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OPEN LETTER--A WAKE-UP CALL TO AFRICAN AMERICAN VOTERS

Published on March 16, 1827, Freedom's Journal was the first Black-owned and operated newspaper in the United States.

It is important to clarify the role of the Black Press. Our role is different than mainstream media in that the Black Press must keep African Americans informed on the issues that affect our community. The Black Press must expose the evil and injustices plaguing our society, and expose the religious leaders, politicians, self-appointed leaders, and dangerous sell-outs who pimp our community for self-gain. It is imperative that the Black Press accurately chronicles our history and exposes the truth about the distresses and effects of the problems that hinder us. Black publishers must also celebrate our accomplishments and the leaders who are genuinely making a positive difference. The fact of the matter is that other races have spoken for us too long.

Why is mainstream media under-reporting our news? Could it be that the Black Press is afraid that their reporting will have a negative impact on the corporate and political ad dollars they receive? Some of those causing the most harm to our community are these advertisers.

The African American community is experiencing a seismic crisis. We must hold everyone responsible for this predicament accountable. We need to demand that presidential candidates Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders, as well as President Donald Trump, truly represent our communities, address our issues, and work with honest grassroots leaders to find solutions. Lip service is no longer an option. Not one of the current presidential candidates has a history of advocating for issues affecting the African American community. None of the presidential candidates publicly supports reparations or St. Louis prosecutor Kim Gardner's road to criminal justice reform.

Most African Americans continue to wait for politicians to solve our problems. This dependency has not yielded adequate civil rights or economic justice. We continue to hear the same old rhetoric that yields the same old non-productive results. Rich and wealthy politicians receive the privilege of African American donations and precious votes; however, without reaping any benefits. We are sick and tired of broken promises. In the meantime, our civil rights, education, economic equity, and living conditions steadily deteriorate. African Americans are getting poorer, while the politicians we elected to office get richer.

It is time to demand action from politicians before they are elected. Politicians should turn their rhetoric into immediate action. We must not rely on old school leaders and sell-outs, but demand tangible outcomes from politicians. Community Pimps who reap financial benefits must be exposed for influencing their followers to vote for certain candidates. Community Pimps' followers must wake up and hold them accountable.

The African American Voice demands that Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders, and Donald Trump do something tangible to earn African Americans votes now before they are elected. These candidates already have the influence and resources to make changes now in the African American community. We refuse to wait until after the election. History records the fact that once candidates use Black voters to win office, they continue to maintain the status quo and go back to their old ways of ignoring the Black community. This must end with the 2020 elections!

Now is the time for the Black Press to be a resounding voice to lead the media platforms on our behalf, and not sell out our community for corporate dollars and political ads.

Yours for the cause of conscience and hopeless Black voters,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Tucker".

Dr. James Tucker, Publisher
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Brief History of African American Voice

In June 2016, the African American Voice celebrated its Twenty-fifth Anniversary, printing its last hard copy and in so doing became the longest-running Black monthly newspaper ever published in Southern Colorado and the largest Black monthly newspaper serving Colorado Springs Metro, Denver Metro and Pueblo.

The Voice is the brainchild of publisher and owner James Tucker, who conceived the idea while serving in Saudi Arabia and southern Iraq during the Gulf War. James’ goals then, as now, were to awaken the larger community to the needs and untapped potential of African Americans living in Colorado, while at the same time, bringing to the state broad awareness of the diverse mix of local, regional, national and international issues that have, and will continue to have, an impact upon the Black community. In addition, The Voice is committed to promoting and preserving United States history.

With a primary investment of his own time and money, assistance from the former veteran-owned Hispania newspaper, Bob Armendariz, and a few advertisers, contributing writers and editors, James has not only managed to keep the paper alive, but also nurtured its steady growth. With the rise of right-wing intolerance, however, publishing has become a challenge. The racial climate for Blacks has become hostile and more unfavorable in the United States. The proof of this is in the killings of innocent African Americans by the police and recent incidents of Blacks being arrested and/or killed in public places for trespassing, when they were actually customers.

The African American Voice is now a free monthly online newspaper that has transitioned to a global presence.

Focusing on issues the mainstream media will not cover, the African American Voice is determined to keep the community informed on issues that matter to them. Online only through its website:
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ABANDONED AT BIRTH, FREDDIE FIGGERS HAS FIGURED OUT HOW TO IMPROVE CELLPHONE TECHNOLOGY WITH NEW WIRELESS CONDUCTOR INVENTION

By Curtis Bunn



30-YEAR-OLD CELLPHONE TECH GENIUS CONTINUES TO ASTOUND WHILE BUILDING AN EMPIRE & HELPING OTHERS AT THE SAME TIME

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Freddie Figgers' improbable journey to a self-taught technology wizard began beside a trash dumpster. Abandoned at birth near Daytona Beach, Florida, he was adopted by a senior citizen couple, made a computer his best friend when he was 8 and created his first invention when he was 16.

Cousin Sarah Figgers has not been surprised by his feats. "I could tell he was going to be something (as a child), be someone," she said.

She was impressed by his fixation with a broken-down PC his father had purchased but blown away when he dismantled and fixed it.

"He was quiet," she said, "off into his own world. . . There was something about him."

Something, indeed. Figgers grew into an inventor, computer programmer and software engineer who is the youngest American to hold a Federal Communications Commission license and the only African American to own a cellphone company, Figgers Wireless, which services nearly a million customers in more than 80 countries.

If that's not enough, Figgers, 30, plans to change the telecommunications game. He created a Wireless Inductive Charger, a patented device that makes the traditional method of strengthening and restoring a cellphone's battery power obsolete. It begins wirelessly charging when it enters a room equipped with an inductive charger—the way a phone automatically reconnects with WiFi.

"As soon as the phone is in range, it will start charging," Figgers said.

The technology will be first available to Figgers Wireless customers, whose phones are equipped with a chip that can link to the

inductive charger. He expects the Federal Communications Commission to grant final approval to begin production near the end of 2020.

"The excitement is there," Figgers Communications chief operating officer Germain Bebe said. "The product sells itself. When you look at the world, the better energy is distributed, the better products you have. We're looking at this being a game-changer, using energy."

Figgers' company is valued at \$62.3 million, which isn't bad for someone who dropped out of college after one year. It was too limiting. "You can't explore that innovative mind working a 9 to 5," he said.

His company manufactures his phones and provides cellular, mobile broadband and landline phones—and international services around the world.

And it all started with that computer his father bought to give him something to do.

"With the way my life started, it was hard to make friends," Figgers said. "My best friend was that computer."

When he was a teenager, "I wanted to be an innovator, an open thinker who builds new technology," he said.

Figgers started with his father, Nathan Figgers, who developed Alzheimer's and would leave the home and not remember how to get back. Unwilling to commit him to an assisted-living facility, Freddie installed a GPS tracker with a two-way communicator in his dad's shoes. He could find him anywhere and speak to him through the sneakers if he walked away from home.

The budding genius was 16. Nathan, who passed in 2014, and his wife Betty, 95, not only gave him a home; they nurtured the kid's imagination and allowed him to flourish.

"He received a lot of love from his parents. A respectable child," Sarah

Figgers said. "And his parents' eyes lit up every time they talked about him."

Figgers sold that tracking device a year later to a company in Kansas for \$2.1 million and built cellphone towers in places where reception was poor or nonexistent, like rural West Virginia, Montana and North Dakota.

It was an arduous road to get there, though. By his count, it took 196 meetings over four years with FCC examiners. He paid exorbitant application fees before finally getting approved just when his pockets were almost empty.

"I was in D.C., down to my last \$30," Figgers said. "I was almost bankrupt before I could really get started."

"Age and race" played a role in his struggle, he added. "I was young and black. There were so many roadblocks. It was a challenge. I could tell when they wanted to insult my intelligence with obstacles."

Bebe said persistence is one of Figgers' attributes. "He is an aggressive and driven person," he said. "It's 24 hours for him. He's motivated and he doesn't look at it as work."

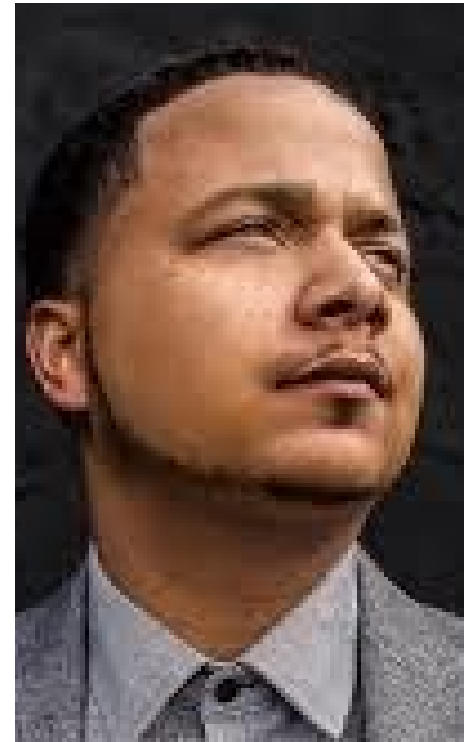
Figgers' mission includes a charitable arm, the Figgers Foundation, which collects 20 percent of the company's profits.

The foundation distributes 28 college scholarships to African American males every year. It assists women with breast cancer. And it has protected girls from sex trafficking in northern Zambia, among other deeds.

"My parents did not tell me one time that I wasn't their child," Figgers said. "They

were special. They were older and they taught me old-school values. I have a passion for helping."

"When I'm not working, I'm sitting back and thinking about the next thing," he said. "I'm thinking, 'What can I do to make the world better?'"



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HBCUs: Still the Choice for Many of America's Best and Brightest

NaAsiaha Simon is President of NaAsiaha Simon & Associates (NSA) and a graduate of



Although HBCUs are celebrated for their culturally enriching environments and unrivaled homecoming weekend festivities, they are also some of the nation's most academically rigorous institutions, attracting competitive students from various backgrounds. Benedict College's 2023 cohort is no exception. This school year, the 2019 "HBCU of the Year" (named by who) welcomed over 800 students, a class that includes three Valedictorians, an overall GPA of 3.1, and an increase in international student enrollment.

As Benedict prepares to celebrate its 150th year anniversary, the 2023 class profile dispels the notion that HBCUs cannot compete with PWIs (Predominantly White Institutions) in terms of attracting and retaining academically gifted students. This incoming class reflects that HBCUs are in fact schools of choice for college-bound students. Benedict's success in recruitment and retention is the result of the administration's efforts to enhance curriculum across the board.

Within the last year, Benedict was selected by the American Council on Education as a recipient of the prestigious ACE/Fidelity Investments Award for Institutional Transformation. The award honors institutions that have developed innovative responses to the ever changing landscape in post-secondary education. In June of this year, Benedict was nominated in six categories by HBCU Digest—an online media outlet covering all things HBCU-related: (1) Board of Trustees of the Year, (2) National Alumni Association of the Year, (3) Male Faculty of the Year, (5) Coach of the Year, and (6) HBCU of the Year. In August, Benedict snagged the most coveted title, HBCU of the Year.

Benedict College was founded in 1870 and has continued to provide high-quality education across a variety of programs in a diverse environment. While still committed to its core history to promote African American students, Benedict has proven itself capable of meeting the demands of the rapidly moving educational landscape. Benedict College is committed to preparing students to enter the global marketplace with exceptional cultural and professional competencies that will enable them to contribute to the sustainability and economic growth of their communities.

Benedict College is just one example of the many advancements HBCUs across the board are making in transforming academic success. HBCUs offer college-bound students the opportunity to develop professionally in a culturally sensitive environment, ensuring that students are prepared for the difficulties of the "real" world. In an age where "freedom of choice" reigns supreme, HBCUs are continually establishing themselves as schools of choice.



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The Harbor Shores development came about only through the undermining of Democracy, political pressure on public agencies, the theft of public land for private profit, the destruction of rare ecologic, the theft of water from the public, and the continuing destruction of the very fabric of the predominantly Black community of Benton Harbor, which is already politically disenfranchised and economically impoverished and Harbor Shores refuse to pay tax's to the city of Benton Harbor.

We hereby make the following demands on the 2020 Senior PGA: We demand the cancellation of the tournament in Benton Harbor, Michigan., unless these demands are accepted.

Transfer 25% of the 2020 Senior PGA, profit to the citizens of Benton Harbor as a partial compensation for stolen land and water for the purpose of meeting budget deficits and building affordable housing for the people of Benton Harbor.

Acknowledge in an announcement at the Senior PGA event that the people of Benton Harbor has been exploited in numerous ways including the theft of land for profit. The failure to address these grievance and demands publicity at the event will reflect the collusion of the Senior PGA with the ongoing hypocrisy and exploitation of Harbor Shores and Whirlpool Corporation.

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TO OUR PATRONS

IN presenting our first number to our Patrons, we feel all the diffidence of persons entering upon a new and untiried line of business. But a moment's reflection upon the noble objects, which we have in view by the publication of this Journal; the expediency of its appearance at this time, when so many schemes are in action concerning our people - encourage us to come boldly before an enlightened publick. For we believe, that a paper devoted to the dissemination of useful knowledge among our brethren, and to their moral and religious improvement, must meet with the cordial approbation of every friend to humanity.

The peculiarities of the Journal, render it important that we should advertise to the world the motives by which we are actuated, and the objects which we contemplate.

We wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us. Too long has the publick been deceived by misrepresentations in things which concern us dearly, though in the estimation of some mere trifles; for though there are many in society

works of trivial importance, we shall consider it part of our duty to recommend to our young readers, such authors as will not only enlarge their stock of useful knowledge, but such as will also serve to stimulate them to higher attainments in science.

We trust also, that through the columns of the FREEDOM'S JOURNAL, many practical pieces, having for their bases, the improvement of our brethren, will be presented to them, from the pens of many of our respected friends, who have kindly offered their assistance.

It is our earnest wish to make our Journal a medium of intercourse between our brethren in the different states of this great confederacy; that through its columns an expression of our sentiments, on many interesting subjects which concern us, may be offered to the publick; that plans which apparently are beneficial may be candidly discussed and properly weighed; if worthy, receive our cordial approbation; if not, our marked disapprobation.

Useful knowledge of every kind, and every thing that relates to Africa, shall find a ready admission into our columns: and as that vast

narrative which they have published; the establishment of the republic of Hayti after years of sanguinary warfare; its subsequent progress in all the arts of civilization; and the advancement of liberal ideas in South America, where despotism has given place to free governments, and where many of our brethren now fill important civil and military stations, prove the contrary.

The interesting fact that there are FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND free persons of colour, one half of whom might peruse, and the whole be benefited by the publication of the Journal; that no publication, as yet, has been devoted exclusively to their improvement - that many selections from approved standard authors, which are in the reach of few, may occasionally be made - and more important still, that this large body of our citizens have no publick channel - all serve to prove the real necessity, at present, for the appearance of FREEDOM'S JOURNAL.

It shall ever be our desire so to conduct the editorial department of our paper as to give offense to none of our patrons; as nothing is farther from us than to make it the advocate of any partial views, either in politics or reli-

of his countrymen he possessed a mind far superior to his condition; although he was diligent in the business of his master, and faithful to his interest, yet by great industry and economy he was enabled to purchase his personal liberty. At the time the remains of several Indian tribes, who originally possessed the right of soil, resided in Massachusetts. Cuffee became acquainted with a woman descended from one of those tribes, named Ruth Moses, and married her. He continued in habits of industry and frugality, and soon afterwards purchased a farm of 100 acres at the point of Massachusetts.

Cuffee and Ruth had a family of ten children. The three eldest sons, David, Jonathan, and John, are farmers in the neighborhood of West Point filling respectable situations in society, and endowed with good intellectual capabilities. They are all married, and have families to whom they are giving good educations. Of six daughters four are respectably married, while two remain single. Paul was born on the Island of Cuttuhunkler, one of the Elizabeth Islands, near New Bedford, in the year 1759 - when he was about fourteen years of age, his father died, leaving a considerable property in land, but which being at that time unproductive, afforded but little provision for his numerous family, and thus the care of supporting his mother and sisters devolved upon his brothers and himself. At this time Paul conceived that

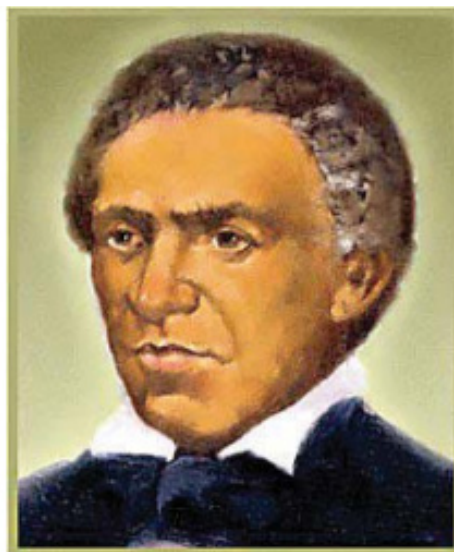
Origins of the Black Press

FREEDOM'S JOURNAL, THE FIRST BLACK NEWSPAPER

Freeborn African Americans, John Russwurm and Samuel Cornish, published its first edition of Freedom's Journal on March 16, 1827, in New York City. It was the first African American owned and operated newspaper in the United States.

Freedom's Journal weekly four-column publication was printed every Friday. The newspaper contained national as well as foreign news, editorials, biographies, births, and deaths in the local African American community. It also contained advertisements, editorials ridiculing the evils of slavery, racial discrimination, and other injustices against African Americans. Freedom's Journal countered many of the White newspapers that openly supported slavery and racial bias.

The newspaper afforded the African American community a forum that they used to express their views and advocate for their causes. Russwurm and Cornish placed great value on the need for reading and writing as keys to empowerment for the Black population. They hoped a Black newspaper would



encourage literacy and intellectual development among African Americans. The newspaper sought to broaden its readers' awareness of world events. It also served to strengthen community and family ties among Black communities across the Northern United States.

Subscriptions were \$3 per year. At its peak, Freedom's Journal circulated in eleven states, the District of Columbia, Haiti, Europe, and Canada.

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"Too long have others spoken for us ... We wish to plead our own cause."

-Reverend Samuel Cornish and John Russwurm, the editors of Freedom's Journal, proclaimed in the first issue.

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Black Press Week is approaching, marking the actual 193rd anniversary of the Black Press of America. The conference date is March 18-20, 2020, and the conference venue is The Mayflower Hotel (a Marriott property) at 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

The cut-off date for reserving your hotel rooms at the NNPA blocked rate of \$279.00 is February 25, 2020. Hotels in Washington, DC are at their highest in the month of March, so we encourage you to register for the conference and reserve your hotel rooms now, by clicking this link: <https://www.nnpa-events.com/> or visiting www.nnpa-events.org. The cost of registration for publishers is \$200, and publisher staff registrations are \$150.00. To receive the NNPA publisher discount, please register and apply the following codes for you and your staff members, respectively: `nnpamember2020`; and `publisherstaff2020`.

Who will receive the NNPAF 2020 Newsmaker of the Year award? This and other details concerning Black Press Week will be forwarded shortly.

CORONAVIRUS

Here are some of the conversations surrounding the spread of the coronavirus. In addition to all of the normal things you do to practice healthy hygiene, you can also take preventative measures. Here are a few tips from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- **Clean your hands often.**
Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water aren't available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- **Avoid close contact.**
Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Put distance between yourself and others.
- **Do not touch your face.**
Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- **Stay home.**
Stay home when you are sick, unless you need medical care.
- **Cover coughs and sneezes.**
Cover your cough (using the inside of your elbow) or sneeze with a tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash.
- **Clean and disinfect.**
Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces daily using a household cleaning spray or a wipe.

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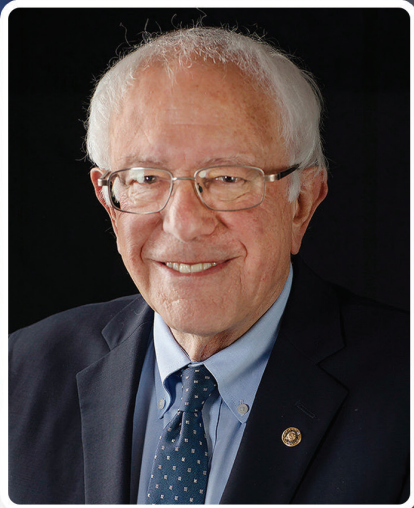
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Good - Bye NAFTA and Good Riddance!

By Mr. Alford & Ms. DeBow

The National Black Chamber of Commerce was just getting organized when the policy issue of NAFTA came to the forefront. The North American Free Trade Agreement was high on President Clinton's priority list. Unions fought against it and the votes to get it approved through Congress were questionable. As the debates went on it appeared that President Clinton needed a few more votes to get this initiative approved.

The Congressional Black Caucus was nearly unanimous for the Agreement. However, there was one big hold out. Maxine Waters would not move towards a Yes vote. She and the President had a closed meeting, and, in the end, she voted "yes". Also, her husband, Sid Williams, a native of Bahamas, became the new Ambassador to the Bahamas. Yes, she sold her vote for personal gain.

To the Bahamian people and the rest of the Caribbean, this was big stuff. It put President Clinton in a good light. Harry remembers going to a reception for the National Newspaper Publishers Association hosted by Congresswoman Waters and the Ambassador. It was truly elegant with a great dinner alongside the giant swimming pool and the Caribbean breeze. The Congresswoman remained a representative of Los Angeles while her new residence occupied all her free time.

Time went on and a new President, George W. Bush, arrived and replaced all ambassadors including Ambassador Williams. The new ambassador was from Texas and immediately hired one of our Bahamian chamber members to make renovations to the Ambassador's residence. The contractor whom we all referred to as Penn told me that the incoming ambassador wanted the bathroom to be the master bedroom totally retrofitted and all

the other toilets to be replaced. Penn asked him why he was replacing the toilets and the master bath as they were all in good order. The new ambassador allegedly replied, "I am not going to sit on any toilet or get into any bathtub that held Maxine Waters". Oh well, back to NAFTA.

NAFTA was simple and a blessing to our manufacturers. They could move their plants to Mexico; hire cheap Mexican labor and send the products back into the United States duty-free. The auto industry along with textiles, computers and electrical appliances were the most common opportunities. According to The Balance



magazine between 1994 and 2010, the U.S. trade deficits with Mexico reached a total of \$97.2 billion. Nearly 700,000 U.S. jobs left the United States and went to Mexico. 80% of the losses were in manufacturing.

At home, our unions became neutralized by the fact that if they would strike during a wage negotiation the company would simply close and move to Mexico. Thus, wages lagged during this time period.

Our Teamsters became under attack also. Truckers from Mexico were now allowed into the United States and delivered products that were now being made in their country. By 2008, Congress terminated this program, but the damage was already done. Currently, Mexican trucks cannot go further than 20 miles into the United States

Our teamsters still cannot adequately compete within that 20-mile limit.

There was another big casualty in this trade agreement. Mexico was made up of many small farms. With NAFTA farming in Mexico became a big business. Eventually, the small farmers were decimated by new gigantic farms taking advantage of the trade agreement. The economic effects are still being felt by the Mexican population. It has probably fanned the flames of illegal immigration into the United States on our southern border.

Also, cheap Mexican labor was employed along the southern side of the

was passed.

Thus, the effects of NAFTA will soon come to pass. We have learned a great lesson in this – hopefully. The saying, "The grass always seems to be greener on the other side" seems to apply here. Not all trade agreements are good. We must analyze each one of them and determine the true outcome if it is to exist. To our unions, we say, "Don't let the politicians fool you".

May we never make such a foolish mistake again.

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THE PERNICIOUS POWER OF PATRIARCHY

CRUSH THE PATRIARCHY

By Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Our nation, these United States, is founded on the principles of racism and patriarchy. They are reflected in our very constitution, where enslaved persons were counted as a fraction of a person, and only men of property were allowed the right to vote. The filthy inequality at the foundation of this nation has now bubbled up and boiled over, now polluting every aspect of our lives.

Patriarchy places men at the center of life, and women at the periphery. It suggests that women do not matter. It allows for the subjugation of women when they attempt to enter public spaces that have previously been earmarked as “male” spaces. Thus, there were no restrooms for women legislators in the US House or Senate, even as women entered those spaces. They were only created when women demanded them. Of course, restrooms are just a minor manifestation of the hegemonic patriarchy that rules our nation.

A great picture of our nation’s racist patriarchy was the visual of doughy and dissipated white men interrogating the amazingly composed Anita Hill as she reviewed her experiences with now-Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. Though Hill was persuasive, she was attacked in the vilest of terms, accused of nonsense like “erotomania,” and even recently harassed by Thomas’ unhinged spouse who was still seeking apology after two decades. Note to Thomas, take the phone from your wife when her meds are not working. In any case, Thomas is on the Supreme Court because white men chose to disregard the word of a Black woman, a decision that then-Senator Joe Biden says he now regrets. Thomas was confirmed by the narrowest margin in history 52-48.

Here we go again. By the time this is published the matter of 45’s Supreme Court nominee Brett Cavanaugh is resolved, but

the issue of pernicious patriarchy will not be. Regarding Kavanaugh, he has been accused by Dr. Christine Blasey Ford of sexual assault more than 35 years ago, when both were teens. She disclosed her accusations in a letter that California Senator Dianne Feinstein received in July, but did not share with the FBI until later, mainly because Ford asked for confidentiality. Ford has requested that the FBI investigate her assertions, and the Senate judiciary committee is still fast-tracking the Kavanaugh vote. The outcome, while necessary, is not the bottom line. The issue is the way that racist patriarchy makes some offensive and illegal behavior acceptable.

Privileged white male culture allows and encourages excessive drinking and obnoxious behavior toward women. It is excused because “boys will be boys.” But what boy s? Black boys, even accused of “reckless eyeballing”, are fair game for lynching! White boys on rampages are excused for assault, rape, and attempted rape. Can I call the name of Recy Taylor, the young Black woman who was walking home from church and raped by a gaggle of white men who thought her body their right? Can I remind us of the Texas gubernatorial candidate, Clayton Williams, who said that if rape was inevitable, a woman should “lay back and enjoy it”? Ann Richards beat him, but that wasn’t quite the point. The point was that some man thought that rape was inevitable enough to “enjoy.”

Privileged white male culture allows a man who should not have been elected President to denigrate women regularly. We are “fat” “dogs” and “liars.” He bragged about grabbing women’s genitals, and our society is so poached in pernicious patriarchy that 52 percent of all women still voted for him. They thought he was joking because, for too many women, patriarchy has so seeped into our consciousness that the abuse of women is a joke.

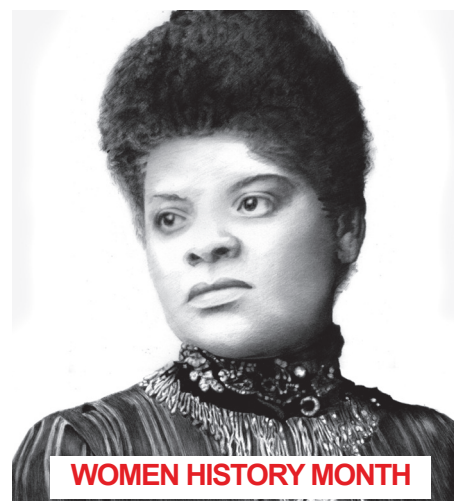
If we women were honest, we would say that we have all cosigned patriarchy in the interest of keeping it moving. We have deflected the sexist comments that come our way, even as we cringe from them. We smile at men that we abhor because they may have decision making power in their hands. We dress up or dress down depending on the occasion and the way we have to play the game. We know the system is slanted against us, we know we still have to play, and we decide when we choose to blow the whistle, a whistle we could blow every single day. #MeToo is the tip of the iceberg because it fails to deal with race systematically, but also because it manages the evident and personal, not the institutional.

In addition to being #MeToo women, we

are mothers, sisters, daughters, and wives (hello Julie Chen Moonves), so some of us want to justify patriarchy for “our” men. Our son, husband, cousin, brother “didn’t mean it” and could not be that bad. Wake up call -- if they violated a woman, they were that bad. If they raped a Black woman and you turned away from the accusation, you are wrong, you are horribly and complicity wrong.

Tearing down the walls of pernicious patriarchy means attacking the very foundation of our nation. When we attack patriarchy, we also attack the racism that is also part of our foundation. Many have lined up to support Dr. Christine Blasey Ford. How many are equally willing to attack the pernicious racist patriarchal roots of our nation?

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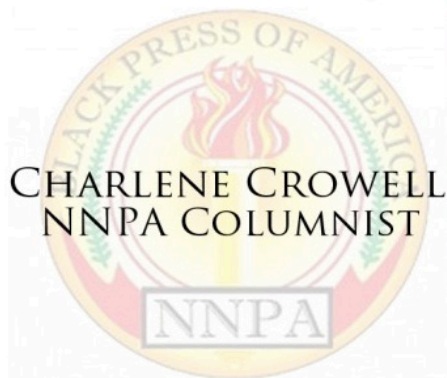
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FAIR CREDIT DENIALS LIMIT WEALTH-BUILDING FOR BLACK CONSUMERS AND BUSINESSES

CFPB lawsuit settlement forces agency to collect data on credit access



By Charlene Crowell

For much of Black America, access to fair and responsible credit has been an elusive promise. Whether as consumers seeking the pride of homeownership or businesses seeking to begin or expand, securing credit remains an age-old, arduous and often frustrating pursuit – despite a slew of federal and state laws enacted to overcome these long-standing racial disparities.

But on February 26, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) settled a federal lawsuit brought by small business owners and advocates who together challenged CFPB’s lack of enforcement of anti-discrimination laws that protect minority-owned and women-owned businesses from unequal access to financial products and services. The lawsuit charged the CFPB with failure to issue required regulations that mandate financial institutions to collect and maintain important data for these two types of businesses.

The settlement sets out specific, time-lined goals as well as an ongoing review process. Although its terms require federal court approval before it can take effect, plaintiffs were jubilant in their ability to force CFPB into collecting and disclosing data.

“It’s safe to say that without this lawsuit, the Trump administration would be content to continue its unlawful refusal to protect women, minority, and small business owners from discrimination,” said Anne Harkavy, Executive Director of Democracy Forward that represented the plaintiffs. Based in the District of Columbia, this nonprofit organization has a two-pronged purpose: publicly speaking about unlawful government acts and empowering those who have been harmed to fight back.

Plaintiffs in the case include the National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders (NALCAB), and small businesses located in Waterloo, Iowa and in Portland, Oregon.

Paulina Gonzalez-Brito, Executive Director of the California Reinvestment Coalition, also reacted.

“For nearly a decade since Dodd-Frank became law, our members throughout California have been on the frontlines pushing for this rule to move forward,” noted Gonzalez-Brito. “This settlement is a victory for impacted communities and small business owners of color striving to build wealth and a better life.”

Key actions that CFPB has agreed to include:

- By September 2020, publicly release a draft proposal for collecting small business data;
- By October 2020, establish a Small Business Advocacy Review panel that will offer direct input on behalf of the small business plaintiff groups;
- In negotiation with plaintiffs establish deadlines for each stage of rulemaking – including a final data collection rule;
- Every 90 days, submit status reports detailing CFPB’s progress toward the data collection rule; an
- Accept court-ordered deadlines if parties fail to agree.

Strong and credible data collection can and often does make the difference between anecdotal critiques and eventual court actions. Particularly for Black businesses, the vigilant and long-term struggle for access to credit has often translated into home equity loans for financing new businesses or expansion. But without access to affordable credit and an absence of home equity, the likelihood of Black businesses being under-capitalized runs high.

At the same time, ample data paints a picture of drastic disparities when it comes to Blacks buying a home.

On February 25, a day before the CFPB settlement, the National Association of Realtors (NAR), that represents over 1.4 million members in every aspect of residential and commercial real estate, released new research on the difficulties consumers of color continue to confront when buying a home. Analyzing data from 2008 to 2018 that was gathered by the U.S. Census’ American Community Survey, and its 2019 Profiling of Home Buyers and Sellers, findings are once again stark.

From 2016 to 2019, according to NAR, homeownership rates among Whites has consistently exceeded 71%. Homeownership rates for this demographic were highest in the Midwest and Deep South, ranging from a statewide high of 78% in Mississippi, followed by 77% in Michigan and South Carolina, and 76% in both Minnesota and Alabama.

But Black homeownership rates in these same years and states reveal eye-opening comparisons. While Black homeownership is 41% nationwide, it is 50% or more in only three states: Mississippi (54%), South Carolina (51%), and Alabama (50%).

Further, in 17 states, the Black homeownership rate is less than 40%, with some of the lowest rates occurring in Wisconsin (23%), Minnesota (24%), and Nevada (28%).

Even lower levels of homeownership in states with sizeable Black populations were found in California (34%), District of Columbia (36%), Illinois (39%), Missouri (37%), and Texas (39%).

Rates of rejections on mortgage applications continue these racial disparities. While White applicants were rejected at a rate of 5%, Black applicants were rejected nearly triple that of Whites at 13%. First-time homebuyers, an important indicator of market performance, are frequently Black at 51%. By contrast, 87% of White homebuyers previously owned homes.

Additionally, among Black homebuyers, less than half – 49% - were married couples and the number of single Black women purchasing homes (34%) was double that of single White females (17%). The reasons for purchasing homes also diverged: 46% of Blacks cited a desire to own, while only 26% of Whites shared that same sentiment.

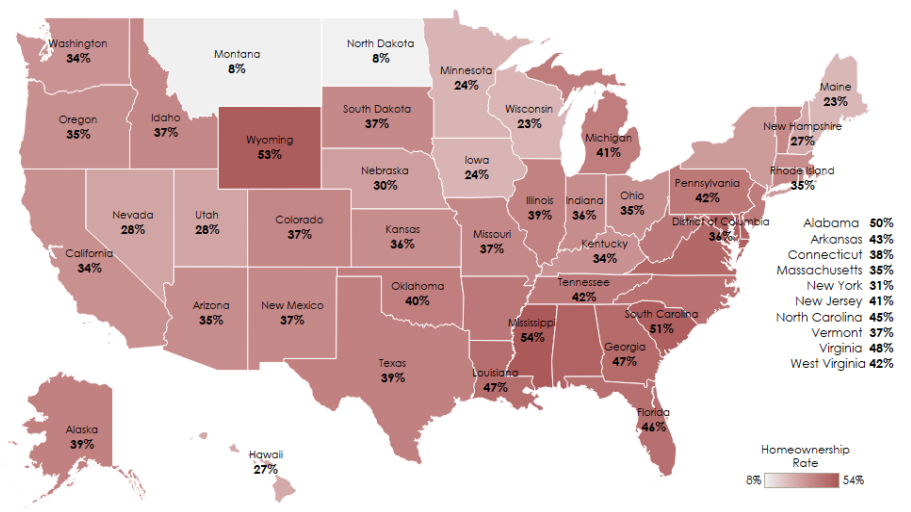
So, what do these and other data points reveal?

Despite lower incomes, Black consumers have a pronounced desire to own their own piece of America. As many Black females delay marriage, they are becoming homeowners at a rate more than three times that of Black males (9%). It’s also a clear indication of a growing trend among Black females who are asserting financial independence. Homeownership for many of these women no longer is tied to marriage as it once was for generations past.

But more importantly, whether as a business owner or a consumer, access to credit remains difficult and daunting for Black America. Our quest for financial justice remains a journey.

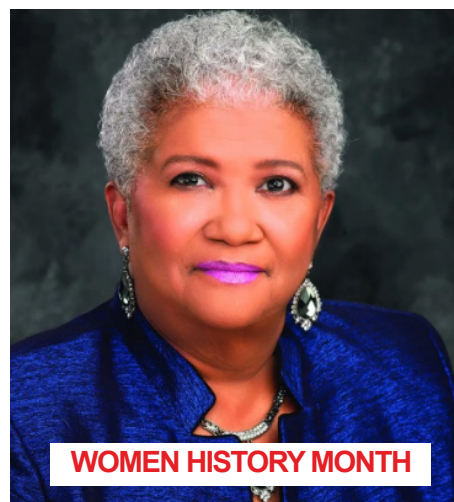
“When the CFPB complies with this court order and collects data on small business lending, the marketplace will be more efficient and fairer,” said NALCAB’s Executive Director Noel Andrés Poyo. “Transparency is the ultimate antidote to discriminatory and predatory lending.”

Homeownership Rate for African American alone by state



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2018)

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Stacey Abrams
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 “We must cease being participants
 in our own oppression.”



We visited Rogbonko village which is a Temne village where they specialize in harvesting rice and making the sweet grass baskets similar to the ones made in Charleston, South Carolina. These ladies are traditional dancers.

We were welcomed at the airport by the National Dance group which are mostly Mende, what a welcome it was.....traditional to Africans, they followed us on our bus and boat ride to Freetown, singing the entire time....

The following day, we visited the slave port Bunce Island which according to records is the largest slave port owned by the British during the time of slavery. It is estimated that over 200,000 people were shipped out of that port to the Americas. Many of them are referred to as the Gullah Geechee today.

Sierra Leone was the headquarters for the British during colonial occupation.

Sierra Leone has a large Krio community in and around Freetown which represents the descendants of enslaved Africans who were loyalists who fought with the British and were given their freedom, taken to Nova Scotia then Freetown, Sierra Leone. In addition to the Loyalists, there were former Maroons from Jamaica, as well as former enslaved Africans who were on slave ships and disembarked in Freetown. So, the Krio population is a combination of Africans from all over the continent and the Americas.

Later we traveled to the Provinces where we visited the Headquarters of the Mandigo in Sierra Leone which is located in Karina town about 40 minutes from a Temne town called Makeni. The Mandigo Chief Fufana welcomed us with open arms. The entire community came out!! During our visit, we received a tour of the village, we met all the wonderful community members including very lots of very curious children. Two Mandigo and Temne sons received their traditional names during our visit. In addition, they were adopted by local families who lovingly showed them their family home. The Fufana and Kamara families are richer for having two new sons in their families.

We traveled through lush farmland to the Mende town of BO, wow!!! During our visit to the compound of the Paramount Chief of Bo, and before our Naming Ceremony, we assisted the community in preparing the community meal; on the menu was rice, cassava leaf soup, and krain-krain which is made with a lot of palm oil!! Yummy!! We danced and sang the entire time.

The most special part of our journey to Sierra Leone was when these sons were given their citizenship from the Sierra Leone government!!! Wow!!!

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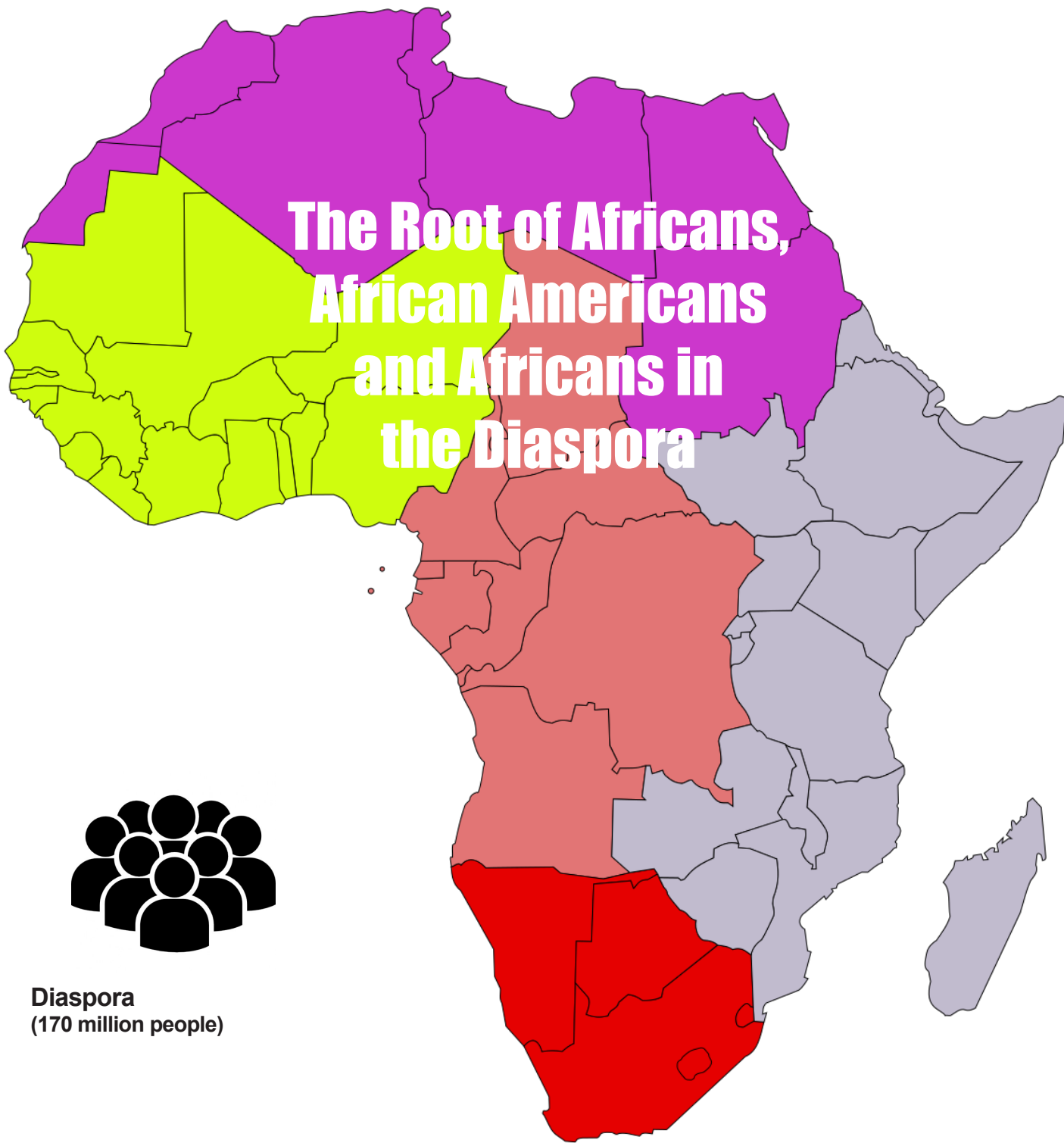
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-Dr. Arikana Chihombori-Quao

Arikana Chihombori-Quao is a medical doctor and activist. She is a public speaker, educator, diplomat, founder of medical clinics, and an entrepreneur. She moved to the United States after living many years in Zimbabwe. She is the CEO and founder of Bell Family Medical Centers in the United States. She was the African Union representative to the US. She was appointed in 2017. On October 7, 2019 she received notice that she was no longer “Permanent Ambassador” in a letter from the African Union Commission Chairman, Moussa Faki. She holds a bachelor’s degree in General Chemistry, a master’s degree in organic chemistry, and a Doctor of Medicine degree. Chihombori was a family medicine specialist in Tennessee. She practiced medicine for 29 years in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Chihombori is outspoken about the implications of the Berlin Conference that took place in Berlin, Germany, in 1885. She lectures about the outcome of the divisions on the continent of Africa that were made. She sees these divisions as a cause of some of Africa’s problems that are still in effect today. She seeks to reunite African states, and Africans in the Diaspora.

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