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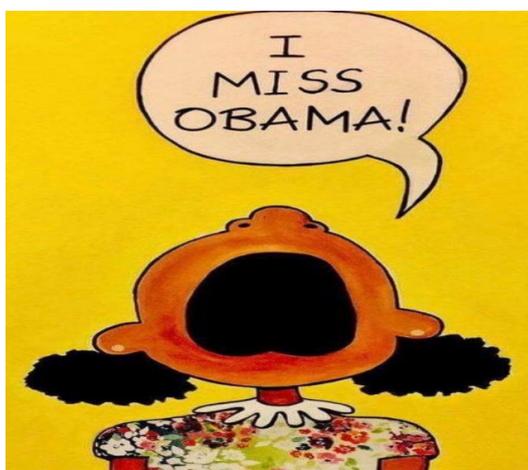
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# America's Breeding Farms

## What History Books Never Told You

In 1808, America banned the import of slaves from Africa and the West Indies. The impact on actual slavery in America was almost non-existent. There was still some limited smuggling of slaves but the majority of new slaves in America came from what Professor Eric Foner called, "natural increase." One could reasonably ask, "Why ban slave imports and not slavery itself?" The answer is because, for many of the proponents of the prohibition including Thomas Jefferson, the reason was not based on humanitarian concerns but on economics. The South was producing and selling enough slaves internally that the slave trade was reducing prices for slaves and cutting into profits.

In 1819, another act was passed allowing US ships to not only patrol its own shores but the coast of Africa in an attempt to stop slave ships at the source. Not for concerns about ending slavery but in protectionism for American slave owners. Everything was contingent on the fact that there was a "self-sustaining" population of about four million slaves in America at the time. Southern legislators joined with northern ones in passing both the acts that banned the external slave trading but ignored slavery.

Most of us are aware that slave owners often bred their slaves to produce more workers. We are taught almost nothing about the breeding farms whose function was to produce as many slaves as possible for the sale and distribution throughout the South to meet their needs. Two of the largest breeding farms were located in Richmond, VA, and the Maryland Eastern-Shore.

As far as cities I've never lived in, I've spent as much time in Richmond, VA as anywhere. I traveled there multiple times a year, often for a few days or a week at a time. Richmond is serious about most of its history. I've visited the Edgar Allen Poe Museum. Monument Avenue contains several statues mostly of Confederate Civil War heroes; Stonewall Jackson, Jefferson Davis, J.E.B. Stuart and Robert E. Lee are honored there as is the late African-American tennis star Arthur Ashe who was from Richmond. In August 2017, Richmond Mayor Levar Stoney said Richmond would consider the "potential removal" of the statues glorifying the legacy of the South after issues raised in nearby conflicts and protests involving white supremacists. One major part of Richmond's history is barely remembered, hardly spoken of and taught publicly nowhere.

Richmond is a port city. Unlike the scenes, you may have seen on television of slaves being off-loaded from ships and sold at auction. Richmond exported between 10,000 to 20,000 slaves a month to states further south and west. Slavery, not tobacco was Virginia's primary domestic crop. Yet you never hear the names of the industry leaders, Robert Lumpkin ran his "jail" which was a compound surrounded by a 12-foot fence with iron spikes. Should a slave escape, by law, The Fugitive Slave Act guaranteed they would be returned courtesy of the Federal government. The slave population of the breeding farm was mostly women and children not old enough to be sold, and a limited number of men whose job was to impregnate as many slave women as possible. The slaves were often given hoods or bags over their heads to keep them from knowing who they were having forced sex with. It could be someone they know, perhaps a niece, aunt, sister, or their own mother. The breeders only wanted a child that could be sold.

Richmond also had five railroads. Slaves could be shipped both by rail and boat which allowed slaves to arrive in better condition and thus fetch a higher price. Slavery was more than man's inhumanity towards man. It was always about economics. Cheap labor that allowed America to compete with other nations. Much of America was literally built on slavery. Texas schoolbooks are now trying to make it sound not quite so bad. The breeding farms receive no mention at all. ARTICLE BY William Spivey

## Steph Curry Makes a 7-Figure Gift to Howard University to Bring Golf Back to the HBCU

Basketball great Steph Curry on Monday pledged to fund a new golf program at Howard University, with a gift to be made over six years to give the HBCU time to build a Division I sports program.

While Curry is well-known for his prowess on the basketball court, he is also an avid golfer who has played since childhood and played competitively while in college at Davidson, CBS Sports notes.

"Golf is a sport that has changed my life in ways that are less tangible, but just as impactful," Curry said in a press release. "I feel really honored to play a small role in the rich history of Howard University."

Curry's gift, described only as being in the "seven-figure" range, is one of the largest made to Howard in its 152-year history, the Washington Post reports.

"We haven't had people do that for athletics," Howard President Wayne A.I. Frederick said Monday. "It's significant."

And it all came about as a result of an encounter Curry had earlier this year with a Howard student during a screening of the Curry-produced documentary *Emanuel*, about the 2015 massacre of nine parishioners at Charleston, S.C.'s Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The crowd was feverish with anticipation to see their NBA All-Star darling, Golden State Warriors...

After the screening, student Otis Ferguson hit up Curry about getting in a golf game. While that didn't happen, the two did discuss their mutual love of the sport, and when Ferguson shared that Howard didn't have a golf program, an idea was born.

"To hear somebody as passionate about the game as I was, all the while still pursuing their education at Howard...impacted me," Curry told the Post.

Howard, which hasn't offered golf since the 1970s, according to the Post, is looking to start a men's and women's golf program in time for the 2020-2021 school year. Article courtesy of The Root's Dara Sharif.



Stephan Curry pictured left, photograph by Kimberly White of Getty images

# News, Views & Commentary

## MoneyWalk 403:

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Abraham and his progeny tithed prior to the law being written. The written law contained three different tithes. Jesus spoke of not leaving tithing undone. And, Hebrews speaks of the One in Heaven (of whom it is witnessed that He lives) receiving the tithe given to Him through men on earth. The tithe is given from a person's increase. For an employee, "gross pay" is representative of your increase, whereas "net pay" is only a portion of your increase. If the difference between your gross pay and net pay did not represent real dollars, Uncle Sam would not receive anything on which to operate government, pay our federal employees, and take care of the nation's expenses. Thus, the difference is real dollars accounted to you, then taken from you as taxes routed through the IRS. When asked what they make, you never hear people quote a net income figure or take-home pay. They always identify the gross amount because this is the amount they were actually paid during the year. When their employer identifies the amount they make per year, it always identifies the gross amount because this is the amount of money the employer actually paid them. When you work for an employer, gross pay is your increase, regardless of whether you receive it directly and must pay expenses out of it or whether the employer pays expenses out of it to someone else on your behalf.

It would be out of order to consider net pay the basis for tithing (due to the premise that you only tithe on what is actually received in your pay check) because you could do many things to cause net pay to be far less than gross pay. For example, you could have child support taken out of your check or you could have your pay garnished and sent to someone who holds a judgment against you. If these things are not increase, the receiver would not want it because he/she would not be getting real money. The current mechanism for taxes being taken out of your pay up front by employers was established by the government to ensure that people did not fail to pay taxes during the year, then spend all their earnings, and then be unable to pay taxes after the end of the year.

Entrepreneurs / business owners are in a different situation, because they incur some expenses long before they receive revenue from customers. Such expenditures give them an opportunity to receive income, and hopefully abundantly. Thus, they can reduce gross pay by the amount of expenses neces-



Randy Parlor

sary to obtain revenue and the result would be their true increase.

It is always best to offer the Lord the best of everything earned (the first-fruit of your increase) because you want to (1) recognize His handiwork in your life, (2) thank Him for continuing to abundantly bless and reward you and meet all your need according to His riches in glory, (3) do your part to advance His kingdom and Church, (4) help meet other people's needs, and (5) give you the desire of your heart as you delight yourself in Him.

Please pray for this ministry and email me with any questions. May the LORD bless you richly as you follow His plan!

**Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8, 1Corinthians 9:22**

Please forward these bondage-breaking articles to other people who can use helpful insight!

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## The Sacred Space where the Michigan Female College and the Michigan School for the Blind Rest



Elvin Caldwell Jr. Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy

It's back to school time and bells are ringing again at the former Michigan Female College and the former Michigan School for the Blind. Since 1859 students have been on the MMLA campus for the advent of academics. In the campuses more than 150 year history there has been more than three premiere educational institutions to live on the land. The story begins with Abigail Rogers a New York native who came to Lansing with a mission and a vision, to open a school of the highest grade for young women in the State Capital. With the help of magnate James Tuner and H. Smith (1st Mayor) the school opened and by 1867 more than 1000 women attended. Abigail Rogers passed away in 1869 and the Michigan Female College closed but its legacy and impact lives on. In 1869 Michigan Agriculture College opened its doors to women and University of Michigan in 1870 both can be credited to the legacy of Abigail Rogers and the Michigan Female College.

In 1880 the Michigan School for the Bind separated itself from the Asylum for the Deaf Dumb and Blind in Flint Michigan. For more than 100 Years the Michigan School for the Blind was a premiere institution in the city and a subject of civic pride for Lansing residents. World famous musician Stevie Wonder graduated from the Michigan school for the Blind as well as JJ Jackson and many others.

In 1996 Mid-Michigan Public School Academy opened as one of Michigan's first Public School Academies. Today the Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy still lives as a public school academy on the historic tract of land that organizes the city around education for more than 150 years. The history of the Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy is the history of the City of Lansing. The Future of the city of Lansing is directly related to the success of the young people that attend the Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy, the Pine Street Head Start and all the schools. The Michigan Female College and the Michigan School for the Blind were the result of the city's belief and commitment to serving. The Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy is a community school and we welcome you in for a tour of our unique space where students have been learning for more than 150 years. The sacred space where the Michigan Female College and Michigan School for the Blind rest is where the Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy lives 730 West Maple Street stop by for a walking tour today.

## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



## It's A BLACK & BLING Affair



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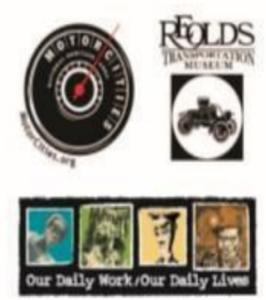
The Highway, The Company, The Union & Lansing's African American Community

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**PANEL DISCUSSION**  
**Monday, September 30 at 7 pm**  
**R.E. Olds Transportation Museum**  
**240 Museum Drive**  
**Lansing, Michigan**  
**(Doors open at 6 pm)**

- » Mary Jane McGuire - Homeowner, teacher and spouse of Cyril McGuire, UAW Official
- » Greta McHoney Trice - Former teacher and "Pave the Way" Coordinator
- » Adolph Burton - Resident, brother of auto-designer Michael Burton and oral history coordinator for "Pave the Way" (both his parents worked in the auto industry in the 1960s)
- » Bill Castanier - Moderator and President of the Historical Society of Great Lansing

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"God sovereignly made me—the first, the basic—before he did anything else. I was brought into being a long time ago, well before Earth got its start.." Proverbs 8: 22-23 The Message

Wisdom is the principal thing;  
Therefore get wisdom.  
And in all your getting, get understanding  
- Proverbs 4:7 -

"AND GOD, today would be Moms 112<sup>th</sup> earthday. She visits in my dreams from time-to-time to caution and comfort me, and to bring clarity when my mind is foggy about a person, place, or thing. When she speaks, I hear with my third ear her life-long use of the words "Pray about it, and I will be praying too." I often hear myself saying "Mom must still be

praying for me. I feel her presence in my home regularly. With her presence comes a heightened awareness and a reminder to draw closer to Wisdom. Five years ago today, I married Wisdom and, during most bedtime readings, I am reading the book of Proverbs."

Wisdom is the feminine expression of God, as is Grace and Mercy. I have an unwavering relationship with all three. And, I pray that God will have Mercy on every person that disconnects from what it means to be Christlike. If we ever needed the Lord, sure do Him now, right now. Unless I check with Wisdom, moment-by-moment, I could do some serious messing up. Not because I have low self-esteem. Quite the contrary.

One of my bloggers writes, "here are some of the signs that you have low self-esteem: Neglecting yourself. Feeling anxious. Eating disorders. Social withdrawal. Treating yourself badly. Not trusting your own opinion. Refusing to take on new challenges. And worrying about what others might think of you."

As I sat in the bar at Gregory's, one of Lansing finest, Black-owned restaurants, enjoying some fried chicken wings and watching the football game, a woman came up and started a conversation. Long story short, the last thing she needed was another drink. She was driving, and I was interested in saving a life. Well, she sneaked another drink anyway. When I noticed, I said to her "until you learn to listen to Wisdom; you're on your own." Those were my parting words. I did not wait for another one of her justifications.

Pray that you will have the courage to exchange your self-esteem – low or high – for Wisdom. She is an awesome companion and Wife. She is the feminine expression of God.

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**Birthdays in SEPTEMBER 2019 II**

- Ms. Michelle Brown enjoys her 26<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 16<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends. Uncle Billy so proud of and loves You much!
- Mr. Boom of the Hood Riders celebrates his birth on September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Dorothy Washington celebrates her birth on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Robert Collins, my good friend, gone to Heaven, was born on September 17<sup>th</sup>
- Mr. Marky Mark, born September 18<sup>th</sup>, celebrates his birthday with family and friends.
- Mr. Myron Phifer celebrates his birthday on September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Tracy Boyd celebrates her birthday on September 20<sup>th</sup>, with family. "Stay as beautiful as you are, you know you're a star... Shine on!!!"
- Mr. Andrew Taylor celebrates his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on September 20<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Brandy Branson enjoys her birthday on September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Michon Reynolds celebrates his birthday on September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Elaine Couthen celebrates her birthday on September 21<sup>st</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Lola V. Eaton celebrates her birthday on September 21<sup>st</sup>, with family and friends.
- Mr. Jason Hough, "Happy 39<sup>th</sup> Birthday" on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Love your family!!
- Attorney Charles Ford enjoys his birthday on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Mrs. Myrtle M. Buckner celebrates her birthday on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, with her loving husband John. Trinity A.M.E. Church.
- Ms. Anita R. Johnson enjoys her birthday on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Theresa B. Oehmke celebrates her birthday on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Jo Morley (Mort) is celebrating 61 years on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, with a big party.
- Mr. Jarell Williams enjoys his 25<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Mrs. Annie Geneva Jones celebrates her birthday on September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Johnnie R. Johnson enjoys her birthday on September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Destinee Hall celebrates her birthday on September 25<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Mr. Clarence "C.D." Duncan enjoys his birthday on September 25<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Elinor Mitchell celebrates her birthday on September 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Julian Skipper enjoys his birthday on September 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Sophie Clara Clark celebrates her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 28<sup>th</sup> with family and friends. "Papa loves you!"
- Mr. Steven Barron celebrates his birthday on September 28<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Shelby Skipper enjoys her birthday on September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Antonitte Adkins celebrates her birthday on September 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Mrs. Linda Walker Cole enjoys her birthday on September 29<sup>th</sup>, with her loving family.
- Ms. Kamyra Parks celebrates her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Donecia Denise Brown enjoys her 43 birthday on September 29<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends. You are The Lady in my Life! Daddy Loves You; GOD Bless!!!
- Ms. Rita Wray celebrates her 41<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 30<sup>th</sup> with family and friends.
- Ms. Morgane A. Black celebrates her birthday on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**\*Anniversaries**

Mr. Riccy and Mrs. Aisa Williams enjoy their 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 13<sup>th</sup>. I Love you so much; Love always!

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**Lourawls ‘Tum Tum’ Nairn Jr. Joins Men’s Basketball Staff**

East Lansing, Mich. – No stranger to Michigan State or to the Breslin Center, Lourawls “Tum Tum” Nairn Jr. has joined the men’s basketball staff as a graduate manager, Head Coach Tom Izzo announced today.



\*Tum Tum Nairn picture courtesy of msusptans.com

“I can’t say enough about how excited I am to have Tum Tum back here,” Izzo said. “He’s the type of person who can relate to everyone. Tum Tum is one of the best, if not the best, leaders I’ve ever been around. His teammates loved him here and he’s very close with some of our current players, so it will be great to have him as part of my staff. I know it will be a bit of a transition for him, but I think he will be a great addition and I can’t say enough about his future” Nairn spent the 2018-19 season as a player development assistant with the Phoenix Suns, working with several of their younger players, including Deandre Ayton and Mikal Bridges. He spent the summer of 2019 playing with the national team of his home country, The Bahamas.

“God has given me many opportunities in my life that I don’t deserve,” Nairn said. “This is another one of them. I’m thankful to be able to be a part of the staff at MSU. It was an honor to play for Coach Izzo and his coaching staff and it is an honor to be a part of his staff.

“This university has a special place in my heart. When I played here, I never took it for granted, so I don’t take being a part of the staff for granted either. None of it would be possible without my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I’m super excited for this opportunity. I gave my all as a player, and I will give my all on the staff. God is good!”

Nairn was a three-time captain under Izzo and a player who had incredible leadership qualities and graduated as one of the best leaders in Michigan State history. He was a four-time recipient of Michigan State’s Stephen G. Scofes Inspirational Player Award and also was the recipient of the Antonio Smith Glue and Guts Award as a senior in 2018.

Nairn appeared in 137 games during his MSU career, starting 66, including 30 during the 2016-17 season when he was a junior. He finished his career averaging 2.5 points, 1.5 rebounds and 3.0 assists per game.

As a freshman in 2014-15, he started the final 16 games of the season, helping to guide the Spartans to the Final Four, averaging 2.2 points, 1.6 rebounds and 2.4 assists in 19.4 minutes per game. In addition to being the recipient of the Antonio Smith Glue and Guts Award that season, Nairn also earned the John. E. Benington Best Defensive Player award.

In addition, Nairn also is the author of “Purpose Driven,” the story of his journey from the Bahamas to the United States.

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**Personal Protection Orders**

By: Ayanna D. Neal



Ayanna Neal

A personal protection order or PPO is an order that prohibits an individual from engaging in specific behavior. There are three different kinds of PPOs. There is a sex assault PPO that prohibits stalking and assaultive behaviors when there isn’t a domestic relation between the parties and there isn’t two or more instances of stalking or assaultive behavior. This kind of PPO is for when a person has been convicted of a sexual assault against the person who is asking the court for the PPO, the petitioner, has been convicted of sending obscene material or has threatened a sexual assault or placed the petitioner in reasonable apprehension of sexual assault. The other two kinds of PPOs are a domestic PPO and a stalking PPO. A domestic PPO prohibits certain threatening and assaultive behavior when there is a domestic relationship. A domestic relationship is one in which the parties are married, have a child/ children in common, have lived together or have been in a dating relationship. A stalking PPO prohibits stalking behavior without consideration of the parties relationship if there has been two or more incidences in which stalking has occurred.

A petitioner petitions the family division of the circuit court for a PPO. A court can not deny issuing a PPO solely because there isn’t a police report, medical report, a report or finding of an administrative agency, or physical signs of abuse or violence. A PPO is effective when a judge signs it and is enforceable immediately by law enforcement. A PPO has to be served personally or as it is specified in the order on the person prohibited from stalking, assaultive or sexual behavior, the respondent. The petitioner or the respondent can file a motion to rescind, extend or modify the PPO within 14 days of the issuance of the PPO.

If a judge doesn’t grant a PPO, per MCL 600.2950(7), “it shall state immediately in writing the specific reasons it refused to issue a personal protection order.” An ex parte PPO is issued for not less than 182 days. A PPO can prohibit the respondent from purchasing or possessing a firearm.

A PPO is intended to address an emergency situation as it pertains to a petitioner’s safety and the need for protection by the state of Michigan. A petition to obtain a PPO has to contain persuasive facts as to why the petitioner needs to be protected by the state of Michigan. Showing a pattern of past violence and an anticipation of future harm coupled with the level of seriousness of the harm is important information that should be included in a petition for a PPO. Also, dates of harm, threats, content of threats, information regarding medical treatment, if the police were involved, if minor children were present, property damage should all be included.

To authorize a domestic PPO the court has to find “reasonable cause” to believe that the respondent might commit one or more prohibited acts under MCL 600.2950(1). The stalking PPO law doesn’t have the “reasonable cause” standard. It could be argued the higher standard of “preponderance of the evidence” standard applies for a stalking PPO. A court has to authorize a sexual assault PPO if the court finds that the respondent has been convicted of a sexual assault against the petitioner.

If there is not a parent-child relationship between the petitioner and respondent, a person who is between the ages of ten and eighteen can be a petitioner or a respondent in a PPO action. Michigan Court Rule requires that a minor or legally incapacitated person have a next friend to petition for a PPO. PPO proceedings involving minors are very different from those involving adults. For example, PPO violations by minors under the age of seventeen are subject to the Juvenile Code, MCL 712A.18, for dispositional or sentencing alternatives.

The court has to rule on a petition for a PPO within one business day of the filing date. A filing fee is not required for a petition for a PPO. If a person knowingly or intentionally gives a false statement (s) to the court to obtain a PPO they are subject to contempt powers of the court and could even be charged criminally for perjury. There could also be a defamation action by the respondent in such a situation.

A PPO can be enforced with civil and criminal contempt penalties, \$500 fine and 93 days in jail. When a respondent has been served with a PPO, the respondent can be arrested without a warrant for violating the PPO.

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