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Racist Social Media post sparks protest at Monnettes Market

By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN
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A post on Facebook, on May 30, by John Monnette, owner of Monnettes Market on Reynolds Rd, set off a firestorm of angry responses by Toledoans, many of whom, say they shop at the market.

In that post, as well as responses to people who commented on his post, Mr. Monnette criticized Black Lives Matter by posting, "A lot of BLM, Black Lives Matter, and white privilege crap coming across my Facebook right now. If you are this person, please delete me! I do not need to hear your bull@#%*! You are the problem..."

In a later response to someone, Mr. Monnette posted, "Funny...the only thing keeping the 'good' people from killing the bad people is the police. Go ahead kids



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High Frequency Ohio organized the protest in response to racially insensitive and a violent social media post by the owner of the market.



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Protesters stand with signs at the Monnettes Market on Reynolds Road.

Defund them. Daddy needs some target practice." This response was referencing a call by Black Lives Matter leaders, to defund the police department.

His comments would resurface a few weeks later, when many people said

that was the first they saw them. Calls of boycotting all Monnette's markets began to grow. Owners of the other Monnette's markets, began to distant themselves by posting, on Facebook, they're separate from the Monnette's market on Reynolds, and John Monnette doesn't speak for the rest of

them; therefore, they shouldn't be subject to the boycott.

As people, on Facebook, went back and forth on whether or not all Monnettes should be boycotted, or just the one on Reynolds Rd., L.J. Hamilton, a local activist, publicly made his view on the subject clear, on the

social media site, by saying that although each market is independently owned, they were all in the same family. Mr. Hamilton followed up by saying that, if the other owners didn't believe as John Monnette, then why did they wait until public outrage, to distant themselves, instead of criticizing him from the beginning.

Tired of continuously patronizing businesses that don't want black dollars, Mr. Hamilton organized an effort to not only stop shopping at all the Monnette's markets, but to spend their money with black owned businesses that cater to their needs.

"We need our own space, especially if we're not welcomed," he said. "He plans on continuing his support of black businesses, as well as, encouraging others to do the same."



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Tiffany Daniels being waited on by David Johnson at a black run establishment.



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L.J. Hamilton, left, organized the effort to spend black dollars at inclusive black owned businesses.

National Urban League: 2010 Census Omitted 3.7 Million Blacks – Nearly Five Times Its Original ‘Undercount’ Claims

By Hazel Trice Edney
Wire Writer
(TriceEdneyWire.com) - A special report released by the National Urban League reveals that the U. S. Census Bureau omitted at least 3.7 million African-Americans from its 2010 count, nearly five times the 800,000 “undercount” that the bureau has long reported.

Largely due to the Coronavirus, the sluggish response to the 2020 Census count now underway is on track for the same or even worse results, NUL predicts. The organization says the Black community stands to lose billions of dollars and significant political power if something is not done quickly to speed up and establish a more accurate count.

“As a gauge, last decade, 9% of Black people in the U.S. (approximately 3.7 million people), were missed in the 2010 Census - an “omission” rate higher than any other racial or ethnic group,” says NUL’s 12-page “State of the 2020 Census” report released June 17. “Preliminary assessments of 2020 Census household response rates to date, portend the potential loss of billions of dollars in federal funding allocations, power and political representation for the Black population, if nothing is done to stop this trend.”

Using the mapping tool of the City University of New York (CUNY), the NUL reports that “currently, approximately 25% of households

residing in predominantly Black areas are in the bottom 20% of response rates (below 50%),” so far.

Among the report’s key findings:

- Young Black Children are poised to experience historic undercounts in the 2020 Census...Seven out of 10 black and brown children 0-5 years old were not counted in the 2010 Census.
- Several large cities and jurisdictions with predominate or large Black populations trail their state response rates by 10 or more percentage points (i.e., St. Louis, Mo., Los Angeles, Calif., Miami, Fla., and Detroit, Mich.
- The U.S. Census Bureau’s enumeration of persons experiencing homelessness has not occurred.
- The U.S. Census Bureau’s difficulty in rescheduling the enumeration of college and university students and conducting outreach targeting these communities with clear and concise guidance, will impact local communities and the black count overall, if not corrected.
- An undercount of the Black population in southern states will impact the overall Black count in America. One S. Census Regional Census Center is responsible for enumerating seven states (Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana), with significant Black

populations in the 2020 Census.

The Census count started April 1. People can respond by phone, mail or online. Through July, August, September, and October, Census workers will escalate their attempts to count college students; plus anyone who has not responded by going to homes until the end of October.

Civil rights organizations have gone into high gear with an educational campaign pushing the importance of an accurate Census count to the Black community and other communities of color. Yet, it appears that the extent of the Census omissions in 2010 is now being widely reported for the first time.

“The U.S. Census Bureau and the current Administration must do all that it can to ensure an accurate count of the Black population by reallocating media resources and outreach to address these circumstances,” says NUL President/CEO Marc H. Morial in a release accompanying the report. “Historically, African Americans have been undercounted each decade. Approximately 3.7 million African Americans were entirely uncouned in the 2010 Census. The 2020 Census raises new risks and uncertainties that put an already vulnerable Black count at extreme risk.”



than providing answers. The confusion apparently comes down to the vague difference between the terms “net undercount” and “omissions”.

In response to an inquiry from the Trice Edney News Wire, Census consultant, Terri Ann Lowenthal, said she is the source of the NUL’s 3.7 million omission number. She emailed a one paged document in which she listed the “net undercount” of Black people as 827,152 (2.06 percent) and “Omissions” as 3,734,229 (9.3 percent).

As for the NAACP’s lawsuit, which says the “2010 Census did not account for 1.5 million black and Hispanic residents”, Lowenthal’s document appears to dispute that number.

“Many news articles and even some fact sheets have incorrectly cited a figure of ‘1.5 million minorities missed in the 2010 Census,’” Lowenthal says in a footnote. “From what I can tell, that number is loosely derived from the national net undercount of Blacks (~827,000) and Hispanics (of any race) (~764,000) in the 2010 Census.”

In another email, Beth Lynk, Census campaign director for the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, which reported the “more than 800,000” undercount in its fact sheet, recommended a book, titled “Differential Undercounts in the U. S. Census. Who is Missed?”



Lynk described the book as a “great resource on omissions.” But the “Terminology” chapter of that book, by social demographer William P. O’Hare, clearly implies that the Census use of the term “net undercount” to describe people who were not counted is erroneous.

O’Hare’s book states, “It is important to recognize that the net undercount does not reflect the number of people missed even though the term undercount is often used to suggest this. As stated earlier, net undercounts reflect a balance of people missed and people counted more than once or otherwise included erroneously,” O’Hare writes.

Jeri Green, consultant and senior advisor to the NUL on Census matters, said in an interview that its cited 3.7 million Black “omissions” from the 2010 Census is accurate without question.

Green is a former senior advisor for civic engagement in the office of the Census Bureau director. She is also a specialist on engagement with civil rights organizations and historically undercounted populations as they relate to critical 2020 Census issues.

“The cold-blooded straight up number of Black people that were missed in the



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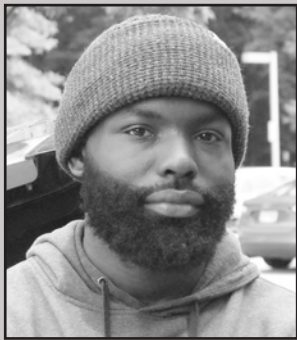
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Everyone wants the schools to reopen, but what do you think are the best practices on how to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, and how should those practices be implemented?



Dre Taylor
Chef

I think the schools should be deep cleaned every day; before, and after school. All classes should be smaller, and there should be a no touch hand sanitizer dispenser in every room. Every child should be taught how to properly sanitize their hands.



Mariona Hunter
Daycare Worker

I don't think they should return to school until there's either a vaccine, or children can be given a medication that could combat the effects of the virus.



Robert Quinn
Assembly Worker

Since kid's immune system aren't strong enough to combat everything, so in person classes should be cancelled; as well as all sports. The younger kids have bad habits of touching everything, and then putting their hands in their mouth; so for those reasons, school should be cancelled for the year.



Edward Burgess
Unemployed/CARES ACT

I think class size should be reduced by having one set of kids come on certain days, while the others attend on those opposite days.



Melody Hawkins
Unemployed

I think every child should be required to wear masks, bring their own personal hand sanitizer, and reduce the size of classes. Once the size is reduced, more teachers could be used to teach the smaller classes.

Ongoing Events

Grace Community Center Free Food Pantry and Tasty Tuesdays

In an effort to continue to serve our community during these trying times.....Grace Community Center has expanded its Food Pantry operations. The hours of service are M-F, 10 am – 3 pm. Children may also receive grab & go lunches from the hours of 11 -1 M-F. Eligible Seniors in need of food assistance please call for delivery options at 419-248-2467. Tasty Tuesdays is July 21 and July 28 Free Fresh Produce Box from 10:30 am-4:30 pm. Elaine Page, Executive Director, Grace Community Center, 406 W. Delaware.

Every Tuesday and Saturday Toledo Masjid Al-Isalm Through Tarbiyyatul Haqq Ministries Food Pantry

Located at 722 E. Bancroft St., Toledo, OH 43608. Available Tues. 9-2 and Sat 11-3 every week. Free

Senior Centers Still Closed

At the advice of the local health commissioners, the following senior centers are closed to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus:

- Lucas County senior centers
- Sandusky County senior centers
- Williams County senior centers
- Wood County senior centers

Every Tuesday Monroe Street Neighborhood Center's Free Food Pantry

Open from 11:00am-1:00pm. Everyone is eligible to benefit from this service regardless of income or circumstance. No identification required, no appointments necessary. Protein, canned goods, fresh produce and baked goods are available. Items may vary weekly.

Every 3rd Saturday River of Life Church

Hosts "The Storehouse" free food distribution from 11:00am to 1:00pm , 3611 Upton Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43613. Ephesians 6:7 - NLT - Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

Kids This Summer Summer Park Programs

The City of Toledo is proud to partner with Athletes Global, a global organization dedicated to helping

youth, families, and communities by teaching leadership skills through educational, fitness, and sports programs.

Zumba Kids classes are high energy dance parties that incorporate fitness in a natural way. Children of all shapes, sizes, and abilities are welcome! Ages 8-13. Free Registration Required: toledo.oh.gov/zumba

- Navarre Park: July 15, and 22 11:15-12:15 p.m. - 1001 White St., Toledo, OH
- Savage Park: July 31, Aug.7 and 14, 12:30-1:30 p.m. - 650 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH

Practical self-defense combines MMA Bootcamp fitness, mental, physical stamina drawn from Boxing, Muay Thai, Grappling, BJJ, and Judo training for world-class mixed martial arts instruction. Free Registration Required: toledo.oh.gov/self-defense

- Wilson Park: July 21, 10-11 a.m. - 600 E. Oakland St., Toledo, Ohio 43608
- Navarre Park: July 30, Aug. 6 and 13, 11:15-12:15 p.m. - 1001 White St., Toledo, Ohio 43605
- Ottawa Park: July 15, and 22, 11:15-12:15 p.m. - 2200 Kenwood Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43606

Fun fitness focuses on overall health and activity, teaching kids to develop self confidence, learn body awareness and develop a life-long love of being active. Ages 8-13. Free Registration Required: toledo.oh.gov/fun-fitness

- Wilson Park: July 29, Aug. 5 and 12, 10-11 a.m., 600 E. Oakland St., Toledo, OH
- Walbridge Park: July 17, and 24, 1:45-2:45 p.m., 2761 Broadway St., Toledo, OH
- Ottawa Park: July 30, Aug. 6 and 13, 11:15-12:15 p.m., 2200 Kenwood Blvd., Toledo, OH

Yoga classes improve balance, flexibility, and posture while increasing students focus, discipline and concentration. Leadership development and nutritional education included. Free Registration Required: toledo.oh.gov/yoga

- Walbridge Park: July 27, Aug. 3, and 10, 1:45-2:45 p.m. - 2761 Broadway St., Toledo, OH
- Savage Park: July 16, and 23, 12:30-1:30 p.m. - 650 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH.

Now Thru Aug. 14th Free Summer Children Lunch Program

Food will be provided free to children Monay through Friday, Now to Aug. 14 through a partnership with the Children's Hunger Alliance for the City of Toledo's Children Feeding Program. (While supplies last. No need to pre-register.). Children's Hunger Alliance staff will be at the following parks, Monday through Friday:

- Wilson Park, 600 East Oakland St., Toledo, Ohio 43608, under open air shelter, 11-11:45 a.m.
- Navarre Park, 1001 White St., Toledo, OH, pool

house/parking lot, 12:15-1 p.m.

- Savage Park, 650 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH, under open air shelter, 1:30-2:15 p.m.
- Walbridge Park, 2761 Broadway, Toledo, OH, under open air shelter, 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- Ottawa Park, 2200 Kenwood Blvd., Toledo OH, under open air shelter, 12:15-1 p.m.

July 18th The Flanders Road Church of Christ Clothing Giveaway

Saturday , at 5130 Flanders Road, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Everyone is welcome. We will be following special social distancing protocols. Please check our website for more information www.flanderscofc.com or phone 419-882-8188.

Engage Toledo Drop Off Refuse and Recycling

Acceptable items include electronic waste, but no televisions, CRT monitors, or appliances; 10 tires, on or off the rim, but no commercial tires; documents; houseware goods; clothing; toys; bulky items, and refuse. Latex paint will be accepted for \$1 per gallon. Representatives from the U.S. Census Bureau will also be present to inform residents about the importance of completing the census.

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

- July 25 at Manhattan Plaza, 525-701 East Manhattan Blvd.
- Aug. 8 at Deveau School, 2620 West Sylvania Ave.
- Aug. 22 at Longfellow Elementary School, 1955 West Laskey Rd.
- Sept. 12 at Good Shepherd Church, 3934 West Laskey Rd.
- Sept. 19 at the Toledo Zoo, Anthony Wayne Trail, parking lot, 2 Hippo Way (this event is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Sept. 26 at Friendship Park, 2930 131st St. For more information please call Engage Toledo at 419-936-2020 or visit www.toledo.oh.gov.

Connecting Kids To Meals Continues To Feed

Connecting Kids to Meals has been feeding hungry, at-risk kids for more than 17 years. Some of the trusted partners where meals are served include schools, libraries, churches, community centers, parks, and other locations where children gather. Last year, about 540,000 nutritious meals were provided to kids during out-of-school time. To learn more, visit ConnectingKidsToMeals.org.

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DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE HE, “ACED” IT?



By Lafe Tolliver,
Attorney

You probably have read where Donald Trump is proudly trumpeting that he took a cognitive brain test and, get this...he aced it!

When I read that, I was floored as to how this buffoon could pass a legit brain test. I just knew that there was something “off” with this revelation and especially so when we learned that he literally wrote his own physical evaluation some years ago and it was signed off by that “hippy looking” New York doctor.

So, being desirous to know what is what, I decided to take matters into my own hands.

As many of you know, I spent over twenty years in counter surveillance intelligence services in Washington D.C. and had the unenvious task to make sure that all professional credentialed personnel who service the White House staff were competent.

When I left Washington to come to Toledo, I left many good friends and valuable contacts and, now and then, we get together on Skype to discuss the past and what is now ailing the future.

During one of those conference calls, a person who I will just refer to as, “Gleason”, asked me to call him on a back channel secure line. Curious about what was what, the next day, I called him back at his laboratory in Silver Springs, MD.

He was quite giddy to say the least because he was able to purloin a copy of the cognitive test that was purportedly given to the President so as to assuage people’s concerns that the President was not, “loopy-loopy.”

Now, in my business, I do not ask questions about how certain data is obtained for fear of being complicated as to how it was obtained, so I listened as he told me that a friend of his works with the team of psychologists that devised the cognitive test for President Trump.

The friend was able to surreptitiously obtain a copy before it was noticed as missing and sent it on a burner cell phone to his home copier. He had a copy!

I knew he was taking a huge risk, but he was a patriot who was not willing to compromise the integrity of the White House with another scandal about President Trump and his fitness to hold the highest office in the land.

You can imagine the drama I had as I concluded the phone call and went to my copier which read, “One Fax Received.”

As I reached to push the copy button, I felt a tinge of fear that if found out, my friend and I could be seen as co-conspirators in bringing down this presidency but we both agreed that duty to others counted more than such selfish feelings as to what could happen to us.

I pushed the copier’s brown button. The machine purred and churned out a twelve-pager full of questions and puzzling stick diagrams.

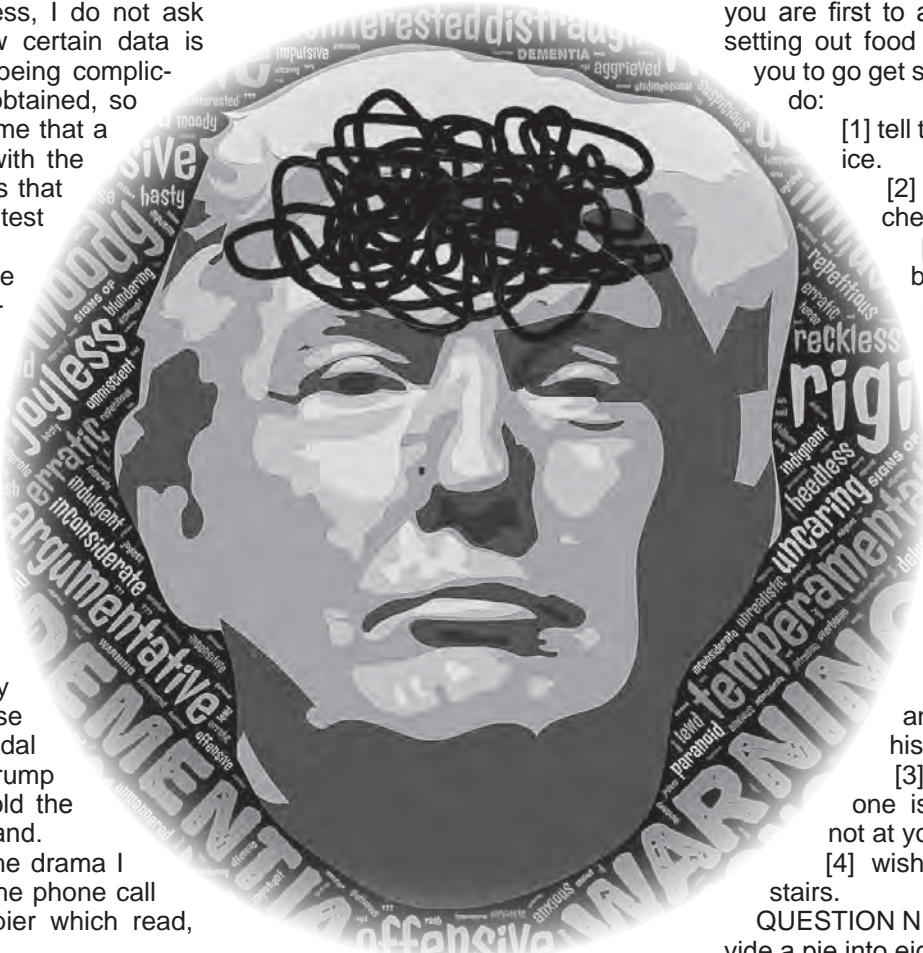
I was so chilled about what I was holding that I involuntarily scanned my room expecting to see FBI agents yelling for me to put my hands in the air.

Luckily, no agents appeared.

I sat down to read the missive and I was appalled as to what I was reading but will let you be the judge if you think some of the sampled questions accurately probe and test to see whether a person is mentally competent. I don’t think so!

QUESTION NINE: You friend has four blue crayons and you have three yellow crayons. How many grey crayons do you have together?

[1] one
[2] seven
[3] none



you are first to arrive and the host is setting out food and drinks and asks you to go get some ice. What do you do:

[1] tell the host to get his own ice.
[2] tell him you no longer chew on ice.
[3] tell him you will be back when others arrive.
[4] nothing. Just sit and stare at your shoes.

QUESTION EIGHTY-NINE: You are in a crowded elevator and someone faints. What do you do:

[1] get off at the next floor and catch another elevator.
[2] take off the shoes and pat the bottom of his feet to revive him.
[3] wonder why everyone is looking at him and not at you.
[4] wish you had taken the stairs.

QUESTION FORTY-SEVEN: You take a mile-long walk and meet Ron who said that he just finished walking three miles with his pet dog. What is the name of the dog?

[1] Ron
[2] Doggie
[3] Bippie
[4] no name

QUESTION FIFTY: A person yells Fire! And you stop and look around for the fire but see none. What should you do?

[1] start a fire
[2] keep walking
[3] ask others where the fire is
[4] go up to the person yelling Fire and slug him

QUESTION SIXTY-TWO: You are sitting on a bus at a stop sign. Three mean looking midgets get on the bus. What do you do:

[1] keep on looking for the fourth midget to get on.
[2] smile at them and hope they are friendly.
[3] wonder if they have trouble getting dates.

QUESTION SEVENTY: At a party,

QUESTION NINETY-ONE: If you divide a pie into eights and there are five people to eat it, how much does each one get:

[1] as much as they are willing to fight for!
[2] none. No one likes the pie.
[3] each gets two eights, since one of the persons does not eat desserts.

QUESTION ONE HUNDRED: You just finished a purchase and used two quarters and three dimes and one penny. How much did the item cost?

[1] None. I had a coupon for it.
[2] Need more information to answer this question!
[3] It was only worth the three dimes!
[4] before or after sales tax?

To my utter amazement, President Trump answered none of the questions correctly except for question forty-seven! People, we are in trouble. Deep trouble.

If you wish to get the entire test and answers, please send to me a nontraceable money order for \$41.73 (includes shipping and handling) and wait for me to contact you.

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HOW LONG O LORD, HOW LONG?

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The words of King David that appear in Psalm 13 of the Old Testament echo in the hearts of American people of color today:

“How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I take counsel in

my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?”

Despite its self-aggrandizement, America is an ugly, hateful place, filled with pain.

The building blocks of this nation were not freedom and democracy, but genocide, enslavement and race hatred. The historical record is clear.

For more than 400 years since we were dragged here, existence in this country for African Americans has been heart-wrenching.

For more than a century before that, people of the first nations suffered systematic attempts at extermination at the hands of European invaders bent on genocide.

Spanish-speaking people, whose ancestors inhabited this land for many decades before the arrival of English speakers, have been robbed and abused at almost every point of contact with the oppressive forces of “Manifest Destiny.”

Asian immigrants and their descendants, who bent their backs to build this nation’s wealth, have at different times been unjustly barred entry into this country, deported for no legitimate reason and interned in concentration camps merely because of their cultural ancestry.

The perverse notion of white supremacy has done all of this. There are those who believe that, because of their “whiteness,” they are more deserving of the fruits of the labor of our community garden than are people of color. This evil notion of white supremacy can be tracked through the ages.

There no longer can be any pretext that America is populated with only kind and caring people who abide by the rule of law and respect the sanctity of human life.

We live in a country that placed a pernicious and perverse human being in the highest seat of authority. And in so doing, all the minions

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Looters, Lowlives, and Liars



By Julianne Malveaux
Wire Columnist

(TriceEdneyWire.com)
- According to the Washington Post, the 45th President told 19,126 lies between his inauguration in 2017 and June 1, 2020. By now, the number has likely edged toward 20,000, as his Tulsa "rally" yielded dozens more. This President has no allegiance to the truth, but that's no surprise. Leading up to his ill-timed gathering, amid the coronavirus, he projected more than a million attendees. Instead, the Trump campaign could not even fill the 19,000 seat stadium. And because the Trump campaign has no one to blame but itself for its spotty turnout, 45 instead blamed "bad people," the media, and others.

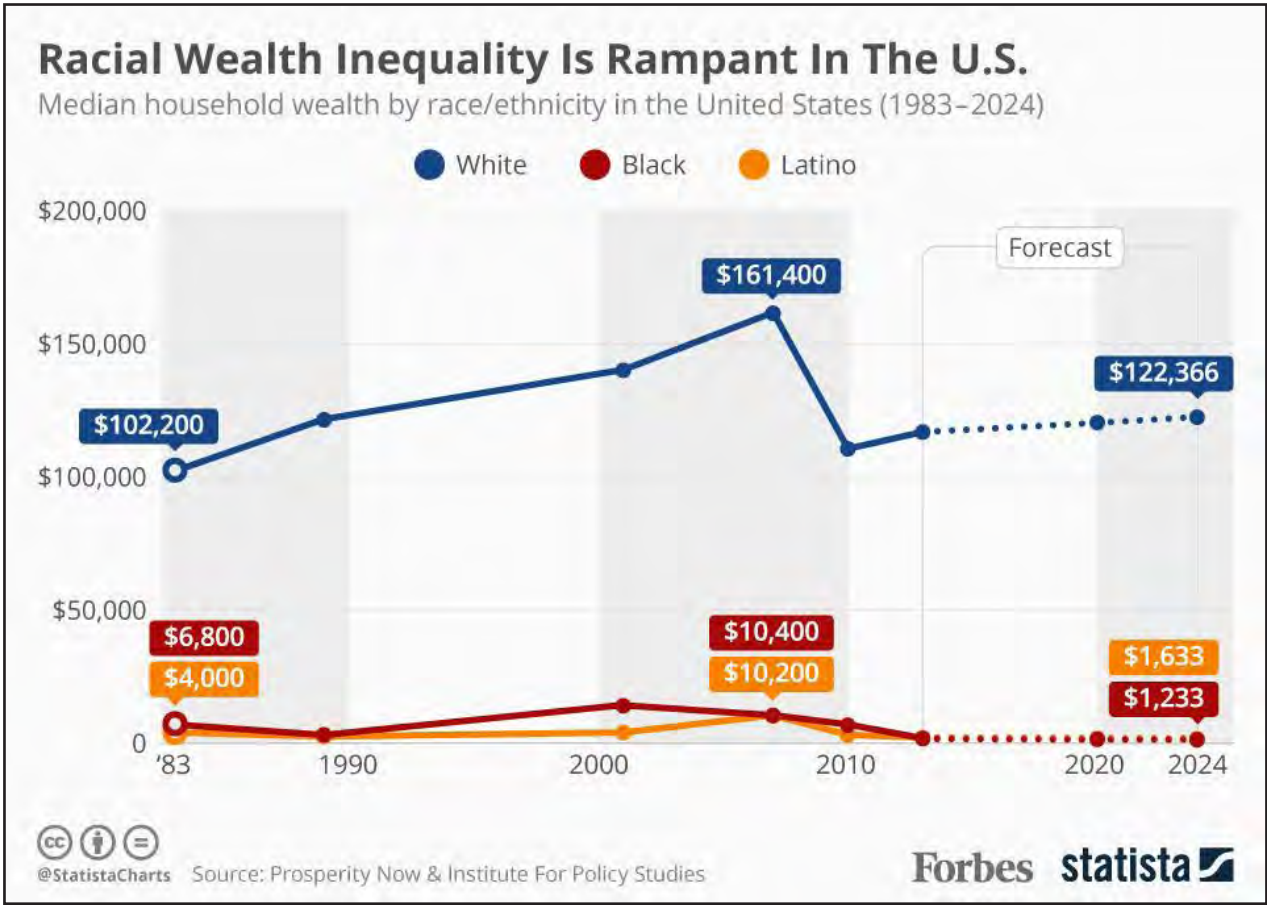
The President's bizarre bloviation was more evidence of his instability, but also illustrated his venom toward a sizeable portion of the people he purportedly represents. I was especially struck by his constant ridicule of "looters and lowlives," wondering if he comprehended the similarities between the behavior he would

describe as "looters and lowlives" with his conduct in office. Not only has he derided "looters and lowlives," but he has also threatened the full force of federal law enforcement to threaten people's legal right to protest. As soon as he uttered those threatening words, 45 was a looter who threatened the civil rights and civil liberties of lawful protestors who have legitimate complaints against nationwide police brutality.

Who's looting who? If we carefully examine history, it is clear that Black people have been looted (defined as "stealing good from a place, typically in a war or riot"). From my perspective, Black people have been at war with white supremacy forces as long as we have been on these hoes. We have been subject to violence, exploitation, expropriation of fair compensation of our wags, further exploited through Jim Crow, and other laws. There are documented cases of economically envious looting Black communities (Wilmington, Tulsa, Rosewood) because of economic envy, plundering our homes, and then using the power of the majority media to turn a Massacre into a "riot." Accounts from Tulsa 1921 survivor document a massacre, not a riot.

All it took to light the match was Black men standing to speak up for themselves.

White folks could not stand Black self-determination or Black wealth. They destroyed the thriving Greenwood in 1921, but Black men and women are still standing up for ourselves. That's why folks have taken it to the streets, protesting night after night,



wearing shirts that say "Black Lives Matter" and "I Can't Breathe." They aren't just Black folks. If you have a heart, it could not help but shatter just a bit when you saw the inexcusable 8:46 minute knee to George Floyd's neck.

If I could have just 3 minutes with Mr. Turmp, I'd like to ask him, "who's looting who." Changing the tax code to benefit your friends and the wealthy are looting the rest of us. Taking food from hungry people is another form of looting. Losing tax dollars to support your decrepit lifestyle and multiple golf trips is looting. Taking money from public schools to help your pet private schools is stealing. You see looting when people set fires and break windows. Why don't you think about the fire that ran people out of

“Many of the so-called “looters and lowlives” are descended of enslaved people who have had enough. I stand with the looters and lowlives, the people who, in the shadow of the poet Langston Hughes, ask “what happened to a dream deferred.” It explodes.”

Greenwood, the broken windows that destroyed Black presses, the looting that has stolen Black wealth

And then there is the term "lowlife." The dictionary describes such folks as people who have "low social status" or "low moral character." So what kind of moral character does a man have who brags about grab-

bing women by their genitals? What kind of moral character does a man have who derides people because of their race or gender? What kind of person calls people he disagrees with "sons of bitches." He doesn't know their mamas, but he has insulted them. At 1600 Pennlyvani Avenue, the House that Enslaved People Built, our tax

dollars are housing the Lowlife in Chief. We have endured over three years of this man's venom, vituperation, namecalling, and contempt of the people who are merely exercising First Amendment rights by taking it to the streets.

Many of the so-called "looters and lowlives" are descended of enslaved people who have had enough. I stand with the looters and lowlives, the people who, in the shadow of the poet Langston Hughes, ask "what happened to a dream deferred." It explodes. Since 1619, since 1865, since 1964, it has been exploding. Still? I stand with the looters and lowlives and reject a man whose unfamiliarity with truth is a vexation, abomination, and a despicable affront to decency.

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of the worst demons of this country were let loose to victimize the most vulnerable segments of our national community.

African Americans are not the only people bearing the brunt of white supremacy, but we see our humanity denied and cry out for justice for:

Ahmaud Arbery, killed while jogging in a Georgia suburb,

Atatiana Jefferson, killed in her home in Fort Worth, Texas,

Breonna Taylor, killed in her bed in Louisville,

George Floyd, killed on a Minneapolis street.

These are just a few of the Black victims murdered in the name of law enforcement in America.

But let us not forget the suffering of other people of color in America.

Let us not forget the daughters and mothers of the first nations, whose murders and disappearances at an alarming rate cause little concern among most Americans and get little attention in the country's media.



Let us not forget the Latinx children locked up in cages like animals because they tried to enter this country in the same manner as countless Europeans who came without passports or papers two centuries earlier.

Let us not forget the Asian Americans who are spat on, punched and kicked by bigots who believe Donald Trump when he lies about China bringing COVID-19 to U.S. shores, rekindling old fears and intolerance toward anyone with Asian ancestry.

There must be responses to these injustices. These transgressions must stop. Americans of all stripes must make a le-

“The building blocks of this nation were not freedom and democracy, but genocide, enslavement and race hatred. The historical record is clear.”

gitimate effort to stop them.

King David prayed for a cure to injustice thousands of years ago when he wrote: "Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, lest my enemy say, 'I have prevailed over him,' lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken."

We must open our eyes and not sleep the sleep of death. We must not let the enemies of justice prevail over us. We must march on, 'til Victory is won.

Oscar H. Blayton is a former Marine Corps combat pilot and human rights activist who practices law in Virginia.

39-Year Old Becomes First Black Woman Supreme Court Judge in New Jersey

Submitted

Black News - In June 2020, 39-year old Fabiana Pierre-Louis succeeded Walter Timpone to become the first Black woman to sit on New Jersey's Supreme Court, the state's highest court. She carries the legacy of John Wallace, who became the first Black male judge on the state supreme court in 2003.

Pierre-Louis, who is Haitian-American, previously worked as a federal prosecutor, responsible for supervising all aspects of criminal matters handled by the Camden Office. Also, she spent nine years in the U.S. Attorney's Office in New Jersey and she has worked on countless cases. She was also a partner in Montgomery McCracken's White Collar and Government Investigations practice group where she focused on complex commercial litigation, white-collar crime, and government investigations.

Her appointment is so historic because as of July 2020, there are 33 states that do not have a woman of color on their highest court.

Pierre-Louis told reporters, "Many years ago my parents came to the United States from Haiti with not much more than the clothes on their backs and the American dream in their hearts. I think they have achieved that dream beyond measure because my life is certainly not representative of the traditional trajectory of someone who would one day be nominated to the Supreme Court of New Jersey."

She credits her humble roots for her success and work ethic. She grew up in Brooklyn, New York City with her parents, her grandmother and her 4 brothers and sisters who all lived in a small two-bedroom apartment.



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Fabiana Pierre-Louis will succeed Walter Timpone.

SPLC Announces \$30 Million Investment to Increase Voter Registration

Submitted

The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) today announced it is investing up to \$30 million from its endowment in voter outreach organizations in the Deep South to increase voter registration and participation among people of color with a lower propensity to vote.

The initiative, called Vote Your Voice, is focused on increasing voter participation specifically in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi, beginning in 2020 and running through 2022.

"This initiative is especially important right now, as millions of people across the country feel the urgency to make our voices heard this fall after the continued silence from our leaders on the many Black people being killed by police," SPLC President and Chief Executive Officer Margaret Huang, said in a news release.



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"Voting won't solve this problem the day after the election but in order to begin dismantling white supremacy, we need to ensure that every voter of color is able to cast their ballot without interference or hardship."

Huang continued:

"The work ahead of us will not be easy. The COVID-19 pandemic has and will continue to have a disproportionate impact on democratic participation for communities of color who have been harmed most deeply by the health and economic crisis and who will encounter greater barriers to voter participation given the new risks of voting in person on Election Day."

Numerous organizations across the five states are working to promote voter participation and reach communities of color, returning citizens and young people, but they are struggling to secure resources to further their outreach amid the COVID-19 pandemic, an era of social distancing, and major economic recession, the SPLC said in a statement.

Vote Your Voice, a partnership with the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta (Community Foundation), will administer grants up to a total of \$30 million available for nonprofit-nonpartisan activities through 2022 as organizations navigate reaching their constituents amidst the pandemic and other obstacles.

"We are proud to partner with Southern Poverty Law Center to target education and mobilization efforts that support a robust, and fair, election process," said Community Foundation Vice President of Community Lita Pardi.

"We must all work to end systemic barriers that deny our citizens their right to vote, especially in Black communities across the South."

Other Vote Your Voice goals include:

- Reconnecting with constituencies that historically and currently face barriers to voting, focusing on returning citizens, voters of color, and those who have been purged from voter rolls.
- Engaging voters who are often ignored by outreach programs, including low-propensity voters of color and voters of color who live outside of major metro areas.
- Building greater capacity for voter outreach work to combat voter suppression by providing multi-year support through the 2022 election cycle.
- Funding and supporting organizations that are led by people of color.
- The SPLC and the Community Foundation will award their first round of grants in early July and a second round later in the summer. Organizations that work with communities of color have been invited to submit grant applications as part of the first round. The second round will be conducted through an open Request for Proposals process.

Officials noted that Vote Your Voice builds on the SPLC's ongoing voting rights work to enable every citizen in the Deep South the opportunity to have their voice heard at the ballot box.

In the past two years, the SPLC invested a combined \$2 million to help pass the Amendment 4 ballot initiative in Florida and increase voter registration and turn-out in Louisiana and Mississippi state elections.

Meanwhile, in federal courts, the SPLC has successfully sued Florida on its unconstitutional poll tax and has ongoing litigation challenging Mississippi's lifetime voting ban for citizens with certain felony convictions.

Since May of this year, the SPLC has filed litigation in Alabama and Louisiana to challenge election laws that force voters to choose between participating in democracy and protecting their health.

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6-Year Old Expelled from Daycare for Wearing 'Black Lives Matter' Shirt

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Journei Brockman, a 6-year old girl from Arkansas, was reportedly kicked out of her daycare after being accused of “encouraging racism” for wearing shirts that support Black Lives Matter and racial justice.

Her mother, Deval, said the issue started when her daughter showed up at her daycare, His Kids Learning Center, wearing a shirt with the print

“All Lives Can’t Matter Until Black Lives Matter.”

A school official then called and told her, “I don’t like it, I don’t agree with it and I would prefer it if you didn’t send her to school in it again,” she recalled, according to Fox16.

Brockman said she contacted the state to confirm if such policies regarding attire exist, but she was told that only those with profanity are not allowed.

The next day, Journei went to school wearing a shirt featuring a raised Black fist on the back. The administrators were once again angered, saying the shirts she was wearing encourages racism.

Brockman was upset that her daughter had to go through that over a t-shirt and even her way of parenting was questioned.

“He was like, ‘I am not going to tell you how to raise your child but you need to

reevaluate how you’re parenting her,’” said Brockman.

The school responded in a statement saying they are firm with the decision to expel the little girl and that race did not play a factor.

“We feel a childcare environment is not a place for a parent’s political views to be addressed or played out, regardless of race,” said Patricia Brown, director of His Kids Learning Center.

9-Year Old Best Selling Author & Philanthropist Debuts New Talk Show, Raising Greatness



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“You’re never too young to dream big!” - Nicholas Buamah

Submitted

(Black News) - Who says you can’t be a kid and have your own talk show? No one does! That is why Atlanta native, 9-year old bestselling author Nicholas Buamah, can now add talk show host to the list of things that he has accomplished at his young age. Raising Greatness with Nicholas Buamah premiered on YouTube, July 1, 2020, at 2pm EST. With almost 11K subscribers on his channel, Nicholas will interview a plethora of guests to find out what led them down their path to success. His guests will include some of the most amazing people from various walks of life – Celebrity Chefs, Journalist, Hollywood Actors, Comedians, Producers, Professional Athletes, Entrepreneurs, and more.

At the age of seven, Nicholas wrote his first book, Kayla and Kyle: The Walking Dictionaries Election Day. Not only is it an Amazon bestseller, but it has also been

cataloged in the Library of Congress. What is just as impressive is his mission: To help kids in underprivileged communities around the world have access to reading materials through his non-profit organization called, Books Without Borders, Inc.

Nicholas has been featured in several online news outlets. He has also appeared on major television networks. His most notable appearance was when he was a guest on the Steve Harvey Show and helped the host learn a few new words. Steve Harvey was so impressed with the young author that he donated 555 books to send to Ghana (West Africa) through Nicholas’ nonprofit organization. He was also honored by the great Whoopi Goldberg on her show, The View.

Make sure to subscribe and tune into Raising Greatness every week on YouTube. You don’t want to miss this exciting and inspiring new talk show!

8-Year Old Boy Launches Company to Combat Racial Tensions

Submitted

Black News -Lil Dee, an eight-year-old entrepreneur from Ohio has created his own company, Our Brown Boy Joy, to help a new generation of brown boys across the country. Inspired to make a difference and drive positive social change, Lil Dee is finding a new way to tackle growing racial tensions in the United States. A growing company and brand, Our Brown Boy Joy is on a mission to motivate and inspire by letting every young brown boy know just how special they are. To accomplish this important mission, Our Brown Boy Joy will be marketing products that empower young brown boys directly to them via a subscription box service that sends bi-monthly items. Each item will be carefully sourced to ensure it reinforces strong social messages that brown boys are special, powerful, and smart in all walks of life.

As part of the Our Brown Boy Joy brand and subscription box service model, Lil Dee has also created a unique character line

titled, “His Friend,” featuring a brown boy who speaks positive affirmations such as, “Brown Boy you are smart!” Going above and beyond in its efforts to motivate and inspire brown boys across the country, Our Brown Boy Joy embraces positive messaging at every point.

“I want brown boys to be proud of who they are,” remarked Lil Dee when asked about his inspiration for starting Our Brown Boy Joy. “I want brown boys everywhere to know just how special they are. My subscription boxes and character line will allow boys to have items that directly represent them. I know when I go into the store, nothing looks like me or represents me – this is a problem.”

Every day, young boys seek out items that represent them. But for many, including young brown boys, finding and connecting with such items can be difficult, if not impossible. On a path to change this painful experience for so many around the country, Lil Dee and Our Brown Boy Joy are now connecting young brown boys with new products that trigger a



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8-year old Lil Dee

connection, boost self-esteem, and create an environment where they feel loved, appreciated, and at home.

Our Brown Boy Joy officially launched June 20, 2020, for pre-orders of its subscription boxes and boy characters. To learn more about this new company, please visit OurBrownBoyJoy.com.

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African American Breast Cancer Survivor Says “Mammograms Are Not Enough”

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(*Black News Nationwide*) — Katrina Shaw gained the respect of being an unapologetic leader in her community for the development of the urban garden where she and other volunteers plant and grow organic food. Her passion for living a healthy lifestyle emerged during her battle with Breast Cancer. A year later, her husband was diagnosed with cancer, and Katrina also lost her baby during this time. Today, Katrina and her husband are now cancer-free. It was rough, but instead of being

bitter, she decided to make it better by starting her own business because she has a passion for helping others.

She is the CEO and Founder of MANE – Mammograms Are Not Enough, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization for breast cancer awareness based in Maryland. As a breast cancer survivor, Katrina was featured in Johns Hopkins Magazine, their social media handles, and their website in a featured story entitled “A Moment’s Notice”.

Katrina serves as a Top Lead Legislative Ambassador in her Congressional District for the American

Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN). Katrina is a speaker and co-author of Women Who Soar and the best-selling book Courageous Women Find Strength During the Storm: Volume II by Dr. Missy Johnson, where she shares her story about overcoming breast cancer and losing her baby.

Katrina offers workshops and speaks on the following topics: Breast Cancer Prevention; Mammograms Are Not Enough; How to Live a Healthy and Wise; and How to Maintain Balance with Plant-Based Foods.




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For more information about Katrina, visit www.maneinc.org

Is It Seasonal Allergies Or Dry Eye?

Submitted

(*NAPS*)—Two of the more common eye-related problems are dry eyes and eye allergies. While the symptoms are similar, there are differences between the two conditions. Sometimes they can occur at the same time, compounding the problem.

That’s why it’s important to have a medical eye exam to determine the cause of your symptoms so you can get the appropriate treatment. If you’re concerned about the cost of the exam, the American Academy of Ophthalmology’s EyeCare America program may be able to help.

Understanding Allergies

Seasonal eye allergy symptoms are like dry eye, but itchiness is more common. When you’re sensitive to an allergen such as molds, pollen, dust or grass, histamine is released, causing itchy, red eyes that tear or burn. Over-the-counter medications are often effective. You can also take the following steps for relief:




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If your dry, itchy eyes are not relieved by over-the-counter products, you should see an ophthalmologist.

- Limit exposure to the outdoors on high-pollen count days.
- Wash your face and hands after being outside to reduce the amount of pollen on the skin.
- Don’t rub your eyes; it may

increase the irritants and make symptoms worse.

Examining Dry Eye

Dry eye is a complex disease that has many causes that often overlap and interact. Dry eye can happen when the eye doesn’t produce enough tears or when the quality of the tears can’t keep the surface of the eye adequately lubricated. It frequently occurs with other health conditions.

People tend to make fewer tears as they get older due to hormonal changes. Both men and women can get dry eye. However, it is more common in women—especially after menopause.

Common symptoms of dry eye

disease may include sensitivity to light, dryness and itchiness, the feeling that something is in the eye, fluctuating vision, eye fatigue and excess eye watering.

Ophthalmologists—physicians specializing in medical and surgical eye care—will prescribe a variety of treatments based on the cause of the dry eye. For many people, though, a few simple lifestyle changes can resolve the problem:

- Try adding moisture to the air with a humidifier.
- Protect your eyes from drying wind by wearing wraparound glasses outside.
- Add omega-3 fatty acids to your diet for dry eye relief. These are in oily fish (such as salmon, sardines, tuna, trout and anchovies) and in flaxseeds.
- Use artificial tear ointment or thick eyedrops just before you go to bed.
- If your eyes remain red and irritated after trying these tips, see your ophthalmologist.

Toledo Requires Masks in All Public Places

Submitted

Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz announced last week, he is joining other mayors across Ohio to declare that all residents of Toledo should wear face coverings when in public.

Covid-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in very serious illness or death. The virus is easily spread between individuals, who are in close contact through the respiratory droplets of an infected person when coughing, sneezing, talking, and singing.

“The increase in Covid-19 cases requires us to take this important action to protect our residents and our businesses,” Mayor Kapszukiewicz said. “Masks will save lives, and every day matters. Given the choice of a mask or the risk of hospitalization and further economic pain, I am certain Toledoans will choose to wear a face covering.”

The declaration requires face coverings to be worn, covering the mouth and nose, in enclosed areas with others. This includes grocery stores,

retail stores, pharmacies, health care facilities, libraries, bars, restaurants, and while using public transportation. Individuals are not required to wear masks at a religious facility. However, the city, along with the local and state health departments, and the CDC, strongly recommend the wearing of masks at any public place.

The declaration allows for some exemptions, including medical conditions, children younger than 6, or the need to communicate via lip-reading with someone who has a

hearing impairment. Wearers may remove the covering to eat or drink.

Although the Mayor’s declaration does not carry the force of law, the Mayor hopes that it will provide fair notice to Toledoans to begin wearing masks as a health necessity. The Mayor expects City Council to adopt an Ordinance on Tuesday, July 14, 202, that will allow a mask policy to be enforced, as other cities in Ohio have already done.


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SURGE into the New: Stand Up Reach God’s Excellence



By Eric Croomes
Pastor and Author

Who would have thought we would wake up one morning to a global pandemic? Nobody! But here we are. The question is: what do we do now? We surge into the new!

Stand up and reach for God's excellence.

That sentiment is precisely what a new devotional, SURGE into the New, by Pastor W. Eric Croomes, is aiming to instill: to equip readers with the mindset to come out of Covid-19 better than how they went in. The three P's which mark our times – pandemic, protest, pandemonium – have not come to harm us, but rather to move us from a position of fear to a place of faith.

We will come out of Covid-19 better, stronger, wiser and more prosperous – if we stay in confidence!

SURGE argues that now is the time to shake off the fear, pick ourselves up and walk with confidence into our brand-new future.

Croomes is branding his latest work as more “devotional” than a typical book and will be offering it initially as a digital download before moving to print. It offers an axiom as a guiding truth: what we want most is on the other side of fear.

The biblical narratives of Mephibosheth, Joseph and Elizabeth are referenced as modern-day mirrors for believers as we seek to make sense

of our own dilemma. Each struggled with their own unique challenges and “pandemonium”; Mephibosheth’s becoming handicapped not of his own doing; Joseph being left in a pit by his brothers and Elizabeth’s living under the tyranny of other’s expectations.

Each of these important figures of faith moved into a new reality by conquering fear.

In the end, says Croomes, our priorities are what will matter. “This is not a time to be overwhelmed by overwhelm, but rather to focus on what is important: good health, big ideas and strong relationships. It is a time to reach higher, dig deeper and come out of this with a new determination.”

Tyler Perry to Pay for Funeral of 8-Year Old Girl Killed Near Site of Rayshard Brooks’ Death

Submitted

Filmmaker Tyler Perry is back with more generosity. He will reportedly be paying for the funeral expenses of Secoriea Turner, an 8-year old girl who was fatally shot on July 4th near the Wendy’s where Rayshard Brooks was killed by Atlanta police.

According to Atlanta police, Secoriea was fatally struck by gunfire as she sat in the backseat of her mother’s car. Her mother immediately drove her to the hospital where she was pronounced dead.

He told People, “I’m outraged today because I’d rather be paying for 8-year-old Secoriea Turner’s college than her funeral. When does this end?”

Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms also spoke out saying, “An 8-year-old girl was killed last night because her mother was riding down the street. If Secoriea was not safe last night, none of us are safe.”

“You shot and killed a baby,” she continued. “And there wasn’t just one shooter, there were at least two shooters.”





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Secoriea Turner’s family and her memory were honored thanks to the generosity of Mr. Perry.

Toledo Zoo and TARTA Enter New Partnership



Submitted

Two Toledo institutions are proving the age-old adage of together everyone achieves more. Toledo Zoo and TARTA have entered into a new partnership to help keep the community connected.

On Mondays, beginning July 13 and going through August 31, Toledo Zoo will contribute to covering TARTA services from the downtown TARTA hub to the Zoo’s Main Entrance. Rides will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. each Monday.

As of July 13, Toledo Zoo will restart Free Lucas County Admission on Mondays from 10 a.m. – noon with valid proof of residency. Zoo gate hours will be 10 a.m. – noon and the park will close at 2 p.m.

“The best partnerships add value to all of the partners. By partnering with TARTA, the

Zoo can now facilitate a safe, public transportation option for access to the Zoo on Mondays. It will be exciting to see how this partnership could grow in the future, said Toledo Zoo’s president & CEO, Jeff Sailer.

“As we continue rebuilding TARTA from the inside out, community partnerships with both public and private organizations will be critical to the revitalization of a robust public transit system in our region. Our partnership with the Toledo Zoo is a prime example of TARTA’s renewed commitment to excellence, a new business model and to providing the transportation that our region deserves,” said TARTA General Manager, Kim Dunham.

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Stephanie Mills Talks About Music, Social Justice and Her Son’s New Book

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent

Iconic Grammy and American Music Award winner Stephanie Mills is unapologetically pro-Black. On her social media pages, she often sends shoutouts to “talented Black men” and “Black Queens.” She observed Black Out Day and Juneteenth.

With one of the most distinctive voices in contemporary music, the Grammy and American Music Award-winning recording artist has five best-selling albums and ten Billboard #1 singles.

With a career that spans more than 35 years, Mills has distinguished herself as an actress and performer whom her manager says is just as much at home on the Broadway stage as in the

recording studio.

Her endless string of hit records include, “Whatcha Gonna Do with My Lovin,,” “Never Knew Love Like This Before,” “If I Were Your Woman,” “I Feel Good All Over,” “You Putting a Rush on Me,” “I Have Learned to Respect the Power of Love,” “Something in the Way You Make Me Feel,” and “Home.”

She’s also known for her stirring duets with Teddy Pendergrass on “Two Hearts,” and “Feel the Fire.”

“You know, when I was recording with Teddy, he was like a brother to me, but I look back, and he was so phine... He could have been my husband!” Mills laughed.

When BlackPressUSA reached out to her manager, Amp Harris, to invite the “Home” singer for an interview, her response was priceless: “BlackPressUSA, oh heck

yeah, I’m doing it!” Mills declared.

Unfortunately, technology challenges prevented her from keeping our originally scheduled date. However, that didn’t stop Mills from tweeting, “I was scheduled to interview with BlackPressUSA and Stacy Brown. I had technical issues. However, I am a woman of my word. Plus, it’s a Black organization, so I had to make it right.”

Two days later, Mills more than made it right. She sat for an hour-long interview in which “The Wiz” star talked about her disgust over the police killing of George Floyd, her son’s new book, and her celebrated career.

“I’m crying now just thinking about that man who had his knee on George Floyd’s neck,” Mills stated, insisting on talking about police brutality and “that man in the White House.”



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Iconic Grammy and American Music Award winner Stephanie Mills

“I think there should be a federal law that has to be adhered to in Chicago, New York, and across the country when police do these things,” she proclaimed, adding that she’s working to help make that happen.

Mills is also promoting the 2020 Census. “Counting everyone helps ensure communities receive federal resources to support healthcare, education, accessibility services, and more,” Mills noted.

Social Security- Questions & Answers

By Erin Thompson
Public Affairs Specialist

QUESTION:

My father receives Social Security retirement benefits and I will be in charge of his estate when he dies. Should that occur, do I need to report his death to Social Security or will benefits automatically stop?

ANSWER:

When your father dies, please notify Social Security as soon as possible at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). Another person, such as a spouse, may be eligible for survivors benefits based on his record. Also, we might be able to pay a one-time payment of \$255 to help with funeral expenses. We suggest reading a copy of our online publication, How Social Security Can Help You When A Family Member Dies, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10008.html.

QUESTION:

I’ve decided I want to retire. Now what do I do?

ANSWER:

The fastest and easiest way to apply for retirement benefits is to go to www.socialsecurity.gov/retireonline. Use our online application to apply for Social Security retirement or spouses benefits. To do so, you must:

- Be at least 61 years and 9 months old;
- Want to start your benefits in the next four months; and
- Live in the United States or one of its commonwealths or territories.

QUESTION:

I’m reaching my full retirement age and thinking about retiring early next year. When is the best time of year to apply for Social Security benefits?

ANSWER:

You can apply as early as four months before when you want your monthly benefits to begin. To apply, just go to www.socialsecurity.gov/applytoretire. Applying online for retirement benefits from the convenience of your home or office is secure and can take as little as 15 minutes. It’s so easy!

Blacks Ommitted

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2010 Census is that number, 3.7 million,” Green says. “It’s a number that you won’t see out there. But I can give you reference after reference of 3.7 million Black people who were missed in the Census - using the Census Bureau’s own figures.”

Meanwhile, the NUL’s State of the 2020 Census” report has sounded an alarm, apparently using the words “undercount” and “omissions” interchangeably.

“A census undercount of any population in the U.S. would have far-reaching implications. For Black populations, the consequences would be devastating, particularly in the aftermath of COVID-19 which has exposed deep systemic and underlying economic, wealth and health disparities within African American communities.

Similarly, as racially-motivated police brutality in the Black community continues with deadly effect, an accurate census count helps ensure fair political representation and federal funding to address these concerns,” Morial says in the Executive Summary of the report. “The purpose of this State of the 2020 Census report is to ‘sound the alarm’ about the current status of the Black census count. Over the past three months of 2020 Census operations (starting last March 12th for most of the United States), the National Urban League has observed low response rates across heavily populated Black localities - both urban and rural. As a contributing factor, COVID-19 has disrupted Census operations off and on, for the entire nation. A full, fair, and accurate 2020 Census count remains is imperative as we rebuild our communities in a post COVID-19 environment.”

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LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:
Must possess a valid Ohio driver's license and be eligible for coverage under the City's vehicle insurance provider; registration as a Professional Engineer in the State of Ohio; registration as a Professional Surveyor in the State of Ohio desirable.

QUALIFICATIONS: An example of acceptable qualifications:
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July 18, 1863: St. William H. Carney won Congressional Medal of Honor for his bravery in the charge and became the first Black soldier to receive the coveted award.

July 21, 1896: Mary Church Terrell founds National Association of Colored Women in Washington D.C.

July 18, 1918: Nelson Mandela, president of South Africa and political activist, born in Transkei, South Africa.

July 19, 1925: Josephine Baker, entertainer and singer, makes her Paris debut.

July 17, 1967: John Coltrane, innovative and famed jazz musician dies.

July 20, 1967: More than one thousand persons attended the first Black Power Conference in Newark, New Jersey.

July 21, 1969: Alfred Daniel King, Dr. King's younger brother, is found drowned in his swimming pool, Atlanta, Ga.

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