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“What Is An American?”

By: Christy Capers

“What is an American?” Why, citizens born in the United States or naturalized over a period of time are Americans, of course! However, the implications of this question has divided the nation for centuries.

Would denizens then be protected under this definition - which necessitates the debate are you an American or are you just a person living in America? And just how much does patriotism factor into this? This simple question opens the door to many branching conversations relating to people of color, and what a homeland constitutes. While the true Americans, to me, are the indigenous tribes dotting the landscape that have since significantly decreased



due to the long legacy of colonialism and genocide, I also have to wonder if they would be considered patriotic. ... I don't think so.

First, let us define patriotism. The standard of patriotism is an ideology that was historically invented by White Americans when it came time to apply Manifest Destiny and expand territorially across North America. Patriotism largely refers to the love for, and defense of, a country, embracing a strong Congress and military. Why should a people whose ancestors have been slaughtered on a mass scale embrace this ideology again? Why should the descendants of slaves feel this way?

Next, we have nationalism, which is often considered to be “patriotism-
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Eunice Carter 1899 – 1970



Eunice Carter, born in 1899, was raised in a world of stultifying expectations about race and gender, yet by the 1940s, her professional and political successes had made her one of the most famous Black women in America.

A graduate of Smith College and the granddaughter of slaves, Eunice beat all odds by becoming a Black woman prosecutor in New York City during the 1930s. However, according to Invisible, a biography written by her grandson, Stephen Carter, she really made history when she became the mastermind who came up with the strategy to take down Lucky Luciano, the most powerful Mafia boss in history. Without her genius, he would never have been convicted in 1936.

What makes her story even more historic is that when special prosecutor Thomas E. Dewey selected twenty lawyers to help him clean up the city's underworld, Eunice Carter was the only member of his team who was not a white male.

Her triumphs, however, were shadowed by prejudice and tragedy. Greatly complicating her rise was her difficult relationship with her younger brother, Alphaeus, an avowed Communist who, together with his friend Dashiell Hammett, would go to prison during the McCarthy era. Yet despite often finding her path blocked by the social and political expectations of her time, she never accepted defeat.

She died in 1970, but her legend remains.

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Committee (MVRPC) Welcomes Regional Equity Manager, Carlton Eley

Carlton Eley is an accomplished expert on the topic of equitable development. He is a former civil servant whose career with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) spanned 20 years. At EPA, he

created and managed a portfolio on equitable development for 13 years, and he was the first urban planner hired by EPA's Office of Environmental Justice.

Mr. Eley is credited for elevating equitable devel-

opment to the level of formal recognition within the U.S. EPA as an approach for encouraging sustainable communities. He was appointed by the President of the American Planning Association (APA) to serve as Chair of the Social Equity Task Force. Also, he re-energized APA's focus on social equity by publishing a Planning Advisory Service Memo in March, 2017, that was released to APA's 45,000 members.

He has managed national workshops; coordinated national recognition programs; conducted community technical assistance; and published multiple articles that explore the intersection of equity and



Carlton Eley

community planning. Mr. Eley nominated State Representative Harold Mitchell, Jr. and the Re-Genesis Project for the 2015 National Planning Excellence Award for Advancing Diversity and Social Change in Honor of Paul
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Officers in Breonna Taylor Case Escape Indictment



Hankinson at just \$15,000. None of the six officers involved were charged with a crime.

On March 13, Taylor, 26, was fatally shot by Louisville Metro Police officers after a late-night no-knock warrant led to gunfire inside of her apartment.

Taylor and Walker had watched a movie in bed and, not long after she drifted off to sleep, cops pounded on her door. Walker, according to police reports, yelled, “who is it?”

Licensed to carry a firearm and armed with Kentucky legislation that allowed him to stand his ground and fire his weapon in self-defense, Walker responded to the late-night break-in by shooting at the officers. He called 9-11 because he didn't know that the men were law enforcement officers, only that they appeared as intruders who knocked the door off of its hinges. Officers unleashed a flurry of bullets from several angles – one officer fired blindly from a window outside of the house – ultimately, striking Taylor five times and killing her.

Walker's shot struck Sgt. Jonathan Mattingly in the thigh. Initially, Walker was charged with attempted murder, but those allega-

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By: Lucien Bruggeman, John Santucci, and Katherine Faulders

President Donald Trump on Saturday announced his nomination of federal Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court to fill the seat of the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

The move to select Barrett sets up what promises to be a bitter confirmation fight less than two months before Election Day -- an unexpected twist in an election season already fraught with the coronavirus pandemic and attempts by the president to undermine confidence in the result.

It also promises to upend the relative ideological balance that has marked the court for decades, establishing a clear conservative majority should Trump's nominee be seated.

"Judge Barrett was confirmed to the circuit court three years ago by a bipartisan vote. Her quali-



Judge Amy Coney Barrett speaks after being nominated to the US Supreme Court by President Donald Trump in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington, DC, on Sept. 26, 2020.

fications are unsurpassed and her record is beyond reproach. This should be a straightforward and prompt confirmation," Trump said during the Rose Garden announcement.

He added, "Rulings that the Supreme Court will issue in the coming years will decide the survival of our Second Amendment, our religious liberty, our public safety and so much more. To maintain security, liberty and prosperity, we must preserve our priceless heritage of a nation of laws. And there's

no one better to do that than Amy Coney Barrett." Upon her nomination, Barrett said, "I love the United States, and I love the United States' Constitution. I'm truly humbled by the prospect of serving on the Supreme Court."

A devout Catholic, mother of seven and the favored choice of conservative groups, Barrett is a relative newcomer to the federal bench, having served just three years on the Chicago-based 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. Despite her short tenure as a federal judge, the long-

time Notre Dame Law professor emerged as the front-runner on Trump's shortlist in the days following Ginsburg's death.

At 48, Barrett is the youngest Supreme Court nominee since Clarence Thomas in 1991, and could expect to serve well into the middle of the century – an attractive prospect to Trump and his allies on Capitol Hill.

Barrett's appeal within the administration has
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Dayton Fellowship Club Celebrates 30-Year Anniversary



(L-R): Dan Schneider, Carol Egan, President Alan Walder, Angi Kazemier and John Shinholser.

By: Barbara Vinzant
Staff Writer
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On Sunday, September 25, at the Marriott Hotel approximately 100 guests and members came together to give credit, praise and applause to the organization's members, deceased and still present, who have stood the test of time through trials and tribulations to



Attendees enjoy 30th Anniversary

provide a meeting place, instructions and support for the addicts who came through their doors seeking help. In 1990, the group was given a vacant gas station building on Riverview and Philadelphia Drives to host its meetings. The group adopted the name The Dayton Fellowship Club. After a five-year stay, it was

learned that the building was being sold and the members found themselves homeless. After a pain-staking search and with the help of Mrs. Annie Bonapart, they found an interim location at an old boat house on James McGee Blvd. and months later a new location was offered by Rhine McLin

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On The Street

Is the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Affecting Your Holiday Plans?



Shannon Marbury



Vivian Corporan



Tae Winston

By LaTonya Victoria
Staff Writer

According to the Ohio Department of Health website there are 151,000 cases and 4,750 deaths caused by COVID-19 in the State of Ohio. I remember in March when Governor Mike DeWine announced that we were about to shelter in place. Fast forward seven months. It never crossed my mind that I'd be wearing a mask daily while in public and making sure that I had hand sanitizer with me at all times. I took little things for granted such as gatherings with family and friends and being in close proximity with total strangers without a second thought. Many of us have been taking advantage of the outdoors in order to social distance with family and friends. Health experts say that COVID-19 could surge during the colder months.

For many of us, the holidays are a time to reflect and be thankful. I asked several people in the Miami Valley how they were planning to spend their holidays this year and received the following variety of responses:

1) Shannon Marbury, who is a Sales Manager for Navistar and lives Beaver-creek, replied, "I'm an only child so we have a pretty limited family. I usually host Thanksgiving at my house. We usually do Christmas at my mom's house. We don't have a traditional meal for Christmas. After all the traditional stuff for Thanksgiving, I just think it's just boring to do that. Instead we have a theme. It could be Mexican, or Italian. One year we even did salads and sandwiches. I'm not sure what the theme will be this year with COVID-19. Maybe this year will be Soul Food Sunday or something."

2) Vivian Corporan, who is a fitness instructor, event planner, and an interpreter and lives in Bellbrook said, "We normally get together with three other families. We're families away from home from Puerto Rico who've attached ourselves here and every year we get together. Our kids are grown and live in other states. This year they're not able to come home for Thanksgiving. We will be spending it with a much smaller crew maybe just one of the other families. This year is going to be really weird and different. Last year we were able to go the Macy's parade because my son lives in New York. That was amazing! I've never seen that in person. It's totally different from just watching it on TV. I was jacked up like a little kid. It was so fun. Contrast to this year with COVID-19, we'll be Facetimeing instead of being together."

3) Tae Winston, who lives in Dayton and is the founder and owner of the Entrepreneur's Marketplace and the Entrepreneur's Shop said, "We are still planning to get together for Thanksgiving. We're going to Gatlinburg to cook in the cabins where we will have more room. For Christmas, we're going to fly down and see my brother and his family in Dallas. For business, we're definitely going to give back to the community. We're going to feed as many people as we can out of the Entrepreneur's Marketplace the day before Thanksgiving. Then the day after Thanksgiving at 7:00 AM open both stores and have a chef and sales all day."

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**President Trump Nominates Amy Coney Barrett for Supreme Court Seat...
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also been shaped in part by her reputation as a protégé of the late Justice Antonin Scalia, an icon of the religious right for whom she once clerked, sources said.

For Democrats, Barrett's conservative tilt and religious affiliation – expressed largely through her prolific catalog of scholarly writings – made her approval to the federal bench in 2017 a bitter affair. During a combative confirmation hearing for the post, Barrett became a rock star in conservative circles – not for what she told the committee, but what a powerful Senator said to her.

"Whatever a religion is, it has its own dogma. The law is totally different," said California Sen. Dianne Feinstein, the committee's ranking Democrat. "I think in your case, professor ... the dogma lives loudly within you, and that is of concern."

Feinstein's comments drew rebukes from religious freedom groups and Republican senators. Her phrase, "the dogma lives loudly within you," has since made its way onto tee shirts and mugs for sale on the internet.

During the same hearing, Barrett said, "I take my faith seriously and I'm a faithful Catholic," but assured senators that it is "never appropriate to impose a judge's personal convictions,

whether they arise from faith or anywhere else, on the law."

Professor Rick Garnett, a former colleague and Barrett's neighbor, said the "grace" with which Barrett fielded Feinstein's remarks appealed to religious conservatives and improved her standing with those in the administration.

"The way she handled that [hearing] elevated her in the public conversation," Garnett told ABC News. "It's not just that some of the senators said some strange things about religion, but it was that then-Professor Barrett handled it in a dignified way and I think it made a lot of Americans – religious believers of all stripes – feel inspired and proud."

Eventually, the Senate approved her nomination 55-43, with just three Democrats voting across party lines.

A self-described originalist, Barrett's tenure as an appellate judge has affirmed her conservative credentials. She authored a 2018 dissent arguing that convicted felons should not be barred from having guns. And while she has not issued a ruling yet on abortion, she has twice staked out positions aligned with the anti-abortion movement.

Prior to her judgeship, Barrett made a name for herself at Notre Dame Law School, also her alma mater. During her 2017 confirmation process, her

Notre Dame Law colleagues penned a glowing – and unanimous – endorsement letter. More than 450 former students also advocated her confirmation.

She supplemented her time in the classroom – where she taught courses on federal courts, constitutional law, and statutory interpretation – with several scholarly articles on subjects ranging from Supreme Court precedent to due process.

In her scholarly work, Barrett has argued for Catholic judges to recuse themselves from death penalty cases, citing the "the moral impossibility of enforcing capital punishment," and suggested that legal precedent is susceptible to being overturned, leading critics to question how she would consider the landmark abortion ruling Roe v. Wade. In 2013, Barrett was quoted in the Notre Dame student newspaper as saying that "it is very unlikely at this point that the court is going to

overturn Roe [v. Wade]."

During the 2017 confirmation, Barrett walked back her position on the death penalty, telling senators that she would not recuse "as a blanket matter" from capital punishment cases. On abortion, she stood by past comments that "abortion ... is always immoral," but added that, if confirmed, her "views on this or any other question will have no bearing on the discharge of [her] duties as a judge."

Scrutiny of Barrett's faith has also extended to her personal affiliations, particularly her long-time ties to a Charismatic Christian community called People of Praise.

The group encourages its more than 1,700 members to make a covenant to the community, and it also assigns younger members a personal mentor, known as a "head" or "leader." Until recently, women in those roles were referred to as "handmaids," which led some news outlets and commentators to speculate

that People of Praise may have been the inspiration behind Margaret Atwood's famous novel, "The Handmaid's Tale." Both Atwood and People of Praise denied those claims.

Barrett has not spoken publicly about her involvement in People of Praise, and neither the group nor an aide to Barrett would comment on her current status with the organization. Critics suggest her ties to the community and a covenant many members make – which the group describes as "a promise of love and service we choose to make to one another" – may conflict with her oath to uphold the constitution. For its part, People of Praise denies that its practices would have any effect on a member's professional life.

Barrett's confirmation process is expected to be strained by the political pressure of a nomination and hearing so close to a presidential election.

Democrats have accused Republicans of hypoc-

ry in moving forward with a replacement for Ginsburg, who died last week with only 45 days before the November vote. In 2016, Republicans blocked President Barack Obama's Supreme Court nominee, Judge Merrick Garland, after Scalia's death more than 200 days before the election.

A native of Louisiana, Barrett attended Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., for undergraduate studies before earning her law degree summa cum laude from the Notre Dame in 1997. After graduating law school, Barrett clerked for Judge Laurence Silberman of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals and then Scalia before a brief stint in private practice in Washington, D.C.

Her husband, Jesse Barrett, served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of Indiana.

Monday October 5th Is the Last Day to Register to Vote!

By LaTonya Victoria

In 31 days, residents of the Miami Valley will cast their vote in the 2020 highly anticipated Presidential Election on the first Tuesday in November (November 3rd). On this day, we will also be voting on numerous issues and local races. I had the pleasure of talking with Brandon McClain, our Montgomery County Recorder, about the upcoming election and why it's important to vote.

Mr. McClain has served in local politics in many capacities. He spoke about how he is currently the Montgomery County Recorder, has served as an Attorney, Magistrate, and Acting Judge in Dayton Municipal Court. He is a veteran who was honorably discharged as a sergeant and said this about his public service, "Re-

gardless of the role that I've occupied, I've always believed that public service is a calling and a calling that I've been proud to serve throughout my life."

I asked Mr. McClain what makes this election so special. He said, "This is the most consequential election of our lifetime. That's because this election is going to be something that's going to be felt for generations to come. The President will have an impact on deciding who's going to be appointed to a lifelong judgeship for the Supreme Court. This position is going to make decisions that's going to impact gender equality, climate change, Social Security, healthcare, and student loan debt. That's what's on the ballot. These positions are things that change, but the discretion and the impact of the

people in these positions is what's long lasting. That is why people should be motivated to vote."

In order to vote, you must first be at least 18 and registered to vote. Mr. McClain shared that, "Felons can vote. Felons can vote if they have completed their sentence and have been released. They can vote if they are on probation or parole as long as the felony wasn't for voter fraud." The deadline to register to vote is October 5th. Early voting begins on Tuesday, October 6th. Did you know that it takes just two minutes to register to vote? To register to vote you can simply go to vote411.org. There you will be able to find out your voter registration status, register to vote, find your polling location and get information about upcoming debates and fo-



rums in your area.

Voter purges happen automatically. Mr. McClain said, "Under Ohio law, voter purges takes place anytime someone hasn't voted in two consecutive federal elections. In addition, there's been a 20% error rate with individuals being purged off the voter rolls." Do your part to have your voice heard and make sure that you're registered to vote. Dayton Weekly News readers may join us next week when we take a deeper look at some of the local issues and candidates on the ballot on November 3rd, 2020.

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tions were later dropped in part because he didn't know the invaders were police officers and Kentucky's statute essentially allows for a shoot-first-ask-questions-later when there's an imminent threat.

Judge Mary Shaw had signed off on five warrants based on flimsy statements provided by cops who claimed Taylor's ex-boyfriend was a drug dealer and that they somehow suspected she was involved.

The Grand Jury decision came as little surprise giving the response this week by Louisville officials, who declared a state of emergency ahead of the reading of the decision.

Also, all off-duty police personnel were called to work while workers boarded up stores and buildings in downtown Louisville in preparation for the reading of the Grand Jury decision.

"We live in a racist society, to the extent that we don't even acknowledge that we fail in our ability to correct that," said Sadiqa Reynolds, the president of the Louisville Urban League.

"To believe that there would be charges against White police officers against this Black woman in this city, this country, is wrong. We don't have justice in America. We don't have justice in Louisville," a tearful Reynolds stated.

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Davidoff.

In 2003, Mr. Eley participated in the Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowship in Public Policy. Following the fellowship, he wrote a chapter on Wel-

lington, New Zealand, for the book, Local Sustainable Urban Development in a Globalized World and has served on community advisory service teams for Pamlico County, NC;

Princeville, NC; Gary, IN; Birmingham, AL; and the Vecht River Valley in the Netherlands. His technical assistance work, professional writing, and public engagement efforts

have earned citations from the APA; the National Organization of Minority Architects; and former U.S. Representative Julia Carson. Since 2005, Mr. Eley has offered numerous lectures on equitable development, including presentations in New Zealand; British Columbia; and the United Arab Emirates. He has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology/Social Work Curriculum from Elizabeth City State University and a Master of Science Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Iowa.

As Regional Equity Initiative Manager, Mr. Eley will lead equity initiatives agency-wide and in collaboration with our members and strategic partners. He will also serve as the Agency's Title VI leader and expert diversity, inclusion and equity administrator and will be responsible for complex projects related to social justice and systemic inequities focused on revision of policies and transformation of systems.

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Editorial & Comments

Something to Consider:

Living in a Spiritual Zoom Room? You Can Make Your Own

By: Brenda Cochran
Contributing Writer

Many of us have experienced having our monthly or weekly meetings on Zoom even though we have been accustomed to meeting in person. Although Zoom is deemed necessary because of the pandemic and the need to remain inside more, are you aware that you can make your own Zoom Room and make it that very special and private room or special space not for virtual meetings, but a special place or space for you to meditate, pray, or simply reconnect.

Whether you are a religious individual, non-religious or anything in between, a sacred place can assist you to pause, unplug, and reflect on the only work that re-



Brenda Cochran

ally matters: loving the world, practicing gratitude, thinking positively and being extra kind to yourself.

We've learned that many are going through depression because of the fact that staying inside for days at a time and the fact that those many wonderful occasions, and being around not only family members, but all of those

special people and friends have not taken place. Wouldn't you agree that having your own special Zoom Room would be the perfect place for you right now?

Having a designated space in your home especially for prayer, meditation, or just a private reflection time can be a constant reminder of how important it is to cultivate this sense of awe and wonder in your life. Even if you only have a few minutes to spend there in a day, perhaps having this place will help you toward incorporating more mindfulness, meditation, and quietness into your life.

Remember to think about what you are seeking to add to your life by setting this space or room apart in your home. What do you really hope to ac-

complish in this space? Is it something that you can see yourself using every day, or just on important holy days, anniversaries, or season?

A woman by the name of Sarah Starr who is a writer and a life coach, reports that setting aside a space for meditation or rituals is a process that invites people to make mental, emotional, and energetic space. This space or room also serves as a daily reminder to connect with yourself and with your spiritual helper. Whenever you walk pass it, you will feel that calling and commitment to do the work that you're showing up to do, not cleaning or dusting your home, but really allowing a time for self-examination and spiritual growth. Remember, you don't have to be involved with a

religious church or group.

You can search for maybe corners in your house that are not being used, but not where the television or children are. Think about how attractive you can make this special place. Pillows placed even in a window-sill with soft colors could work. Just remember that you want it to be anywhere you can create a portable sacred space and you can even fill a portion with a box that is filled with objects that are meaningful to you, such as your religious books. I recently ordered "Blessed to Be Memory Verse Cards" from Charles Stanley. They are perfect. It could even be in your favorite chair. Just make sure it's your own. If it is in your favorite chair, place a pillow that is beautiful and one that you can sit on

each time you meditate or get quiet. Wherever you place that pillow whether on the floor, a chair, sofa or your bed, will become your sacred space.

The following are two quotes concerning prayer and meditation. The first is:

"The mind is like water. When it is turbulent, it's difficult to see. When it's calm, everything becomes clear." (Unknown)

The next one is: *"Exercise, prayer, and meditation are examples of calming rituals. They have been shown to induce a happier mood and provide a positive pathway through life's daily frustrations."*

Chuck Norris – An American martial artist, actor, producer and screen writer.

Commentary

Will Police Departments Accept the Liability of Bad Cops?

By Dr. James B. Ewers Jr.

The police shootings of Black men and Black women have become commonplace. There is no end to these tragedies in sight. Our America has become a shooting gallery, with those of us who pay a skin tax as the targets.

Is there no safe place for Black people to be?

Back in the day, our homes were our castles. They were places where we had fun, enjoyed having lots to eat and were safe. We took all three of these for granted.

Not today, especially if you are Black like me. Sad, but true, the police will shoot us inside of our homes, too.

Breonna Taylor, an African American woman, was shot and killed inside of her home by the Louisville

Metro Police Department. She was shot eight times by law enforcement.

This criminal act, committed by the police, took place on March 13th. Attorney Benjamin Crump filed a lawsuit on April 27th. The lawsuit accused the police of wrongful death, excessive force and gross negligence.

The city of Louisville recently reached a \$ 12 million settlement with the family of Breonna Taylor. In addition, the City Council passed legislation to ban "no-knock" warrants.

There was a "no-knock" warrant used when the three police officers killed Breonna Taylor.

The City Council also unanimously passed legislation that mandates the police to wear body cameras when serving search warrants and to turn on the camera five minutes before beginning the op-



eration. They also approved "Breonna's Law" which is an ordinance that places a ban on "no-knock" warrants. The mayor of Louisville, Greg Fischer, signed the legislation immediately upon receiving it.

Attorney Crump said, "She was in her home doing absolutely nothing wrong."

Unfortunately, we as African Americans can be doing everything right and still get killed. Just ask the family of Botham Jean.

Laws are needed to stop the widespread killing of

Black people.

However, this statement carries no weight when the laws are not enforced, or are not on the books.

It can be debated that police are going around unchecked and uncontrolled. This must stop!

Banning chokeholds and outlawing "no-knock" warrants may be a start to a problem that has festered like an open wound for far too long.

In the minds of many – mine included – the police and/or legislators are instituting new laws, only after Black people have been killed. This reaction-

ary type of policing is not going to work in the long run. Using a band-aid when surgery is required is not the answer.

Laws are made by human beings. When they are outdated, or are causing death and collateral damage, it is time to change them. Breonna Taylor's killing and George Floyd's killing forced laws to change.

The question is why does another Black person have to be killed for a law to be changed?

One of my good friends is a police officer and we were talking about what is happening in police departments across America. As a Black police officer, he thinks, like any organization, that there are some rotten apples within police departments. He says they just have not been exposed yet.

I believe his assessment

is correct. Eventually, they will be identified and fired.

A pressing question at the inquiry desk is how long can police departments take this ongoing criticism and heat? Bad police are giving entire police departments a bad reputation.

For example, I would strongly suggest that the overwhelming majority of the police officers in Minneapolis and Louisville are good hardworking men and women. They are serving their communities well and doing what is right.

Police departments must find a way to push bad cops out of their departments. Right now, they are getting too much negative attention because of a few bad seeds.

Opinion

National HBCU Voting Summit Stresses Importance of Youth Turnout

The event honored the legacy of late Congressman John Lewis, civil rights champion and voting rights advocate

By: Christina M. Greer

Fayetteville State University students get off a Black Votes Matter bus at Smith Recreation Center on March 3, 2020 in Fayetteville, North Carolina. (Photo by Melissa Sue Gerrits/Getty Images)

On September 10 and 11, this historic summit, for the first time, brought together over 40 HBCUs from around the country to chart a way forward in preparation for the upcoming election and future elections to come. This virtual event honored the legacy of late Congressman John Lewis, civil rights champion and voting rights advocate.

HBCUs are critical anchor institutions for engaging not only Black students, but also the wider communities where they are located. This summit is a critical opportunity to engage a voting bloc that can have an enormous impact on the outcome of

the upcoming election.

As we continue to witness more and more schemes aimed at disenfranchising college students, particularly Black students, this summit is focused on informing, preparing, and equipping students with the tools they need to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

The summit was hosted by Alabama A&M University and, for the first time, brought together HBCUs from around the country to plan for an election and prepare students to vote in 2020 and in the future.

"Ensuring that young people of color have full and equal access to the ballot box is crucial, especially in light of the widespread voter suppression efforts taking place across the country," said Alexandria Harris, Esq., Executive Director of The Andrew Goodman Foundation.

This summit comes at a flashpoint in our history



Spelman College (Photo by Paras Griffin/Getty Images for 20th Century Fox)

following the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and other Black Americans at the hands of law enforcement. Young Americans, many of whom are college students, are taking to the streets to demand justice and equality.

Concurrently, the COVID-19 pandemic is having a disproportionate impact on the Black community exposing the widespread nature of systemic inequality. And within this context, we're battling voter suppression efforts aimed at maintaining the

status quo. This summit was part of the ongoing fight for racial justice and equity through education, advocacy, and preparing students to vote.

Blatant voter suppression efforts from local and state governments have dramatically increased the past few years and disproportionately targeted people of color and students, who are historically targets of voter suppression. Educating these students on how to navigate these barriers is the most potent way of fighting back.

The event was co-hosted by The Andrew Goodman Foundation, Fair Elections Center's Campus Vote Project and Students Learn Students Vote (SLSV) Coalition and by Alabama A&M University.

The Andrew Goodman Foundation's mission is to make young voices and votes a powerful force in democracy by training the next generation of leaders, engaging young voters, and challenging restrictive voter suppression laws.

The Foundation's Vote Everywhere program partners with America's colleges and universities to provide resources, visibility, and mentoring to a national network of student leaders who involve their peers in participatory democracy through long-term voter engagement, public policy, and social justice initiatives.

AGF has chapters at many HBCUs across the country, and the summit was an extension of their

commitment to creating infrastructure to help support HBCUs and their students participate in our democracy.

The organization is named after Andrew Goodman, a 20-year-old Freedom Summer volunteer, and champion of equality and voting rights who, along with James Chaney and Michael Schwerner, was murdered by the KKK in 1964 while registering Black Americans to vote in Mississippi. The story of these three young men struck a public chord that galvanized support for the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

If you would like to get involved, please contact The Andrew Goodman Foundation, Fair Elections Center's Campus Vote Project or the Students Learn Students Vote (SLSV) Coalition.

Education

Another Distinction of Excellence for Wilberforce University

A recent announcement heralds the school's designation as the 40th best healthcare administration degree program in the nation.

University Headquarters (HQ), a student resource guide, recently released its list of best value healthcare administration programs and Wilberforce is listed ahead of larger schools such as Tulane University and the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV). The Historically Black College or University (HBCU) also achieves this honor as one of four colleges in Ohio selected in the top 55 positions as the best in this category.

"This ranking recognizes the hard work and commitment of our faculty in that program. Our small, hands on, family environment class work, gives students the motivation to make this area of study a highly sought curriculum at Wilberforce," says Dr. Edward Hill, VP, Academic Affairs, Strategic Initiatives.

This acknowledgment is particularly special for Wilberforce student Mancell Lyttle. The senior from Detroit, Michigan will receive his bachelor of science degree in health services administration in December of this year.

"Since I have been here at Wilberforce University, I have seen more and more students enter this major," says Mancell Lyttle, Wilberforce University, Class of 2020.

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Mancell Lyttle

the work force or graduate program. Mancell Lyttle says, he's ready. He says, "When I get that degree, I know it will pay off. I've gained the knowledge, and my internships have given me the experience. I won't just get a degree and not know how to use it."

Dr. Anuradha Venkateswaran is the dean of the college of professional studies at Wilberforce. She says this: "best of" designation not only creates greater enthusiasm to promote enrollment for the university, it further encourages students already enrolled in the school's health services administration program. "It's going to point out a program with such high regard presents great career prospects."

To say there is great demand for healthcare jobs is an understatement. According to the U. S. Bureau of Labor statistics, healthcare will be the fastest growing employment trend between the years 2014 and 2024. Wilberforce University's premier, four-year curriculum

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zilla" - a more aggressive form of patriotism. It is the identification with the nation you are a part of, yet also try to separate from other cultures outside or within. It is also a sentiment African-Americans have struggled with since we had the freedom to feel such a way, especially when you consider that White nationalism is the stepping stone to White supremacy.

However, Black nationalism has been an option available to Black people

has already addressed that movement by preparing students for these related healthcare careers. It's what Mancell Lyttle already knows. He will return to Wilberforce after his December, 2020 graduation to pursue a master's degree in clinical rehabilitation counseling. He says, "I'm very confident I will find work."

University Headquarters (HQ) is a new student resource website that helps college bound students narrow their decisions about fields of study.

Wilberforce University is a four-year, accredited, liberal arts college located in Greene County, Ohio, near Dayton. Founded in 1856, it is the nation's first, private, HBCU. It is a member of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Conference and the Ohio LINK Library Consortium. According to HBCU.com, Wilberforce is one of the top five HBCUs in the Midwest.

since our emancipation. Black nationalism a term used to describe encouraging a sense of oneness and self-sufficiency among Black Americans. We aim to define and establish our own interests, while the main goal shared is creating our own separate nation within a nation. Now considered radical, many of our people still embrace this concept today.

In our collective consciousness, patriotism evokes a more positive imagery, while nationalism evokes a negative one. Why? We know that whichever side you lean more towards is simply shaped by your experience living in this country.

So "what is an American?" Are the real Americans the people with flags firmly planted in the backyard of their homes? Do they believe in change through protest? Do they get angry at peaceful protest? Do they believe Blue Lives Matter? Do they prioritize the President, and support him? Do they prioritize Black bodies in the streets? Do they prioritize the dignity of the environment? Are they libertar-

Sigmas Volunteer at Artemis Domestic Violence Center

By Zack Frink

The graduate chapter for a local fraternity is giving back to the community. The Beta Xi Sigma chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. will volunteer at the Artemis Domestic Violence Center on Saturday, September 26, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The community service is part of the Sigma National Day of Service. All chapters of Phi Beta Sigma are set to conduct community service projects in their communities on that day focusing on the themes of social action, improving businesses and education.

Members of the Beta Xi Sigma chapter plan to help

the Artemis Center by doing tasks that include organizing pantries, labeling materials and cleaning the building. The chapter also intends to donate \$10 gas cards, Kroger gift cards and a monetary donation to the Artemis Center to help purchase supplies for domestic violence victims and their families.

"The Artemis Center was selected as the chapter's service project because of the great strides the center has made in the greater Dayton area," said Dr. Justen V. Seay Sr., president of the Beta Xi Sigma chapter.

Dr. Seay wants community members to donate personal care and hygiene

products like bar soap, deodorant, diapers, toothpaste and toothbrushes, towels and nail care kits. Donations can be delivered to the Artemis Center in the name of "Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Beta Xi Sigma chapter."

The chapter has its sights set on other community service projects for the remainder of this year. Upcoming community service projects include a Trunk or Treat for the families of Emerson Academy, Thank-giving baskets for families in need, and a winter clothes drive benefiting students in local schools.

Voter Rights Quit Claim



By:Jermaine McGhee

"We would like to thank you, minority Americans, especially those of you who live in a swing state like Ohio. Your ignorance of and frustration at our mundane voter distractions still amazes us. Our public school system has given your children just enough education to work toward our goals, no matter how foolish they may be nor which actor we may employ to influence our power over your free will democracy.

"We would like to thank you for the last 50 years or so in which you've allowed us to erode your civil rights just as quickly as you've been giving them! It is so joyful to watch your people still be so easily swayed by our comments and in considerations towards your mighty race. We have done everything we can to change your own perception of your lives your families and your communities in order to work towards our ambitions of total control through media.

"Go ahead and stay at home this election! There's no need to come out in the cold when you can stay home and enjoy on television the reality shows that we've placed in your lives to help you feel better about your mun-

ians?

Is it American to believe in the foundation of this country, but realizes we have major steps to take to get there? Or is it American to believe that this country has always been great up until recently? I guess it is up to us - the born-here Americans, the naturalized Americans, the immigrants - to define that for ourselves.

dane existence as worker bees. Remember you don't believe your vote counts anyway so what's the sense in wasting your time? We will continue to take care of the world for you.

Sincerely Yours,
Mr. Propaganda"

The above was a satirical piece written to express one perspective in relationship to the gradual loss of hard one voters rights. Without the great sacrifices by early Freedom Riders, and civil rights leaders like The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the 1965 15th amendment to the United States Constitution would most likely have never occurred. Perhaps, even,

women's right to vote would never have come to pass, either. Many of us may not be able to imagine living in a time when dogs and water hoses were used on protesters, no matter man, woman, or child. the younger of us often take for granted never having witnessed the effects of the Jim Crow era, segregated water fountains and school functions. Or have we?

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Religion

Dayton Fellowship Club Celebrates 30-Year Anniversary... Continued from Page 2



Dayton Fellowship Officers Accept Award

to rent the old McLin Funeral Home. The building had twice the space and offered new opportunities to grow the fellowship. The 30-year existence has brought trials, tribulations, financial strains, worry and tear on the membership but, through it all, the members boast that it was God on their side and their commitment to fight the addiction that had consumed the lives of many Dayton residents that kept them moving on.

Long time Fellowship members Marilyn Davis, Leon Henry, Jefferson Smith, Jessica Finney, Dr. James Dobbins, Raymond Howard, and Mark Czarzasty shared the importance of the Fellowship in their lives and what the group means to them. It was

Dan Schneider who shared that it was the murder of his son over a drug deal that got him involved to seek his son's killer which resulted in the person being arrested. He shared: "before his son died, he said that he wanted to discourage kids from doing drugs and his dream is being lived through me. We need a big voice to be sounded and heard about the drug problem in this country and I want to be a part of making that big voice heard. He observed that there must be 1,000 years of sobriety in this room and you are to be congratulated on what you accomplish on German-town Street." John Shinholser, a recovering addict who hails from Richmond, Virginia, complimented the Fellowship Club on the work that it has accomplished. He also compli-

mented Alan Walder on his tenacity and leadership. Mr. Shinholser stated that: "Good things have come out of that building so keep up the good work." A group of survivors from Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, called "Sisters of Sobriety" under the directorship of Angi Kazemier traveled to Dayton to support this anniversary and presented a floral tree that is to be planted at the Clubhouse on Monday morning by the donor. It was Mr. Bill Roberts who served as the keynote speaker delivering an inspiring message. The Treasurer, Kenneth Richardson, thanked the attendees for their monetary support and attendance. Waldo Littlejohn provided a musical selection followed by closing remarks by Alan Walder who said that It was only God!

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"Around the time of Elizabeth's amazing pregnancy and John's birth, the emperor in Rome, Caesar Augustus, required everyone in the Roman Empire to participate in a massive census—"
Luke 2:1 The Voice



"DEAR GOD, in the United States, Incorporated, census workers were sent out a year in advance with hand-held GPS devices to every single dwelling in the country. According to the documentary Shadow Government by Grant R. Jeffrey, a prophecy expert, the plan is to track and ultimately control the people.

Every time we use social media, watch television, listen to the radio, drive our automobiles, open our smart refrigerator, and flush our smart toilet, the government knows about our every movement (no pun intended). Beware, cell phones are

more than communication devices. And, ID cards with radio frequency chips thereon advances the effort to place eight billion people in a database, to reduce the populous and erode freedoms under the one-world government, one-world economy, and one-world religion. When this regime comes into power, owning property and voting will be abolished.

Luke 2:3 puts it this way, "The purpose of a census is to be sure that everyone is appropriately taxed and knows who is in charge." Emphasis on "knows who is in charge."

Jesus was born in an era where people could not vote and did not have the technology to keep track of the people. However, Jesus was political and often taught the difference between following Him and following His opponent. For example, He called the people of The Way (1) the light of the world and (2) the salt of the earth. In his article Would Jesus Vote? Drew Griffin writes: "the world should be different and brighter because we are in it. The funny thing about light is that it doesn't change what it shines on—it enhances it. Turn a light on in a dark room, the room remains the same, but the experience of the room is different—and better. Salt also does not replace what it interacts with, but rather it enhances it and preserves it. No, there's no direct biblical directive to vote."

Still, Jesus would elect for us to BE both salt and light in our corrupt and dark world.

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Sports

Week Two City League Recap

Belmont Regains Championship Form, Shut Down Ponitz

The Belmont Bison got back to dominating opponents, like they have done for the last half decade as they shut down Ponitz 41-6 at Welcome Stadium on Thursday night. Senior

quarterback (QB) Tavon Hardwick, one of the top players in the League, scored two rushing touchdowns (TDs) and threw for another. His backfield partner Joddi Burton who also caught a TD pass, ran

for two more. The Bison running game was too much for Ponitz as the Bison, led by coach Earl white, now move to 1-1 on the season.

Dunbar Pummels Meadowdale

Dunbar used the rifle arm and shifty legs of Greg Packnett, Jr. and the energy of game one to propel themselves to a 60-0 win over Meadowdale on Friday night.

Jaquan Lusbourgh, one of the best 2-way players in the city, had his way with a pick-6 TD to go with an offensive TD. Greg threw four TDs and ran for another one.

While there are reports that the Wolverines would have to forfeit games, don't expect Dunbar to be left out of the playoffs.

Dunbar moved to 2-0 on the season.

Trotwood Stops Thurgood

The Trotwood Rams knocked off Thurgood to remain undefeated in high school play.

of reach after the Ram's Hudson-Davis scored on a run. Senior QB Cooper Stewart had a good day as well, throwing for a couple of TDs to lead the

Rams on senior night.

The Rams are the defending Ohio High School Athletic Association D-3 State Champions.

Reds end Drought, Join Indians in Major League Baseball (MLB) Playoffs, While LeBron James Plays for National Basketball Association (NBA) Title

The Cincinnati Reds, who were dead to ripe two weeks ago, came back with a vengeance as they will play in the MLB playoffs starting this week. Behind the likes of Trevor Bauer and a stout pitching rotation, the Reds won eight of their last ten games to make it to the playoffs. The Reds are a seven seed and will face a tough opponent in Atlanta. The Braves are a young talented team and will be ready for the challenge. Two weeks ago the Reds were five games out of first and going nowhere fast. After scrapping out a couple wins, the Reds rode their elite pitching to a berth. MLB decided to give more playoff slots and the Reds were a beneficiary of one of those two spots per each conference.



Reds celebrate at home run as they ready for MLB playoffs



Lebron James headed to 10th NBA Finals Appearance

No matter what, look for LeBron James to put on a show in this Finals with Los Angeles.

Dayton Public Schools Athlete of the Week



Joddi Burton, RB-WR -DB (Belmont) Week 2



Greg Packnett Jr, QB -P (Dunbar) Week 1

With the Dayton Public Schools (DPS) fall sports season starting during mid-season, here are the Dayton Weekly Athletes of the Week during Week 1 and Week 2 in the high school football season.

Week 1 Top Players (DPS + Trotwood)

Hezekiah Hudson-Davis (RB) Trotwood

Hezekiah got going mid-way through the first half and became a major problem by scoring twice and amassing over 100 yards on the ground against Ponitz in their season opener. Early in the second quarter, with the passing game not hitting on all cylinders and Ponitz ahead, Offensive coordinator Kerry Ivy and the Rams shifted the weight of the game towards their huge size advantage on the line and with Hezekiah. Hezekiah accepted the challenge, and the rest was history. His powerful running style and ability to make defenders miss the first tackle is a deadly

combo for opponents. Trotwood would roll 34-6 behind Hezekiah.

Jaylen Spann, Running Back (RB) Thurgood

Jaylen Spann was a force and a thorn in Meadowdale's side the entire game as he rumbled for two touchdowns (TDs) in the big win for the Cougars. Early in the game, Thurgood decided to call Jaylen's number and he delivered early and often, accounting for two TDs in the blowout win and a tone that the Lions couldn't match the entire game. Jaylen has great size and has led the Cougars in rushing this season.

Greg Packnett Jr, Quarter Back (QB) Dunbar

Greg Packnett Jr, who last year was a backup after a tumultuous season that ended with the Wolverines falling to Belmont, knew that it would be on him to change what has been a Bison stampede over the City League in football the last five years. Greg was the silver lining in last years game, giving the Wolverines hope that, if he could turn around whatever issues he had going into his senior season, he would still be ready to play. He did, and he showed that he has ma-

tered as he directed a TD drive early, and despite the pressure of the Bison defense, he was able to keep the chains moving and his decision making was the difference in the Wolverines win. While he was rusty in some areas, he was dynamic in others, especially the ability to improvise and make an accurate throw on the run, which frustrated the tough Belmont defense.

Week 2 Top Players Joddi Burton (RB, DB) Belmont

Juddi Burton unleashed on Ponitz as he accounted for over 150 yards and 3 TDs as the Bison got on track with a big win 41-6. Juddi, who worked on his body and skill set relentlessly all summer, showed all of his talents as he caught a nice passing TD, and ran for a couple more as well, along with a 2-pt conversion. Juddi, who has schools interested, could be a nice prospect for any college program.

Jaquan Lusbourgh - (DB, WR) Dunbar

Jaquan Lusbourgh, often overlooked because of the talent on the Wolverines roster, was in prime-time mode on Thursday night as he scored offensively and defensively to lead Dunbar to a big win over Ponitz. He snatched a pass and ran it the length of the field for a back breaking pick-6 which showed really, how versatile and valuable he is. His pick and his speed to actually get to the end zone that fast, showed a big-time player who could be competing for Dayton High School Sports Player of the Year honors.

Week 3 DPS Games (Week 6 Overall)

Belmont vs Trotwood (Game of the Week)

Thurgood vs Dunbar

Ponitz vs Meadowdale

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Health

Miami Valley Hospital, Upper Valley Medical Center Receive Get With The Guidelines, Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award

Miami Valley Hospital and Upper Valley Medical Center have received the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines, Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award. The award recognizes the hospitals' commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the

latest scientific evidence from the American Heart Association (AHA). "The tools and resources provided by this initiative help us improve patient outcomes through measuring and tracking AHA clinical guidelines," said Barbara Johnson, executive vice president and chief operating officer at Premier Health. "Premier Health is committed to improving the quality of care for our stroke patients." Miami Valley Hospital

and Upper Valley Medical Center earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period. These measures include evaluation of the proper use of medications and other stroke treatments aligned with evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. Before

discharge, patients should also receive education on managing their health, schedule a follow up visit, as well as other care transition interventions. Additionally, Miami Valley Hospital also received the Target: Stroke Honor Roll Advanced Therapy Award. The Level I Trauma Center and Comprehensive Stroke Center received this recognition for meeting quality measures developed to reduce the time between the pa-

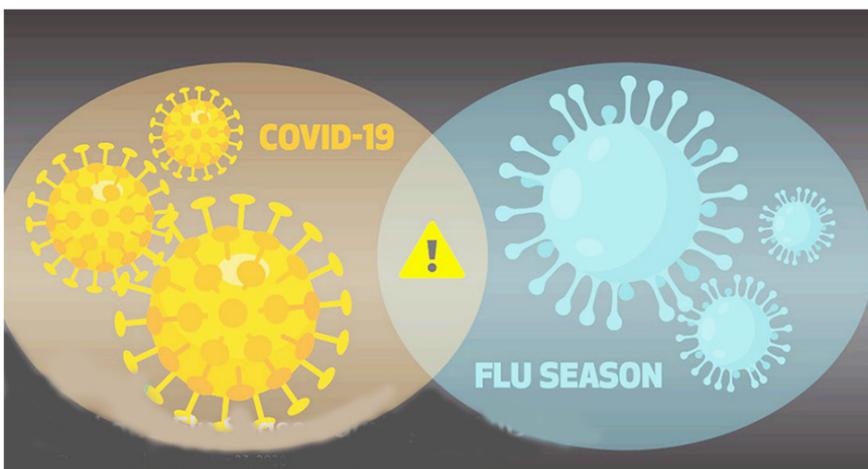
tient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with the clot-buster tissue plasminogen activator, or tPA, the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat ischemic stroke. Miami Valley Hospital received this designation by having Door-To-Device (DTD) times in at least 50 percent of applicable patients within 90 minutes for direct arrivals and within 60 minutes for transfer.

According to the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association, stroke is the fifth leading cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States. On average, someone in the United States suffers a stroke every 40 seconds, and nearly 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

Health & Beauty

Cold and Flu Season During COVID-19

By Glenn Ellis
"Both COVID-19 and flu can spread from person-to-person, between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet). Both are spread mainly by droplets made when people with the illness (COVID-19 or flu) cough, sneeze, or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs."



structural inequity could affect clinical trial participation: Even if a COVID-19 vaccine were available today and proven effective, only 54% of Black adults would be willing to take it, compared to 74% of White adults. The statistics would likely be equally dismal for participation in COVID-19 vaccine trials. COVID-19, flu, and colds all are infectious viral diseases. They are all viruses that can often spread to others by people who are sick before they either begin showing symptoms, have very mild symptoms, or by those infected who are considered asymptomatic, meaning they never develop any symptoms, but are highly contagious. As the weather gets colder, we'll start spending more time indoors where

it's easier to spread viruses, like the flu and COVID-19. Since we don't know how the flu will interact with COVID-19, it's best to do all you can to keep yourself and loved ones healthy and do everything possible to reduce the spread of the flu. It's not as hard as you think. Just keep your primary goal in mind at all times: Take care of yourself; be as informed as possible with credible information; and know the symptoms of flu and COVID-19. Practice the healthiest habits you can, such as getting plenty of sleep and managing stress.

pandemic, healthcare providers aren't sure how our immune systems will react. Truly, many of us have reached our breaking points after more than 6 months of cabin fever, COVID fatigue; social distancing; face masks; promises of vaccines, and a

long list of other COVID-related things. It is becoming increasingly harder to accept all of the public health restrictions and the mandates that are actually winning the battle of taking away life, as we once knew it. Nevertheless, we cannot afford to forget how

dangerous a period we are going into. Regardless of all of the, almost giddy, scientific and political rhetoric, there are still a lot of questions. A recent survey conducted by the Pew Research Center demonstrates how this sordid history and ongoing

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