

AROUND THE WORLD

Republic of Zimbabwe

Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa negotiated a multi-billion dollar deal with Russian President Vladimir Putin to develop new mining operations for prospecting explorations and appraisals of Zimbabwe's Mineral Deposits.

The agreement ensures a significant contribution to government programs which includes Russia investing in oil and gas, Russia has been carving out a niche in Africa by shoring up strongmen in unstable but potentially rich States. Mnangagwa objective is to secure a long-term loan to help modernize Zimbabwe. They will sign the deal in October during the Russia-Africa Summit.

Beijing, China

Despite pressure from activist China parliament will not allow same-sex marriage. Marriage between a man and a woman will remain China's legal position. Zang Tiewei, spokesperson for parliament's legal affairs commission said the rule suits China's cultural traditions. Despite the growing awareness of LBGT issues in China there are no laws against same-sex relations.

Venezuela

U.S. Navy Admiral Craig Fuller said they are ready to deploy to Venezuela to implement political decisions to encircle President Maduro. In response, Diosdado Cabello, the first vice president of the PSUV said the gringo marines might enter Venezuela, the problem is how they are going to leave Venezuela."

In the news: The Emmett Till Commission has a new historical marker memorializing Emmett Till who was murdered in 1955 at the age of 14 was falsely accused of wolf-whistling at a white woman in a country store of Money, Mississippi. The monument sits on the the Tallahatchie River where Till's tortured and mutilated body was found. The commemorative marker has been vandalized with bullet holes, spray paint, and acid four times since it was first placed at the site in 2007. The murder of Emmett Till is regarded as one of the key events the led to the Civil Rights Movement.



Good Health News

Healthy Smoothies with Herbs

Smoothies have been around for a long time. Wanting to control what is in the foods we eat, and its health benefits have makes smoothies popular. People are busy and many find it easier to drink raw fruits and vegetables rather than cook them.

Fresh ingredients is a health benefit they can be full of phytonutrients, vitamins, and minerals that are essential in maintaining a healthy body. If our diet supplies the nutrients our bodies need it will include protein, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins, minerals, enzymes, phytochemicals, fiber and water in amounts that maintain healthy cells that promote growth. Foods that are close to their natural state, are not processed, are better for our bodies and help maintain your health.

Pat Crocker, author of *The Smoothie Bible* tells us by including herbs we can treat ailments from AIDS to Varicose Veins. For example she states the healing properties of basil are anti spasmotic, antibacterial, and antidepressant, used for indigestion, nervous tension and anti rheumatic used for lowering blood cholesterol levels and aid digestion, spinach improves memory, promotes healing and is an antioxidant, used for a good source of choline, which improves mental function, and is high in vitamin A, C and E as well as calcium, iron, protein and potassium.



Apple Crisp

3/4 cup of apple juice
2 apples, peeled, cored and chopped
1/2 frozen raspberries
1/4 cranberry sauce
Half ripe banana, peeled and chopped
1 tablespoon steel-cut or rolled oats
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Pinch of ground nutmeg
In blender combine until smooth

Green Gold

2/3 cup carrot juice
1/3 cup apple juice or cider
1/2 cup fresh or frozen spinach
Half cucumber cored and chopped
1 apple, peeled, cored and chopped
2 teaspoons fresh basil
In blender combine until smooth

You've heard the old wives' tale if you pluck a gray strand three will grow back. Here is what actually happens. Your genes dictate how early and quickly graying happens hair follicles have pigment cells that make melanin, a chemical that gives your hair color. As you age, these cells start to die.

The Truth About Gray Hair

Without pigment, new hair strands grow in lighter and take on various shades of gray, silver and eventually white. Once a follicle stops making melanin it won't make color strands again. On average, white people start to gray in their 30s, Asians in their late 30s and African Americans in their mid 40s.

Source: WebMD

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The African Americans for Trump coalition intend to boost Republican support in the black community suggesting voters ignore the President's divisive words and focus on his policies, according to Politico. The campaign goal is to boost voter turnout in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Weather Fact:

Seattle, Washington is not the rainiest city in the United States, though it does have more days with rain than elsewhere. On average, Miami, Florida receives 61.82 inches of rain, New York, 49.92 inches while Seattle receives 37.41 inches of rain per year.

REWARD OFFERED! HAVE YOU SEEN SWEET BABY GINGER?



GINGER WAS ABDUCTED WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017. SHE WAS LAST SEEN ON SOMERSET AVENUE BETWEEN MORANG/MOROSS NEAR THE LUCKY SEVEN STORE ON DETROIT'S EAST SIDE. SHE IS A YORKIE/MALTESE MIX WITH A SILKY SATIN SILVER AND TAN COAT. SHE IS 8 LBS, BARKS A LOT BUT OVERALL FRIENDLY. PLEASE RETURN HER TO US. CALL: (313) 909-5701 IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION.

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In the darkest hours of the struggle a revolutionary arises

Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! I come before you not to speak the word of the gospel, and not to offend the public but to awaken ones consciousness in an era of critical change.

There is a growing rebellion in America, a rise in combative words, and a hardening of class difference all magnified in real time.

When 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick on September 1, 2016 opted to kneel during the U.S national anthem at his final preseason game, it was because he says, he could not bring himself to stand up and show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses people of color.

Almost immediately, it took me back to my childhood black history lectures at home, where I learned about unity, equality, justice for all and "Black Power." Yes, Kaepernick made a bold statement, but defiance for a cause has happened before, different place, different time.

Fifty years ago, at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, Olympic sprinters Tommie Smith and John Carlos, raised black power fists as the "The Star Spangled Banner" played, and it scared the cramp out of white folks, the day after, they were expelled.

Fear has fractured American society. This honest examination of history is such an accurate depiction of paranoid fear of a potential black militant movement.

In view of Kaepernick's defiant stand, the nation has become less tolerate of citizen activism, but choosing to protest is not a violation of any state law, therefore, we can not allow the voices of citizens to be muted. Sociologist Robert Blauner said in his book, Racial Oppression in America, distinctiveness among ethnic minorities is placed in color "whites have distorted images of black power" and most are frightened.

It's been nearly four years since President Barack Obama completed his second term presidency, as it stands now, progress has left the building. President Obama soothed America's problems in an attempt to better American culture. We're not going back



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Contaminated water continues to plague small town

Benton Harbor residents deeply concerned about water quality water and its potential health effects

Benton Harbor - "Save our children now," it is what Ed Pickney, a Benton Harbor resident said to the Facebook community.

Pickney says the water is contaminated and the Mayor refuses to tell people the water is undrinkable. According to the Associate Press lead at or above 15 parts per billion has been found in about 50 of the 320 water testing kits that the city has received.

Benton Harbor is not the only city in Michigan with elevated lead levels Hamtramck exceeded the EPA action level for lead in drinking water last year. Benton



Photo courtesy of Corky Warren/ Poor People's Campaign

Harbor like Flint has experienced an aging infrastructure, economic depression and a strained city governance. Significant issues related to the drinking water are a major concern.

Cheers, Ms. Morrison and Thank you for giving voice to black literature

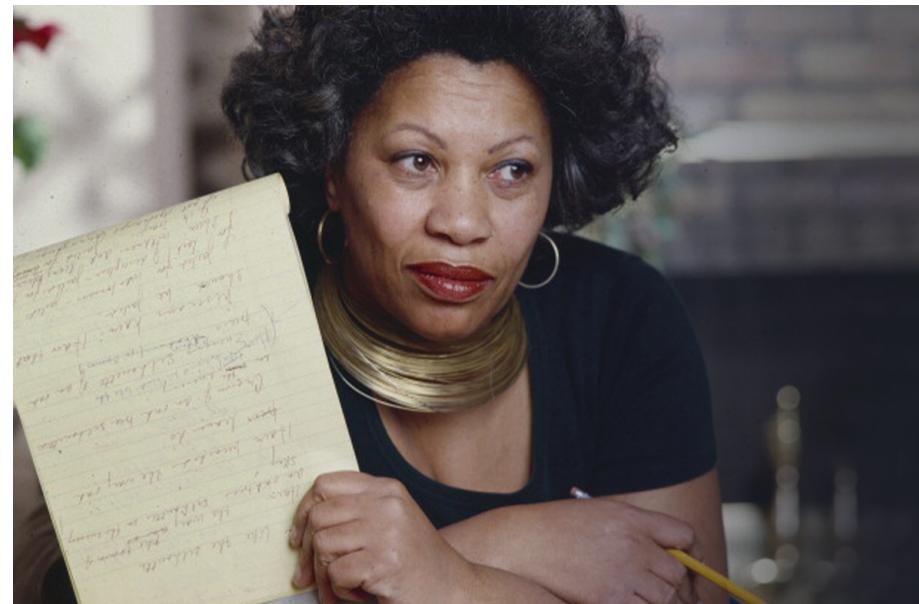


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Toni Morrison's greatness as a literary writer derives from her frequent reading as a child. It was her parents who instilled in her self awareness and what her blackness means to the world.

Credited for bringing black literature into mainstream America, Morrison was a force, highlighting the black experience she gave voice to black literature. Her unique use of language incorporates different styles to help the reader connect to the content and its emotion.

Nearly 40 years old when her first novel "The Bluest Eye," was published, Morrison won the Pulitzer Prize in 1988 for "Beloved" and became the first black woman to receive the Nobel Prize in Literature. "Toni Morrison has done for the American novel what

Shakespeare did for theater, she is that important, she is that influential," said Carla Kaplan, Northeastern University Davis Distinguished Professor of American Literature.

In 2012 President Barack Obama awarded Morrison the nation's highest civilian honor, *The Presidential Freedom* award, recognizing her as one of the nation's most distinguished storytellers and for "nursing of souls and strengthening the character of the union."

On May 28, 1993 twenty-six scholars established the Toni Morrison Society. The Toni Morrison Society became the 41st author society of the American Literature Association and the fourth dedicated to an African American author. **TCP**

Mexicantown Main Street



Norma Ramirez de Miess, Senior Program Officer and Director of Leadership Development

Detroit, MI - The commercial and cultural viability of downtown Mexicantown is getting much needed recognition. Main Street America has stepped forth to identify creative strategies to restore the thriving community.

Norma Ramirez de Miess, Senior Program Director of Leadership Development with the National Main Street Center facilitated a discussion with the Mexicantown Hubbard Communities Main Street Advisory Board and committee members where they discussed potential transformation strategies.

Main Street America "empowers communities to set their own destinies by offering a road map for prosperity." The group looked at what will guide continuous revitalization work for the next 3 - 5 years in the revitalization of the community.

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"The President is using the most powerful position in the world to hurt our country solely for personal gain"

Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib

DETROIT

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Democratic Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib made headline news when she used the F-word to harshly criticize President Donald Trump by saying, "Impeach the Mother-F."

Tlaib represents Michigan's 13th Congressional District and one of the largest Arab American communities in the United States.

Call her what you want, she is one of the most outspoken voices in America's political system. Detroit-born Tlaib is the first Palestinian American elected to Congress. However, there is community controversy in Detroit, despite fighting on the side of social and economic justice Congresswoman Tlaib is also driven by the oppression of Palestinians.

In an on-line article titled, *"Rep. Rashida Tlaib's Black Problem"* published in *Detroit Deadline* Greg Bowens a contributor to the publication claims Tlaib's congressional privilege has a snag. He writes, "...some blacks in her district wonder if she went off to Washington to focus more on the fight for Palestinian rights and immigration," rather than giving her attention to Detroit. Tlaib is pushing the boundaries,



to show historically there is commonality between Palestinians and African Americans. In an interview with *Jacobin*, a democratic socialist magazine Tlaib compares segregation in the United States to her Palestinian ancestors saying, "Just like we look at the struggle for black Americans for true equality and access to opportunity to thrive... all of that is why I say, "Free Palestine" that

Palestinians deserve human rights."

Michael R. Fischbach writes in his book, *"Black Power and Palestine."* Black Americans' connections to the Middle East conflict, and the ways it affected them have been largely overlooked. With this being said, Congresswoman Tlaib knows the parallels of oppression between African Americans and Palestinians. The truth is

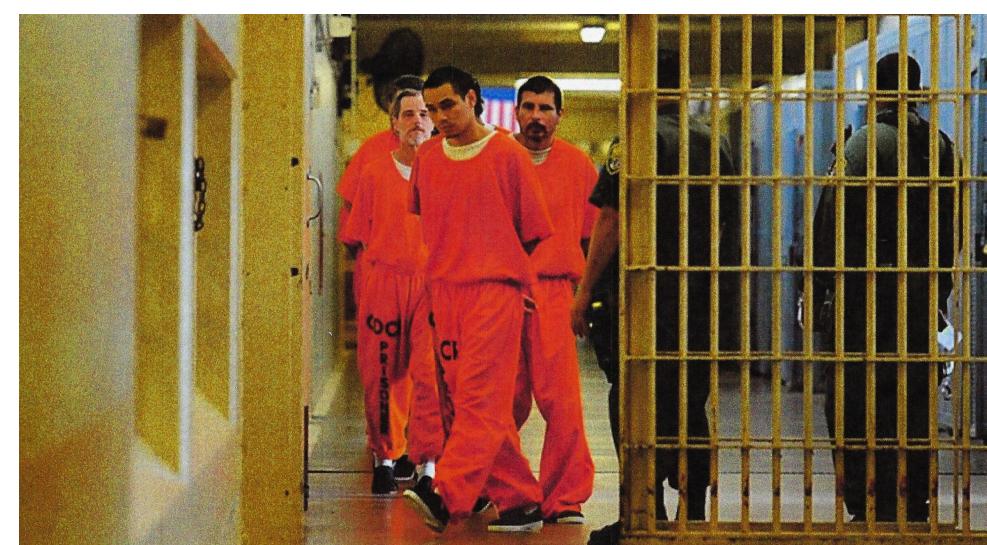
she is working hard for her district, but she is also focused on Palestinian rights. Perhaps, Tlaib's American activism will become a protest staple for the forgotten African-Palestinians who are dehumanized on a daily basis for being Palestinian and for being black. Since the Israeli occupation of the West Bank countless human rights violations have been committed against them.

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to the Jim Crow days but the way things are politically and socially our nation is in crisis. Racial prejudice has contributed to oppression, and racial disparities. Colin Kaepernick didn't do anything wrong, he showed courage by taking a peaceful stand against police brutality and the oppression of people of color, and the NFL black balled him! Kaepernick is a new generation revolutionary. The Declaration of Human Rights is the foundation of our freedom, it clearly states, "if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law."

Kaepernick has reawakened the reality of what people of color are subjected to on a daily basis. He continues to speak out on social issues, he spent Unthanksgiving Day with the Indigenous People's Sunrise Ceremony celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Occupation of Alcatraz promoting equal rights for Native Americans.

After 51 years, the Olympic organization will induct Tommie Smith and John Carlos into the the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Hall of Fame including the USA Track and Field Hall of Fame.



Managing mental illness in jails and prisons

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The mental health crisis in America's prison system is an enormous national issue. Although statistics are notoriously poor, a conservative estimate suggests the alarming growth in the number of mentally ill individuals behind bars is nearly half of America's incarcerated population.

According to the United States Government Accountability Office research conducted in 2016 by its agency, Service Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

An estimated 15% of incarcerated inmates have a serious mental illness

Government Accountability Office

Administration (SAMHSA) about 10.4 million adults in the United States suffer from conditions such as, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression

and severe post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The concern is many of these individuals have shifted from the mental health system right into the criminal justice system which is severely under resourced in providing care to these individuals.

Jails and prisons are becoming known as the nation's largest psychiatric facility and are failing prisoners who need mental health treatment. Dr. Richard Jackson, founder and owner of the NeuroBehavioral Medicine

Group in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan describes schizophrenic types on the online program *MD Peer Exchange*, he said it is not easy to screen for severe mental illness, schizophrenia is a disorder of thought where patients have hallucinations and delusions which is the classic presentation of schizophrenia. Schizoaffective disorder has that plus either depressive disorder or bipolar disorder in addition to their psychotic symptoms, said Jackson.

A 2009 Human Rights Watch report titled, *"Equipped: US Prisons and Offenders with Mental Illness,"* described inmates with mental illness as often punished for their symptoms. As a result, the report notes prisoners with mental illness are victimized and often have histories of disciplinary actions.

In *Estelle vs Gamble* (1976) the Supreme Court clearly determined that the Eighth Amendment requires prison officials provide a system of access to adequate medical care, which includes mental health care.

It is believed that the best alternative is community mental health treatment, but unfortunately there is no data available on costs associated with keeping people with severe mental illnesses in the corrections system.

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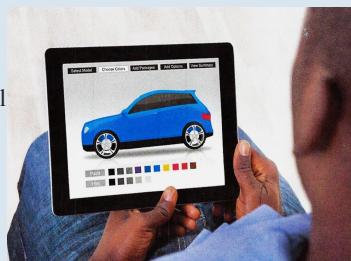
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On-line retail to become the Preferred form of vehicle purchasing among private buyers

On-line sales are expected to gross 1 million in 2020 and grow to more than 6 million by 2025, finds Frost & Sullivan

Santa Clara, Calif. /PRNewswire/ - The on-line vehicle retail model is disrupting the traditional dealership model by enabling original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) to quickly introduce their products to the market while keeping costs low. In 2018, more than 618,000 new vehicles were sold on-line globally, nearly double the unit sales in 2017. On-line sales are



are expected to cross 1 million in 2020 and grow to more than 6 million by 2025. It is expected to become the preferred form of vehicle purchasing among private buyers, but fleet and corporate buyers will continue to favor the traditional retail format. "The popularity of the eCommerce model among the younger audience and the success of Tesla's on-line strategy is likely encourage other automakers to explore on-line retail beyond just pilots," said Isaac Abraham, Senior Consultant, Automotive Retail & Business Strategy. "With the emergence of novel purchase models such as vehicle subscription and short-term leases, the dealership of the future is expected to become more experience centric. Frost & Sullivan's recent analysis, Global Vehicle OEMs' New On-line Retail Strategies, Forecast to 2025, highlights the performance of the on-line vehicle retail market and future trends in the eRetailing space. It also benchmarks various OEM initiatives in the segments of passenger cars and light trucks. It studies the different types of methods employed to sell vehicles on-line as well as evolution of the on-line vehicle sales markets by 2025. "Alibaba is expected to be the frontrunner in providing eCommerce solutions in China and is partnering with entrants to maximize its reach in the region," noted Abraham. "Hyundai is likely to introduce its in-house on-line vehicle sales platform in Singapore, the UK, and Canada while Polestar will enter the North American market with on-line stores leveraging its current Volvo dealership network. Following the digitization of its retail platform. Volkswagen could become one of the best-selling on-line automotive brands in Europe.

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underestimate their power as citizens, and think the government has too much control in their lives. An article published in Gallup, "Government: The Most Important Issues Facing 2020 Candidates" by Frank Newport reveals Americans are worried about government having too much power but a significant segment of the population generally feels that government should provide more services. According to Newport, research showed 49 percent of Americans agree that the federal government represented "an immediate threat to the rights and freedoms of ordinary citizens."

The point is, citizens must fight for the future of America. Ask yourself, "What can I do?" Do not over look your power as a citizen.

Heather Heyer an activist who campaigned against hate became a symbol of civil rights when she was killed in 2017 after a neo-Nazi plowed into a crowd in Charlottesville, Virginia. Heyer was protesting against the "Unite the Right" rally, a group of white nationalists there to protest the proposed removal of General Robert E. Lee's statue that sits in Emancipation Park in Charlottesville.

After Heyer's death President Trump shocked many by failing to acknowledge white supremacy as wrong, instead he said there were "very fine people on both sides" giving white nationalists more leverage for violence.

Trump is politically reshaping the United States, perhaps, lessons of government can be learned from literary essayist Henry David Thoreau. He composed an essay that considered the rights and duties of individuals in relation to government. Thoreau's lecture "Resistance to Civil



Photo: Jim Urquhart/Reuters

White nationalist group; members of the National Socialist Movement give Nazi salutes while demonstrating against Motor City Pride in Detroit.

Government is an anti-war, anti-slavery manual for social protest against any form of political injustice, it begins with the well-known motto, "that government is best which governs least." One would think Thoreau's words could stand as his epitaph.

In this Trump era the government is so toxic, the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) said "2018 is the year white nationalist drew blood." The killing of Heyer elevated violent extremism perpetrated by white nationalists. According to the *Washington Post*, in western Germany, Trump was celebrated after he said, "Our country is FULL!" to Mexican migrants attempting to cross into the

United States. They praised him as a "realistic man who has the courage to speak the truth," historians compared Trump's language to Adolph Hitler. In fact, it was John Connally a historian of modern Europe at the University of California at Berkley who admitted, "The echoes do indeed remind one of the Nazi period, unfortunately." It is unfortunate because groups like these believe the white race is superior to all other races. These people are violent and are committing deadly crimes at an alarming rate using guns and assault weapons, showing no signs of letting up. According to SPLC white nationalist seek to return to an America that predates the implementation of the Civil

JOURNALISM

The execution of Jamal Khashoggi

Arab government given free rein to stifle Freedom of the Press

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Jamal Khashoggi was one of Saudi Arabia's most prominent journalist and a known critic of Saudi Arabia's government. On October 2, 2018 he walked into the consulate in Istanbul, Turkey and was executed.

Khashoggi's death sparked global attention in part because of his close ties to the Saudi royal family. It is reported that Khashoggi told friends and colleagues that "freedom of speech under Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman was shrinking and he feared for his safety."

Saudi Arabia is one of the most censored countries in the world. There is no freedom of the press. Repressive nations have created a climate so oppressive journalist live in constant fear of arrest.

The Committee to Protect Journalist found more than half of the journalist imprisoned globally are charged with anti-state crimes, and the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) reports at



Photo - Hasan Jamali/AP

least 95 journalists were killed in 2018. Violence has become an intensified persecution against journalists. When Khashoggi left his country exiling to the United States he wrote in his *Washington Post* column, ". . . I can speak when so many cannot, I want you to know that Saudi Arabia has not always been as it is now. We Saudis deserve better." Khashoggi urged the crown prince to end violence in Yemen and restore dignity to Islam. Within twelve months he was murdered.

Rights Act of 1964 and the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, ending non-white immigration is an urgent priority; fearing whites in the U.S. are on the verge of a "white-genocide."

Hate is on the rise, and the idea of the extinction of white people is a myth driven by a psychological panic to scare people so that the nationalist agenda can be justified and pushed forward.

Journalist Charles Blow of the *New York Times* defines the term "white extinction anxiety" as the fear that white people will be stripped of their race-based privilege and become the minority.

The central political tenet of a racist is people have the right to choose their sovereignty without interference based on the respect of equal rights.

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Jared Kushner

A Middle East Peace talk Conversation



Jared Kushner, Senior Advisor to President Trump visited six countries in the Middle East in 2019; Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates. Here are snippets of his open discussion with Robert Satloff. Kushner talks about U.S. initiatives for the Israeli-Palestinian peace plan aimed to improve the standard of living for Palestinians and Israelis.

Satloff: So, let's begin with what you're proposing. Will it be a plan, a vision, a framework, a proposal?

Kushner: ". . . when I was on the campaign, all the experts were saying, well you have the Sunnis and the Shias and that's the big divide with the Arabs.

But what I see in the region is the big divide now is leaders who are trying to empower their people and create more opportunity for them to have a better life, and then you have leaders that are trying to repress their people, often using religion and other excuses as a reason to try and hold their people down. So when we look at the Palestinians we said what are the opportunities they can have? What's been holding them back economically?

Satloff: ". . . at the Time 100 event you explained that the administration had four big priorities in the Middle East. The first three. . . confronting Iran, defeating ISIS, and combating the ideology of radical Islamic extremism. What makes solving the Israeli/Palestinian crisis an important issue?

Kushner: ". . . I do think on those first three issues we've made tremendous progress. . . The administration's been very clear with Iran. . . they can't be infringing and trying to destabilize the whole region. That's been a very, very, important issue for the president. And, again, they chant death to Israel, death to America, the same thing that the Houthis do in Yemen. So the Yemen issue, I think, is more an offshoot of the Iran issue. so I kind of put that in the same box because that's the root cause of what's happening there with the instability.

Peace talks without the United Nations Palestine will perish

■ *The Palestinian Authority cuts all ties with the United States after rejecting peace plan*

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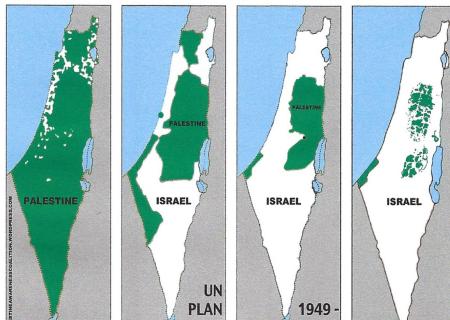
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There is a deceptive tone in the Trump administration's controversial peace plan, *"Peace To Prosperity: A Vision to Improve the Lives of the Palestinian and Israeli People."*

The 181-page plan dubbed "deal of the century" is suppose to serve as the basis to solve the Israeli and Palestinian conflict. Instead, it ignores all of the Palestinians rights, downgrades past resolutions put forth by the United Nations as inconsistent and fails to acknowledge the complex political realities of history, ethnicity and religion.

The past has a direct bearing on the future, this must be recognized. Instead under the terms of this "peace plan" Jared Kushner, President Trump's son-in-law, senior adviser and point man of the plan dismisses the UN and past historical narratives as unproductive. Muhammad H. El-Farra said in his

DISAPPEARING PALESTINE



archived article titled, *The Role of the United Nations Vis-A-Vis The Palestine Question* it is the past which makes and conditions the present, and it is the present that molds the future."

In spite of this uncertain situation modern political concerns encourage factual differences such as Biblical minimalist Thomas L. Thompson who admits Israel is a problematic historical study and the Bible cannot be considered reliable evidence for what happened in ancient Israel. Thompson says the questions of history should be



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AHMAD ABOUSAMRA



Height 5' 11
Weight 170 lbs
Language: English, Arabic

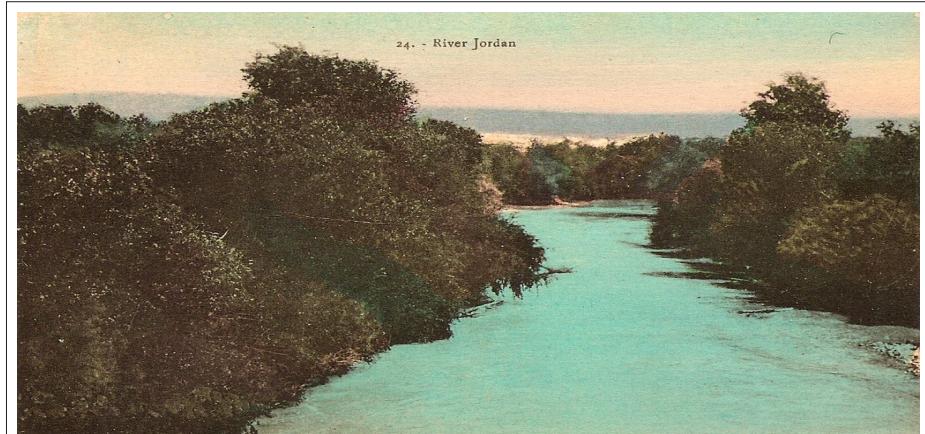
Charged with conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists, to kill in a foreign country; Abousamra grew up near Boston, Massachusetts has ties to the Detroit, Michigan area. Made several trips to Pakistan and Yemen allegedly in an attempt to obtain military training for the purpose of killing American soldiers overseas. Contact the FBI if you have any information.

Over the edge

So, Who's Dicking Who?



Illustration from the "Moods of Oli." Oli is a Belgian cartoonist



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based on evidence and on critical reading of biblical texts, not clouded by religious and political agendas.

Kushner, describes his plan as more practical and fairer than past resolutions of the United Nations, stating it focuses on freedom, respect, security and opportunity. Since the Trump Administration's unveiling of the *Peace to Prosperity* plan reports have circulated of heightened tension against Palestinians who have been living under brutal oppressive military occupation for decades.

Former Israeli soldiers say Trump wants to "overturn binding international laws to legalize an apartheid solution" Yehuda Shaul served as an infantry combat soldier and commander in the Israeli Defense forces, he is a founding member of the organization "Breaking the Silence." In his article, *"Jared Kushner does not see the brutal occupation I carried out"* Shaul writes he enforced two separate legal systems, for Israelis and Palestinians. As an officer Shaul said he stood at checkpoints, carried out arrests, entered families homes in the middle of night

and used grade machine guns to shoot into settlements. Shaul points out that the Trump Administration's peace plan bears a striking resemblance to the "Master Plan for the Development of Settlements in Judea and Samaria" published 40 years ago which places 640,000 settlers in key areas of the West Bank.

The United Nations is an integral part of the peace process, their role is to maintain peace among nations, despite their past failures. The greatest threat to peace, is the expansionist settlements. Nearly two-thirds of the Palestinian territory is under full control by Israel, the E-1 settlement project is new construction which will prevent Palestinians access from the southern part of the West Bank to Jericho and the Jordan Valley to the east. This is noted as an illegal annexation and colonization scheme against Palestinians who are now referred to as "Arab residents" of the city.

For humanity's sake Mr. Kushner, a vision that excludes the UN from peace talks, Palestine will disappear.

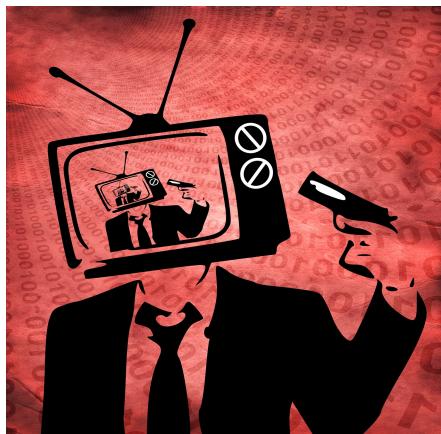


FROM OUR READERS

An ass-backwards society

I can't believe someone is actually justifying the better bullet. What has society become? Thank you Tribune-Courier Press for giving me this platform to voice my opinion. I am a first time reader of your publication. The other day, I literally cringed after reading hollow-point bullets do not explode upon impact. It made me think civilians having access to guns is the worst thing to ever happen in this world. To think that someone would actually describe the severe impact of bullets, it's so disgusting. Before mass-shootings, I never considered hollow-point or non-expanding bullets penetration through a target. I am officially convinced that bullets and guns in the hands of non-military personnel should have never been part of the plan. Looking at this gun problem we are faced with a man-made epidemic. Members of the National Rifle Association and the military should have some type of common ground instead of fighting. Another law backed by the NRA prohibits any engagement in discussions about weapons and safety; we are living in this world ass-backwards if you ask me run by the foolish of fools.

Miss Melani Green
Tampa, Florida



The changing of America

Gun violence is ruining the fabric of our culture. America's theme is suppose to be baseball, and apple pie. Wake up America! "We are better than this!" I should not have to be afraid to send my children to school and pray they can make it through the day without some deranged person pulling out a gun and firing at everybody they see. This country has changed so much. I barely recognize our freedoms.

Barbara Smith
Detroit, Michigan

POW, Pa-Pa, POW

What is happening? There are way too many people dying in America because of guns. We now live in a mass-weapons of destruction society. So far there has been nothing done about gun control. I am constantly hearing the sound of gun fire in my neighborhood

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Protecting myself at all times

I did not grow up with guns, and it did not stop me from grabbing a broomstick or a piece of wood and turn it into a rifle as a kid.

There is nothing wrong with owning a gun but you have to be responsible. Mass shootings are a result of guns getting into the wrong hands that's all.

I'm not being insensitive to the matter of mass shootings but I feel the NRA is a long standing organization who fights everyday to protect our Second Amendment right to self defense. Guns actually save lives. I have been to countless rallies defending my right and found that most Americans want the government to keep their hands off our guns and I agree. I'm keeping my gun and my rifle. I have the right to protect myself at all times.

Joseph Murch
Detroit, Michigan

The ones with the guns laugh and think it is funny shooting off their guns. Bullets don't have a name on them. I wanted to say something to my neighbor so bad about his actions but decided not to. This gun violence has gotten out of control. I am afraid if I say something I could be shot too.

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Mac Mal CTN Ready for the World

By Shy Reelah
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Detroit, MI - There's an inspirational vibe that surrounds Jamal Ward who is known as Detroit rapper Mac Mal CTN. Despite the realities of life's challenges Mal CTN has a calming nature; but in his eyes, are reminiscences of an innocent child obedient to instinct and testimonies of his sleepless nights in the wild.

When I was nine my mother passed away says Mal CTN, when I turned 13, I just left on my own I was living on the streets sleeping anywhere I could behind buildings, on benches... I had to learn on my own, then I found out there were places where I could go and get help.

Mal CTN talks in a soft polite tone, he is quiet for the most part; looking down at his phone he begins to talk about his family; sisters, mother, brothers, his daughter Jada, and his father. He looks up and says, *Proud Bastard* is about my father.

There is no denying *Proud Bastard* reaches a depth of human pain, anger and disappointment. It is a gripping reality of a father's absence from the home. Released in 2015 by Mal CTN's own label, CUTTHROAT Entertainment *Proud Bastard* is from his first album titled, *Word is Bond*. "I just stick to the real, that's what I'm about," says Mal. "I draw from shit within that's why it's called CUTTHROAT: C.reating U.nity T.hrough T.he H.eartfelt R.hymes Of A Titan. "I want to build a network, we come together and build shit for the community, make a difference."

Bringing the "old skool" sound to the mic, Mal CTN has put his music in his own hands. When Mal dropped his second album in 2019, C.U.T.H.R.O.A.T., the independent labelist showed his growth as an artist turning his new track "WIN" into a musical masterpiece. Produced by Jake the Snake the opening tempo combined with the rhythm and the lyrics gives it a motivating and uplifting groove. Mal's powerful belief within himself is expressed in his craft of rhyming. The track has a message, winners don't give up, they keep on going which is the title of one of Mal's favorite rhymes, *Keep Going* is on the same album as WIN.

Best summarized as a track to track journey there is a grittiness to C.U.T.H.R.O.A.T. it's tough, street and real life. *Keep Going* has a continued theme similar to WIN. But, it also smuggles in a message from *Proud Bastard*, asking listeners to think about

Entertainment On the Radar



Photo courtesy of Studio G.

Mac Mal CTN is pictured outside HopCat Detroit; he performed at the "Who got the Key to the Streets Artist Showcase" rap battle at Ameera's Place on Detroit's west side with 2Chainz's official DJ Suds.

the children. A common cry of the struggles many families face in America.

To summarize his music Mal CTN addresses family, independence and community. As founder of CUTTHROAT Nation (CTN) he aims to

of silence. "I swear everything I do is poetry."

Real dreams take work, Mac Mal CTN is the child who once lived in the wild sleeping behind buildings and on benches. Today he is a father, business owner, and writer who creates rhymes

and lyrics. The kind that easily sends the mind racing back to the great days of early Hip-Hop. **TCP**

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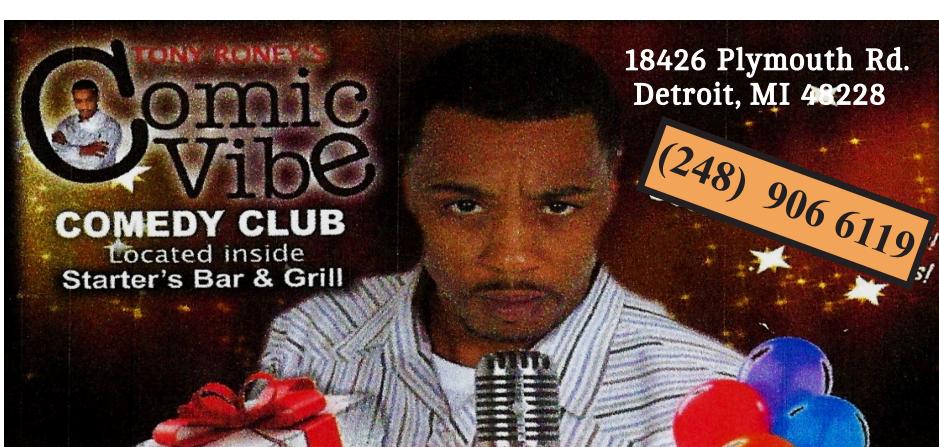
C.U.T.T.H.R.O.A.T
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build a movement comprised of enterprising individuals who want to be on the forefront of urban renewal. It is important to remember that Hip-Hop is not just about music, it is a transformation of creating something new. Mal CTN is innovating and works

at his writing and art form daily. His recorded music dates back to 2015 when he released his on-line only album titled, *Mind of Mal*. In 2016, he

third album *Word is Bond*, Mal CTN has consistently put out music keeping his rhymes poetic and full of expression.

"I know CUTTHROAT sounds intimidating, says Mal, but it really shouldn't if you pay attention to what it means, Creating Unity Through Heartfelt Rhymes of a Titan," he says as he looks down at his phone in a brief moment



What's up...

DETROIT

Roe Call



By Roe
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Pills and Potions

ADRIAN, MI - I was transferred from Saginaw to Gus Garrison Correctional Facility in Adrian, Michigan where I am serving a 30 to 70 year sentence for second degree murder. I'm from Detroit, 7 Mile for life area. In the streets they call me Roe (Riches over everything) but in here, I go by 364863 - Irvin.

There's an opioid crisis in the nation. Many people are being prescribed these drugs for real medical reasons and becoming addicted to the very drug that is suppose to help them.

I've talked to many people who say there is no crisis, until it hit the upper class neighborhoods, but whatever the case, there's an epidemic. I saw the rise myself in the hood.

In the 90s I only knew of what I call the big 3, Crack, Weed, and Heroin. But you would hear songs from artists in the south like, "Cash Money," "UGK," "Three 6 Mafia," they spitting about coke and lean (Codeine and Promethazine); the use wasn't that heavy in my hood until in the late 90s when ecstasy popped up on the scene.

You would hear of people wanting to connect with someone with Oxycodone. It was lucrative in hick towns; and now in almost every hip-hop song you hear it, it's a drug being glorified. If they ain't sipping Mud putting a 4 in a deuce, then they popping some upper or downer.

Molly is a household name now, it's something how medicinal drugs turn to party drugs and then addiction. Rapper L'il Peep fell victim to these drugs dying of an overdose.

The origin of these drugs come from the government they create these drugs and experiment on society then put them on the market knowing the deadly affects they will have on people. These drugs end up on the black market to pay for military operations, but that's another story.

There has been a so called war on drugs in every administration since Ronald Reagan now our new President Donald J. Trump has his own battles



L'il Peep

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Detroit Rapper Big Sean has a state-of-the-art recording studio

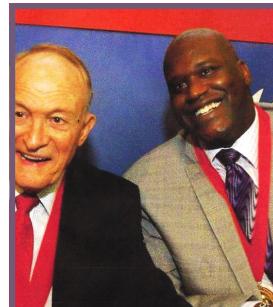
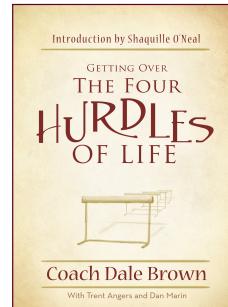
"The recording studio is so important because Detroit is such a musical city, soulful city and there are so many kids that have the talent but just don't have resources to record."

Sean Anderson



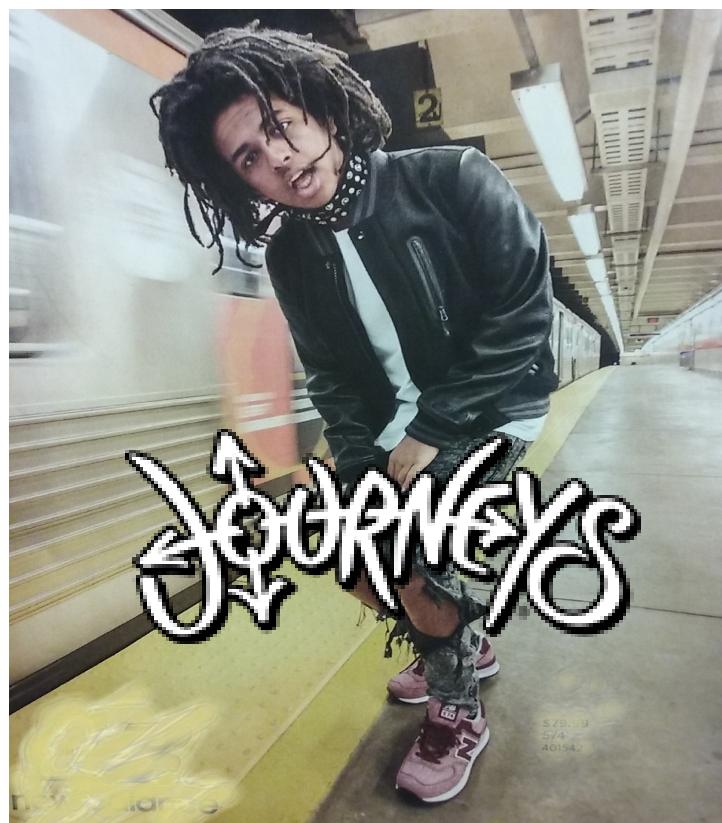
There is much to be said about Detroit Rapper Sean Anderson known as "Big Sean." He put big smiles on the faces of hundreds of children and parents at the Dick & Sandy Dauch Boys and Girls Club in his hometown Detroit. Celebrating his second annual DON weekend Anderson unveiled the *Sean Anderson Foundation Content & Production Studio*, gifting \$100,000 from his non-profit organization. Anderson's mission is to help children who aspire careers in the entertainment industry. (Big Sean pictured with his mother Myra L. Anderson. Photo: Jose Juarez)

A Book to Read



Getting over the Four Hurdles of Life is a book that shows us how to get over obstacles. "There's a voice in each of us that says, 'I've got to be somebody.' Some of us start to hear this voice when we're kids; others hear it later in life. It may be the voice of great ambition coming to life. Or it may be a more modest voice that says simply, 'I want my life to count for something worthwhile.' . . . Coach Brown taught me a lot of what I know, about life and basketball. This book is destined to change the lives of many.

- Shaquille O'Neal



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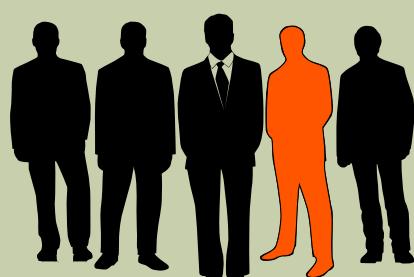


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For the first time ever the Chinese government has explicitly addressed the consumption of dog meat which excludes them from a proposed list of animals that can be farmed as livestock. According to the Chinese government dogs have changed from traditional domestic animals to companion animals.

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Marijuana America's New Tradition

Let's hear it from someone who has lived that life.

Roe: What up doe bro? From all the pics I've seen with all the celebs from the Scheme Street League days I know you can shed some light on this sensitive subject, from an artists point of view that's been out there medicating on the road living a rock star life.

D STREETS: Man yeah, the rock star lifestyle is crazy. There was a point when I couldn't function right without drugs. Vicodin, Norcos, and Molly was a part of my daily routine. Being that I was traveling so much doing shows and battles, if I didn't have pills in my body I would literally shut down. I was around celebrities like, The Lox, Mobb Deep, Swizz Beats, Bow Wow to name a few. Drugs was always around. I remember coming into the NBC building in Manhattan and as soon as we got to our dressing room a guy came to the door with a big bag of pills for sale. I was

Fashion Designer

Hiromi Asai

AW20 Menswear Collection

"The Whole Creation"

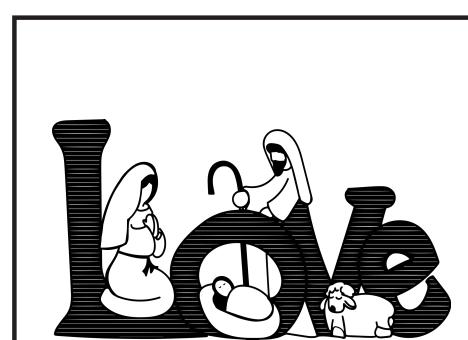
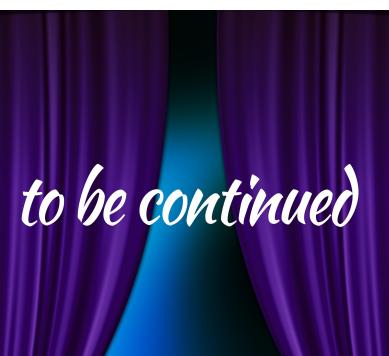
PRNewswire - New York fashion designer, Hiromi Asai, (www.hiromiasainy), presents the Autumn-Winter 2020 -2021 menswear collection on the runway. Hiromi Asai is reviving the essence Japanese Kimono for modern luxury fashion. Above: Hiromi Asai demonstrates outstanding tailoring techniques with a sophisticated design and of unique prominent textiles. "I believe the essence of Kimono is textile, not form, says Hiromi Asai. It is our responsibility to hand over craftsmanship for production of traditional textiles all over the world, including Kimono textiles to the next generation."

like wow, but I was speaking to myself. I would wake up and pop two Vicodins then blow a kush blunt to start the day. Then I would make sure I would eat because soon as I popped the Molly my appetite was gone. After popping the Molly I was up and running. I lived off two hours of sleep a day. At that time I truly believed that I couldn't live without these drugs. I was dependent on them. They were easy to get to, you could go to the doctor and pay him \$75 per month for any prescription you want. Once you're sucked in it's like a trap. You don't have time to clean your body and even if you want to stop, you feel you have to keep going. I would take pills to go to sleep and take pills to wake up, it was crazy. The government knows what they're doing, they're the ones who make it accessible to the masses for consumption. If you ask me, all this news about an opioid crisis is a front. I believe everybody has a vice or addiction and usually it's pills.

Personals

Angus Dei (Liturgy)

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