been so supportive of me throughout my whole career.”

“*Every child that walks through our doors will know that they are valued.*”

Sports Illustrated Honors Kobe Bryant with 100-Page Special Tribute Edition

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(BlackNews) - Sports Illustrated will release a 100-page special tribute issue in honor of basketball legend Kobe Bryant, a week after his tragic death from a helicopter crash.

The print issue was expected to be available on February 7, but was made available to order online days ago and immediately sold out.

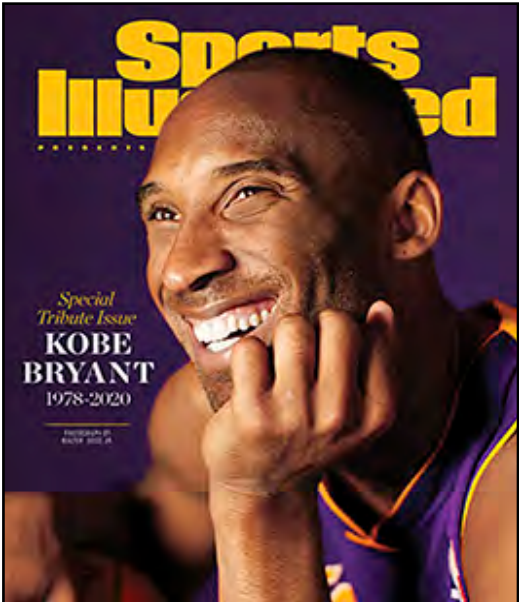
For 20 years, the basketball superstar spent his NBA career with the Los Angeles Lakers, where he won five championship titles. Bryant holds the record for the second-highest-scoring game in NBA history, with 81 points.

After his retirement in NBA, he went on to pursue his other interests, including film and business.

Bryant, who was 41-years old, died in the accident with his 13-year old daughter, Gianna, and 7 other people on January 26. Bryant left behind his wife, Vanessa Bryant, and 3 daughters.

Several tributes to the legendary icon

have been made by fans, teams, and cities throughout the world, including a makeshift memorial outside the Staples Center, a mural of him and Gianna on a basketball court in the Philippines, and during the Super Bowl as well.



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