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One of the objectives of WHEW Inc. is making sure women aren't re-victimized by law enforcement officers, and judges.

WHEW Inc. hosted a walk to end DV, rape, assault against women

By: Jurry Taalib-Den
Journal Staff Writer

Nine women ignored the chilly weather on Saturday, October 17, to deliver a message; stop domestic violence, sexual assault, rape, and child abuse. WHEW Inc., Women Helping Encourage Women Inc., delivered that message throughout the neighborhood between the shopping plaza on Dorr and Collingwood, where they started their walk, to the Frederick Douglas Community Center, 1001 Indiana Ave.

Once they arrived at the Frederick Douglas Center, walkers, and attendees would be treated to complimentary bagels, and coffee, before continuing their program, which featured various speakers, via live stream, addressing the topics of the program.

Rochelle Morrishaw, founder/CEO told The Toledo Journal they wanted to bring more awareness to all of the crimes perpetuated against women, and children.

A champion of women's rights, and safety, Ms. Morrishaw has a degree in criminal justice, and was even had the opportunity to join the Secret Service, but

decided to pursue advocating for women instead of going into law enforcement. In addition, she is also a survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, rape, and child abuse.

After seeing how some law enforcement officers and judges treated victims of these crimes, I knew I had to go into a field that advocates and protects women," she said. "Some police and judges speak to the victims as if they committed the crime; it's sickening."

Besides advocating for women, Ms. Morrishaw has extensive training in areas such as strangulation, in order to help her identify abuses a victim may have experienced, but yet who may be too scared to talk about that abuse.

"I've taken two in-depth classes on strangulation, and I continue to learn something I didn't know," she said.

Ms. Morrishaw also launched two other organizations that will serve the needs of the community. Stand Oneness Facing Real Abusers, S.O.F.R.A and Teens Inspiring Kids, TIK, which is ran

"Women can always feel safe to contact us. I don't want them to have to continue to experience abuse, as well as insensitivity from law enforcement. I currently have a client that's being charged



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Rochelle Morrishaw, center, preparing to lead a walk through central Toledo to bring more awareness to domestic violence, sexual assault, rape, and child abuse.

by teens and who address issues such as bullying, and human trafficking.

She stressed that her and the organizations are always available for those women in need.

with calling the police too much because she's being abused."

WHEW Inc. is online at whewincintl.org or call 567.315.8867 or for anyone wanting to only text, or can only text, the number is 740.314.0844.

Michelle Obama Urges Empathy for Black Women, Excoriates Trump in New Video Released by Biden Campaign

By Stacy M. Brown
Wire Writer

Former first lady Michelle Obama believes America needs a fresh start and urged undecided voters to empathize with Black women.

"I want everyone who is still undecided to think about all those folks like me and my ancestors," Obama stated in a video released

on Oct. 6 by the Biden-Harris campaign.

"The millions of folks who look like me and fought and died and toiled as slaves and soldiers and laborers to help build this country."

"Racism, fear, division, these are powerful weapons. And they can destroy this nation if we don't deal with them head-on."

During the 2016 presidential campaign and amid constant

attacks by then-Republican nominee Donald Trump against Democrat Hillary Clinton, Obama spoke of raising the bar in the battle of barbs and innuendo.

"When they go low, we go high," she famously stated.

In the new video billed as Obama's "closing argument," the popular former first lady pointed out Biden's decades of public service and his perseverance in

the aftermath of the tragic deaths of his wife and young daughter and eldest son.

She also pleaded for a large voter turnout.

"We don't have the luxury to assume that things are going to turn out OK," Obama declared. "We cannot afford to withhold our votes or waste them on a protest

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What do you think about Ice Cube, filmmaker and rapper, working with the Trump Campaign on the Contract With Black America?



Catherine Butler
Bartender

I'm really neutral on the entire situation because a person can work with whoever they choose. We'll never know if the partnership really worked until some or the entire contract has been manifested.



Mark McBee
Retired

I'm indifferent to the partnership, just as long as it has a positive effect for African Americans. Sometimes you have to work with the devil. And I know Trump will be using this partnership to fit his political agenda. I hope Ice Cube doesn't allow himself to be manipulated by Trump. A lot of people are criticizing Ice Cube, but if you're not negotiating what you want, you won't get anything. If Trump is reelected, we still have to pressure him to get what we want.



Darris Mosley
Factory Worker

Ice Cube is reaching by working with Trump. I understand Ice Cube is trying to do something positive, but dealing with Donald Trump he'll be taking a chance. Trump is only concerned with the wealthy; everyone knows that.



Melanie Barringer
Business Owner

It's a great effort by Ice Cube, but a little too late. Even if Trump agrees with implementing the contract, can we really trust him, especially since he has proven himself un-trustworthy.



Clem Casey
Retired

First, when Ice Cube said the Biden Campaign would talk about it after the election, he should've just waited instead of approaching Trump. I think it's a waste of time working with Trump, who has proven he doesn't care about the well-being of African Americans.



Byron Daniels III
Entrepreneur

I'm not surprised, especially by the way he has been leading the country. Although he has done some good things, in the matter of the Coronavirus, he shows us he doesn't care about the American people.

Ongoing Events

LUCAS COUNTY TO HOSTVIRTUAL COMMUNITY ENGAGMENT MEETINGS FOR PROJECTS TO REDUCE RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN COUNTY JAIL POPULATION

Sessions will begin in October and will continue through December. The ninety-minute sessions will focus on getting input from residents, advocates, community stakeholders, and others who live, work, or have interests in the Toledo ZIP codes of 43604, 43607, 43608, and 43610. Residents, advocates, and stakeholders who live in Lucas County but are located outside the targeted ZIP codes are invited to participate. Anchor institutions withoperationsin the targeted ZIP codes, including those directly impacted by crime and violence, are encouraged to participate. The sessions will be held on the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, November 4 & 18, from 5-6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 12, from noon to 1:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 2, December 9, and December 16,from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in participating in a community engagement session can sign up to join the email list on the Safety + Justice Challenge website at: <https://lucascountycjcc.org/SJC>

Senior Centers Closed

- 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 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

Now Thru Oct. 31st
Toledo Black Artist Coalition Art in the Age of Solidarity Exhibition

The Toledo Black Artist Coalition is proud to present our first venture, bringing together working artists of diverse backgrounds to explore the meaning of solidarity. This exhibition is a symbolic offering that looks deeper at our current state and attempts to visualize a new society and the existence of an undefended space. This contemporary group was formed within the contest of the current national and international movement to end white supremacy.

The Walter E. Turhune Gallery
30335 Oregon Rd, Perrysburg, OH 43551
Gallery hours - Monday-Friday - 10:00 - 4:30

Now Thru October
Every Tuesday "Tasty Tuesdays"

Back By Popular Demand, Grace Community Center Garden Cooperative Is Hosting "Tasty Tuesdays" Free Food Box & Produce, Chef-Prepared Delicious Food Samples. Face Mask/ Social Distancing Required. Join us in the Garden 406 West Delaware, 419-248-2467, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Voter Registration, Census, COVIC-19 Testing Information, Free Masks, & Financial Literacy Information Available.. Partnering with Ohio Coalition-Black Empowerment, Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union and Health Partners of Western Ohio.

Oct. 22nd

UAW Local 12 Job Fair - Fall 2020

UAW Local 12, 2300 Ashland Ave., Toledo, OH, Thursday 9:30am to 3:30pm. By Appointment Only. To schedule an interview call 419-213-JOBS (5627) to schedule an interview. (Face covering(s) will be required). Bring plenty of resumes and dress for an interview. Meet in-person the following companies: Faurecia, Syncreon, DANA Driveline, Grammer fka Toledo Mold & Die, Detroit Manufacturing Systems (DMS), Caravan Facilities Management, LLC.

Now Thru Nov. 3rd
Voter Ready with Tarta

With connections to the Lucas County Board of Elections, Toledo Public Libraries and other polling locations, TARTA makes accessing voter resources and the polls easier and safer than ever. TARTA and

TARPS services are currently free and not collecting fares. This will continue through Election Day on Nov. 3.

Begins Nov. 2

Toledo Leaf Collection Program The city will announce to the media each Friday where crews will be working the following week and the week after. That will give residents time to rake leaves to the curb and make sure cars are off the street. There are several other ways to determine when crews will be on your street:

Sign up for Toledo Text Alerts to be alerted when leaf collection crews will be in your neighborhood, and of any change in plans. Toledo Texts Alerts will notify residents two weeks prior, again one week prior to pick-up, and again when the collection is complete. The link to sign up is: http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/toledo_oh/wens.cfm?ep_id=.

Residents can refer to the map on the city website for information on their specific addresses. The map will be posted at this link: toledo.oh.gov/leafpickup.

Call Engage Toledo at 419-936-2020. Check the city Facebook and Twitter accounts on Fridays. Watch for signs to be posted on your street.

Nov. 14th

City of Toledo Human Relations Commission

A peace rally to combat the effects of gun violence and help HEAL our neighborhoods.

- Heal
- Live DJ
- Free Food
- Guest Speakers/Resources

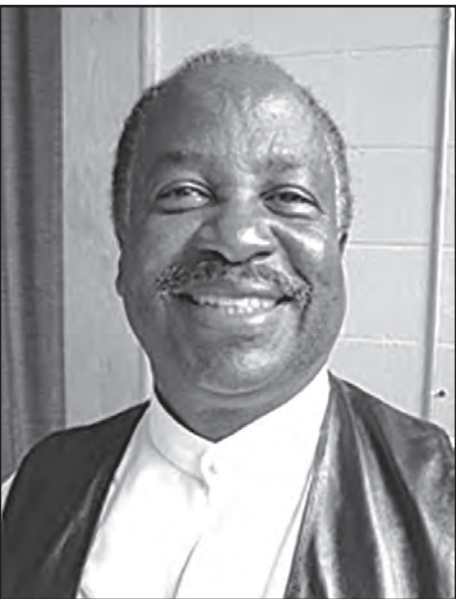
A Peace Rally to combat the effects of Gun Violence in the community and Help Heal Neighborhoods. Social Distancing and Masks required. 11/14 Wilson Park Event 1-3P.M.

Dec. 12th

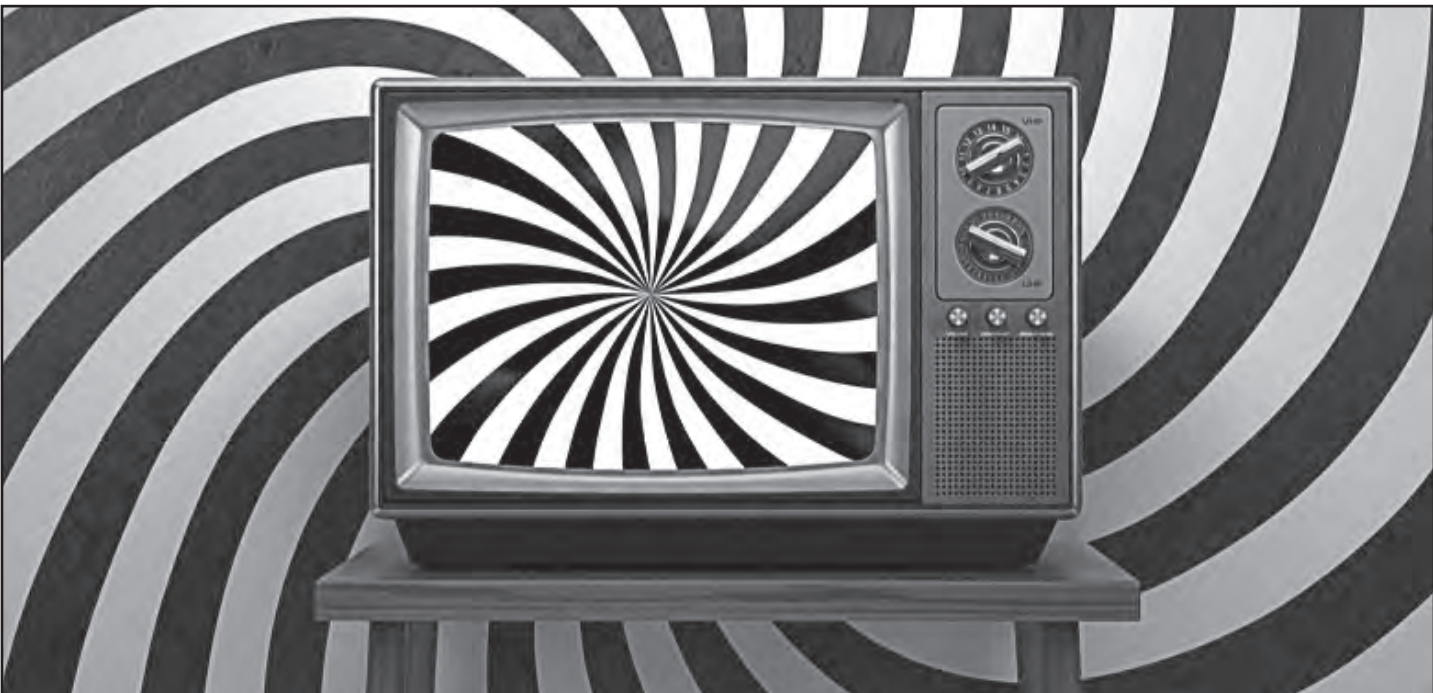
"The Social Butterfly - Donnetta Carter" 9th Annual Christmas Bazaar

St. Clements Hall 2990 Tremainsville Road, Toledo, OH 43613, Saturday, at 10:00 am, Admission is Free to the Public! Face Masks and Social Distancing Required. Enjoy exclusive shopping from local Midwest vendors, waiting to fulfill all your holiday shopping needs!

Brain Washing 101...



By Lafe Tolliver,
Attorney



Have you recently noticed that Herr Trump is pulling out all stops to get a slice of the critically important Black American vote?

He is touting how much he has done for Black America, to the point that he compares himself to former President Abraham Lincoln!

The rapper, Ice Cube was recently on CNN explaining his Contract with Black America and that he is willing to work with whomever, including Trump, that will give his ideas some daylight.

Is this the same person who in times past was the brainstorm behind the group, NWA? Trump, in this late stage of his seemingly failing campaign, is trying to hook onto the rapper's fame and base and earn some votes.

Knowing the racist tendencies of Trump, do you really believe that this late in the political season, that Trump has any muscle left to do anything of credence for Black America? He had his chance for four years and he ripped it up!

Is Mike Tyson so simply punch drunk that he is totally clueless about Trump and his racial rants about black people that he would endorse him?

And what is up with the famous Cleveland Browns footballer, Jim Brown?

Has he lost his mind sitting up in Trump's Oval Office with that clown, Kanye West and Brown looking as if he lost the powers of speech!

You can Google, "Negroes" that are on the Trump plantation and how they swoon and go starry eyed when they are in the presence of this racist president.

You wonder. You really got to wonder, how does any black people fall off the turnip truck and wind up supporting a man who clearly has no affinity or mcare for them or the collective plight of Black Americans?

Trump has consistently shown by his words, lies and deeds that he considers Black people a "different" type of human.

Why do I say this? When he was throwing red meat to his deplorable base and was worked up about Colin Kaepernick taking a knee for social justice regarding white cops putting black men and women in early graves, he said (it is on tape) that he wished that the NFL owners would throw those, "Sons of B**ches off the field.

For those who do not know, a female dog is known as a b**ch. Trump dehumanized black men to the point that they were deemed as the offspring of dogs breeding.

That comment alone should have shredded any bond between black people and Trump. But no, some of "our" people have heads that are harder than granite boulders.

They have no shame and have truly little history of who they are and where they came from. All they see is a chance to be in the spotlight and may-

be get a few dollars in soft monetary contracts; and to be a spokesperson who must tie themselves in knots in order to explain his bizarre statements.

How can Ben Carson continue to fawn over Trump? How can any black person with two working brain cells kiss Herr Trump's ring finger and come away with any sense of personal worth or value?

When Trump repeatedly excoriates and traduces people of color and some of those lost souls run back for more, I think that it is a sickness, a mental health issue.

The book by Dr. Frances Welsing (The Isis Papers) is instrumental in explaining such low esteem that people who purportedly, "have it all together" show out shamelessly for Trump even when he clearly demonstrates traits and vocalizations of being a white supremacist.

A book entitled, Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome and authored by Dr. Joy Degruy is also enlightening describing how black people can become so injured to their own self-interests that they are easy prey for a huckster like Herr Trump.

You can see the black apologists for Trump on television trying to defend his unconscionable behavior and virulent commentary against people of color.

But yet, even when such racist language comes directly from the mouth of Trump, his black followers, ostensibly cover their ears and cackle on

about how much

Trump has done for the African American community!

Trump's racist history is out in the open for all to see, hear and evaluate but still, some black people will break a leg trying to get to Trump so they can touch the hem of his garments!

When I see these sycophants cloying over Trump, it makes me nauseous to realize that they are overlooking his sordid racial history as if it does not matter to them but all that counts is that Trump talks a good game and for them, that is sufficient.

Do we all have to think alike on all issues? Of course not. But let us be crystal clear and without any reservation that when a person repeatedly says to your face that the Confederacy(slavery included!) was not all bad or that there are fine white supremacists or he calls your Momma, a female dog, that person does not deserve an iota of your support.

The effect of brainwashing as a result of being a subjected people for hundreds of years has not totally worn off on some black people who insanely feel a sense of safety and comfort being in the presence of those who have expressed their animus towards you, but yet, you hold fast and true ever hoping that they will call you in from the cotton field and into the glories and pleasures of their plantation house.

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New Poll Shows Black Women Are Fired Up For Change and Ready To Cast Their Vote

By Glynda C. Carr
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - With November 3rd less than a month away, Black women voters hold a huge stake in this year's election. With the first Black woman vying for the vice-presidency, a recent poll of 506 likely 2020 Black women voters conducted from September 30-October 4, 2020 by Higher Heights and Change Research, showed that 75 percent of Black women are now more motivated than ever to vote. But the remaining 25 percent of Black women polled are feeling hopeless that their ballot won't bring the change they want to see.

In the poll, the top priorities and anxieties about the upcoming election for Black women included: the desire for a stronger response to the coronavirus and the need for racial justice. In addition, the Black women polled noted that when it came to the demographic who could bring about the change the United States needed with voter turnout, an overwhelming 64 percent, of course, chose Black women.

Over the last two presidential elections, Black women have continued to show up and show out. Whether it was voting for Barack Obama or Hillary Clinton, Black women have been at the forefront of trying to protect the United States from eating itself alive. But over the last 4 years, the Black community has dealt with everything from the coronavirus to the state sanctioned killings of Black people at the hands of law enforcement, as well as voter disenfranchisement.

For example, in Harris County, Texas, home to 2.4 million voters, Gov. Greg Abbott allowed the closing of ballot drop off sites, which has now resulted in several lawsuits. This is one of several examples of how voter suppression is in full force this election. But these tactics, along with long lines, changes to voting and the present pandemic won't keep Black women from the polls. When asked in

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Trump Turns His Back On Struggling Americans, Small Businesses, State And Local Governments



By Marc H. Morial
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - "Today's failure to deliver badly needed fiscal assistance to cities of all shapes and sizes is going to amount to increased job losses, decreased public safety and a greatly impaired economic recovery. Cities across the country have been struggling with budget shortfalls for months as a direct result of the pandemic, and hundreds of bipartisan mayors have been echoing the call to congressional and administration leaders for an economic lifeline in the form of immediate flexible fiscal relief. The victims of today's failure will be the American people – residents in cities across the country – led by Republicans, Independents and Democrats – who will see critical services further reduced or eliminated entirely." – U.S. Conference of Mayors

On the same day that Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell warned that the U.S. economy would face "tragic" consequences without additional federal stimulus, President

Trump announced there would be no stimulus until after the election. "I have instructed my representatives to stop negotiating until after the election when, immediately after I win, we will pass a major Stimulus Bill that focuses on hardworking Americans and Small Business," he tweeted.

In response to his recklessness, the stock market plummeted. He immediately backtracked, calling for a bill that would land \$1,200 checks emblazoned with his name in voters' mailboxes days before they cast their ballots, still refusing to entertain a comprehensive aid package.

"All the president wants is his name on a check," Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi said. "We're here to honor our heroes, crush the virus, put money in the pockets of the American people beyond a check with his name on it."

Last week, the House passed an updated version of the HEROES Act that includes support for small businesses; invests in testing, tracing, and treatment; and provides direct payments of \$1,200 per taxpayer and \$500 per dependent. Notably, it includes support for state and local governments – a sticking point for an administration that still thinks it can sabotage Democratic governors and mayors by withholding aid, even as the virus wrecks the economies of Republican-run states and cities as well.

Right now, 26 million Americans are receiving unemployment insurance – payments which were drastically slashed when the federal supplement expired on July 31. Those who lost their jobs early in the pandemic are about to see their benefits expire entirely.

Major companies including Disney, Allstate and two major airlines, have announced plans to fire or furlough



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more than 60,000 workers. At least 164,000 businesses have closed since March. Between 10 million and 14 million renter households are behind on their rent, putting as many as 34 million people at risk of eviction. And more than 1.2 million jobs in

state and local governments have been lost as a result of falling revenues.

The President's assessment of the situation? "Our Economy is doing very well."

From the vantage point of the wealthiest Americans, it may appear so. But, as Chairman Powell observed on Tuesday:

The burdens of the downturn have not been evenly shared. The initial job losses fell most heavily on lower-wage workers in service industries facing the public—job categories in which minorities and women are overrepresented Combined with the disproportionate effects of COVID on communities of color, and the overwhelming burden of childcare during quarantine and distance learning, which has fallen mostly on women, the pandemic is further widening divides in wealth and economic mobility.

Early in the pandemic, President Trump bafflingly retweeted meme that compared him to Nero fiddling while Rome burned. In actively sabotaging the nation's economic recovery, he's doing worse than fiddling; he's pouring gasoline on the fire.

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the survey, 'what is one word or phrase that best describes your motivation for voting this year?' participants responded with the need for change and racial justice.

As COVID continues to disproportionately affect Black and Brown communities, this election's turnout is tantamount in putting someone in office who is capable of instituting laws that will protect the Black community's health, as well as providing assistance to those who have been displaced from their homes or have faced unemployment. 48 percent of the respondents stated that the coronavirus was a top issue for them personally. But when it comes to what keeps them up at night, weeks before the election, racism was the most common response.

After a summer of protests and Black deaths at the hands of law enforcement, the poll results show that Black women voters are concerned about being safe in their Black skin, and if they would end up like Breonna Taylor. Others were also concerned about their

Black children being safe once they leave their homes on a daily basis. Only 34 percent of respondents said they felt more hopeful of the progress that has been made in light of the recent protests, whereas 38% said they didn't feel any different from before the protests, and 28 percent stated they felt less hopefully. Across the country, we saw millions of people hitting the streets in protest and allies standing in solidarity to the systemic racism that has engulfed this country for centuries. Black women know that the only way to rid the country of its vile history is by voting, and not only on a national level, but also on local levels. Black women know that we possess a political power like no other, and the poll results are reflective on that, particularly when 50 percent of the women polled said they felt motivated by the upcoming election.

Across the country, many people have already voted using mail-in ballots. But on November 3rd, others will head to their local polling location and cast their vote. And although



the weight of the world seems as though it's on the shoulders of Black women, this election is literally a vote or die situation. And once again, Black women will rise to the occasion to save their country.

Glynda C. Carr is the President and CEO of Higher Heights for America the only national organization providing Black women with a political home exclusively dedicated to harnessing their power to expand Black women's elected representation and voting participation, and advance progressive policies.

Couple Brought Over 3,000 Black People Together to Build an Affordable Community

Submitted

Majesty and Elize have founded EVOPIA.org, a free membership platform that uses the power of real estate to protect the economic, health, and political interests of Black people globally. With the support of 3,000 members, they have moved forward to develop an affordable, sustainable, community in Atlanta, GA.

The new development will provide cost-effective, contemporary homes for people who are disproportionately affected by the housing crisis in the metro area. Members of EVOPIA have an opportunity to get involved with this development and other commercial real estate projects. The new homes will serve as a family-friendly community and will offer services like financial literacy and job training to residents. EVOPIA has successfully renovated residential property for this purpose, and are under contract to purchase a 45,000sq ft hotel to provide more shelter during the pandemic.

The non-profit focuses on pooling the resources within the black community for the benefit of the entire African diaspora. EVOPIA is establishing 25 chapters across the country to rehabilitate black neighborhoods. Each chapter will be responsible for opening a local food bank.

EVOPIA strongly believes in its motto, "We Have Power", as they strive to provide resources, education, and opportunities for the African American community. Join EVOPIA for free today at EVOPIA.org to learn more. Follow Majesty and Elize as they develop real estate to help offer life-sustaining resources to the Black diaspora on Instagram @Majesty_Elize and at their website at MajestyElize.com



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Majesty and Elizeare working hard to develop EVOPIA.

CDC Greenlights Evictions Despite Continued Pandemic

*By: Stacy Brown
NNPA Wire Writer*

Landlords can resume eviction proceedings after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued clarifications to a previous executive order from President Donald Trump.

The CDC's memo released this week noted that its order "isn't intended to prevent landlords from starting eviction proceedings, provided that the actual eviction of a covered person for non-payment of rent does NOT take place during the period of the Order."

Further, the memo states that "landlords are not required to make their tenants aware of" Trump's eviction moratorium and the CDC's declaration form that renters must fill out to qualify.

Following the coronavirus pandemic outbreak, Trump issued an executive order that forced the CDC to temporarily halt evictions through the end of the year.

Diane Yentel, the nonprofit National Low-Income Housing Coalition president, suggested that Trump's order should have been accompanied with legislation and substantial emergency assistance.

Yentel declared that monetary aid was necessary because of a "wave of homelessness" facing the country.

Many experts said the government should mimic Washington, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser and the DC City Council.

In September, the DC City Council voted unanimously an extension to Bowser's state of emergency order, which prohibits evictions and ties them to the health emergency.

The Council's action allows Bowser to extend the city's

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candidate. Work like this may not feel as impactful as attending a protest, but trust me, it is absolutely the most important thing that we can do right now to save our democracy.”

She continued:
“We can no longer pretend that we don’t know exactly who and what this President stands for. Search your hearts, and your conscience, and then vote for Joe Biden like your lives depend on it.”

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During the 2016 presidential campaign and amid constant attacks by then-Republican nominee Donald Trump against Democrat Hillary Clinton, Obama spoke of raising the bar in the battle of barbs and innuendo. “When they go low, we go high,” she famously stated.
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Obama cautioned minority voters not to give in to frustration and allow distraction to lead to disenchantment.
“Right now, the President and his allies are trying to tap into that frustration

and distract from his breathtaking failures by giving folks someone to blame other than them,” she said.

“They’re stoking fears about Black and Brown Americans, lying about how minorities will destroy the suburbs, whipping up violence and intimidation – and they’re pinning it all on what’s been an overwhelmingly peaceful movement for racial solidarity.”

“So, what the President is doing is, once again, patently false. It’s morally wrong, and yes, it is racist. But that doesn’t mean it won’t work.”

Obama then seized upon Trump’s mishandling of the coronavirus that has led to more than 213,000 American deaths and millions more getting sick.

“Seven months later, he still won’t wear a mask consistently and encourage others to do the same, even when those simple actions could save countless lives,” Obama observed.

“Instead, he continues to gaslight the American people by acting like this.



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Michelle Obama, America, fresh start, undecided voters, Black women, Biden-Harris campaign, slaves and soldiers, laborers, help build this country, Racism, fear, division, powerful weapons, 2016 presidential campaign, then-Republican nominee Donald Trump, Democrat Hillary Clinton, Obama, barbs and innuendo, “closing argument”, popular former first lady, Joe Biden, minority voters, disenchantment, Black and Brown Americans, Coronavirus, Pandemic, white privilege

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What’s Behind President Trump’s COVID-19 Treatments? What Does it Mean for Us?



By Glenn Ellis
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com)
- No matter where you fall on the political spectrum, the entire nation is fixated on, not only the fact that President Donald Trump was infected with COVID-19, but what we all want to know is, what’s the deal with those medicines his doctors are giving him?
Since testing positive for coronavirus, President Trump has received a number of different

drugs - a steroid, an antiviral medication and an experimental drug cocktail. Despite his implications that he is alright and his overture to the public to not fear the coronavirus, it is critical for us all to remember that this virus is not going away any time soon; that his doctors have said he’s “not out of the woods yet”; and experimental drugs aren’t readily available to everyone.

Projections from the CDC say that deaths from the virus in the United States will top 400,000 by the end of the year. That means that this pandemic has the potential for us to see more than 36,000 cases and 2,700 deaths per day by Christmas. However, the fact that a 74-year old, obese man walked out of the hospital in 2-3 days after contracting COVID-19 should make us want to know more about what doctors gave him.

So, the absolute best thing we can do to protect the health of ourselves and our families is to know as much as possible about the full range of treatments and/or vaccines that are, or will be, available. But we must continue practicing the CDC guidelines of mask-wearing, social distancing and hand-washing.

First, it is important to understand that there are two phases of a COVID-19 infection. The first phase is the virus infecting the human body, and then the second phase is the one that is most deadly - when the immune system runs at full speed attempting to conquer the viral invaders. The problem this causes is tremendous damage to all of the internal organs, including the lungs, which can eventually lead to death.

President Trump is on a combination of three really powerful drugs. The first is Regeneron monoclonal antibody cocktail, an artificial version of an antibody that is hoped to supply antibodies to help the immune system fight the virus. It is currently in clinical trials, so it does not have Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval. The second one is Remdesivir, which is also an antiviral drug, which blocks the ability for the virus to duplicate itself. And then there’s

the latest one added to his treatment: Dexamethasone.

Though the Regeneron monoclonal antibody cocktail doesn’t have FDA approval, there is an FDA approval loophole. You can be granted access to experimental treatments for “compassionate use.” That’s when everything has failed for a patient, and their only hope to try the unapproved drug; otherwise, they might die. The antibodies Regeneron makes are similar to those made by the people who have caught the

like some of the stuff in your body that it needs to reproduce and survive. Unlike Regeneron, Remdesivir has received approval by the FDA under something known as an “emergency use declaration” for COVID-19 patients. Clinical trials showed effectiveness under some circumstances.

Dexamethasone suppresses the immune system if a patient receives this steroid too soon. It could actually prevent the immune system from fighting the virus in the first place. This is a steroid,

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virus and survived it.

Regeneron interrupts the virus and stops it from replicating itself thousands of times. What we know so far is that in the clinical trials going on right now, taking Regeneron cuts the time you have symptoms. Regeneron is rarely used to treat patients who have been just diagnosed, like President Trump. It is generally only approved for patients who are hospitalized. But in the case of a sitting president, doctors might have to judge the risks and benefits differently.

You might remember that President Trump has a close relationship with billionaire, Leonard Schleifer. Schleifer is the CEO/Founder of Regeneron Pharmaceuticals. He was the guy who was front and center, in March, along with a group of other pharmaceutical executives at the White House when President Trump announced that biotech would solve the pandemic with drugs or vaccines. None of this is a coincidence. Keep your eye on this one.

The next drug in the trio is Remdesivir. It is believed to be most effective in the very early stages of the infection. Even Dr Anthony Fauci said: “The data shows Remdesivir has a clear-cut, significant, positive effect in diminishing the time to recovery”. It is hoped to supply antibodies to help the immune system fight the virus.

Remdesivir is the antiviral drug that was developed in West Africa, to treat Ebola. The way it works is that it confuses the virus because it looks

and it works by calming the immune system. But it needs to be used at the right time. This is the most controversial of all the drugs President Trump is being given by his doctors. If a patient is given this too early in their diagnosis, Dexamethasone could actually make things worse by weakening the body’s immune system.

Dexamethasone is not a new drug. It has been used in patients with very severe forms of pneumonia, while it is not as effective in less serious pneumonia. Researchers and scientists feel it should only be used in hospitalized patients who are on ventilators or who require supplemental oxygen. The NIH specifically “recommends against using Dexamethasone for the treatment of COVID-19 in patients who do not require supplemental oxygen.”

The president is also taking zinc, vitamin D, famotidine, melatonin and aspirin. We don’t know whether they have anything to do with the treating his COVID-19 infection.

This information is intended not to make sure you get the medications President Trump had, but to know what he had, so that you make informed decisions about your health. Still, don’t let your guard down, stay informed and follow the CDC safety precautions and guidelines.

Glenn Ellis is a visiting scholar at the National Bioethics Center for Research and Healthcare at Tuskegee University and a bioethics writing fellow at Harvard University Medical School.


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Ida B. Wells' fight for the dignity of Black lives continues across the country.



History calls Ida B. Wells a suffragist, anti-lynching activist, journalist, fighter for democracy. She was all these things and more. Born into slavery in 1862 in Holly Springs, Mississippi she defied the laws of white supremacy, challenging the railroads in the courts in 1884 because she wanted her seat in the “ladies” car of the train, not the “Jim Crow” car. The co-owner and editor of the Free Speech and Headlight (later the Memphis Free Press), one of the country’s early Black newspapers, Wells was a fiery journalist.

When her friends – Thomas Moss, Calvin McDowell, and Henry Stewart – the owners of the People’s Grocery in Memphis were lynched she decried the

lynchings calling them “cold blooded murders.” Her offices were destroyed but her life’s work was still in its early years. Wells traveled the south investigating and reporting on lynchings. In 1909, in an address to the National Negro Conference, the forerunner to the NAACP (an organization she helped to found), Wells made clear her position: “Agitation, though helpful, will not alone stop the crime. Year after year statistics are published, meetings are held, resolutions are adopted and yet lynchings go on...The only certain remedy is an appeal to law. Lawbreakers must be made to know that human life is sacred and that every citizen of this country is first a citizen of the United States and secondly a citizen

of the state in which he belongs.” The activism, research, and dedication of Ida B. Wells is continued by yet another generation. Today our cell phones record police violence and brutality. Like Ida B. Wells activists, journalists, lawmakers, and attorneys are dedicated to telling the truth of violence that terrorizes Black people and communities. Her words echo into history with the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020 bill seeking a national remedy to locally occurring discriminatory policing and violence. And monuments and memorials rise in her honor. In Chicago, \$300,000 was raised for a monumental sculpture in Bronzeville, the Chicago neighborhood where she lived, worked and raised her family. She is honored with the Ida B. Wells Memorial Grove at The National Memorial for Peace and



Ms. Ida B. Wells was known as one of the most outspoken, articulate, fearless, and respected journalist and activists in the United States for more than 40 years.

Justice in Montgomery Alabama. And Memphis, Tennessee is raising funds for a life-size statue to be placed on Beale Street and 4th Street near the location of her former offices. The goal is to repay a debt, to say thank you to Ida B. Wells for all she did to advocate for change in Memphis and across the country. The statue will be created by Lugar Foundry. Learn more about the life of Ida B. Wells from her descendants <https://ibwfoundation.org/> and plan how you want to honor her life and inspire your community. There's taking down statues and monuments and there's creating new ones.



Monuments are rising in her honor. Bronzeville Chicago, her hometown, where she raised her family. She is also honored with the The Ida B. Wells-Barnett Museum is located in Holly Springs, MS, and The Ida B. Wells Memorial Grove at The National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery Alabama.

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Black Scholars Form Group to Educate and Dismiss Election Myths on Social Media

By Stacy M. Brown
Wire Writer

A group of Black scholars and activists say they refuse to allow misinformation, alternative facts, and other means to discourage African Americans during the 2020 presidential election.

The National Black Cultural Information Trust, a Pan-African initiative led by Washington, D.C.-based cultural communications specialist Jessica Ann Mitchell Aiwuyor, seeks to counter fake social media accounts that often discourage Black voters from participating in elections.

The initiative wants to prevent misinformation from turning Black voters against other communities of color.

“The disinformation used to target Black communities is



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Black voters continue to face enormous hurdles in the U.S. electoral process. Voter disenfranchisement and suppression are at an all-time high, and this includes poll taxes, polling station closures in Black neighborhoods, voters abruptly removed from the rolls, gerrymandering, strict voter-id and registration laws, and much more,” said Washington, D.C.-based cultural communications specialist Jessica Ann Mitchell Aiwuyor.

charges in the death of Floyd in May in Minneapolis.

The scholars and activists have pledged to monitor social media posts and flag those spreading misleading and fake stories.

Aiwuyor added that the group would use website tools that show if accounts have “troll-like behavior.”

She remarked that The National Black Cultural Information Trust would actively work to dispel myths and misinformation about voting and slavery.

According to NBC News, the organization's website will direct users to discussions and stories around Black voting and U.S. reparation supporters who reject xenophobic rhetoric and push coalition-building with Black immigrants and Latinos.

The scholars argue that diaspora wars can be loosely described as cross-cultural arguments among different ethnicities of African people who express discontent for various reasons.

It's normal to have a certain level of cross-cultural conflict or discussions, they argue.

However, these conversations take a counterproductive turn when they are internalized and promote anti-Black/white supremacist narratives about each other that hyper-focus on divisions instead of how individuals can best unify for collective freedom, Aiwuyor noted.

She emphasized that “it’s time to move from war to understanding” and the importance of the 2020

cultural,” Aiwuyor determined. “It’s cultural disinformation, which uses cultural issues to infuse false information and cause confusion.”

Aiwuyor holds a bachelor's degree in African World Studies, a Master of Arts in Pan African Studies, and a Master of Science,

She noted that fake or covert social media accounts that purport to be behind the American Descendants of Slavery – or ADOS – movement had prodded voters of color to skip the 2020

It is imperative that Black communities and our votes are protected and that we are informed of the various sophisticated techniques used to suppress, deter, and or stop Black communities from voting.

election.

The misinformation hasn't dissuaded a long line of voters of color in various states across the country seeking to cast their ballots during early voting.

Aiwuyor pointed out one example of the misinformation: how social media used the ADOS hashtag to claim that immigrants, not police officers, were to blame for George Floyd's death.

Four police officers face murder, manslaughter, and aiding and abetting

vote.

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Pastor Frederick Smith has been indicted on felony theft and identity theft charges after reportedly using the personal information of an elderly church member to make purchases worth thousands of dollars using the credit cards he opened under her name.

Smith, as pastor of New Life Holiness Church in Memphis, has been indicted by a grand jury on two counts of theft of property over \$10,000 and one count of identity theft. He was released on a \$15,000 bond.

It apparently began in May 2015 when Smith went to the church member's home to ask her to join the church's Mother Board. He was able to get her social security number, driver's license, and utility bill, telling her those were requirements to become a member of the board.

The victim said she then began receiving credit card statements in her name with purchases from \$10,000

to \$60,000 even though she had not applied for a credit card, let alone made any purchases..

never did. Meanwhile, Smith's wife, Jerri, who came to the victim's home to beg her



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Pastor Frederick Smith of New Life Holiness Church was indicted on felony and identity theft chargers.

When she confronted Smith about it, he admitted to using her information to apply for the credit cards. He allegedly promised to pay the bills but

not to sue Smith, was initially charged in the case as well. The charge against her was not pursued due to insufficient evidence.

Cheating FL wife murdered by pastor husband



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Sylvester Ofori and Barbara Tommey.

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Sylvester Ofori, a Ghanaian pastor from Orlando, Florida, shot and killed his wife, Barbara Tommey, after reportedly discovering that she was having an affair with another man who is a member and choir director at his church. She was also reportedly pregnant with his child.


According to YEN, some reports are circulating the idea that Ofori found out about the affair when his wife mistakenly sent him nude photos and videos of herself that were intended to her lover.

The reports also say that he eventually found out that his wife was even having sex with the choir director in their own home. He even saw a video of them taken in the jacuzzi.

Ofori went to his wife's workplace at the Navy Federal Credit Union in

Orlando on September 8 and shot his wife to death. The incident was recorded by a surveillance camera nearby.

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Health Department Issues Halloween Recommendations

By Shannon Lands
Public Information Officer

The Health Department is strongly recommending all communities hold trick-or-treating activities on October 31st from 6pm to 8pm. This is to lessen the chances of potential exposure, while trying to keep everyone in Lucas County as safe as possible.

TRICK-OR-TREATING

1. Perform health screen prior to leaving home-do not participate if feeling sick
2. If living with people who may be a greater risk from COVID-19, please reconsider participating
3. If child is at greater risk of complications from COVID-19, contact your doctor before participating
4. Masks should be worn at all times
5. Stay with family unit and in your own neighborhood if possible
6. Stay six feet away from other families
7. Limit one family at a time when approaching participating houses
8. Use hand sanitizer frequently during collection
9. Collection bag should have a wide mouth to allow for dropping treats inside
10. Do not eat any candy while participating
11. If possible, wipe off candy wrappers with sanitizing wipes (allow

to dry) when arriving home and prior to eating candy

12. Wash hands before eating any candy

PASSING OUT TREATS

Do not pass out candy if feeling sick

- Wash hands prior to passing out treats
- Masks should be worn at all times
- If possible, place table or other physical object between you and trick-or-treaters
- Limit interaction with those outside of your household
- Prepare goodie bags ahead of time (grab & go) and place at end of driveway or edge of yard
- Use only prepackaged, factory wrapped items, no homemade wrapped treats

TRUNK-OR TREAT EVENTS

- Consider setting up pre-registration and limit the number of participants per time frame
- Masks should be worn at all times
- Advertise expectations of the



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community prior to the event (i.e. social distancing, wearing masks, etc.)

- Assure distance between vehicles ("Trunks")
- If able, use physical markings between vehicles and consider one-way traffic
- Wash hands prior to passing out treats
- If possible, only attend event(s) in own neighborhood

Everyone is navigating the COVID-19 pandemic to the best of their abilities and has different comfort levels about what is safe to do. Some of your neighbors may be more restrictive than these guidelines and we ask that you respect your neighbor's wishes and concerns.

CDC Greenlights Evictions

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moratorium on evictions as long as she opts for one.

The District's law also bans new eviction filings, a move that will last for an additional two months following the end of the pandemic.

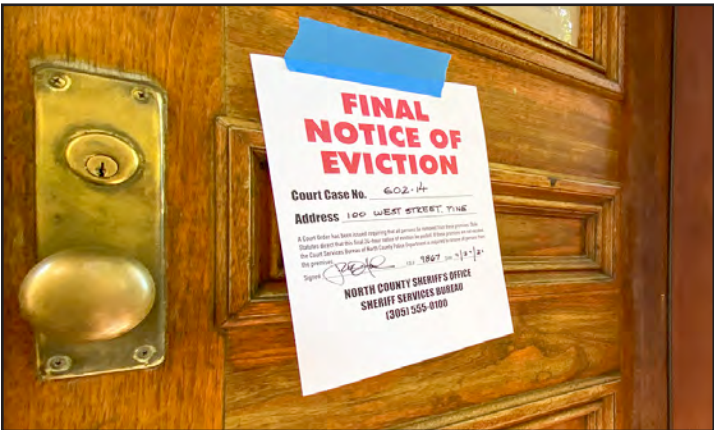
Further, notices to vacate are legally unenforceable during the eviction ban.

"When ... my email box is flooded with resident outrage, we want to act quickly, and I agree," D.C. At-large Councilmember Elissa Silverman told reporters. "But we also need to act thoroughly. The entire eviction process needs to be, I think, examined, and all of these recommendations made in the story deserve our consideration."

A study conducted by Harvard University's Department of Housing Studies revealed that half of Americans who rent are either severely rent-burdened or moderately rent-burdened.

For African Americans and Hispanics, researchers at Harvard determined a triple pandemic for those communities.

Black and Hispanic households were "much more likely to contract COVID-19,



"It's a good time for the United States to really re-look at our housing policies," Diana Yentel, the nonprofit National Low-Income Housing Coalition president, told Yahoo! News. "And see what changes need to be made post-pandemic or even during the pandemic to help those who were already struggling."

suffer lost income, and face housing insecurity as a result of the pandemic," the researchers concluded.

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or even during the pandemic to help those who were already struggling."

The U.S. Census Bureau reported that about 30 percent of American adults face some form of eviction or foreclosure by December.

To help protect against eviction, tenants must show that their 2020 income is less than 2019, and they have to prove that the coronavirus caused them to lose employment or the ability to earn money.

The CDC memo did provide a steadier position for homeowners with Federal Housing Administration-insured loans through the end of 2020.

The memo prohibits banks from foreclosing on homes until January 2021 at the earliest.

The CDC memo also reinforced cries for a new federal stimulus. However, the Trump administration and Democrats have remained apart in negotiations.

"If Trump walks away from passing a stimulus, we are staring down the barrel of one of largest mass evictions in American history," Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez said in a Twitter post.

Vermont Democratic Sen. Bernie Sanders also tweeted his concern.

"The tsunami of evictions we are about to see is unacceptable."

In a statement, the American Civil Liberties Union also called for a stimulus agreement to assist financially ailing Americans.

"Every day, people in our country are suffering through unemployment and evictions. People are dying in prisons and jails and from lack of access to testing and treatment. This is all happening while the clock ticks down to Election Day. People need relief now," the organization stated.



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Alice Coachmen was the first black woman to win an Olympic Gold Medal at the 1948 Summer Olympic Games in the high jump competition. She was also the first African American woman selected to the US Olympic Team.

Isaac Murphy was probably the greatest jockey of all time. His career lasted 19 years and included 3 Kentucky Derby wins. Every year he won at least a third of his mounts.

Ernie Banks signed with the Chicago Cubs in 1953, making him the Cubs' first African American player. In 1958 and 1959 he was awarded the MVP award.

Satchel Paige was the first African-American pitcher to pitch in the World Series. He was selected to the Hall of fame in 1971.

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Maya Angelou

"There is nothing like returning to a place that remains unchanged to find the ways in which you yourself have altered."
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"Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable."
Kenyan Proverb

Mary McLeod Bethune: Child of former slaves, Mary McLeod Bethune was a leading educator of the 20th century. She founded the Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute in 1904, which was later renamed in her honor as the Bethune-Cookman College. She also served as the leader of the National Association of Colored Women, and went on to found the National Council of Negro Women in 1935.

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Dorothy Lavinia Brown: Dorothy Lavinia Brown was a prominent black teacher, surgeon and legislator. She was the first African American elected to the Tennessee General Assembly, where she helped pass the Negro History Act, which required Tennessee public schools to teach special lessons honoring the accomplishments of African American during Black History Week.

Bobby Womack: Bobby Womack was an African American singer, songwriter and record producer whose career spanned more than six decades and multiple genres of R&B, soul, gospel, doo-wop, rock and roll, and country. Some of his biggest hits include "Lookin' For a Love," "That's the Way I Feel About Cha," and "Woman's Gotta Have It."

Interracial marriages were outlawed in 1664, and the decision wasn't overturned until 1967, when a Black woman named **Mildred Jeter** married Richard Loving, a white man in the District of Columbia. The couple was arrested upon their return to Virginia, but the Supreme Court ruled in their favor in the famous Loving vs. Virginia trial.

On **Maya Angelou's** birthday, April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. Angelou stopped celebrating her birthday for years afterward, and sent flowers, to his widow, Coretta Scott King, for more than 30 years until Coretta's death in 2006.

Barack Obama - won two Grammy awards. He was first honored in 2005 for the audio version of his memoir, *Dreams from My Father* (best spoken word album), and received the second Grammy (in the same category) in 2007 for his political work, *The Audacity of Hope*.

Katherine Coleman Goble Johnson - (born August 26, 1918) is an African-American woman, one of NASA's human computers, performed the complex calculations that enabled humans to successfully achieve space flight. On May 5, 2016, a new 40,000-square-foot building was named "*Katherine G. Johnson* Computational Research Facility" and formally dedicated.

George Speck, also known as George Crum - was an American chef and creator of the "potato chip." He worked as a hunter, guide, and cook in the Adirondack Mountains, and became renowned for his culinary skills after being hired at Moon's Lake House on Saratoga Lake, near Saratoga Springs, New York.

BLACK HISTORY FACTS

October 27, 1891: DB Downing, patents his street letter box.

October 24, 1892: In New Orleans, 25,000 Black workers strike.

October 26, 1911: Mahalia Jackson, Gospel singer, born.

October 21, 1917: The famed musician, John Birks "Dizzy" Gillespie, born.

October 25, 1940: Benjamin O. Davis becomes the first black general in U.S. army.

October 23, 1947: The NAACP petitions the United Nations about racial injustice

October 22, 1955: The first black post office open, Atlanta, GA.

October 23, 1957: The Kings' second child, Martin Luther III, born in Montgomery, Ala.

October 19 to 27, 1960: Eight months after lunch counter sit-ins begin in Greensboro, N.C. Dr. King and 51 other demonstrators are arrested during a sit-in while waiting to be served at an Atlanta restaurant. As other jailed demonstrators are released, Dr. King is held on a charge of violating a probated sentence in a traffic arrest case. He is transferred to the DeKalb County Jail in Decatur, Ga., and is then transferred to the Reidsville State Prison on a \$2,000 bond. He is released after presidential candidate John F. Kennedy and his brother and campaign manager, Robert, intervene.

October 24, 2005: United Nations Day Rosa Parks passes away in Detroit, Mich.

In 2002 Vonetta Flowers was the first African-American Winter Olympic gold medal winner.

Ask Alma



Dear Alma,
Me and my husband have completely ended our marriage but we still live together as a family. It's not because of the corona. We have been not getting along all along. He is no help around the house or with the kids. I have asked him several times to leave, but he will not. He said we can be separated in the same house. I think I should stay in the house because we have kids and they should not have to move. He said the house is big enough for all of us to live here and he can still be around his kids. He said it saves money and we can have more money for the kids. We are staying in separate rooms. He is basically in the basement and the kids and me are in the rest of the house. The basement has his man-cave, a bathroom and bedroom. I don't go to the basement much, just to wash clothes. To me everything is the same, it's just that we don't talk or have sex. I still cook and clean the house and wash clothes and shop for the kids and everything. We don't eat together as a family, sometimes he or I will eat with the kids, but not at the same time. That really makes me sad. I was thinking I should stop doing things for him. Like leaving his clothes washed, folded and in the basket on his bed. And maybe I can stop cooking for him too, but it's just easier to cook and wash for everyone. I don't know what to do, but I know I don't want to keep living like this. What do you suggest I do?



Chica, here's what I see from where I'm sitting, your marriage isn't over, you've just turned off the love light. Umhm, just one thing - click, off!
You're still living in the same house, separate rooms mind you, but the

same dwelling. You still cook, clean and leaving his clean clothes in the basket on the bed. Those are your words, not mine. Those are actions of a woman in a relationship or occupying the position of hired help. House-manager or nanny comes to mind, which one are you?
You don't want to leave and neither does he, for whatever reasons. That's for you to do some deep diving in your pool of disarray to find the answers. We never stay where we are unwelcomed unless we have feeling for a person. Chile, lemme tell you, when you're done, you're done. You'll grab your kids, minimal belongs and head to a one room shack, planning to decorate from the Dollar General. Because what I do know for sure is, peace of mind is priceless.
There are so many dynamics to this situation that you didn't touch on. I still have questions, inquiries, vast holes that will not even allow me to touch the surface. First things first: your kids, don't use them as an excuse. Children, especially teens can see what's happening and they're probably wondering why you're choosing to live in the land of pretend.
I get the feeling you don't wanna go, he has no reason to go, and you're looking for an answer outside that can only be answered from the inside. I know, I gave you all that in one scoop. Please don't take it lightly, it was not meant to hurt your feelings. Clearly you don't want your family life to end, and that's ok. I'm sure that's why you have the energy to go on, and mange your home without missing a beat. Take the first step in the right direction and make an appointment to see your minister, priest, or a marriage counselor. Go alone and talk it out. Note: I didn't say girlfriend, BFF or SIL. This is not that kinda party. This is a private matter that you need to reconcile with respect. When the time is right, invite your husband to join the counseling sessions. Give him an ultimatum, join you or leave the house. He's invited to fight for the marriage, but you're no longer faking it. If he decides to leave, get a lawyer. Time is short and your kids deserved better than to see their parents existing as roommates and not the loving couple they deserve to observe. Remember, you and your husband are setting an example of what a relationship should be for your children. It's your job to make sure they see you both in a positive light. Kids don't behave based on what you

Perspectives From Eric

Do Not Sleep Through Your Own Revolution



By Pastor W. Eric Croomes
Wire Writer

Rip Van Winkle is a story by Washington Irving that was written in 1819. Rip Van Winkle went to sleep under an oak tree after a night of bowling and much drinking with a band of dwarves in the mountains. He awakens twenty years later – an old man – and discovers the world he once knew had drastically changed. He had slept through a revolution.
In seeking to remind his people of God's love for them, Isaiah stirs the remnants, Awake, awake, clothe yourself in your strength. (Isaiah 52:1) Wake up to the possibilities!
God is moving in manifold ways, but many today are sleeping. Through attitudes about life, one becomes 'drunk' and, without even noticing it, fall into a lifetime of slumber.
Here are five signs that you are sleeping through your own revolution.
Scoffing at New Opportunities
Where most see obstacle, God sees opportunity. It takes the earth one full year to orbit the sun – and then it begins again. Along the way, it radiates warmth in one region and inspires growth in another; one thing grows while another prepares for a cycle of growth. Here's the pivot: it is the same orbit filled with new possibilities. The same can be said of you at the cusp of this moment – if you approach it with an attitude of trust.
Procrastinating
We put off our destiny, delaying it, as if our time on this planet is eternal. We delay lift-off. There is always the next second, the next minute, the next hour, the next day, the next week.
We have yet to learn the distinction between 'doing' it and putting ourselves into position to get it done. That means writing the outline for the book or drafting the business plan for an idea.
You Are Held in Check by your Closest Friends
The people closest to us are our single most significant source of failure or success. Why? Because our most intimate friends are the 'chatter' in our ears that sink into

our spirit and our consciousness. Friends will either make you or break you; they can launch your dreams or keep you grounded indefinitely. We must choose wisely. Pray that God will show you the difference.
You Are Afraid of Deep Water
This is where our closest friends pop up in a negative way. They convince us that now is not the best time; that you should wait until market conditions are more favorable; that we should just play it cool and sit on the shore until our ship comes in. That's 'shallow water' thinking; it means that we are either afraid of swimming or of wading into deep water – either way our dreams are done!

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We Fear Success
It is not failure we fear – it is success. What if I fail? What if I fall on my face? The greater question, though, is what if you succeed? What if your idea takes off? Would you be any more afraid of success than you were of failure? Both success and failure have one thing in common: they are both impostors.
Wake up and live!
Practical Application: Reclaim a lost project. Or begin a new one. List one goal you set for yourself last year but did not get off the ground. Now list five action-steps you can take today to restart that goal.
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Tips to Take a Safe and Affordable Fall Road Trip



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(StatePoint) - As American families continue to track developments of the pandemic, many are opting for regional travel experiences this fall.

For some, a road trip to a national park or quaint town might provide just the right combination of taking in the fall scenery while traveling in a way that limits contact with others. However, even road trips close to home can incur their fair share of expenses, which is something many Americans are looking at more closely these days. To watch your spending on the road, consider the following trip tips:

- Plan your route carefully. Opting for a closer destination can eliminate hefty gas expenditures and wear and tear on your vehicle. For example, if you're on the East Coast, consider the Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia and North Carolina for breathtaking views. Similarly, if you reside on the West Coast, you might want to think about a drive along the Pacific Coast Highway to enjoy the beautiful ocean scenery.
- Look for deals on accommodations. If you're taking a multi-day driving trip, hotel stays can begin to add up, especially in larger cities. Try to find accommodations in less densely populated areas along your route, which can include motels or even alternative accommodations such as vacation rentals. Accommodations metasearch site trivago is

a great option to search for lodging deals: www.trivago.com.

- Ensure flexibility. Over the past few months, flexibility when booking travel went from being a "nice to have" to being a must. The world moves quickly, so ensure that your travel plans are able to move with it. When you are booking your accommodations, it's important to compare deals with free cancellations. Knowing you can change your plans will offer you peace of mind. Sites like trivago provide full visibility into flexible choices, indicating whether each deal in the search findings allows for free cancellation.
- Save gas. When it comes to filling up the gas tank, a bit of comparison shopping can go a long way. Consider gas stations a bit farther from main highways. Sometimes, it pays to go off the path a bit or wait for the next rest stop. Free apps also exist that provide real-time gas comparison data based on your current GPS. You can also improve your fuel economy by keeping your car well-maintained and your tires properly inflated.
- Buy a National Park Pass. Chances are that if you're planning to take in the great outdoors, you'll find yourself in one of the nation's 2,000 federal lands. If your route passes through more than one site, consider purchasing a National Park Pass. For \$80, it covers entry and parking fees for one vehicle of up to four people for an entire year. With many

parks resuming operations and reinstating entrance fees (usually around \$25 per park), the pass is a convenient investment well worth the cost. Learn more at www.nps.gov.

As you make your plans, remember that states and jurisdictions are following different health guidelines and are at different stages of reopening, so prepare with a little research. Most importantly, have fun and enjoy the gorgeous scenery along the way.

Meet Harley Davidson's First Ever Black Female Technician



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Paris McGowan, a 25-year old woman from St. Louis, has made history as the first Black female technician for the highly-acclaimed motorcycle brand, Harley-Davidson. More than that, McGowan is breaking barriers in the field that has been widely dominated by men.

Submitted

(Black News) - Growing up, McGowan has been surrounded by a family who is fond of motorcycles. It has made an influence on her since then that she decided to apply for a job at a Harley-Davidson store two years ago.

Eventually, she was able to buy her own motorcycle that she has always wanted to become a better rider. Also with the eagerness to know how things work and fix them, she decided to be trained as a technician. Just last month, she graduated from the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute with a specialty in Harley-Davidson, making her the first Black woman to do so.

"I'm the first African-American female

technician to work on Harley-Davidson. You barely see any Black technicians working on Harley-Davidson, but here we are," McGowan told KSDK News.

McGowan is grateful that the Harley-Davidson community has shown inclusivity. Aside from her, she also knows a lot of female riders, including her mother, aunts, and cousin. Despite that, some people still discouraged her because of her gender, but she continued pursuing what her dream really is.

"I was told by a lot of people to just be a nurse instead," McGowan continued. "Don't listen to anybody that shuts you down from your dream. Do not, because they don't know you. They don't know where you came from."

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