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Analysis: Shutdown Politics Test President Obama's Leadership

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WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama promised to change Washington's ways. Yet he's as caught up in them as ever. As the week began, Obama kicked off his reelection bid with a sunny video of people talking about their hopes and needs, the very image of life outside Washington politics. By week's end, Obama was mired in budget negotiations, canceling trips and scrambling to stave off a government shutdown that could only undermine the public's faith in his leadership.

It was the messy business of governing, and how it's going to be in this long campaign for incumbent Obama. Beyond the vision for economic competitiveness he wants to talk about, Obama is chasing a second term while trying to make a deeply divided government work. He got bogged down in legislative tactics in his first two years, even when he won fights on health care and other issues. The goal now is to avoid all that. He can't.

In this test of leadership, the White House says Obama wrangled the budget compromise he wanted, spending cuts he supported without shelving his priorities or accepting unacceptable policy changes. His administration portrayed it as an example of bipartisan cooperation of the highest stakes. Yet the government was on the brink of closing, and many people were wondering how that could happen, or why. This is change?

The showdown was a reminder that for all a president's powers, there's much beyond control. Think Libya, Egypt, Japan's earthquake, not to mention Iraq and Afghanistan. In this case, the new House Republican majority, led by Speaker John Boehner, seized on a must-

pass budget bill to give voice to frustrated voters and tea party conservatives who demanded spending cuts. It was brinksmanship mode again in the capital, where nothing gets done until the deadline. Sometimes not even then.

In public, Obama tried to keep it at arm's length. "I shouldn't have to oversee a process in which Congress deals with last year's budget," Obama said as the time got short this week. In fact, he was up to his neck in it. Obama used a veto threat to make clear he would not accept the scope of GOP spending cuts. He said he would accept no more temporary extensions to keep the government running for a few weeks at a time unless there was a broader deal in hand. He kept saying leaders had to act like grown-ups.



The White House said his strategy was to stay behind the scenes, work the phones and let his senior aides do the negotiating. That type of role provided an opening for Republicans to question his leadership. It also led to rumblings from frustrated lawmakers in his own party who wanted the president to openly attack the cuts Republicans wanted. The White House figured it would take those hits. It did.

A Gallup poll in late March found declining numbers of people who said Obama was a strong and decisive leader: a little more than half of those polled, compared with 60 percent one year ago and 73 percent two years ago. The White House believed that a better result would come if Obama didn't try to overheat the issue. Officials believed that people were worried about gas prices, not a spending squabble and that voters didn't hire Obama to be a legislator.

Obama would go public when it meant the most. That was Tuesday. **See PRESIDENT OBAMA page 16**



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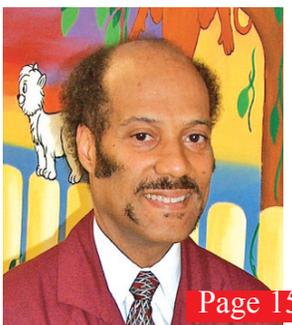
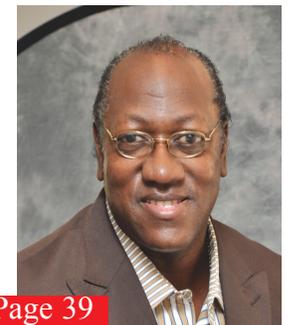
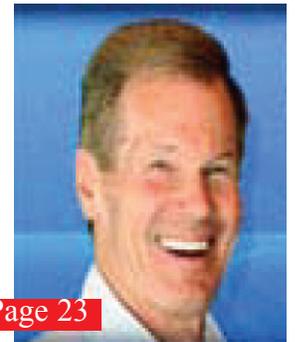
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Dr. Mary Smith-McCoy

Professional Christian Counselor

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...”

Romans 12:2



“When a man finds a wife he finds a good thing and obtains favor of the Lord”

Do you remember when the Lord caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam? While Adam slept God performed a major operation on Adam. God took one of his ribs, closed back up his flesh and with that rib God made the Woman and brought her to the man. And Adam said “this now bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh - she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of man”. When Adam was in the Garden of Eden, God gave him the best gift that he could ever receive besides God himself - he gave him a woman who was of his flesh and bone. God gave Adam a beautiful creation when He made the woman. The Bible tells us that God supplied many things for Adam in the garden, animals, food and trees. However, God did not make Eve like the other things he created; he made her in his likeness and in his image. God made a partner for Adam. He made for Adam a wife, friend, companion, mother and a help mate. God made Eve second to no other person in Adams’ life, and when Adam saw the beautiful creation God made for him - he was pleased.

In my job as a Pastoral Christian Counselor, I reminded couples of the great union between Adam and Eve. We must not forget what God has joined together, no man should put asunder. As the serpent, who was more subtle than any beast of the field, deceived Eve, so does the deceivers of the world today tries entering the lives of couples enticing them to end their marriages. When this happens I help couples cope with the serpents sent to destroy them. I remind them that God honors marriage. Where God guides... God supplies.

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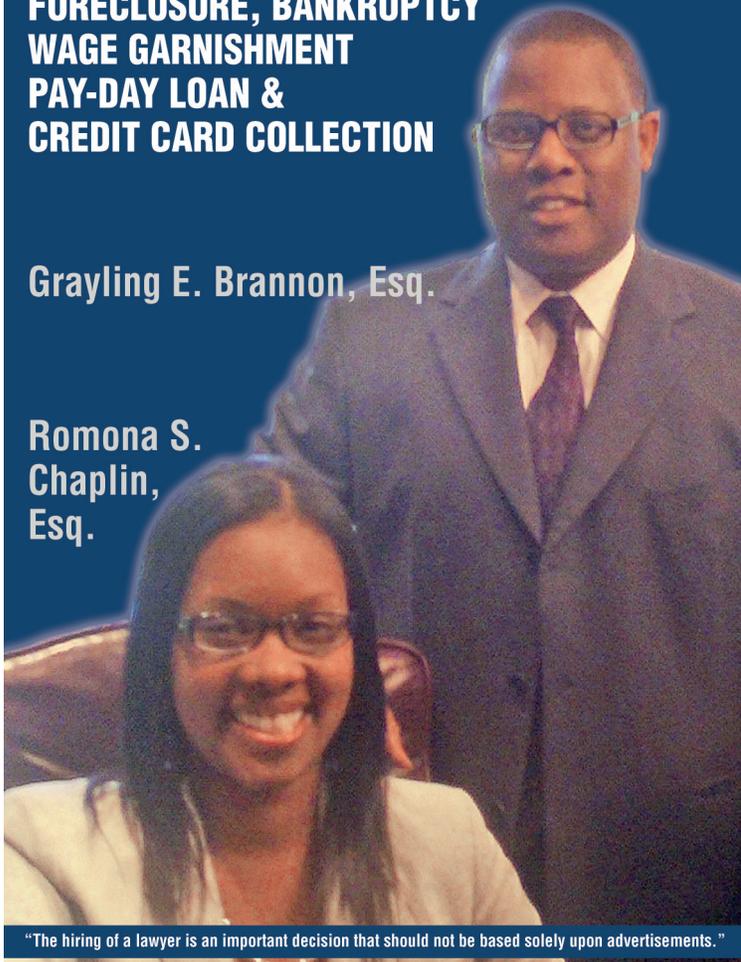
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AFRICAN AMERICANS BACK TO AFRICA!

By Minister Faatimah
The New Republic

- The New United Republic appeals to the West African nations to give African Americans the land highlighted in red.

The New United Republic begins by quoting Dr. Claud Anderson, in his book *Black Labor White Wealth*, “For everyone but the caretakers of the old civil rights organizations, the Civil Rights Movement for blacks is dead. All of the rights gained by the Civil Rights Movement have been bequeathed to groups that are more acceptable to the larger society- women, gays, Hispanics, Asians, handicapped and poor whites.”

Seventeen years later the conditions in America are awful, and African Americans continue to lag behind as a progressive self-determined people. African Americans ancestors were captured and taken off their “Land” and sold by other Black African tribes. The Europeans that aided and abetted the Africans in this crime against humanity, brought Africans here to America cramped, and crammed into the belly of so-called Slave Ships. What African Americans lost by being criminally sold and deported from West Africa was “Land.” The New United Republic humbly request from the nations of Senegal, Mali, Guinea and Guinea-Bissau the return of our ancestral homeland. This does not negate the fact that the enslavement of the African American people covered the whole of West Africa, Southern and Central Africa. The New United Republic appeals to the West African nations to give African Americans the land (pictured in the illustration below).

President Abraham Lincoln once stated: “I will say then that I am not, nor ever have been, in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races; I am not nor ever have been in favor of making voters or jurors of Negroes, nor of qualifying them to hold office, nor to intermarry with white people. Lincoln continued: “I will say in addition to this that there is a physical difference between the white and black races which I believe will forever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality. And inasmuch as they cannot so live, while they do remain together there must be the position of superior and inferior, and I, as much as any other man, am in favor of having the superior



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position assigned to the white race.” “What I would most desire would be the separation of the white and black races.” — Spoken at Springfield, Illinois on July 17th, 1858; from *ABRAHAM LINCOLN: COMPLETE WORKS*, 1894, Vol. 1, page 273

One million African American men marched to Washington for a Day of Atonement. The conditions in the black communities have not changed, the New United Republic needs a million black men to get together and build a new nation for African American women and children. No disrespect intended, Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hebrew Israelites, Egyptologist, and the rest of these practices have failed the African American man and woman as a whole and has kept African Americans divided. United African Americans Stand!

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Why Glenn Beck Lost It



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On Friday, the unemployment rate dropped to 8.8 percent, as businesses added jobs for the 13th straight month. On Wednesday, Fox News announced that it was ending Glenn Beck's daily cable-TV show. These are not unrelated events.

When Beck's show made its debut on Fox News Channel in January 2009, the nation was in the throes of an economic collapse the likes of which had not been seen since the 1930s. Beck's angry broadcasts about the nation's imminent doom perfectly rode the wave of fear that had washed across the nation, and the relatively unknown entertainer suddenly had 3 million viewers a night — and tens of thousands answering his call to rally at the Lincoln Memorial.

But as the recession began to ease, Beck's apocalyptic forecasts and ominous conspiracies became less persuasive, and his audience began to drift away. Beck responded with a doubling-down that ultimately brought about his demise on Fox.

He pushed further into dark conspiracies, urging his viewers to hoard food in their homes and to buy freeze-dried meals for sustenance when civilization breaks down. He spun a conspiracy theory in which the American left was in cahoots with an emerging caliphate in the Middle East. And, most ominously, he began to traffic regularly in anti-Semitic themes.

This vile turn for Beck reached its logical extreme two weeks ago, when he devoted his entire show to a conspiracy theory about various bankers, including the Rothschilds, to create the Federal Reserve. To make this case, Beck hosted the conspiracy theorist G. Edward

Griffin, who has publicly argued that the anti-Semitic tract "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion" "accurately describes much of what is happening in our world today." Griffin's Web site dabbles in a variety of anti-Semitic conspiracy theories, including his view that "present-day political Zionists are promoting the New World Order." A month earlier, Beck, on his radio program, had described Reform rabbis as "generally political in nature," adding: "It's almost like Islam, radicalized Islam in a way."



Glenn Beck, TV Show Host
Fox News Channel

A few months before that, he had attacked the Jewish billionaire George Soros, a Holocaust survivor, as a "puppet master" and read descriptions of him as an "unscrupulous profiteer" who "sucks the blood from people." Beck falsely called Soros "a collaborator" with Nazis who "saw people into the gas chambers."

Fox deserves credit for finally putting an end to this. Its joint statement with Beck's production company, claiming that they will "work together to develop and produce a variety of television projects," is almost certainly window-dressing; you can be confident Fox won't have Beck reopening what his Fox News colleague Shepard Smith dubbed the "fear chamber."

In banishing Beck, about whom I wrote a critical book last year, Fox has made an important distinction: It's one thing to promote partisan journalism, but it's entirely different to engage in race baiting and fringe conspiracy claims. Bill O'Reilly and Sean Hannity may have their excesses, but their mainstream conservatism is in an entirely different category from Beck.

Fox has rightly, if belatedly, declared that there is no place for Beck's messages on its airwaves, and Beck will return to the fringes, where such ideas have always existed. Because his e

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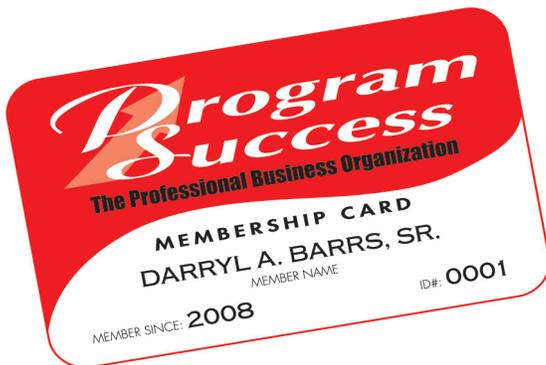
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Consider the following steps to ensure a successful real estate transaction in any sort of market:

- 1. Ensure Your Goals Are Realistic.** Be sure you are clear on what you want to buy, and why. Is it an investment property, a dream home or somewhere in between? As your criteria for that perfect home increases, you may have to pay a little more to have your standards met. Be prepared to weigh possible cost savings versus quality of life benefits. If an investment property, ensure you have cash flow in mind with an acceptable return on investment planned before you buy.
- 2. Know the Properties.** No matter the market conditions, continue to search for the right property and view listings in person. Even if you are not ready to buy today, this will help you learn the market and the property available in your price range. When the right opportunity comes along and the timing works, you'll be best prepared to make an educated rather than emotional decision.
- 3. Know Your Financing Options.** Many buyers want to find the “perfect” home before having their credit pulled, which can backfire when an offer is on the table and time is of the essence. It's wise to get pre-approved for a loan even before you view your first home, and to get a pre-approval letter in hand. Once approved, check in with your lender every few weeks to see how your rate and program are doing.
- 4. Know the Market at All Times.** Have a detailed talk with your agent about the current state of the market at the onset of the relationship, and at regular intervals thereafter. Also discuss what can be foreseen up ahead. Your REALTOR® will have his or her finger on the pulse of the changing landscape and, thus, is an invaluable resource. On your own, locate information sources outside of mass media. Real estate markets follow basic fundamentals in the same way stocks do, offering infinite analysis possibilities.
- 5. Have a Purchase Game Plan.** While it's certainly prudent to wait until you're comfortable executing a property purchase, it's imperative to know, in specific terms, exactly what economic indicators are impacting your decision and why. This will help it become crystal clear when it's time to make your move, and you can then do so with confidence.
- 6. Understand the Timeline.** While great deals are certainly abundant in today's market, nobody said it would be easy to land one for yourself. Particularly on short sales and foreclosures, be prepared for bidding wars, bank delays and other challenges. Learn in advance the average timeline involved with each type of transaction based on prior 30 to 60-day statistics, so that you may strategically plan your efforts.

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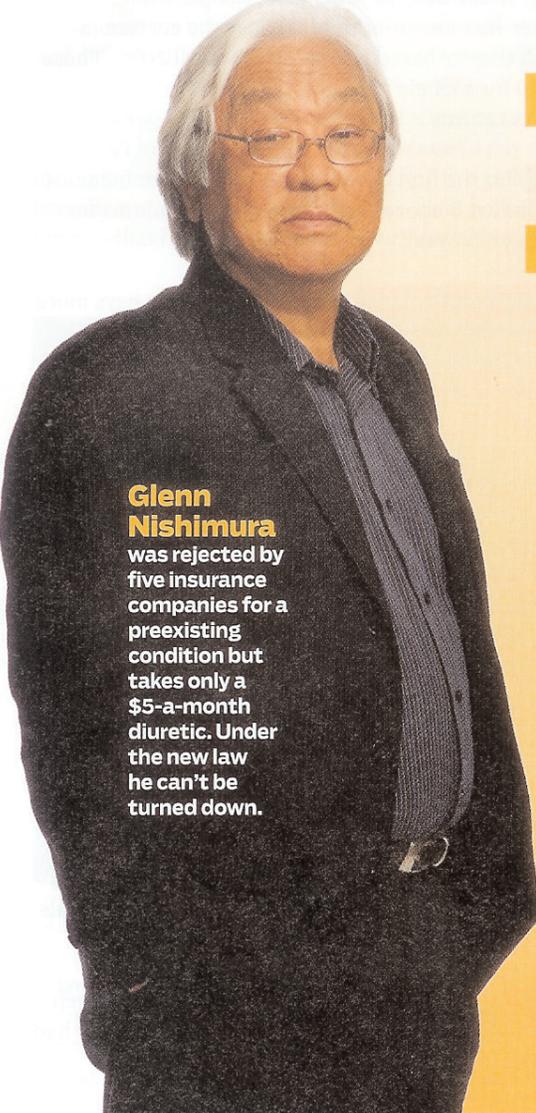
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By Patricia Barry

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- 4** **Sets up a temporary program** in July to help people with pre-existing health conditions obtain coverage.
- 5** **Provides new benefits** for most people who already have insurance, such as coverage for adult children until age 26.
- 6** **Leaves medical decisions** in the hands of you and your doctor.
- 7** **Requires most people to have coverage** by 2014 but offers subsidies for those with moderate or low income and makes more people eligible for Medicaid.
- 8** **Creates state-run insurance exchanges** offering a menu of private insurance plans for people who are uninsured, self-employed or between jobs (in 2014).
- 9** **Offers immediate tax credits** to help small businesses buy insurance for employees.
- 10** **Keeps Medicare financially sound** for nearly 10 more years and reduces the U.S. deficit by an estimated \$143 billion.

How Will the New Law Affect My Doctors?

Americans are already struggling with a shortage of primary care doctors. While some fear that insuring more people will make it even harder to find a doctor, groups like the American Medical Association say the new law will help improve the situation.

- Medicare will give extra payments to physicians and nurses providing primary care in areas with doctor shortages. Adjusting Medicare payments to reflect regional differences will benefit doctors in 42 states, the AMA says. Medicaid doctors will see pay increases. Paperwork will be simplified, to give doctors more time with patients.
- New measures to attract more doctors, nurses and physician assistants to primary care include forgiving

student loans for those who practice in areas that need medical workers. Community health centers will receive \$11 billion starting in 2011, allowing them to serve some 20 million new patients.

- More health professionals in Medicare will be paid for the quality of care they provide rather than the number of services they perform—a change that is expected to lower costs while improving care and is likely to be adopted by private insurers, too.

Has the Enemy equipped you with an Army to help you rebel against God?

By Pastor Leon R. Bing
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John 18:1-9

1 After saying these things, Jesus crossed the Kidron Valley with his disciples and entered a grove of olive trees.

2 Judas, the betrayer, knew this place, because Jesus had gone there many times with his disciples.

3 The leading priests and Pharisees had given Judas a battalion of Roman soldiers and Temple guards to accompany him. Now with blazing torches, lanterns, and weapons, they arrived at the olive grove.

4 Jesus fully realized all that was going to happen to him. Stepping forward to meet them, he asked, **“Whom are you looking for?”**

5 “Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. **“I am he,”** Jesus said. Judas was standing there with them when Jesus identified himself.

6 And as he said, **“I am he,”** they all fell backward to the ground!

7 Once more he asked them, **“Whom are you searching for?”** And again they replied, “Jesus of Nazareth.”

8 **“I told you that I am he,”** Jesus said. **“And since I am the one you want, let these others go.”**

9 He did this to fulfill his own statement: **“I have not lost a single one of those you gave me.”** NLT

After reading the above passage of scripture, there is a verse that I read that really caught my eye, both naturally and spiritually. It is verse three. In verse three I saw that the leading priests and Pharisees had given Judas a battalion of Roman soldiers and temple guards to accompany him to go and point out Jesus that they may arrest him. It was not just a few men, or a squad of men, it was a battalion of soldiers plus temple guards. Some Bible scholars have put the number of this band of soldiers and guards between 500 and 1000 men.

The priests and Pharisees had that much hatred in them that they actually committed that many men to bringing in Christ that they may kill him. And Judas, being such a willing vessel, that he accepted 30 pieces of silver to betray his friend, Jesus. I know many would say that he was not a friend of Jesus, but we are seeing the story from this side of the life of Christ. We in our day would call a friend who would do what Judas did, a sellout!

So let's talk briefly about the present day Judas' of our time. We see so much of this in our day. It is sad that people, who you would consider a friend, and even a good friend, would allow the enemy to use them to betray you, or your community. And it is not that they single handedly betrayed you, but they had an army to assist them. This army may not be people, but just the right resources to bring you down.



Pastor Leon Bing

Now this is normal for people of the world, but it is devastating in the body of Christ. People allow the enemy to betray their brother and sisters too often within the body of Christ. And when this happens to the Men and Women of God, this really has an adverse effect on the church. The enemy has a way of causing too many people to agree with a lie that someone comes up with. When you are falsely accused there seems to be someone who is ready to join in with destroying your name, character, or life.

When we look at elections, this gives us a good example of how people are ready to tear down a person. When people hear a negative commercial, or comment made, they jump on board and continue to destroy a person's character. Many opportunities are blown for the advancement of our communities because we allow character assassination to take place. We have got to do better as a people, and as it pertains to believers, we must definitely do a better job of remembering to lift up our neighbor and not tear them down.

We must always remember that it took 1 betrayer, 30 pieces of silver, and between 500 – 1000 soldiers and guards to bring Jesus into custody. Think of what it had taken for people to betray you in some form. It may not be as grand as it was for Jesus, but still it really blew your mind that someone you knew went and tried to bring you down.

As we draw nearer to Resurrection Sunday, we understand that what happened to Christ had to happen, but as it pertains to you, don't be surprised when someone you thought had your back, tries to stick something into it!

God bless each of you, and Happy Resurrection Day to you!



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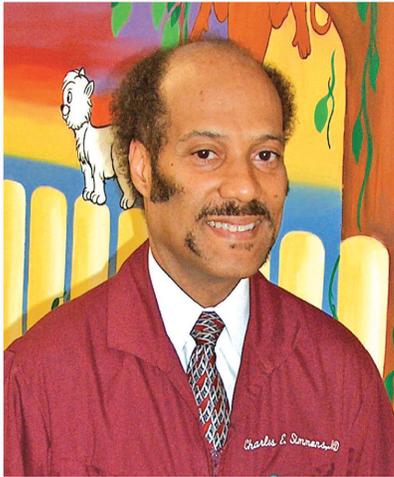
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TEETHING BABIES

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Has your baby been a little more irritable than usual? Find your shirt drenched in drool and dribble? Has your furniture even become the new chew toy? If you have answered yes to any of these questions, chances are your baby is teething.

Teeth are developed in the mother's womb, like most other physical features. However, it is not until the baby is between 6 and 9 months that they begin cutting teeth. Teeth break through their tooth buds, and begin appearing usually one at a time over a period of months. There is a common order that teeth appear, but like most things, there are the variations. Usually, the bottom two middle teeth appear first. Following their arrival, the top two middle teeth come in. Then the side and back teeth follow



suit. Teeth may not come in straight, but over time, they tend to straighten and align themselves. Around the age of two, your baby's last teeth should be appearing. A child should have a full set of 20 baby teeth by their third birthday. These teeth will carry them until their permanent teeth are ready to come in a push the baby teeth out by age six.

A teething baby needs a lot of sympathy, care, and support. After all, there is nothing that we can do to speed up the process, and relieve all of the pain. The only thing that can be done is try to remove some of the discomfort, and let nature run its course. Restlessness and change of sleep patterns can occur as a result of teething, along with other common symp-

toms. Some symptoms are drooling; sore, red gums; loss of appetite; excessive chewing and biting; and a slight rise in temperature. To alleviate some of these discomforts, there are the traditional methods. Having something cold and easily accessible is great for babies. They want something to hit the right spot and at the right time. Teething rings are great toys for gnawing and massaging. Sometimes, they are hard to maneuver to the right location on the gums, but for the most part they do the trick. To alleviate some of the pain, Tylenol and Motrin are great. They can be given in their children dosage and it suppresses the pain for up to four hours. Another option would be any of the products designed to numb the gums of the child.

Teething is another factor in this game we call life. It brings discomfort to both the parent and the child. However, try to stay positive and help this transition pass by with little irritation. Invest in a lot of bibs and just wait for those little pegs to appear. For that memory alone is worth the pain. Say cheese!



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The president suddenly got vocal. He said Americans didn't want games but results. The pragmatic approach is what White House strategists believe will bring back the election-turning independents to Obama. "There are some things we can't control," he said. "We can't control earthquakes; we can't control tsunamis; we can't control uprisings on the other side of the world. What we can control is our capacity to have a reasoned, fair conversation between the parties and get the business of the American people done."

But it wasn't getting done, and his voice was not the only one setting the tone. "The president isn't leading," Boehner said Wednesday. "He didn't lead on last year's budget, and he clearly is not leading on this year's budget."

Obama met with Boehner and Reid four times in the White House during the week. He still went to the Philadelphia area Wednesday to talk about energy. He looked comfortable, almost carefree, as he laughed with workers at a wind-turbine company about their families and their cars. But Washington had sucked him back in. By Friday, he canceled a trip to Indianapolis, scrapping the attention he wanted to give to clean energy. He scrapped a weekend getaway with his family to Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia.

While working to avoid a shutdown, Obama's team thought the White House would come out OK in the public's mind if it came to that. The thinking was that the president had presented a reasonable case of agreeing to spending cuts without going too far, and that people would be angry with Republicans if the government closed up partially over a policy disagreement about abortion.

Only when the standoff grew most dire did it end. But the budget mess showed how government isn't supposed to operate. No matter who's to blame, all will be, including a president running for election this time from inside Washington's ways.

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nd-of-the-world themes will no longer be broadcast by a mainstream outlet, there will be less of a chance for him to inspire off-balance characters to violence.

There are, happily, signs that the influences that

undermined Beck are doing the same to other purveyors of fear. The March Washington Post-ABC News poll found that Sarah Palin's favorability rating among Republicans and Republican-leaning independents had dropped to 58 percent from 70 percent in October and 88 percent in 2008. Her negative ratings among Republicans are higher than those of other prospective Republican presidential candidates.

In another indication of abating anger, a CNN poll released last week found that the percentage of the public viewing the Tea Party unfavorably had increased to 47 percent, from 26 percent in January 2010. Thirty-two percent have a favorable view.

Beck, in losing his mass-media perch, is repeating the history of Father Charles Coughlin, the radio priest of the Great Depression. Economic hardship gave him an audience even greater than Beck's, but as his calls to drive "the money changers from the temple" became more vitriolic, his broadcast sponsors dropped him. He gradually faded from relevance as his angry themes lost their hold on Americans and his anti-Semitism became more pronounced. It is a sign of the nation's health and resilience that Beck, after 27 months at Fox, is meeting a similar end.



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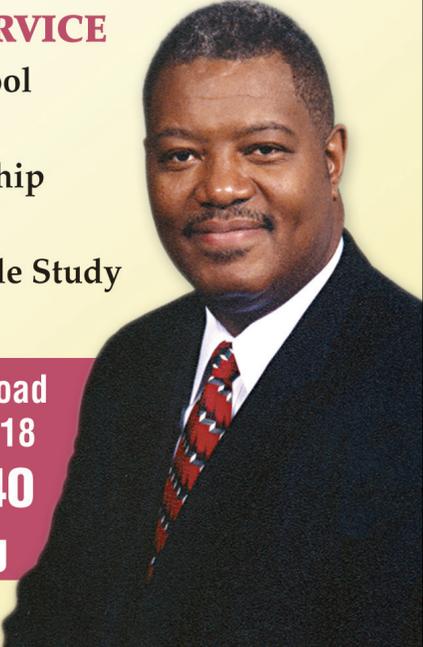
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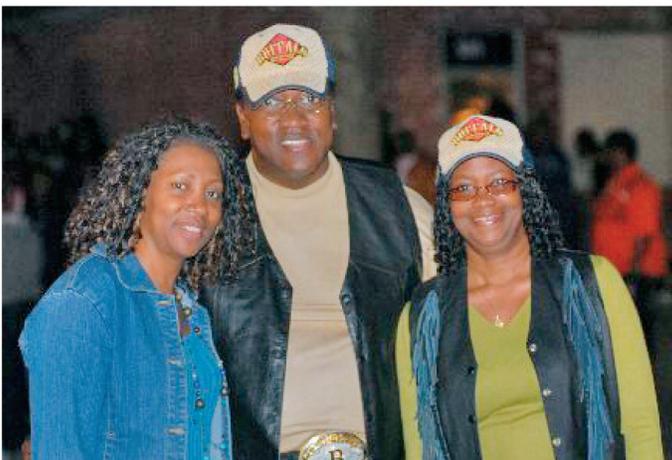
BLACK BIKE WEEK



Rickey Gadson and his new super street bike – Kawasaki Ninja.



Time to Eat.



Desneé Barrs Young, Darryl A. Barrs and Gwendolyn Barrs of Program Success Magazine.

It's Daytona Beach and the location is Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard, exactly one block from the Great Bethune-Cookman University, you hear the motorcycles before you see them—their thunderous engines generating enough bass to knock a cup of lemonade off a nearby table. At the cruising speed of 5 miles an hour, the key is to see and be seen in this seemingly endless all-day and all-night parade. We call it Black Bike Week.

“There’s gotta be \$500 million worth of rolling stock here,” says one Harley-Davidson rider wearing a signature leather biker vest. The other men sitting nearby nod in agreement. Such a statement is conceivably true in a place where an \$80,000 motorcycle is not considered extreme. On one side of the street, a group gathers around a custom bike with \$30,000 in upgrades, including 10 speakers and an ostrich leather seat. On the other side, bikers gather to trade notes and compare pipes at one of America’s largest gathering of Black riders.

More than a show of chrome, speed and blue LED lights, Bike Week in Daytona Beach gives bikers a chance to socialize, exchange and learn their history. The men and women at this event know full well that Black people have been designing and riding bikes for decades, and many of them are famous because of it. Motorcycle Hall of Famer Bessie Stringfield in the 1930s rode her bike eight times across the country. Benny Hardy created the elongated, classically American “chopper” bikes made famous by the 1969 movie *Easy Rider*. And now Rickey Gadson, with his inherent ability to control a sport bike that shoots from 0 to 140 miles per hour in seven seconds, is a champion and the face of Kawasaki bikes.

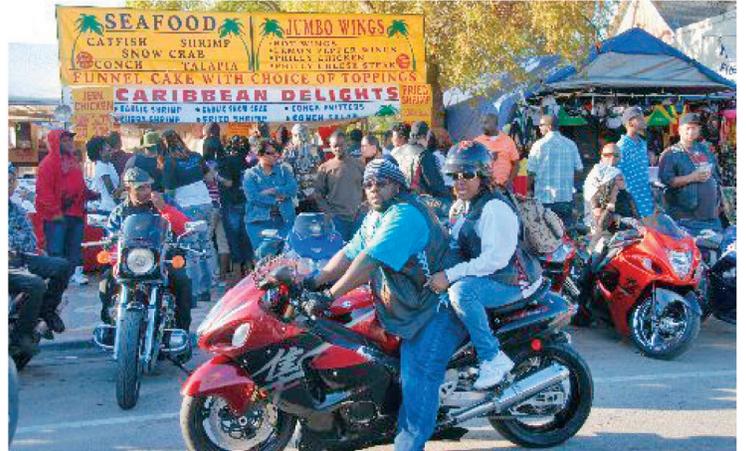


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Black Bike Week, held March 4th – 13th, is a multi-cultural event which attracts over 20,000 people of color to the Second Avenue Street Festival in Daytona’s Black Business District, now name Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard. Merchants in the Black Business District, after seeing the numbers of Black bikers increase attendance, organized specific events to welcome and entertain them. The payoff has been tremendous. Black bikers can find all kinds of gear for their “hogs”, soul music and soul food in Daisy Stocking Park and along the streets.



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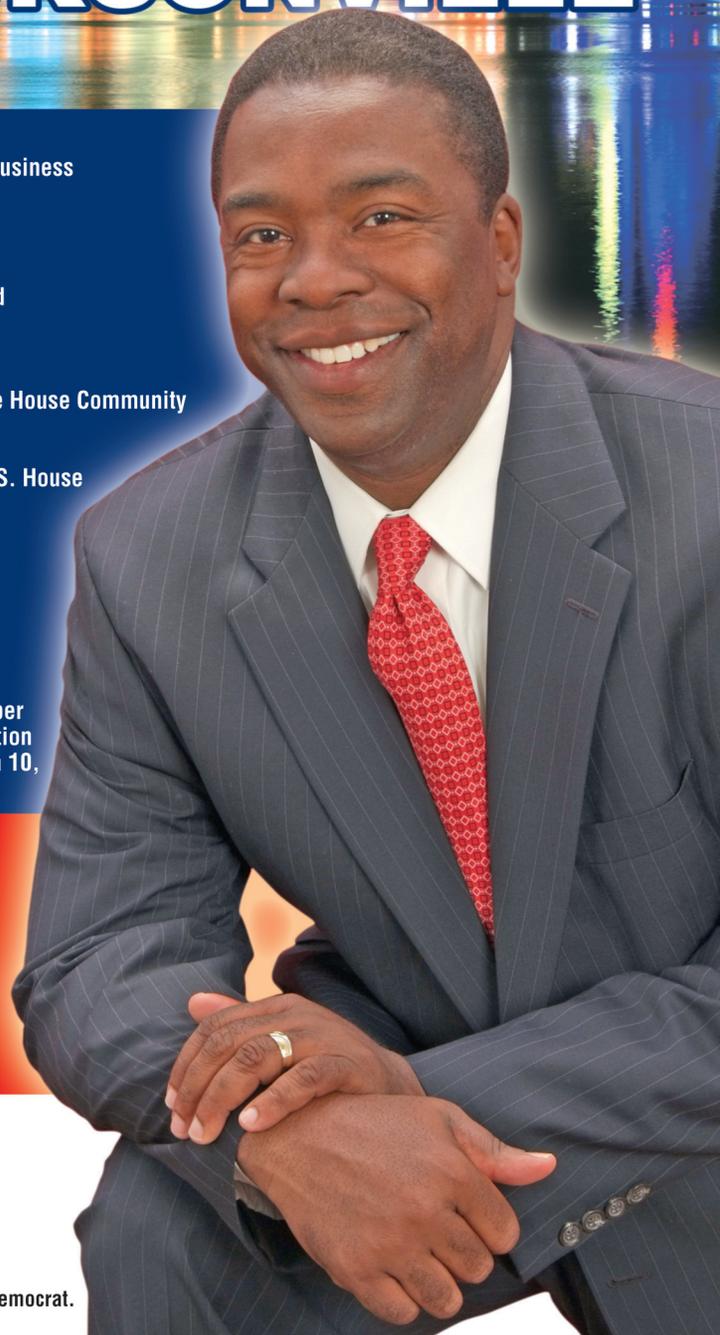
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Let me bring you up to date on the government shutdown here in Washington.

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But a last-minute compromise to avert a shutdown of the federal government occurred late Friday, because reasonable lawmakers were able to come together and trump the extremists.

As the chairman of a newly created Senate subcommittee charged with finding ways to reduce the deficit and create jobs, I will be in a position to work on a plan that's good for our country.

I believe workable solutions can be reached only when reasonable people work together. That now seems to be happening in the budget talks. We all agree the government has to live within its means. But to get compromise, we all also have to give up some things we may have wanted.

In the coming days and weeks, Congress still has a lot of work ahead to pass a long-term spending bill. But I believe the temporary agreement is a step in the right direction. At the end of the day, I'm confident that with your support we'll be able to adopt a plan for spending cuts that's fair - and keeps our economy moving in the right direction, too.

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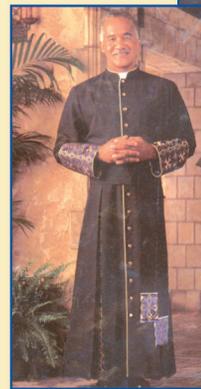
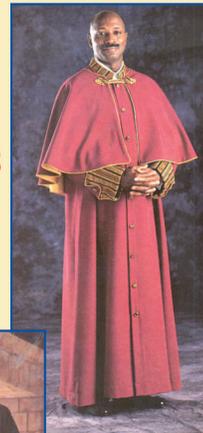
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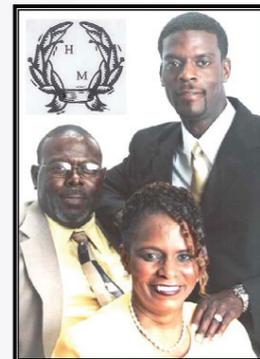


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1 Corinthians 13:7

Ivan's Song

By Leon Jacobs, Esquire
Tallahassee, Florida

Not too long ago, I discovered a new hero who deeply inspired me. He is a 4-year-old young man named Ivan, who at that time lived in Camden, New Jersey. I learned about him in an ABC News feature entitled “Waiting for the World to Change.” The feature depicted the lives of several young people making their way in the amazingly dangerous environment of Camden. Despite the constant danger, desperation, rejection and disappointment, Ivan remains positive that one day he will finally obtain his dream — a house to live in. Ivan and his family are homeless.

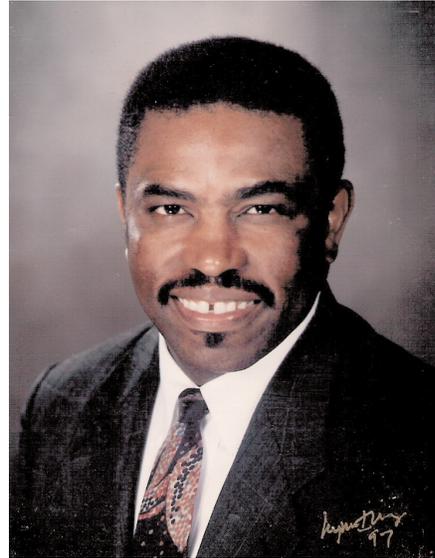
I can't remember a more intense moment that when I observed Ivan console his grandmother, on whom he, his siblings and his mother depended for support. At a weak moment when she simply reached a point of emotional despair, wailing, Ivan echoed for her his unyielding conviction that someday his dream would be realized, and they would be free from this nightmare.

Yet this same courageous young man was afraid to be left at school, primarily because he didn't know if he would be picked up at the end of the day. The teacher welcomed Ivan to the class, and he reluctantly said goodbye to his mother. A school administrator sat down and helped him get started. “Do you know your threes?” asked the school district supervisor. Ivan easily counted the three wheels on the tricycle, but he was stumped when asked how many meals you are supposed to eat in a day.

Ivan, who had gone to school without eating breakfast, was puzzled. The words lunch and dinner seemed foreign to him. In fact, at the end of the day, when commenting on how great kindergarten was, he proudly showed the extra juice box he was able to take with him.

I try to tell myself that this can't be real. The world is really not like this. But, unfortunately the world today is like this. I have had my blame party; I gotten over my anger. Now, I am focused on how we move from here.

I was raised in communities where this simply was not allowed to happen. I come from communities, made of people deeply rooted in faith, and tied inextricably to a



Leon Jacobs, Esquire

spiritual cord that is connects throughout the village. I am confident that, while many of the pioneers are no longer with us, the spirit of this village has not ebbed; it is not dead. We are a vibrant village. We have suffered blows, and we have been injured. We are not without hope, and we are not destined to live in despair.

I am not blind or naive. There are powerful forces in place seemingly tailored to destroy the very fabric of our communities. Leaders seem oblivious to the depth of the challenges and barriers.

“What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. “

Acts 8:31-39.

Ivan, I get it. Thanks.

The Joy of Not Knowing

By **John C. Maxwell**
Tampa, Florida

Some people believe that great leaders have all the answers. Not true. Successful leaders don't know everything. But they know people who do. If you ask me a question related to one of my organizations and I don't know the answer, I know which person in the organization does. If you ask about my profession, I may not know the answer, but with a phone call or two, I can talk to someone who can answer the question. And if you ask about the details of my life and schedule and I don't know the answer, I guarantee you there's someone who does – my assistant.

For leaders, it's okay not to know everything.

The most important decision I ever made to keep me focused and to simplify my life was to hire a top-notch assistant. For twenty-seven of the last thirty years of my life, I have been served by two wonderful assistants: Linda Eggers, and, before her, Barbara Brumagin. Their value to me has been enormous.

My assistant is the primary hub of information for my life.

Everything flows to and through her. I trust Linda Eggers to know everything so that I don't have to. More importantly, she has learned to sift information and grasp the most important details. When we communicate, Linda gives me the main thing, which enables me to see what to do next, helps me to know why it is important, and empowers me to bring the appropriate resources to bear on the need at hand.

Because Linda is the center of information for my life, she knows the good, the bad, and the ugly. That works because I trust her completely. And when she tells me bad news, I am careful not to "shoot the messenger." Taking out your frustrations on the people who bring you bad news quickly stops the flow of communication.

For leaders, it's okay not to be the first to know.

Most people have a strong natural desire to be "in the know." That's why gossip magazines and tabloid newspapers sell so well. Leaders also have a strong desire to be "in the know" when it comes to their organizations. No leader likes to be blindsided. However, good leaders can't afford to be caught up in every little detail of the organization. If they do, they lose their perspective and their ability to lead.

In any organization, problems should always be solved at the lowest level possible. If every problem must be shared with leaders first, then solutions take forever. Besides, the people on the front lines are usually the ones who provide the best solutions, whether it's on the production line, the battle line, or the breadline.

Taking myself out of the middle of everything lessens my personal importance to many people in my organizations, but it allows me to do that which is personally important to me. It also means that assignments are not always done "my way." But I have discovered that most things can be accomplished effectively in many ways.

What about you? Are you determined to know everything that goes on in your organization or department? Do you get a thrill from being the first to know? Do you live by the motto, "If you want something done right, do it yourself"? If so, you are complicating your life and risking burnout. This only limits you as a leader. Begin relying on other people and cultivating trust in them. Only then can you be free to focus on the most important things.



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New Study Discloses 62 Percent Drop in Home Mortgages to Minorities

By Kenneth J. Cooper
America's Wire

WASHINGTON, DC -Since the housing market collapsed, mortgage lending to African-Americans and Hispanics has plunged precipitously—by more than 60 percent, according to a new study of loan information that banks submit to the federal government.

Together, African-Americans and Hispanics were able to borrow 62 percent less to buy or refinance homes in 2009 than in 2004, before the market crashed, the computerized analysis finds. With lenders imposing tighter credit standards, mortgage dollars going to non-Hispanic white borrowers also declined, though by considerably less, 17 percent. Asians fared best, obtaining nearly an equal amount in mortgages.

The study, to be released this week, was conducted by Maurice Jourdain-Earl, founder and managing director of ComplianceTech in Arlington, Va., which advises financial institutions on fair lending practices. The study also found wide racial-ethnic disparities in how often financial institutions approved mortgage applications and made mortgage loans during the six-year period.

Whites were about twice as likely as African-Americans and Hispanics to be approved for prime mortgages with the lowest interest rates, while members of the two largest minority groups were two to four times more likely to receive subprime loans, which have higher rates. By contrast, the disparities were much narrower for loans insured by the government's Federal Housing Administration, which has attracted a growing number of borrowers during the credit crunch.

The study concluded that a “dual mortgage market” has emerged, with white and Asian borrowers having better access to lower-cost mortgages than African-Americans and Hispanics, who on average pay more to own or refinance a home—if they can obtain a mortgage.

“The higher cost for mortgage credit translates into less money for basic necessities,” Jourdain-Earl writes. “The higher cost for mortgage credit also translates into African Americans and Latinos having lower homeownership rates and lower opportunities to build wealth, lower educational achievement and higher unemployment.”

Reasons for the lending disparities are not directly reflected in the national data, which do not include credit scores of borrowers or ratios of loan amounts to values of homes. Nor does the Federal Reserve Bank collect information on foreclosures by race and

ethnicity.

Jourdain-Earl blames a cycle of higher cost loans being made to minorities for leading to higher levels of defaults and foreclosures, ultimately causing “greater disparities in access to credit.” He raises the possibility of an unknown degree of discrimination, noting an “erroneous notion” that minorities caused the housing market's collapse, despite the relatively low amount in mortgages they received, compared with those for white borrowers.

The Mortgage Bankers Association declined to comment on the report because, spokeswoman Melissa Key says in an e-mail, “The author does not control for any of the factors that could lead to rate or approval differences across borrowers.”

Barry Zigas, director of housing policy for the Consumer Federation of American, agrees with Jourdain-Earl that a dual market exists. Zigas says it is unclear whether the causes have to do with lower credit scores of African-Americans and Latinos, private investors being reluctant to buy mortgages made in minority communities or the disproportionate subprime loans representing an “unsustainable volume” of borrowing.

“Since the meltdown, there is no question that credit has constricted across the board,” Zigas says. “It's even more difficult for minorities and low-income people.”

The report, entitled “The Foreclosure Crisis and Racial Disparities in Access to Mortgage Credit 2004-2009,” illustrates disparities by race and ethnicity. The study uses data banks submitted to the Federal Reserve under the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act and analyzes racial-ethnic patterns in prime, subprime and FHA loans, which together constitute the vast majority of the market.

Mortgages made to Hispanics have decreased the most, by 63 percent, to \$78 million in 2009 from \$214 million in 2004. Lending to African Americans has dropped to \$49 million from \$122 million, or 60 percent.

Whites have been affected much less and Asians barely. New mortgages to white borrowers declined to \$1.1 billion from \$1.3 billion, or 17 percent. Lending to Asians stayed almost the same at about \$128 million, with the difference being equivalent to one modest mortgage.

“Analyzing the issue of access to mortgage credit by race is



Kenneth J. Cooper



significant because of the central role homeownership plays in building personal wealth,” Rep. Maxine Waters (Calif.), ranking Democrat on the House subcommittee on capital markets and government sponsored enterprises, says of the report in an e-mail. “As a 2010 study from Brandeis University illustrates, for example, the wealth gap between African-Americans and whites is only growing larger, having quadrupled over the course of the last 23 years.”

The financial stresses that accompanied the recession meant many Americans from all racial-ethnic groups did not apply for mortgages. When they did, applications by African-Americans and Hispanics for the best loans were approved or, in bankers’ language, “originated” much less often. On average, whites were

twice as likely as blacks to obtain prime loans, and one-and-a-half times more likely as Hispanics. Almost no disparity existed between whites and Asians.

The disparities extended even to subprime loans which, despite concentrations in minority neighborhoods, went mostly to white borrowers. During the six-year period, whites received more than 60 percent of these high-cost loans, which are most likely to lead to defaults and foreclosures.

But disproportionate numbers of subprime loans did go to minorities. African-Americans were three-and-a-half times more likely to have one as whites, and Hispanics about twice as likely. By 2009, even the subprime market had dried up for the two minority groups, with lending to African-Americans since 2004 down by 95 percent and to Hispanics by 92 percent, compared with 87 percent for Asians and 81 percent for whites.

Jourdain-Earl concedes that the big drops in subprime loans to the largest minorities could be interpreted as a positive development, but he adds in an interview: “At this point, African-Americans and Latinos are not even able to get high-cost subprime loans.”

The lending field was more level for mortgage loans backed by the Federal Housing Administration, which spokesman Brian Sullivan says has seen its share of the mortgage market jump from 3 percent to 30 percent since 2006. Compared with those for whites, loan approval rates were 19 percent lower for African-Americans, 13 percent for Hispanics and 9 percent for Asians.

On the other hand, the report found that the rapid growth has changed the racial composition of FHA-backed borrowers, with the higher percentages going to whites and Asians, and lower percentages to African-Americans and Hispanics. Jourdain-Earl questions whether

FHA was acting in accord with its affordable housing goals.

Sullivan says the shifting racial balance of FHA borrowers merely reflected that whites predominate in the mortgage market and have turned to the agency in increasing numbers.

“That’s not because of any application of unfair lending practices, he says, speaking generally. “It was a consequence of what was happening in the marketplace.”

Sullivan notes, though, that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is investigating 22 lenders to determine whether their imposition of higher credit standards than FHA’s minimums has had a discriminatory impact on African-Americans and Hispanics.

Chris Herbert, research director of the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University, says the report has limitations in explaining why minorities fare less well in the housing market, a trend he acknowledges.

For instance, he says focusing only on first mortgages and comparing borrowers in the same income levels would provide a sharper picture of home-buying trends in particular, since African-Americans and Hispanics, on average, earn less than whites.

Academics at Harvard’s housing center and elsewhere are examining whether current credit standards are unduly restrictive and not justified by the economic situation.

In response to criticism from Herbert and the Mortgage Bankers Association, Jourdain-Earl says his focus was the flow of credit to different racial-ethnic groups, not the reasons behind the disparities.

“I wasn’t trying to ascertain the why but to shine a bright light on the outcome and the effects on wealth and homeownership rates,” he says.

In the study, Jourdain-Earl urges the FHA to study “the potential of adverse effects” from its credit standards and proposed that federal laws should require lenders to report on foreclosures, defaults, short sales and loan modifications, including the race and other demographics of those borrowers.

He also calls for implementing financial reform legislation enacted last year “in a way that promotes sustainable diverse lending.”



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Don't Melt Down

As an entrepreneur, you're probably either slightly frazzled, mildly frayed or full-on exhausted.

Overwork went straight to Douglas Heddings' back. The founder of Heddings Property Group in New York City, Heddings has suffered from chronic stress-related back pain for more than a decade. Even as he recuperated from spine surgery, the pace didn't let up. His inbox filled at the rate of 50 e-mails per hour. The back problem "has a great deal to do with the fact that I feel I have to be on call 24/7," Heddings says.

"This is not good for my mental and physical well-being."

Researchers agree. Frequent long hours can increase stress and touch off a host of health hazards, including insomnia and high blood pressure. Poor decision-making starts to creep in. And unlike your laptop, your system doesn't have an internal fan to cool it down.

A 2006 study at the University of California, Irvine found that chronic workweeks of more than 51 hours can triple the risk of hypertension. And, after looking over the data from a British study of civil servants, Marianna Virtanen of the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health found that workdays of 11 or 12 hours increase the risk of coronary events by 56 percent. Stress is the culprit, triggering the release of hormones that help contribute to plaque build-up inside arteries. Long days were also linked to sleep problems and depression.

Constant work can lead to what the Japanese call *karoshi*—death by overwork. Researchers in Japan have found a link between long hours, high blood pressure, heart disease and an unhealthy lifestyle—no exercise, sleeplessness, poor eating habits, fewer medical visits and increased anxiety and strain. Sound familiar?

Time Out

As the old management-world adage says, work expands to fill the available time. Unless you set boundaries, all of your time becomes available time. "If someone gets overloaded, fatigued and bombarded with stimuli at all hours, at some point they're going to suffer from decreased cognitive function, fatigue, difficulty concentrating and decreased ability to process information and make decisions," says Dr. Michael Komie, a

professor at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. "It's the same as pilots who are over-fatigued." But unlike pilots, there are no rules governing how many hours entrepreneurs can spend working each day.

A starter set of rules

Whether you're rule-resistant or just not sure where to start, we've got your back. Jump-start your new time-protection measures with the following tips and tricks:

Set rules for tools.

Turn off the auto-download on your e-mail inbox and smartphone. Instead, check e-mail manually on a set

schedule. Researchers recommend a max of four e-mail checks per day. Yes, four. Per day. At night? Turn the e-mail off.

Track your output. Take notes on the ups and downs of your productivity. A productivity diary will help you learn to recognize when you need to stop.

Shut down and go home. Even if you work from home, mark the end of your workday with a daily ritual—a clear signal that your professional day is behind you. It can be as simple as turning off your computer and the lights, or turning your coffee mug upside down. (Just make sure it's empty first.)

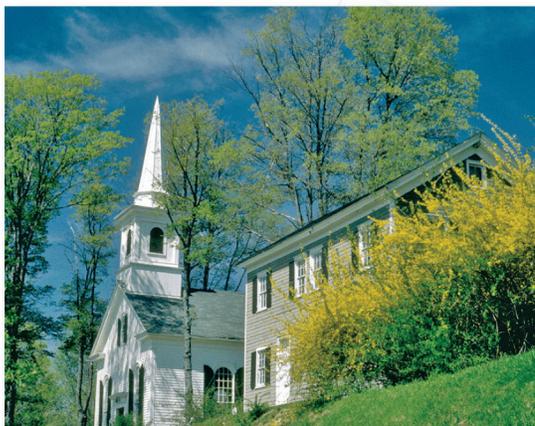


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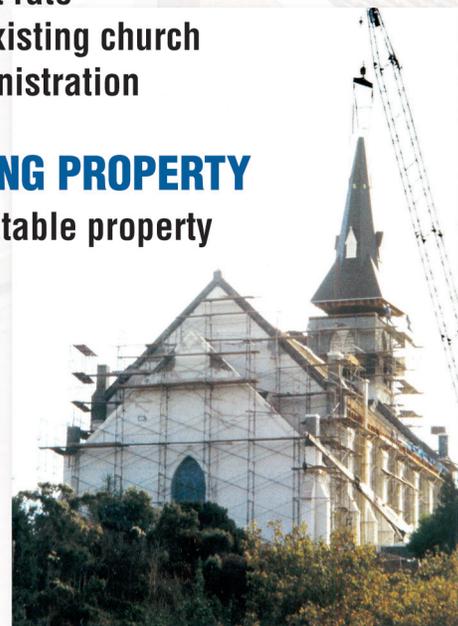
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Getting access to business credit can either be really easy or really hard; There is no real middle ground. It really all depends on how old and profitable your company is. The older your company and the more money you make, the easier it is to get it. The younger your company and the less money you make, the harder it is to get it.

With all that said, here are some proven ways to get business credit:

1) Maintain Your Personal Credit

While there are ways around this, the average person can only get access to business credit if he/she has good personal credit. Conducting a credit check on your personal financials is usually the only means that a banker has to determine whether or not you are too risky for them. If your personal credit sucks, fix it. It will be well worth your time - however long it takes!

2) Shop For Banks

Always remember that banks need you just as much as you need them. Giving you access to credit creates revenue for them. Therefore, if one bank turns you down - try another. In your community, there are probably at least 25 different banks. All of them have a different application process, all have them have different criteria, but at the end of the day - they all want to do business with you. FindABetterBank.com is a great tool to find banks in your area.

3) Search Online

In addition to the banks in your local community, there are tons more on the web. These virtual banks may have higher rates, but they too are very desperate for your business. Many offer business loans and business credit cards. Conduct extensive research using Google, Yahoo, and business directories such as www.Business.com.

4) Find a Broker

A broker is a person or company that can help you find the best bank available. They can save you a lot of time and energy, and may even bring opportunities to your attention that you would’ve never found. Be careful about shady brokers who are so desperate for your business that they will connect you with loan sharks.

5) Attend Financial Seminars

If you’re aware of a financial seminar or workshop in your area, make every effort to attend. What better way to be

educated about the best financial options for your company, then to be advised by a local expert?

Usually these events are free to attend, and the person hosting it is usually very knowledgeable about the best banks and financial institutions to do business with. As always, double-check any references by doing your own research.

6) Attend Business Conferences

Every year, hundreds of business organizations and publications host their own annual conferences. Most have expos where companies such as banks can set up booths to recruit new clients. This is a great opportunity for you to inquire about their services, collect literature, and learn exactly what you need to do to apply and be approved.

7) Read Business Magazines

Publications such as Forbes, Inc, Fast Company, Black Enterprise, Hispanic Business, and even Business Week, report regularly on the business credit and financing industries. They often provide unique tips and techniques that can be used. Not only can you benefit from the content from the articles within, but you can also benefit from the advertisements (both display and classified) that promote various opportunities.

8) Shop For Business Credit Cards

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Divinely inspired to create “HEAL THE LAND” music, upon reflections of her past and observances of the current situation in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria, Ms. Jackson states that this music is a compendium to heighten global awareness and help stimulate dialogue among the various factions at odds in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria.

“HEAL THE LAND” music album which consists of 3 original songs featuring a combination of Reggae, African Highlife and Nigerian country music, was written and composed by Ima Jackson. The first track on the album, “Heal the Land” is a call to conscience for the global village to unite and resolve the deplorable conditions in the oil rich Delta region. The second track “Niger Delta” which Ms. Jackson calls (My rainbow land of gold) is a prophetic message that Niger Delta region will rise again. The third track, “It Takes a Village to Raise a Child” advocates that it takes great minds alike with all the tools necessary to build and stabilize the community and its inhabitants. This album was recorded at Idyl studio and supported by some Akwa Ibom State musicians led by Lemmy Otu Jackson, the legendary producer who has empowered many artists like Christiana Essien, King Sunny Ade, Onyeka Onwenu, Victor Essiet, the Mandators, Majek Fashek, Ortiz Wiliki, Ras Kimono, Oliver De Coque and Alex O. to reach the pinnacle of their careers.

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Arrogance of being President while being Black

I don't think anyone was under some real illusion that the election of Barack Obama actually means the end of racism in America. I'm pretty sure that the president-elect knew it better than anyone. After all, he saw it every day, from the moment he announced his candidacy. To some degree, he saw it within his own party during the primaries. And he saw it in all ugliness during the general election. For half of this country, he was "That One". No matter how big and clear his victory was. No matter how smart he is. No matter how decent he is. No matter what a true patriot he is. No matter how optimistic and positive his vision for America was. All that didn't matter. Because at the end of the day - he was still Black.

I'm quite old. I remember, vaguely, where my parents were on November 22, 1963. I've seen so many presidents. Some were feared, some were hated, some were adored, some popular and some not. But all of them, without exception, were treated with the highest respect deserving the Office of the President of the United States.

That is until a Black man won the right to occupy this office. It's been 13 months now, and in the eyes of so many, Barack Obama is still "That One". He is being disrespected and at the same time being held to the highest standard of any president I've ever seen – and not just by the Republican side! He has to perform three times better than any president in history, and even that may not be enough.



For the media, he is many more times just "Obama" than "President Obama". They create scandals out of nothing issues. It took them at least 6 years to start giving Bush a small part of the decline in America he deserved. It took them 6 months to begin crap all over Obama because he's yet to fix the catastrophe that was left for him by Bush.

They use condescending tones when they talk about him, and only mildly less condescending when they talk TO him. With anyone else, CNN wouldn't dare go to commercials every time the president speaks, like they did during that summit on Thursday. They wouldn't dare be counting how many minutes George Bush or Bill Clinton were talking. Chris Mathews wouldn't dare make an issue out of Ronald Regan calling members of congress by their first name, like he is not actually the President. They fully cooperate with the Right-Wing smear machine when it comes to President Obama's National Security performance – even if almost every independent and military expert actually thinks that he's a terrific Commander-in-Chief. You'll never see them on television, and virtually no one from the Left, in congress and outside, defend the President on this matter.

I don't care about the Far-Right. They're just crazy ignorant Neanderthals. It's the way the beltway and the mainstream treats this President that is shocking. On Thursday, almost every Republican had no trouble interrupting him in the middle of a sentence. They looked like they're going to vomit every time they had to say "Mr. President". They all had this Eric-Cantor-Smirk whenever he spoke. Then they went out and started to spit their stupid talking points, to the delight of the media. Sarah Palin, a woman who can hardly read, thinks that he was "arrogant" towards John McCain, and somehow this is important news. Because you see, "Obama's Arrogance" is the talking point of the day.

Oh, those talking points. He is arrogant (because he knows the facts better than all of them combined). He is an elitist (because he uses big words that they don't understand). He is weak on national security (because he actually thinks about the consequences). He divides the

country (well, he did that the day he had the audacity to win the election). Worst of all, he actually thinks that he's the President. He even dared to say so on Thursday. How arrogant of him. You'd think that previous presidents didn't have any ego. Somehow it turned out that the one president who treats even his biggest opponents with the utmost respect – is the arrogant one. I wonder why?

I expected that his winning the Presidency would bring out some ugliness, but it's been far

worse than I imagined. The racism coming from the Right is obviously clear and shameless, but there's also some hidden and maybe subconscious and disturbing underline tone behind some of the things that I read here and throughout the Left blogosphere, even before the end of Obama's first year - 'He's weak, he's spineless, he's got no balls, primary him in 2012'. It'll be dishonest to deny that.

The fact is that for millions in America, Barack Obama is this uppity black man (Not even a "real" black), who received good education only due to Affirmative Action, and has no right to litter the sacred Oval Office with his skin color. They just can't accept the fact that the President is a Black man, who unlike his predecessor, was actually legally elected. But what's really sad is that it's not just the fringe, its deep deep in mainstream America.

Barack Obama's ability to remain above all this slob, to keep his optimism and his strange and mostly unjustified faith in people, while continuing to gracefully deal with an endless hitstorm – is one of the most inspiring displays of human quality I have ever seen. And I can only hope that the Cosmos is on his side because God is and God never makes a mistake.

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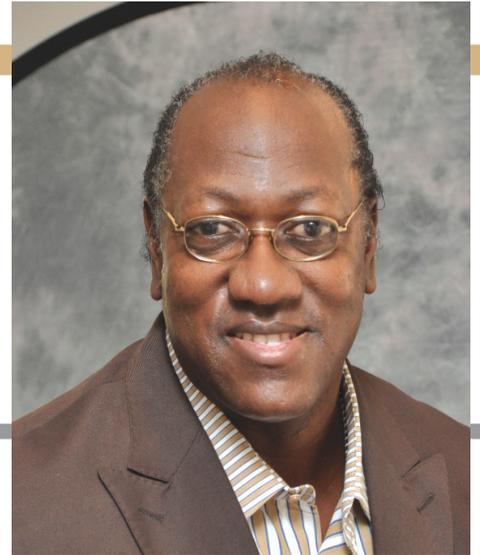
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Circle the Wagons

In the past countless sermons have been preached, numerous articles have been written, hundreds and thousands of lectures made - all about how we as a Black people must become more attentive to the economy and more discipline with our money. However, deaf ears and apathy in the past did not produce consequences that drastically impacted our life... that was then – this is now.

My friends, be not deceived, we are facing crucial economic times. If you have not been negatively affect by now, thank God and prepare for your impact... its coming. This economy is going to force us to use skills and delicacies we have not utilized in many years including working with each other. "Wait a minute", some might say. "What is so appalling to make us resort to such primitive matters and activity like working with one another?"

Let me share with you a few tidbits of information that might not have surfaced among the list of facts you share with family and friends about the seriousness of this economy. Just in the small realm of business that Retail Sales make-up, there are many stores that are closing and laying-off employees:

Ann Taylor closing 117 stores nationwide. Eddie Bauer closing more than the 27 shops already closed. Cache closing 23 stores. Lane Bryant, Fashion Bug, Catherine's closing 150 stores nationwide. Talbots, J. Jill closing 100 stores. Gap Inc. closing 85 stores. Gap also owns Old Navy and Banana Republic. Foot Locker to close 140 stores. Wickes is going out of business and closing all its stores. Goodbye Levitz / BOMBAY - closed all stores. Zales, Piercing Pagoda closing 105 stores. Disney Store closing 98 stores. Home Depot store closing and 1,300 employee layoffs. CompUSA closed all stores. Macy's closing 9 stores. Movie Gallery closing 160 stores. Pacific Sunwear closing 153 stores. Pep Boys closing 33 stores. Sprint Nextel closing 125 stores and laying-off another 4,000 employees for a total of 9,000. J. C. Penney, Lowe's and Office Depot are scaling back. Ethan Allen Interiors closing 12 stores. Wilsons Leather Experts closing 158 stores. Pacific Sunwear closed 154 stores. Sharper Image closed 90 stores. Bombay Company closing 384 stores. KB Toys closing 356 stores. And Dillard's closing an undetermined number of more stores.

The horrendous impact of this small sampling of our nation's businesses effects families' incomes, diminishing their abilities to provide for their children and pay there mortgages and other bills. If

you did not lose your job by the failure and/or lay-offs of one of the above companies or any other company, maybe your child or love one has, thus they may lean on you for support through their crisis, straining your limited resources. We all one way or another are affected.

When you couple the aligning economy with high gas prices, the Church who many have considered 'Recession Proof', has even taken a hit by parishioners' inability to give their regular offerings. By now you know It's Time to Circle the Wagons!

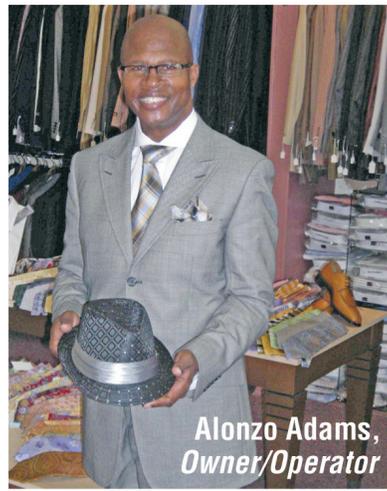
As a community, our number one objection must be to save money. Second to that, we must monitor how we spend our money, making sure we spend it with those that have our best interest in mind and has the ability and willingness to spend their money back with us. And third, we must sacrifice and no matter what - work with one another by hiring each other and working in each other's businesses to strengthen and preserve our business community. Circling our Wagons keeps our money working for us... be not deceived, we are not the only ones having problems, other communities are taking care of their own and won't be able to run to our rescue. If we survive, it will only be by our own efforts.

Things will get better but it will take about a year. Until then things will get a lot worst. One problem that has plagued our community in the past is Self-Hate. We are willing to work with anybody, anyway, anywhere, before we work with one another. This must change and can only change by instituting Self-Love. Our Love must not be passive or reactive; instead our Love must be proactive. Let us seek-out ways to express our Love in actions toward one another. Let us create 'Random acts of Love' instead of 'Random acts of Violence.' Let us use the telephone to unite us in Love instead of dividing us by jealousy.

The Bible tells us "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. (1 John 4:7&8)

God is and will be apart of our future success. However, he will only be manifested by our Love. Where there is no Love, there is no God. Whether it is in our homes, our churches, our businesses, our community... no Love means no God. To all our problems, past, present and future, Love is the answer.

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