



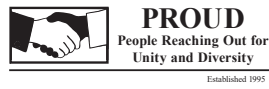
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Thirty Years After Oak Park: Ferguson Then and Now

St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley
3400 Pershall Road, Ferguson, MO 63135

Building Relationships – Friday, 18 October 2024, 1:00 - 5:00
Friday Evening Reception – 18 October 2024, 5:30 - 8:00
Appreciating Diversity – Saturday, 19 October 2024, 8:00 - 12:00
Strengthening Community – Saturday, 19 October 2024, 1:00 - 5:00

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- Community Safety
- Housing & Neighborhoods
- Education & Youth Empowerment
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Full conference tickets – \$75.00, Single session tickets – \$30.00,
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Breakfast provided for Saturday morning session and
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Conference sponsored by:



PROUD – People Reaching Out for Unity and Diversity – invites you to join in the conversation about Ferguson’s experiences over the past thirty years and evaluate what worked, what didn’t, and what should be done next. The conference is called “Thirty Years After Oak Park: Ferguson Then and Now.”

In October 1994, the City of Ferguson hosted its first Oak Park Exchange Congress at St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley. The conference considered ideas for stabilizing the city as it was going through demographic changes. Several programs, including the Ferguson Neighborhood Improvement Program, came out of that conference.

PROUD, a volunteer not-for-profit organization, was established as a direct result of the conference. PROUD’s purpose is to continue the goals presented at the Oak Park Conference by working to improve relationships among members of the Ferguson community.

We will return to Florissant Valley on October 18 and 19, for a two-day conference to consider the ways that Ferguson has changed over the past thirty years. Join us for the Friday afternoon session on “Building Relationships,” the Saturday morning session on “Appreciating Diversity,” the Saturday afternoon session on “Strengthening Community,” or for the whole conference. There will also be a reception on Friday evening to honor the city officials who organized Ferguson’s original Oak Park Conference as well as PROUD’s charter members.

For more information and tickets, visit our website at www.proud-ferguson.org.



Century Home Sunday

The following homes were awarded “Century Home” plaques on September 15th:

- 117 Adelle
- 429 Harrison
- 103 Wesley
- 222 Wesley

We are all proud of these homeowners who are continuing to keep Ferguson a beautiful place to live.

Photos by Tim Larson on page 15

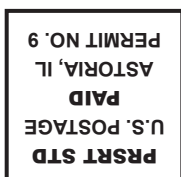


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TEEN MAKERS Make a haunted Zen garden! Ages 12-18. Register at bit.ly/fmplmakers24 . Tuesday, October 15 at 6 pm	
ADULT EVENTS	
CONVERSATIONS AND COFFEE Enjoy discussing the news over snacks! Tuesday, October 8 at 6 pm	READINGS ON RACE BOOK CLUB Chapters 10-18 of <i>Half American</i> . Monday, October 14 at 6 pm
CRAFTERNOON - TINY ART Unleash your inner artist! Register at bit.ly/fmplcrafternoon23 . Friday, October 25 at 3 pm	
ALL AGES EVENTS	
READ IN Celebrate the freedom to read by dropping in and reading a book with us over light refreshments. Friday, October 4 from 3-4:30 pm	FIBER ARTS SOCIAL CLUB Hang out and chat with other crafters while you work on your latest knitting, sewing, crocheting, etc. project. Thursday, October 10 at 6 pm
FLIERS FALL BOOK SALE Great reads at great low prices! Thursday, October 17: 4-7:30 pm Friday, October 18: 12-5:30 pm Saturday, October 19: 9-3 pm	CULTURAL CUISINE We return to Germany just in time for some Oktoberfest treats! Register at bit.ly/fmplcultural23 . Wednesday, October 23 at 6 pm
GREAT PUMPKIN PARTY Join us for a spooktacular celebration of Halloween! Enjoy crafts and games before you go trick or treating. Thursday, October 31 from 4-6 pm	OCTOBER CRAFT KITS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct. 14-19: Paper Marigolds • Oct. 28 - Nov. 2: Jack o’ Lantern Pennant Pick up a free kit while supplies last!

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25 Happy Birthday Rev. Patrick Hayden



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October at a Glance



- 1 Forestwood Neighborhood Meeting 7PM
- 10 Jeske Park Neighborhood Meeting 7PM
- 12 Yom Kippur
- 14 North Elizabeth Neighborhood Meeting 7PM
- 14 Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 17 West Neighborhood Meeting 6PM
- 17-19 FLIERS Book Sale (see ad below)
- 19 NorthHills Neighborhood Meeting 10AM
- 24 South Central Neighborhood Meeting 6PM
- 24 Ferguson Woods Neighborhood Meeting 7PM
- 28 South West Neighborhood Meeting 6PM
- 31 Halloween

PRAY FOR PEACE

Please continue to keep officer Travis Brown and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

FLIERS OCTOBER, 2024, BOOK SALE

Thu, Oct 17: 4-7:30
Fri, Oct 18: NOON-5:30
Sat, Oct 19: 9-3:00
Affordable fiction, non-fiction, cookbooks, puzzles and vinyl records
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Save Your Ash

Though-out Ferguson and the entire St Louis, St Charles counties, Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is killing the common Ash Tree. It's the deadliest of tree diseases but the most treatable. Call your local arborist.

A Loss to Ferguson:

Ruffina Farrokh Anklesaria 6-21-1958 - 8-25-2024

Ruffina Farrokh Anklesaria was a loving and devoted mother to her two daughters, Devina Lee Sheng Tin and Anahita Anklesaria, and the cherished wife of the late Farrokh Anklesaria. Born in Trinidad and Tobago, Ruffina made the United States her home in 1999.

Throughout her life, Ruffina embraced many roles. She was a meditation instructor, a strong advocate of the Catholic faith, and a lifelong learner. Her academic journey culminated with a Master's degree in Political Science from Washington University. Together with her late husband, she co-founded a non-profit organization dedicated to reforming public offenders through the power of meditation.

Ruffina was deeply connected to her community in Ferguson, where she was a regular contributor to the Ferguson Times and was highly respected and loved by those around her. Her impact on the lives she touched will be remembered, and her presence will be greatly missed.

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Exciting news!

The Ferguson Public Library, along with the Municipal Library Consortium, is joining Missouri Evergreen, a consortium of more than 60 library systems statewide (and growing)! We'll be transitioning to a new catalog which will have enhanced features that will improve your library experience.

What does this mean for you?

- A new and improved catalog with better searching and browsing
- Access to a combined collection of **over 4 million items** from participating libraries
- **Reduced** hold times on popular books and movies

The switch begins October 14!

From **October 14-17**, during our transition, several services will be unavailable. For more information, please visit the library.



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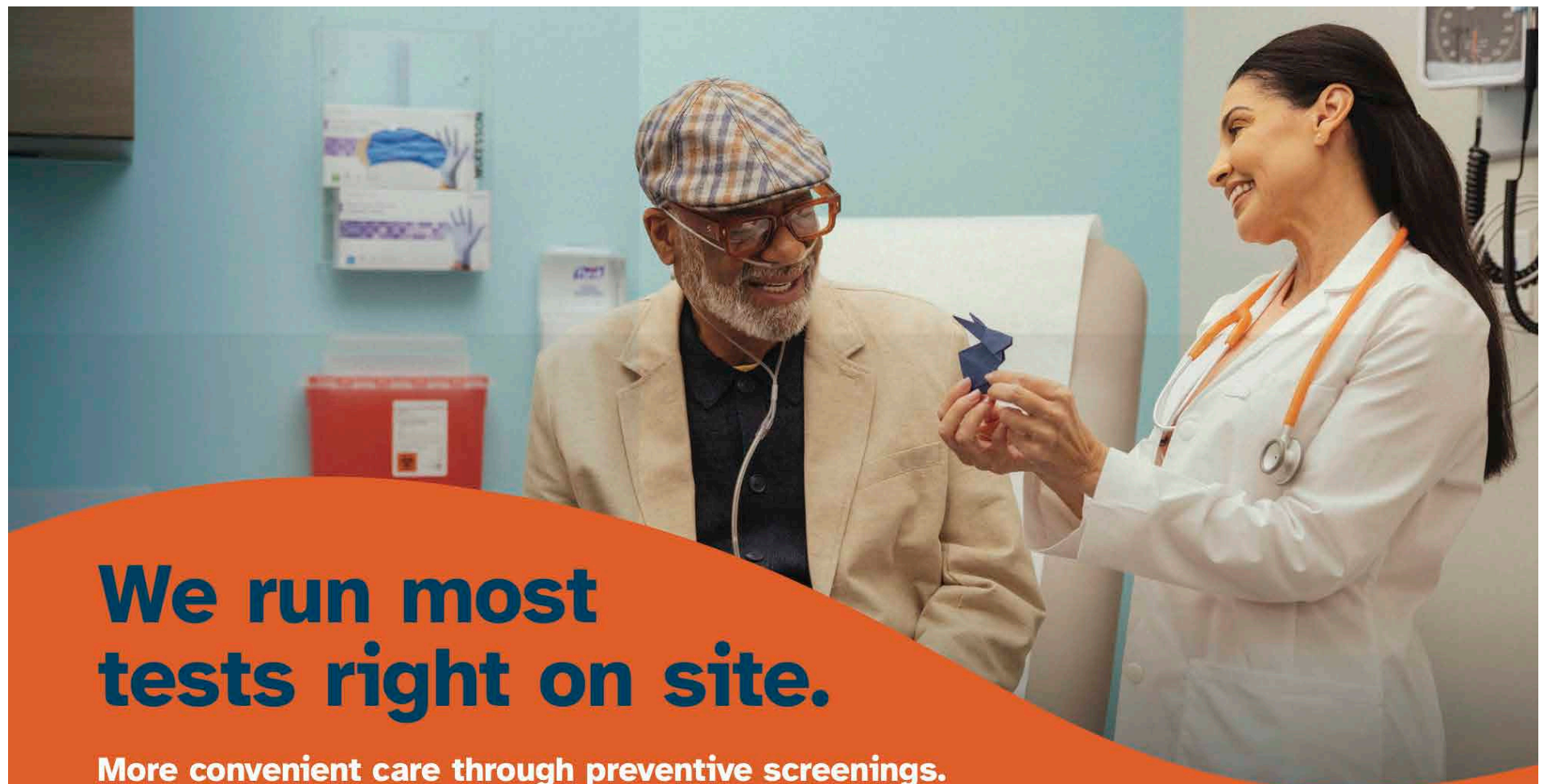
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Ferguson Community Center
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OCTOBER 26 | 4 PM - 7 PM | FERGUSON COMMUNITY CENTER

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“Prost!”

By Robin Shively

ACROSS

1. 8, shifted
8. Station worker
14. Hogwarts alum __ Myrtle
15. Lounge lizard?
16. Word before root or sweet
17. __ a Down, Chop Suey! Band
18. Chi-town transport
19. Goddess of wisdom
21. Time zone abbr.
22. Small taste of liquid
23. HTML address
24. Electronics co. founded in 1919
27. Belle of the ball, in brief
29. Knitter’s unit
31. Corporate has-been
34. Fr. holy woman
35. It’s noble
36. Andean animal
38. In the direction
39. Ripen
40. One of five classical orders of architecture
42. Autobahn toll unit
44. Like Barry White’s voice
46. In an unruly frenzy
48. Coral reef island
49. Bakery by-product
52. Specific time
53. Follower of either
54. Opposite of pro
55. Decimal system base unit
56. You’d be smart to join this club
59. What the first or second letter in TTFN stands for
60. Abet
61. Annual event at which several of this puzzle’s answers may be found
66. Maytag alternative
67. Einkorn or spelt
68. Locale
69. One who’s gone platinum
70. April in Paris?

DOWN

1. Fossilized resin
2. Silt or loam
3. Work using a shuttle
4. Complete
5. Rhine region wine
6. Monogram on a cross
7. __ Adams, former office supply vendor
8. Annoying one
9. Make a selection
10. USPS assignments
11. Meek, bashful
12. Be a runaway bride?
13. Ump counterpart
15. Old ‘Grand Ole’ auditorium
20. Jr’s predecessor
23. Short name for Ho’s instrument
25. Middle
26. Pertaining to animal life
28. Rottweiler coat colors
29. Husky
30. Not a want
32. Vehicles found at KOA campgrounds
33. Final Four letters
34. Power source for Big Boy 4014
37. Not satisfied
39. Yahoo! Competitor
41. Atop
43. Used a lariat
45. Musician’s gift
47. Resource to refine
50. Units equivalent to about 39.37 inches
51. Petri dish gel
53. Like some wine casks
56. F-16 Soviet equivalent
57. Trendy London or NYC section
58. Memorization by repetition
60. Pub pour
62. Abe’s son
63. AK airport
64. Places where RNs perform triage
65. Website marketing strategy, briefly
67. Two thirds of owl

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This speed hump, near the Ferguson Farmer’s Market is one of six recently installed on Dade.

You Spoke – We listened

Ferguson City Council approved a contract to install 109 speed humps city-wide

This news made the front page of the September 6, issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch. An excerpt:

“The City of Ferguson is installing more than 100 speed humps on dozens of residential streets to try to curb speeding by locals and motorists who cut through the suburb from county roads and nearby highways, sometimes at 80 mph.

“The \$262,000 project calls for 109 speed humps on 45 roads at locations chosen based on traffic data collected over the last two years, Ferguson Public Works Director Koray Gilbert said.

“The effort comes in response to years of complaints about speeding and crashes on residential roads branching off major county thoroughfares like West Florissant Avenue, Councilwoman Linda Lipka said. The speed humps were among recommendations the city’s citizen traffic commission made after it was revived in 2016, to look into safety improvements on city-owned roads which motorists often use to cut through the area and avoid busy thoroughfares, Lipka said.

“The traffic commission surveyed residents and first responders and used cameras and radar to record traffic data for nearly two years, finding that motorists frequently traveled up to 40 miles per hour over the posted speed limit in neighborhoods across Ferguson.

“We’re the four-way stop in North County so to speak, but nobody is stopping”, Lipka said.

“The project in Ferguson, which has a population of about 18,300 people, is the latest effort to address speeding in north St. Louis County, where busy thoroughfares like West Florissant Ave and Chambers Road have frequently been identified as some of the most dangerous roads in the St. Louis region.

In August, St. Louis County completed a two-year, \$7 million revamp of 1.7 miles of Airport Road which runs through Ferguson and Berkeley, that included widened lanes, bike lanes, new sidewalks and upgraded traffic signals. West Florissant, another county-maintained road, is slated for a \$30 million revamp that calls for medians, narrower lanes, a pedestrian path, landscaping and sidewalks.

”Ferguson joined a handful of other cities in the region that have paved in speed humps in recent years. It also joined cities across St. Louis County buying license-plate reading technology for use by police and pushed for the county to make improvements on West Florissant and Airport Road among others. The city’s police department has also pointed to a new state traffic law that makes it a felony offense to flee a police stop as a boon to traffic enforcement.

“All of these things work together to create a safer North County,” Lipka said.

The speed hump installation project is expected to be completed by October. The city council is also considering installing more speed humps next year.

For a complete list of streets that will receive one or more speed humps, and more infrastructure plans, see the City’s website: <https://www.fergusoncity.com/907/Infrastructure-Project-Updates>



Hello Ferguson!

by Marian Linck

Well, here we go again. It is September 10. My deadline date is fast approaching, and I am at a loss.

I recently had the privilege of witnessing the Ascension Charity Classic golf tournament at Norwood Hills Country Club. I met one Senior golfer but at the time I had no idea if he was a golfer or a spectator. As my life experience has taught me, I treated him with the same respect as I would have John Daly or Stewart Sink (I do not really know who Stewart Sink is either.



I had to ask my husband to name a famous senior player) or even Tiger Woods, who is not old enough to participate in a senior golf tournament, YET. David Frost (no, not the talk show host, he has passed away) came to my desk and asked in the sweetest south African accent if I could print something for him. I said, of course, still enthralled with his manner of speaking. I wanted him to talk to me as long as possible. He sent the document to my email, and I

printed it from there. He was cordial, kind and appreciative. The document was some sort of real estate business and he off-hand asked me if I would like to go to Provence where his new property is. When he left I "googled" David Frost and learned he is a talented golfer. He also has a brand of wine associated with his family name. His family has been vintners since 1963. I will be looking for his wine at Randalls or Total Wine. I am also waiting for my invitation to Provence.

Norwood Hills Country Club is currently closed for a few days to recover from the tournament. The course takes a beating during the week of the tournament, The kitchen and hospitality staff are non-stop as well as the grounds maintenance crews and the golf pros.

I should have plenty of time to draft an article this week while I am not working. Time is not a problem. Ideas and thoughts, however, are limited. Next month I should be able to write about our trip to Rolla, Missouri on September 14 and 15. My husband, Rich, is a Rolla Graduate and played soccer on the "club" team he and a few fellow students of which were the founding members. Tom Schneider, former Mayor of Florissant, was instrumental in introducing soccer to UMR as well as the town of Rolla. This weekend is the 50th Anniversary Reunion of that collaboration. Yes, we are THAT old. How did that happen?

As new grandparents we have the incredible privilege of seeing our new grandson at least once a week. They live in South St. Louis, and we participate in a workout group at Tilles Park on Hampton. After our "bootcamp" we take our tired sweaty bodies and visit Patrick and his mom and dad on Wednesdays. We enjoy dinner together and marvel at the milestones that have occurred within only a week, I forgot how quickly babies grow, change, and begin to develop a personality.

The article this month is becoming a "random thought" edition.

The weather has been beautiful, and I am tired of paying the huge water bill for the swimming pool that cannot seem to hold water this year. My beloved pool is leaking more than usual this year. I do not know where all the water goes. We do have nice green grass in our backyard. I am tired of brushing algae from the pool floor and walls. I am tired of buying gallons and gallons of Vertex (pool chlorine). I am tired of the pool this year despite all the joy it gives me. Closing it down. I will attempt to repair the cracks better next spring so the water company will stop sending me panic stricken letters about water leaks on our property. You would think after 20 years of larger than usual water bills for 3 months they would figure out that we have a swimming pool. Oh well, a person does not ever look at my bill and the computer send a letter when prompted by unusual water usage. AH! The joys of a technical data driven world.



Election Day is fast approaching. No, I am not going to turn this article into a political piece. I know better than that. I do not want any hate mail. I wish to encourage every one of my loyal readers to be informed and educated about your choices.

Do not simply vote for a party. Vote issues. Vote your concerns for your future and the future of our state and country. Vote for your children's and grandchildren's futures. Carefully consider your choices for local, state, and national leadership. Be an informed voter.

Thank you for suffering through my ramblings this month. I love hearing your comments and criticisms. You may reach me at manhattanmarian@gmail.com.



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Digital Ferguson - Linux Flavors for Everyone

by David Pickens

Last article I described why some home and business users ought to consider switching from Microsoft Windows to Linux operating system and promised to look at some versions of Linux – called distributions, distros for short, to consider.

But what do we mean by a Linux distro? That meaning reflects the very different way Linux is developed (and distributed) as a collaboration of software engineers versus one large corporation. Each Linux distro is actually a software project involving anywhere from one to many thousands of volunteer programmers who work together to create an operating system that matches their dreams. They may take a Linux distro they like somewhat and turn it into something they like much better. Each distro is in fact a labor of love. This is the nature of free open software. The developers of a distro then distribute this operating system by making it available for free to download, often creating a support web site with documentation and even a community forum specifically to support their project. There are thousands of Linux distros, but as it so often happens, only a handful have over time bubbled up to the top of the list in popularity. Before we dive into that list let's quickly review the reasons you might want to consider switching from my last article.

One is that while in earlier days Linux was often impossibly difficult for most non-technical people to install and manage, many Linux distros have been specifically created and maintained to be easy to setup and use, and as a result some of these have become wildly popular in the home and business arena. Another factor is in olden times software was designed to only run on one operating system, like Windows, but now with the advancement of cloud computing (Such as Google Docs, Microsoft 365, Salesforce) many if not all of the software applications we need to use only require a web browser and an Internet connection. A third factor is the remarkable stability of many Linux distros means freedom from the constant noise of unwelcome changes forced on users of Microsoft Windows. Add in the fact that most versions of Linux are free. And just to make clear that I have not forgotten you, but of course I realize you Macintosh computer users will switch operating systems when we drag your Mac systems from your cold, dead hands. Trust me, I completely understand!

Linux Mint & Ubuntu

The Mint distro is one of the most beloved Linux distros, I suspect at least partly because it is based on the second most beloved Linux distros: Ubuntu. Ubuntu means, "humanity to others" and is the foundational philosophy of the South African Nguni people. Ubuntu is rather ironically funded by a South African billionaire who actually appears to want to improve the world for its citizens in some meaningful ways. Part of Ubuntu's popularity is that from the beginning its goal was to make the operating system both useful and user friendly. Along with this a major goal was to have a well-documented instruction manual and a large and active community of users and developers. The Linux Mint distro is built upon Ubuntu, because they weren't satisfied with how user friendly and useful it was! So this explains why Mint is the #1 Linux distro for desktops in the world. Estimates vary, but Ubuntu alone is the server operating system running 33% of the entire Internet.

Who are You?

By Dr. Larry A. Brown



What would be your immediate response when asked this question? Would your answer include all the experiences you have encountered up to this point or would you confide your response to your ethnic background and current status? Would you rather confide your response to your feelings and who you are trying to be, or would you actually say who the "real you" is and what that's all about.

Many people say one thing but do another. Is that you? Some people will say what they think others want to hear. Is that you? Some will say something that sounds good but is not the way they think or act. Is that you? Some will say things that they think the listeners want to hear. Is that you? (That is more political than actual)

Some people actually think that they are one way, but they act differently under certain conditions or when others act a certain way. Is that you? There are many, many people who are trying very hard to define who they are but in today's world, it is very difficult to do.

Some folks say that they are a "chip off the old block" whatever that means. Others select certain qualities they wish to have or display from

Debian

Debian is one of the largest ongoing collaborative software projects ever. Started in 1993, it has grown to have over 1000 active developers and by far has the largest library of software packages available of any other Linux distro. It is also super stable and emphasizes quality control, but this quality and stability does come at a cost, because new features are often very slow to materialize, which can lead to stagnation. Ironically, Ubuntu itself is based upon Debian, because the Ubuntu developers wanted a stable foundation, but wanted more user-friendly features faster! Debian is the choice for about 18% of Linux distros used worldwide.

OpenSUSEe, Fedora, CentOS

Coming in at third place (depending on how you count Mint / Ubuntu) these three old timers are super popular free spin-offs from commercial Linux distros. These are often used within businesses to take advantage of their stability and the fact that they are based on a commercial operating system Red Hat Linux Enterprise (for Fedora and CentOS) and SUSE Enterprise (for openSUSE.) One of the reasons for their popularity that software designed specifically to run on Red Hat or SUSE will usually run perfectly well on the free open versions. Another reason is that they are quite simply very stable and secure, and that means a lot in today's dark world. No one in their right mind would run their banking system on Ubuntu, although I am sure some reckless people do!

Stepping Out or Testing the Waters

You might be interested in trying Linux but might be feeling a little intimidated and also thinking how disruptive it might be. One thing to consider especially if you do have an older spare unused PC is that most Linux distros run very well on older hardware, which has been a key selling point for Linux for many decades, the ability to avoid having a bloated operating system (like Microsoft Windows or Apple OS X) force you to upgrade a perfectly well-running computer, like what happened to my beloved Mac Air!

Another option is to run a Live version of a Linux distro. What this involves is downloading and running the "live" version almost every major Linux distro has on their support page. This will run without making any changes to your computer whatsoever, as long as you don't click install. You can literally try the new operating system out before you fully commit to installing it. This option has the slight inconvenience in that any customizations you might make to the software while you try it out will be lost once you restart the computer.

And finally almost all Linux distros now have the option to install the software in a dual-boot configuration, which means when you start the PC it will ask whether you want Linux or Windows to start. This might be a good option for users who don't want to totally commit or who might have a special piece of software that will only run on Windows, but perhaps they don't use very often.

Or you can boldly step out and leave Windows behind. Just don't forget to backup your system data completely before you try anything radical.

David has been in Information Technology in almost every role possible for such a long time it would take a supercomputer to calculate. The first computer someone let him play with was in an F4-E. His first PC was a Timex Sinclair because he could not afford a TRS-80. He is currently running a computer consulting practice. You can contact him at david@bigpurr.com.

their parents or someone else in the family or someone they admire! Could that be you?

I submit to you that more and more folks have not taken the time to understand who they really are. They have also not tried very hard to adopt good qualities, when necessary. More and more people just live life as it happens and don't strive to do the right thing, just the thing that will get them through!

If we had an idea of what would be an acceptable and admirable way to live and work really hard to accomplish that, I venture to say that the entire world would be a better place. Don't you think so?

How committed are you to ensuring that you are doing the right thing? How committed are you to making this a better world? Is it possible that our behavior has an effect on those around us? Can we make a difference, individually?

Do you know who you are? Are you satisfied with your present state of being? Does it make any difference? Can you be a better person or is it too hard? Will the world get along whether you are a better person or not?

Do You Know Who You Are? Tell Yourself and see if you agree!

What is Raghib Drinking?

By Raghib

With wine, sometimes you get lucky and the wine gods smile on you. The wine gods definitely smiled this week on a visit to a local Aldi. I was on my way home from visiting with my dad and decided to make a quick stop to pick up a few boxes of pizza for dinner. I grabbed the pizza and proceeded to the check out line and an owl winked at me! I initially ignored the owl but decided to turn back around to get a bottle, as it was only \$3.99. Occasionally, I take calculated risks with wines below a certain price point and my rationale is that if the wine is not good then I can at least cook with it. Well, let's just say that I will NOT be cooking with Winking Owl Merlot!



Winking Owl Merlot is vinted and bottled by Winking Owl Vineyards in Modesto, California. Now, let's stop for a minute so that we can understand what the term "vinted" means. Vinted means that the wine (or grapes for that matter) could have been purchased elsewhere and then bottled by Winking Owl Vineyards. If that is the case, you may be asking yourself, "Who is Winking Owl Vineyards?" Great question! Word on Wine Street is that E & J Gallo Winery is the owner of the Winking Owl label.



According to their website, historically, E & J Gallo were the largest winery in the United States based on sales volume. Today, their portfolio of wines are very impressive and I encourage you to take a look at it. You may even find wines that you drink are in their portfolio.

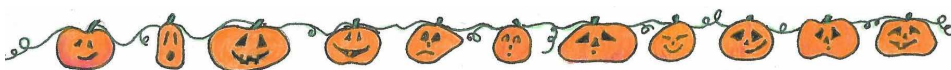


Modesto is located in California's Central Valley. Lodi, which is one of my favorite appellations for Zinfandel, is also located in the Central Valley. In fact, the majority of wines in California are produced in the Central Valley!

As a bonus to this month's column, I want to introduce you to one of my favorite Zinfandels. Turley Zinfandel, Kirschenmann Vineyards 2020. An absolutely delicious Zinfandel from Lodi. Hints of red and black fruit, with some hints of cedar. Can pair with lamb or steak. Price point \$50+.



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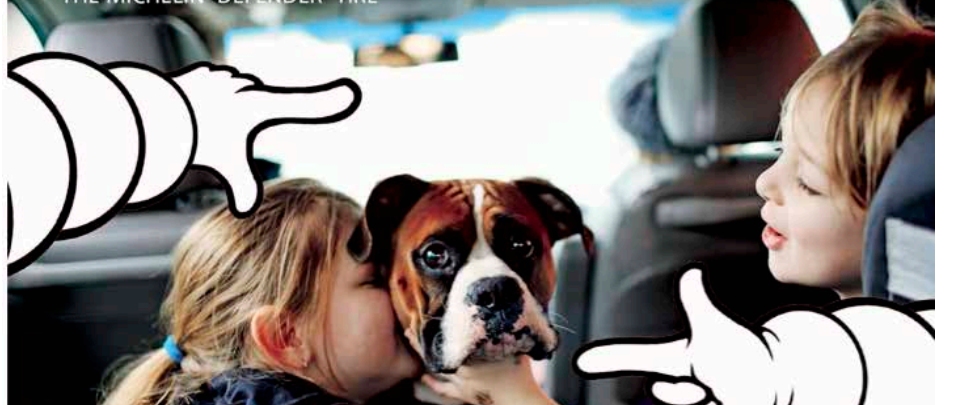


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Financial Focus – Moving Money

By Joan Cleaveland (cleav73@gmail.com)

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Just yesterday FedNow came up in conversation. Last year, I had looked into it for a column. At that time it wasn't available in our area and was just being rolled out to some larger banks. So the following paragraphs are excerpts from last year's column explaining what it is and an update on where we are now.

It used to be that the quickest way to get money moved to a merchant or another person was to use a wire transfer. By 1871, Western Union expanded their business of sending telegrams to include the movement of money electronically across the country. By the early 1900's they created a way to process international money transfers. In 1915 the Federal Reserve Bank was able to begin move funds electronically connecting all twelve Reserve Banks to utilize the system.

For more than fifty years, this was the fastest way to move money. Either doing it thru a Western Union office or utilizing a bank where you were a member. With a bank you could only wire to another bank in the Federal Reserve System and you had to get specific wiring instructions from the person or company you wanted to pay. It was important to be accurate because once it was sent and received there was no turning back. If fraud was suspected and the funds hadn't been withdrawn from the receiving account yet, a bank might be able to reclaim them. Sending a wire to a person by requesting "payable upon proper ID" gave the receiving bank the responsibility of inspecting identification before paying out the funds.

Wiring through a Western Union Office would usually involve sending the funds to an individual to be identified where the funds were being received. Typically it was paid out in cash at the receiving Western Union Office. Businesses like mortgage companies could use Western Union to receive mortgage payments from people who did not have bank accounts. Domestic wires would arrive in just a few hours. A confirmation of receipt was usually requested to verify. In today's world a few hours seems like an eternity. If funds were being sent to a business or individual in a foreign country it could take a several days thru the banking system or sooner thru a Western Union office depending on the country involved.

If you've ever done a wire transfer you know it can be expensive and not as convenient as newer forms of payment systems like Paypal and Venmo. Bank wires can only be sent during bank hours. Western Union on the other hand is usually available during a broader range of hours –

they might also have other retail establishment like a grocery store to do a wire. Yet there are still hours it is not available. So here comes FedNow to the rescue. It advertises Instant Payments 24/7. Now you can make a payment at 3:00 am and have it show up in the recipient's bank account immediately. For those of us not necessarily in such a hurry to get money anywhere, we may find the convenience of doing it on my time to be the clincher. Unlike Paypal and Venmo this service is only available to bank and credit union customers that have adopted FedNow. The expansion of faster payment systems has grown substantially in the past few years, so it will be interesting to see how the Fed's new product can attract new users.

With any payment system other than handing cash directly to someone there is the possibility of fraud. This new system being run by the nation's Central Bank does offer several safeguards to make it less risky. One important aspect is that only your bank will have your personal information just like they already do. The twelve Reserve Banks will operate like a clearing house for the transfers which will be bank to bank. The system they've built is specifically for Real Time Payments (RTP). It was built for lower-value payments with limits set by the individual banks. It will provide these services to businesses and households all day every day with immediate access to the transferred funds. As this system grows it should reduce the costs and fees involved with many of our current payment systems. So watch for FedNow to be coming to a bank near you.

That is how I ended the column last year. Until it was brought up in conversation recently, I haven't seen much about FedNow since last year. So I checked on-line to find out how many banks are offering this payment system now. As of Sept. 9th, over 950 banks are listed as participating. That sounds like a lot, but as I reviewed the list it seemed that a good number of them were in small towns. In the St. Louis area Frontenac Bank was on the list, so I checked their website for more information about using the service. That's how I found out it is now Royal Bank and nothing on their website gave information about FedNow. Commerce Bank of Kansas City was also listed, yet nothing was available on their website. However they do offer a service called Zelle which pretty much sounds like it provides the same ability to move funds quickly. Zelle has actually been around since 2017. Next month, I will expand on the roll out of FedNow and how other services like Venmo, and Zelle differ. Any new system raises concerns for risk, so understanding the difference between "closed loop" and "open loop" systems will help. Maybe being in the mid-west makes the roll out slower or maybe the competing services already have most of the market. Either way, I'll be looking at what we may expect in the future and what system is least risky and costly. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at cleav73@gmail.com.

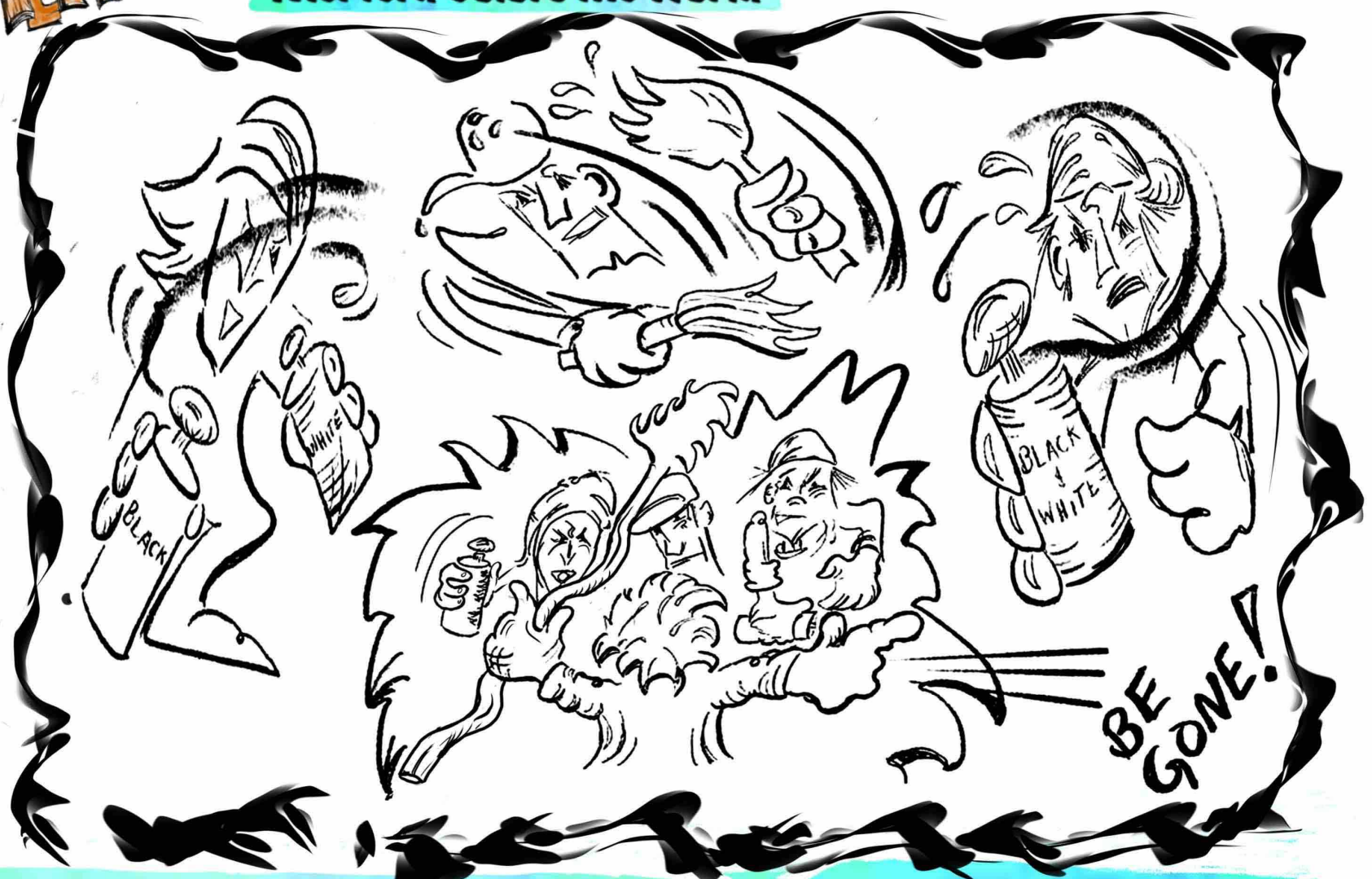
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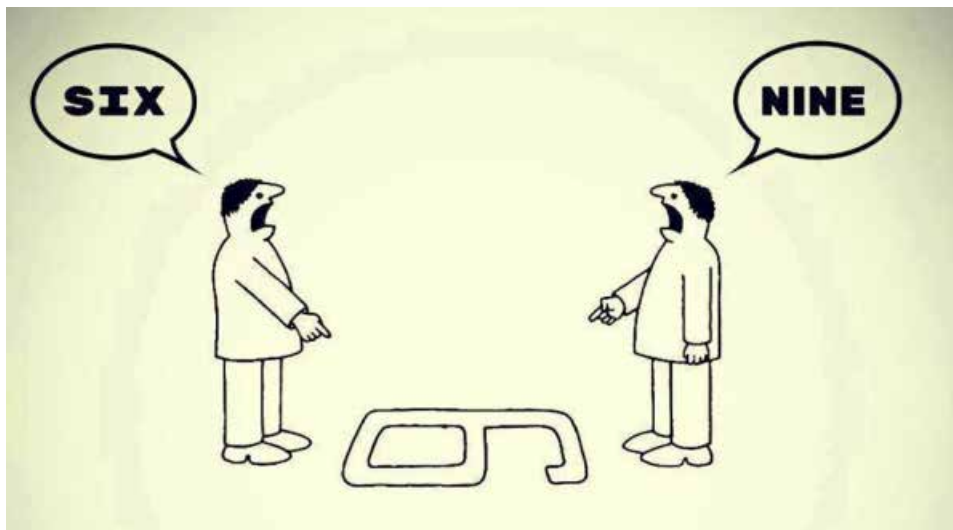
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Perspective

By Michael Pierce



I've been doing genealogical and historical research since I was 16 years old. I'm 63 now. Sometimes I'm paid to do it, sometimes I do it voluntarily.

I recently received a text from a friend, asking me to assist a young woman who is just embarking on the path to discover her past. This particular young woman is of African American and Choctaw descent. Our mutual acquaintance told me that I was the best person she could think of to guide her.

I called the young woman and she told me her story, which is very typical. No one in her family was really interested in her family's story, not even her elders. I told her to get as much information from them as possible, and then we would get together.

Two weeks later we met at her place. She's a college student, majoring in accounting. She had already entered the information she accumulated into a spreadsheet, and she had created shortcuts to pull stuff up when necessary. Her family had come from Louisiana and Alabama. It was a good start.

I gave her some pointers as we talked. It was most likely that her enslaved ancestors were from Louisiana, and that her Choctaw ancestors were from either Mississippi or Alabama. Louisiana has some of the best plantation records of any former slave state. As for her Choctaw ancestors, she needed to check the Dawes Rolls.

Louisiana's plantation records consist of two things – An index, which indicates a plantation, then a list of names of enslaved persons on the plantation. The plantation records are ledgers of sales and purchases (enslaved persons were included among records regarding crop and stock purchases and sales). There are also medical registers for the enslaved persons, which would also tell the names of physicians and surgeons who provided care. Many times the papers of those doctors could be located in the Louisiana State Archives.

A couple weeks later I got an email. "Hey Mikey, I've located the plantation records. I don't think I can look at them by myself. Can you come over Saturday? I'll get pizza and ice cream."

I arrived and we started looking through the online records. I could see on her face that this was a very emotional moment for her. She didn't cry, but she did ask a lot of questions about what we were reading.

Her enslaved ancestors worked on a famous sugar plantation. Cultivating sugar cane was a very brutal task. Enslaved persons on sugar plantations were subjected to short life spans and backbreaking labor. When I described those conditions to her, I could see that she was processing the information.

The pizza and ice cream were delicious as we discussed what she had found. We had a very thoughtful conversation about it all, and how she hoped, someday, to visit the plantation. After about four hours it was time for me to leave.

We've been keeping in touch, and I've been to her place a couple more times. Usually, when I'm doing this research for someone, it's just a job. This is different. I know how I feel when I discover things about my family, be it good, bad, or surprising. I have to apply that perspective to how she felt, viewing those records for the first time. During our last visit, I told her that I, a 63-year-old white guy, will never know what life was truly like for her enslaved ancestors, her Choctaw ancestors, her family, or for her as a young African American woman, but I will stand with her. That's when her tears began to flow. She hugged me as I left.

Whatever we do, we must seek to understand other people's perspectives of what's happening around us. We can only heal by doing that.



Under The Hood With Robinwood

By Bob McGartland

Behind the Scenes: A Day in the Life of an Auto Technician

Ever wonder what it's like to be an auto technician? It's more than just wrenches and oil changes—each day is packed with problem-solving, precision, and a dedication to keeping our vehicles safe and running smoothly. Here's a look at what goes on behind the scenes.

The Morning Prep

The day begins with a fresh cup of coffee and a lineup of vehicles needing attention. Before even turning the first bolt, technicians dive into diagnostics, reviewing the day's appointments and assessing each vehicle's needs. Whether it's a simple oil change or a mysterious engine light, the technician is ready for anything.

Hands-on Expertise

Once the work begins, it's all about precision. Modern vehicles are more like computers on wheels, and today's technicians are trained to handle everything from routine maintenance to complex electrical issues. They spend time running tests, using specialized equipment, and drawing on years of experience to make sure each vehicle gets the care it needs.

Problem Solving in Action

Some days the job can feel like being a detective. A squeaky brake, a rattling engine—these aren't just noises; they're clues. Auto technicians take pride in troubleshooting these issues, using their keen understanding of how each system works to diagnose and fix the problem. It's a blend of hands-on skills and technology, with technicians often using diagnostic tools to pinpoint the exact issue; along with some good old-fashioned experience.

Teamwork and Communication

No technician works alone. They often collaborate with service writers, parts specialists and fellow techs to ensure a seamless process. It's a team effort that keeps the garage running smoothly, and good communication is key to keeping customers informed and getting vehicles back on the road quickly and safely.

Customer Focused

At the end of the day, auto technicians know they're not just fixing cars—they're helping people. A well-repaired vehicle means peace of mind for the customer, and that's what drives technicians to give their best. Whether it's offering maintenance advice or explaining the repairs, they make sure customers feel confident in their vehicle's care.

A day in the life of an auto technician is fast-paced, full of challenges, and always evolving with new technologies. It's a career built on passion, skill, and the satisfaction of keeping our world moving, one vehicle at a time.

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The Ferguson Highlights

by Teyuna T. Darris, M.A.

“Lady J Huston Continues to Soar!” (Part 2 of 2)

In August 2024, the first part of this article explored Lady J Huston’s musical career, highlighting her background and inspiration, musical style and process, impact and experience, and her role within the community and culture. This month, we delve deeper into her journey, uncovering the challenges and triumphs she has encountered, the invaluable advice she offers to aspiring musicians, and her exciting future plans. Additionally, we’ll get a glimpse of her personal passions and hobbies, and learn about her role in the local nonprofit sector. Join us as we continue to celebrate the remarkable life and legacy of Lady J Huston.

Challenges and Achievements:

Q9: What are some of the challenges you’ve faced in your music career, and how have you overcome them?

A9: The largest challenge is being a Trumpeter that is predominately a male instrument. I’ve been verbally attacked and isolated from peers not wanting to include a woman in their circle. So, sexism and racism have made excelling a challenge. The scrutiny of being firm about the level of professionalism I expect from people working for or with me is challenging. To address these issues, I do my best to ignore the insecurities of others. If I sense a male becoming intimidated, I will do my best to ease the tension. I will also have a male I trust, relay my requests.

Q10: Can you share a particular accomplishment that you are most proud of?

A10: I am very proud of the awards and recognition from the release of my first full-length album, “Groove Me, Baby.” I give thanks to Cyrus J Wingate Jr, whose support was invaluable in bringing this long-awaited project to fruition. He died tragically and I miss him on so many levels. I feel his legacy as a philanthropist for many musicians is secured with the album. Our last visit together was during a group trip he sponsored for my band to perform, and I was overjoyed and surprised to win the 2023 Blues Blast Magazine Music Award for New Artist Debut Album. This would not have been possible without the many fans who voted for me.

Advice and Insights:

Q11: What advice would you give to aspiring musicians who look up to you?

A11: This is the Music “Business”. Put a lot of emphasis on your business acumen so that you have the best chances for bookings and other career opportunities and goals.

Q12: What do you think is essential for sustaining a career in music today?

A12: It’s essential to become savvy with social media. You need to identify yourself as a brand and put in the effort to market yourself. You also have to hustle your butt off. It took a lot of effort for me to assemble an 11-piece band of Albert King alumni musicians that led to being a headliner on the mega St. Louis, Music at the Intersection Festival sponsored by the Kranzberg Foundation. Seeing my name on the same billing as Erykah Badu, Gary Clark, Jr., Buddy Guy, Booker T. of the MGs, & more was an amazing experience.

Future Plans:

Q13: What’s next for you in your musical journey? Are there upcoming projects or performances that you’re excited about?

A13: My next goals are focused on establishing my Roots & Blues organization. I have several upcoming opportunities to present my workshop in St. Louis and New Orleans that I’m very excited about.

Q14: How do you see your music evolving in the next few years?

A14: I see my music evolving more in making records. It’s very important that all of the songs I’ve written in the past and continue to manifest be shared with the universe. I’m hoping to partner with a well-established and active organization to help broaden my reach in the market worldwide. I’m very excited of recently being invited into the 2024 Class of the Recording Academy (Grammys)! This opens the door to a multitude of new connections and opportunities. My two latest recordings won Bronze Medals in the 2024 Global Music Awards. These highly acclaimed recognitions as a songwriter, vocalist, and musician, are valuable in helping my career soar.

Personal Touch:

Q15: Aside from music, what are your other passions or hobbies?

A15: I enjoy electronics and computers. I get a kick out of wiring

equipment and helping others get their systems working. Additionally, I’m a genealogist and enjoy family history research and helping others discover their family lineages. I founded the Black O’Kelleys Family Association, Inc. (my grandmother’s maiden name and family line I was raised with) that is incorporated right here in Ferguson, MO. I currently serve as the Vice President, Family Historian, and co-chair of the Communications and Historical committees. I’m also a health advocate following my experiences navigating through the complexities of medical care and its operational systems.



Q16: If you weren’t a musician, what do you think you’d be doing right now?

A16: While in Las Vegas, I held two positions as a musician and worked 25 years with the Department of Energy on the Nuclear Waste Repository project. They provided me with a lot of flexibility to pursue both careers. I held positions in systems analysis, project controls engineering, database and website administration. I’d most likely be working in social media administration.

Q17: How can others connect with you, stay updated about your work, and listen to your music?

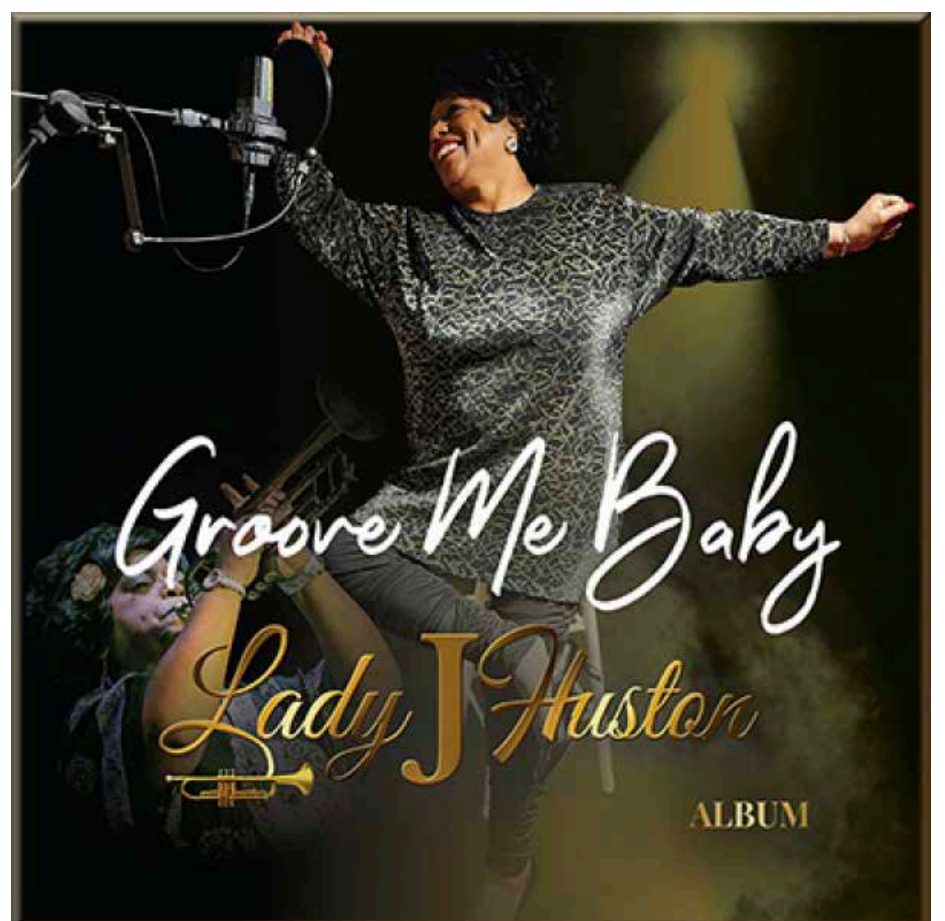
A17: My website has a Coming Events page and Merch store at <https://ladyjhuston.com>. Connect with me on social media thru my handle @ladyjhuston.



Another interesting fact about Lady J Huston is that she was recently named the Community Arts Program Coordinator at a budding local nonprofit, A Red Circle, which works to develop and implement programming to support low-income communities in North Saint Louis County in areas of employment, education, holistic living, policy, and the arts. In her role as the Community

Arts Program Coordinator, Lady J Huston uses her musical expertise and leadership skills to coordinate the organization’s arts programming, including events, instruction, exhibitions, performances, and workshops.

Lady J Huston has a very rich and storied life and legacy. And, I’m so happy to be able to share this very rich and storied life and legacy with you, the reader.



Donald C. Robertson Sr. Introduces the Heartwarming New Book “The Lady and the Parrot” at Backbay Lounge

August 24, 2024 – Ferguson, MO – Acclaimed author Donald C. Robertson Sr. unveiled his latest literary work, *The Lady and the Parrot*, on August 24, 2024, at the Backbay Lounge. The event marked the debut of this delightful and uplifting story, which has already captured readers’ hearts.

The Lady and the Parrot is a charming tale set in a serene, mature adult living village, where an isolated woman unexpectedly finds herself on a series of wonderful adventures thanks to an unlikely guest—a vibrant and curious parrot. Through these shared experiences, the woman rediscovers joy, companionship, and happiness from within.



This story is a testament to Robertson’s commitment to inspiring readers of all ages, particularly children, to embrace the joys of reading, writing, and exploring the arts. As a Black American author, Robertson dedicates himself to creating stories that resonate with diverse audiences, offering reflections of hope, resilience, and self-discovery.



I H Productions, LLC brought the book presentation to life, with the talented Peggy Neely-Harris providing the narration. Videographer/ Michael Harris, skillfully documented the event’s visuals, sound effects & music; ensuring that he beautifully captured the magic of the evening. Robertson’s writing continues to reflect his passion for storytelling and his desire to encourage young minds to delve into the world of literature and creativity.

For more information about *The Lady and the Parrot* and other works by Donald C. Robertson Sr., visit DCR Books on Amazon or contact DCR BOOKSINC.COM



Volunteerism and Ferguson go way, way back

In WWI so many men volunteered for the army that when the draft went into effect no one from Ferguson was called because it had already furnished a greater number of troops than any similarly-sized community in the country.

Ferguson has continued to depend on that spirit right up to the present day. It’s obvious in the vitality of our city. Most neighboring communities can’t come close to sponsoring the many activities enjoyed by Ferguson’s residents. The fact that even tonier suburbs don’t offer our variety makes it obvious that money isn’t the fuel- it’s our volunteer energy.

Volunteers make possible family-oriented activities like Streetfest, 4th of July, Twilight Run and Northern Lights. There are volunteer needs at outdoor activities like the Farmers Market, Earth Dance, the Volunteer Flower Department, the Summer Concert series and youth athletics. There are more adult-oriented groups like the library’s Fliers, the Lions, the Rotary Club, the Ferguson Historical Society and the Ferguson Neighborhood News. Volunteers are the core of service groups like the several food pantries, Ferguson Youth Initiative sponsors or the municipal government boards.

The vibrant atmosphere in Ferguson continues to attract new families and those residents, as well as established ones, are truly needed to maintain what attracted them here in the first place. Sadly, though, the overworked volunteer base of many activities sorely needs fresh blood. Please roll up your sleeves and get involved. The next time you’re at an event you enjoy seek out someone in charge or just start Googling. Ferguson needs you.

Does a Third Interview Guarantee a Job Offer?

by Pat Mathias

So you’re getting a third interview. . . Does this mean you’re a shoe in to get the job offer? I was asked this question by one of my clients. A third interview can definitely make one feel hopeful. However, there’s a more sure fire way to give you confidence that you will be offered the position. What is it? When the hiring manager contacts you for your references.

To prepare for that moment, there are a few tips you want to follow when it comes to references. First, you should always get permission before you list someone as your reference. One of the worse things that can happen is that the hiring manager calls someone who had no idea that they were a reference for you.

Second, chose references that know about your quality of work and work ethics. Consider some of the following people as a reference: former managers, former co-workers, professors, advisors, teachers or colleagues. If they require a character reference, make sure you chose someone who knows you well and can speak highly of you, like a close friend or a pastor. Listing three to four references is common.

Third, always notify your references when you apply for a job. If the hiring manager asks for your references, that’s a good time to make your references aware that they will be receiving a call. Provide your references with a copy of the job post along with your resume. Providing both will allow your them some guidance to speak better on how well you qualify and will perform on the job in which you have applied.

Finally, it isn’t necessary to list your references on your resume or place at the bottom of your resume, “References upon request.” If you’re close to being offered the position, the hiring manager will ask for your references. Therefore, you should have your references typed on a separate sheet of paper. Prepare the heading similar to the one on your resume, i.e. with your name, email address, phone number, and page #. (This will help if it gets separated from your resume it can easily be connected.) Center “References” at the top of the page. Listed in alphabetical order should be your references’ name, place of employment (if applicable), job title (if applicable), email address and phone number where they can easily and quickly be reached.

I did a follow-up with my client about the position, and she informed me that she accepted a different job position before going to the third interview.

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The Sick - And it Starts

By Patricia Brothers

Cold and Flu season is among us. The hard part? It is inevitable that a good chunk of the world will get sick. Not everyone has the best hand washing practice. Nor do they have the most common courtesy to cover their mouths when they sneeze or cough. The vaccines try to anticipate strains. Unfortunately, strains are developing faster and faster each day. Imagine being a nurse practitioner and seeing some of the most insane practices from your colleagues. Once a coworker told me, "You have really good hand washing skills. I should work on that" right before she walked into the O.R. I was completely mortified. I nearly put in my two weeks.

I sat at my desk looking at the new patient chart. This one hurt my heart. The little baby was five years old. He looked so miserable. His diagnosis screamed virus, but what it was – unknown. His room was on quarantine. PPE was to always be worn and discarded the moment we exit the room. Kelly and I were on the approved list to tend to him. Today, Kelly had an emergency and could not come to work. I am stuck with Little Miss Unsanitary.

We started our isolation prep to enter the room. He is writhing in pain. We cannot break his fever. He is practically living in an ice bath. The cough sounds like he has been smoking cigarettes since birth. I prep the meds. I was so wrapped up in his charts that I did not realize Lesley did not have her PPE properly worn.

I look up above the charts to see her "Lesley. You may want to gear up correctly. We don't know what kind of virus this is." I said it authoritatively, otherwise she would not listen.

In fact, she did not and of course – he not only sneezes, but he also coughs in her face. The look of horror on her face had me in shock. Immediately, I grab as many alcohol swabs as possible and open them so that she can wipe her face. Simultaneously, Maxwell begins spewing what can only be described as something from *The Exorcist*. Quiet as it was kept, I think my prayer was more for that than his healing. I swivel around to catch samples to be assessed. Meanwhile Lesley is sobbing uncontrollably.

I hit the call button as I am watching Maxwell code. I look around looking for the tv cameras. This just cannot be real. There is no way this is happening right now. I am trying to remain calm, but I cannot manage these two alone. I begin CPR. Stacy comes in with the crash cart.

"What in the world?! Why is she ...?" Stacy trails off pointing at Lesley.

I shake my head in disgust. "No time. She'll be fine. We need to save this little baby."

Stacy jumps in and cleans the area so that we can apply the paddles properly. Dr. Johnson joins us after he pushes Lesley out of the room. "Okay ladies. Let's do this."

We are doing everything we can. All hope feels lost. We stand quietly. A single tear leaves my eye. I asked God to give me a sign. I inhale deeply. Then there is a beep. Then another. Then another. My eyes open wide, and I have a mild delight. We wait. The beeping becomes steady. I hold my breath. My eyes were darting around the room assessing whether I was hallucinating or not. Judging by Stacy's demeanor, we both were feeling the same thing. I nearly fainted from not breathing. As the realization settles, we both let out a deep sigh.

Dr. Johnson clasps his chest. "Are you both seeing this?" He whispers.

We both whisper "yes." Stacy turns to me. "Is this real?"

"I sure hope so." I whisper.

His little fingers wiggle. Stacy and I work to get him cleaned up and new bed linen. Oddly enough, his fever broke. His heart rate is steady. He is not speaking, but you can see that he is reacting to stimuli. We clean his IV line and add a new bag of fluids. I am watching for signs of another "episode." Thankfully, nothing happened. I stay in the room to monitor him closely. Once again, I do not realize the time. I text Tonya. She does not respond.

I leave the room to check on Lesley. I shed my gear and prep in new gear. Hopefully, the rest of the staff followed protocol and isolated her. I pray she just isolated herself. Stacy walks up to me.

"What was she THINKING?! I just wish for once people would take stuff like this seriously. We are the front line. She knows better than that." Stacy is livid. But she is right.

"I know. Where is she?" I look around.

Stacy scoffs, "Oh you can take your gear off. She LEFT!"

If you could see how fast I turned how fast I turned around, "What do you mean she "left"?"

Stacy is seething. "As in. She cleaned up. Went home. Supposedly. She cited some mumbo jumbo and said we did not have the power or authority to quarantine her."

"Did you call the CDC? And we surely can." I speak as if I am the charge nurse. But I knew would agree with me. I looked at my phone to see if Tonya had responded. Nothing. "She needs to get back here. Call her. If she refuses, contact the authorities. She must be monitored at least for the next 48 hours."

Stacy grins. "On it." Lesley is not on Stacy's list of happy people. In fact, I think she secretly enjoyed every bit of her assignment.

I shed my gear and prepared to brief the oncoming shift. This is too much for one day. I just want to be with my kids, but fear and panic settled in as I thought if I was a carrier, and I gave it to them? With Lesley running loose – who knows whom else she encountered. Just then, the CDC walks through the door. I have a sinking feeling in my stomach. I do not think anyone is going home tonight. It did not take much for me to know they were looking for me. Everyone turned and just stared at me. I slowly head to the conference room, but not before grabbing a mask.

I texted Tonya to let her know what was happening. I did not expect her to respond as usual. I sat down at the table waiting for them to enter. I laid my head on the table. The tears just flow. Next thing I know there is a code call. It did not take much again for me to know it was Maxwell. I hop up and wipe my tears. I run with the force of *The Flash*. I make it to the door and as I reach for the door, I feel someone, or something pull me back. I then realized it was Dr. Johnson. I need not have PPE. I fall back against the wall and take a breath. Nice save sir.

I watch from the outside. There is blood coming from every orifice. I cannot seem to get my gear on fast enough. I scream at the top of my lungs. Stacy is doing everything that she can to help me. Everything I learned comes flooding back, but nothing comes to mind understanding what is happening. Nothing comes to mind to tell me how to prep for this. Nothing. I am flipping through the pages in my head. Judging by the look on Dr. Johnson's face, it is the same for him as well.

After x` effort, the time of death is 10:57pm. Nearly 7 hours after my shift was supposed to end. And I do not get to go home. The entire floor is now on quarantine and there is still no sign of Lesley. The CDC is on high alert and enlisting all the help to find her. This is going south fast, and I am caught dead in the middle of it. I grab a cup of coffee and just kind of hang out. There is not much any of us can do at this point but wait it out. I hope for the best and prepare for the worst.

My phone rings. It startles me. "Hello?"

"Mommy? Where are you?" It is Amanda. She should be in bed by now. I look at my watch. It is 11:29pm.

"Oh honey. Mommy had a really sick patient, and I must stay at the hospital a little while longer because none of can leave." I choked up.

"Oh. Are you sick too?" Amanda is so inquisitive when she is avoiding bedtime.

I sigh. "Hopefully not Sweetheart. Hopefully not. Where's Tonya?"

"Um. Right here? She is using my phone after all." Half sarcasm; half joke. Tonya is such a handful.

I welcome it. "Oh. Right."

"So, what's the deal? This doesn't sound the same." Tonya seems genuinely concerned now.

"I don't know much and what I do know I can't speak on so much yet. I will say check and prep your go bags. I have a sinking feeling in the pit of my stomach. It's not good." I almost whisper into the phone.

For once I think Tonya understood the gravity of my statement. "Okay." She hangs up.

I take a deep sigh of relief.

I sit in the chair next to me. I cup my face in my hands.

To be continued..

Patricia Brothers is a native St. Louis author who has always dreamed of acting and writing. She began this journey early on in her high school career starting with supporting roles and eventually landing her first starring role as Eleonora in the stage adaptation of Eleonora and The Raven by Edgar Allan Poe. She loves writing and scored the highest grades in her English class. Although praised for her work it also led to weekly meetings with the guidance counselor. Now she writes to entertain the masses. Her vivid imagination and intrusive thoughts lead to great stories such as Death by Imagination and Stella's Revenge. Her Only Desire and Never Go in the Woods Alone are soon to be released. The greatest thing about her writing is "It all depends on whose imagination you are using"..

The Ferguson Computer Corner

by Doug Neely PLEASE VOTE FOR THE BEST CANDIDATE; OR THINGS WILL NOT BE GOOD AT ALL!

OCTOBER, 2024

As usual, let us take a look at what we have in store for us this month, per Wincalendar.
Ready?

- 4th---St. Frances of Assisi
- 6th---World Communion Sunday
- 14th---Columbus Day
- 18th---St. Luke
- 20th---World Mission Sunday
- 31st---Halloween
- 31st---Reformation Day (95 theses)

If you do not know about these days, I encourage you to go to Wincalendar and read about it there. (You better know at least some of them, or at least keep an ear open during the sermon!)

What Started It All?, dept.

Back in the summer of 2000, I got a call from a lady who lived in Dellwood. She had a problem with her puter. If I remember correctly, her name was Gladys (I could be wrong about that, but I hope not.) Anyhow, I went over to her house and fixed it for her. (Back then, she picked up one of the business cards I left at one of the businesses here in Ferguson that kept a community bulletin board available for us. These boards were for the use of anyone who wanted to put out a message of some type for the citizens. Think of those who wanted to cut your grass, sell or buy something, or who wanted to tell you all about Timmy's birthday celebration. You get the idea. I used it to advertise myself as one who has the needed skills to do all you need done. {Specifically, if it's a puter, and it can be done, I can do it.} She got my card, I fixed her puter. Neat! We were both happy!)

As it turned out, she had this idea that the Ferguson area needed someone to write in the Ferguson Times (I think that's what we called it then.) about puters. We had some good chats about puters, and she thot that I was the one to do it.

Well, my original thots on that were not in agreement with hers. She kept bothering me about it so much that I went ahead and took the dive. At this point, I could give you a bunch more details, but I don't want to go off base. So, since then I fixed a lot of puters for all of you. I hope they are all still working properly; if not, send me an email, the address is below.

By the way: that first column appeared in October of 2000. That means that last month marked 25 years. Was it easy? No. was it fun? Yes. You will have to ask all those who read my column and those whose puters I fixed, and those who called me for my free advice if it was helpful. I hope so. I think I made some friends. If any of you are still out there, send me an email; I would like to hear from you. I hope I helped.

Current Day Timeframe, dept.

I don't want you to wonder what happened to me if you wake up in January next year and don't see the Ferguson Computer Corner in the paper anymore. Believe me, it was a no-choice for me. If it were up to me alone, I would probably never stop. There are so many reasons to keep going as there are to stop. The only differences are that some reasons are very good, some are not so good, and one is inescapable, and beyond my ability to prevail against it. I am truly sorry for this, so please forgive me. The columns I write for November and December of this year (2024) will be the last to appear here.

ME GO NOW!

If you need to contact me for anything, you can still send me an email to: fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com
I will still respond for as long as I am here;
I will pray for us now and for as long as I can.

IF YOU want to contact Doug for some of his puter advice, or for any reason, really, send to: fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com please remember to put your local telephone number into the body of your missive, and be certain to include the phrase:
I NEED PUTER ADVICE into the subject line of your email, or he won't get it! Have a blessed Reformation celebration!

P.S.--MOST churches still have services for the Reformation, so go to one of them, or be ready to explain to Him why you didn't go!

Crossword Solution from page 4

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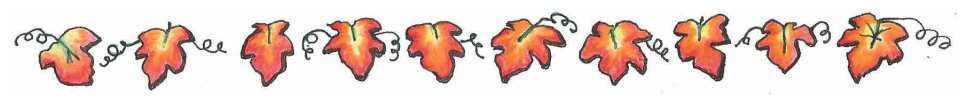
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Ferguson Has A History Museum

Ferguson has a Historical Society and a History Museum. We encourage any people reading this article to join in the conversation and become a member.



Last month we began the two-part update of the Ferguson Wall of Fame. We presented five of the Wall of Famers: Enos Slaughter, Mike Shannon, Susan Notorangelo, Joanie Lum and Louis Maull. In this issue we will show you the final five.



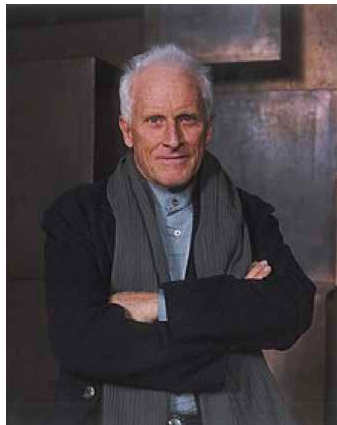
The image above shows the Firehouse side. At the bottom of the article is the Police side.



Daniel Thomas O'Bannon (1946-2009) – not a name that trips off most of our tongues. Maybe it should, as he is a well-known film screenwriter, director and visual effects supervisor – especially in the fiction and horror genres. While growing up in Ferguson, O'Bannon lived at 136 N. Marguerite. He graduated from McCluer High School. The photo is appropriate as a class member remembers him with his bow tie. He attended Washington University Art School – where he was also active in the stand-up comedy community. He also attended Florissant Valley Community College where he wrote and directed a short science fiction satire, “The Attack of the 50-foot Chicken”. Finally he went to and graduated from the University of Southern California with a film degree in 1970.

His credits in the film industry seem to stretch forever, having served as a writer, director, editor, production designer, animator and playwright. Among his many films are: Star Wars, Dark Star, Alien, Heavy Metal, Blue Thunder, Return of the Living Dead, Total Recall, Alien 3, Screamers and Alien vs. Predator. He passed away in 2009 from complications of Crohns Disease. Even in his illness, he found inspiration – he says he found inspiration from his Crohns Disease for the chest-bursting scene in Alien.

Antoine Predock (1936-2024) was an American architect based in Albuquerque New Mexico. Born in Lebanon, Missouri, the family moved to Ferguson where he graduated from Ferguson High School in 1954. While in Ferguson, he resided at #7 Lakeview Court. He began a study of engineering at University of Missouri in Columbia but finished at the University of New Mexico School of Architecture. He established his studio in Albuquerque in 1967 and went on to establish offices in Los Angeles and Taipei. His most famous designs are: Nelson Fine Arts Center at Arizona State U., Turtle Creek House (Texas), Tang Museum at Skidmore College, Ballpark for San Diego Padres along with international sites including National Palace Museum in Taiwan and the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg, Manitoba. His designs feature an angular and brutalist-type design.



Mary Jo Bang (1946-Present) is an educator and writer (Poetry). She was born in Waynesville, Missouri (Mary Jo Ward), but grew up in Ferguson. A 2008 Post-Dispatch article said, “A local girl, she grew up poor in Ferguson.” Bang went on to earn a BA & MA at Northwestern University, a photography degree at the Polytechnic of Central London, an MFA in creative writing from Columbia University and physician assistant degree from St. Louis University. She is the author of numerous collections of poetry including: A Doll for Throwing, The Last Two Seconds, The Bride of E, Louise in Love the Downstream

Extremity of the Isle of Swans, Apology for Want and Elegy. Elegy won high praise for its profound, meditative lyrics on Loss (her adult son's death). She also published a translation of Inferno by Dante Allegheri. Professor Bang currently teaches creative writing at Washington University in St. Louis.

For our final two Wall of Famers, we move into the world of music.



Jeanne Trevor (1938-2022) is often called the “St. Louis’ first lady of jazz”. For anyone who has been around the St. Louis jazz scene, the name rings a bell – many have been to at least one of her performances. Trevor was born in Harlem. After bouncing around some east-coast cities, she settled in St. Louis. In the late 1950's and throughout the 1960's she was a major musical voice in the fabled Gaslight Square, centering on Boyle and Olive. Trevor commented on Gaslight Square, “Everyone was joyous. I don't know how to explain it in that respect. It was our Disneyland, our Camelot, with a little bit of Broadway.” “One thing about Gaslight, everybody was on an even keel. It was heaven! It broke a lot of hearts when it ended, because you had to go out into the cold, real world.” After Gaslight, Trevor continued to serenade St. Louis at the Muny, St. Louis Black Rep, Westport Playhouse, on television and on Film and especially at the Ferguson Concert Series. Her final years were spent living at The Knolls, in Ferguson.

Finally, is a name many of our readers will recognize:

Michael McDonald (1952-Present). McDonald grew up in Ferguson and attended McCluer High School. While there he played in local bands including Mike and the Majestics, Jerry Jay and the Sheratons and the Reeb-Toors/Younger Brothers.



McDonald is singer, keyboardist and songwriter known for his distinctive, soulful voice. From

1973-1974 he was a member of Steely Dan, joining the Doobie Brothers from 1975-1982, 1987, and 2019 to Present. He has also performed as a backup vocalist with Toto, Christopher Cross and Kenny Loggins among others. He has nine solo studio albums. With five Grammy Awards to his credit, he was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame as a member of the Doobie Brothers in 2020.

Now you have all ten members of the Ferguson Wall of Fame. Now that you know more about them, why not stop by and view the actual wall. It is located between the Firehouse and the Police Station on Florissant Road.

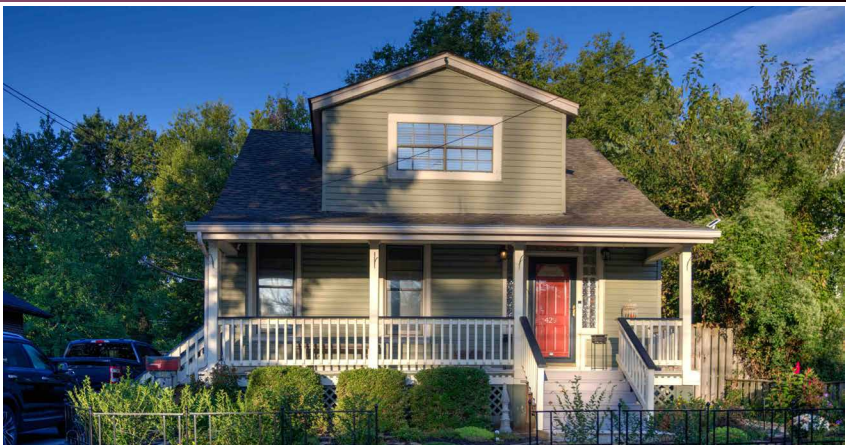


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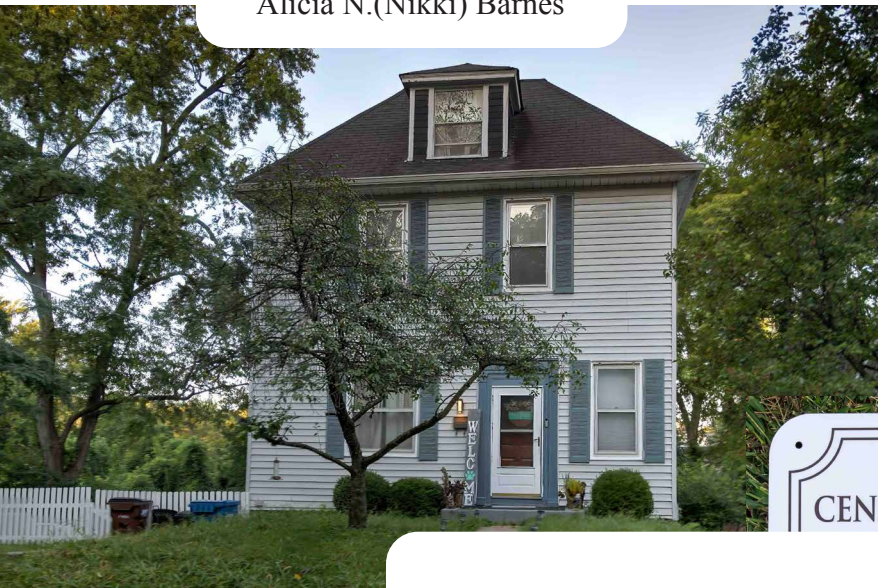
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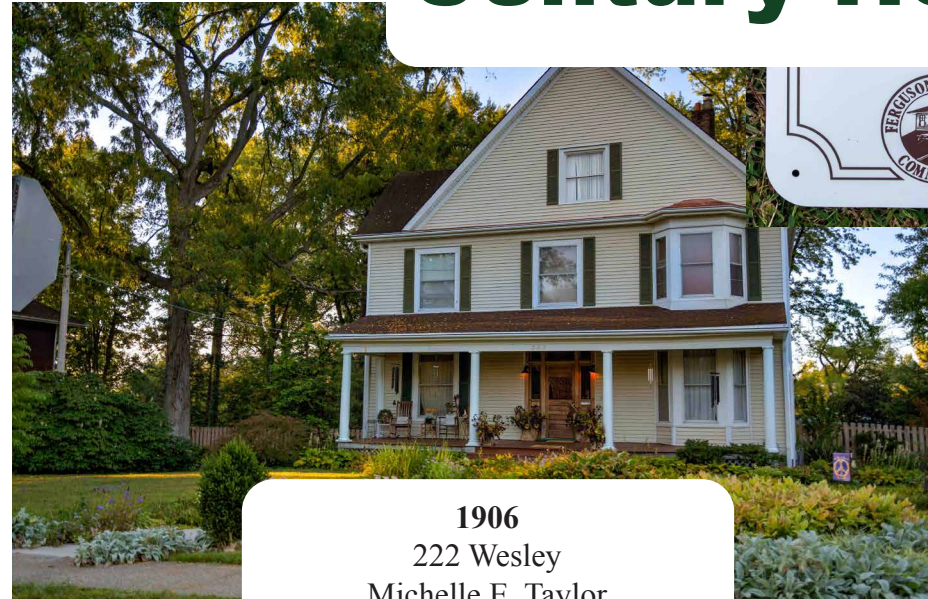
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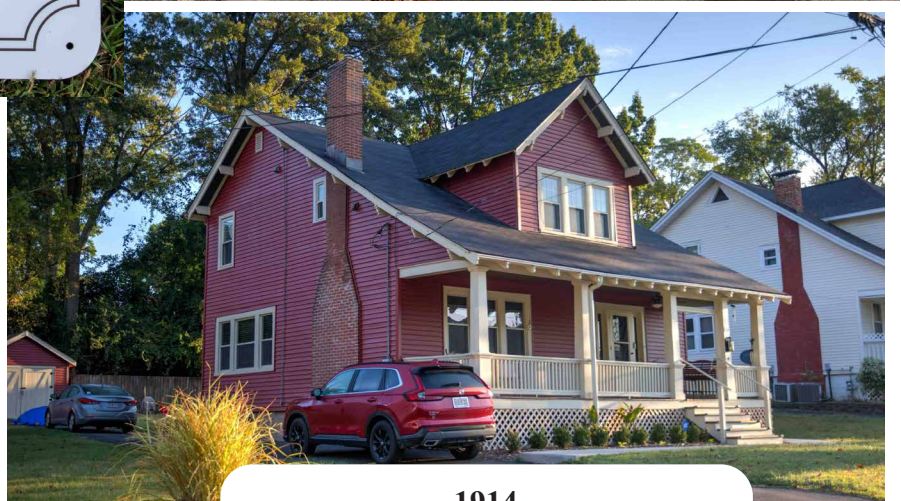
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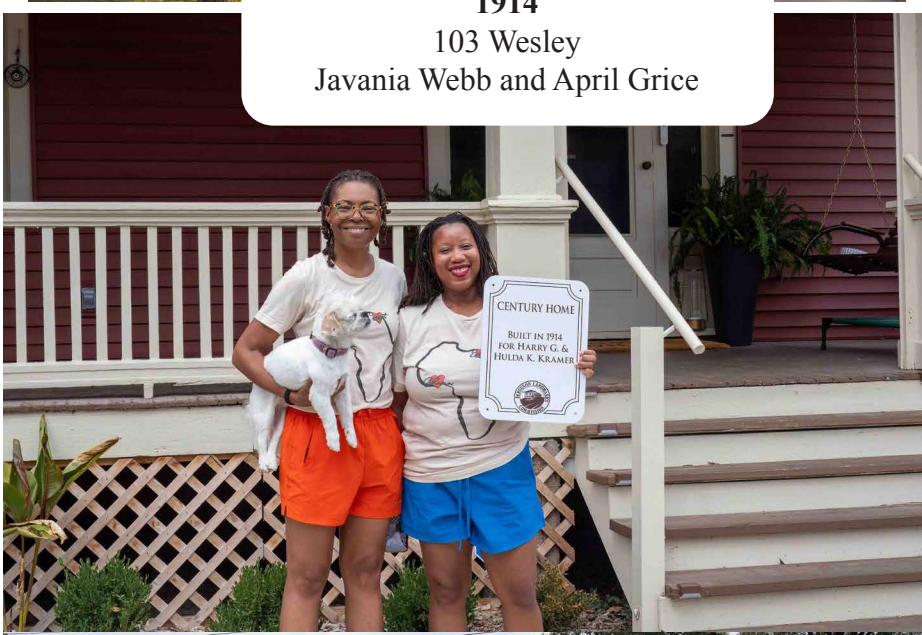
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