

Trump's Great Lip, America Is What Must Be In Iran

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Star Parker

prepared to destroy even one of their
of their insane objectives.
between Iran's leadership and any psy-
who is convinced he is God,
the evil deeds they carry out - most
(00) of their own citizens - are what
ad all the facts.

Unfortunately part of the human condi-
tion, particularly when it means empower-
ment in wealth to finance terror, and to
us, becomes not just insane but pure

largest holder of oil reserves, yet its
cause the oil wealth of the country is
in people, put to finance their leaders'

ty, leading Democrats are challenging
of President Donald Trump sending
insane Iranian regime.

e writes in The Wall Street Journal, "I
was no imminent threat from Iran to
committing our sons and daughters
East..."

Iran support of terrorism globally is

sts of its ongoing battle to eliminate
- and "The Little Satan" - Israel,
into supporting Hamas and Hezbollah
at front in former President Bashar al-

ollah bombed the U.S. Marine bar-
troops. In 1984, they car bombed the

nt of Justice filed charges against an
assassin Trump
ry O'Grady wrote last year, "Tehran
Latin America and probably in the

responsible for a suicide bombing of
Aires in 1983 that took 29 lives and
city Center in Buenos Aires in 1984

ties to Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezue-
ra for Secure Free Society" reports
ary Guard Corps) advisers openly
the Caribbean" - small, missile-armed
trons that can deny the U.S., or allied
the southern Atlantic."

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keep nuclear weapons out the hands
like that of President Barack Obama
nying, "Iran reaffirms that under no
k, develop or acquire nuclear weap-

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stry Iran's vast arsenal of long-
lity to enrich uranium to produce
U.S. and the whole world.

for doing what needs to be done
U.S. and all decent people.
for Urban Renewal and Education. Her
America?" is available now

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Ben Jealous

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they shared a common predic-
e rebelled together. For a brief
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the people who held power. So
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all measures of authority over
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rica are hurting. Factories have
working-class Americans has
devastated entire towns.

e doesn't deny any of that,
walk into the same job interview
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many activists forget, language
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take responsibility for their ac-
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Students First: Superintendent Mary B. Outley Paints Optimistic Future For Akron Public Schools

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thinking and ensure our educa-
tional services are truly inclu-
sive, innovative, and nurturing
for every unique child."

While celebrating successes,
Superintendent Outley was
transparent about the financial
pressures facing the district,
which operates on an annual
budget of \$598 million. She ex-
plained that the cost to educate
each child is rising while rev-
enue sources are under pres-
sure due to slowing birth rates,
decreased enrollment, and the
impact of the EdChoice program
and evolving school funding
legislation.

"Sustainability is about pro-
tecting what matters most, the
classroom," she stated. "I am
working closely with our Board
of Education and community
partners to ensure we remain
fiscally responsible, making
disciplined decisions that sup-
port our teachers and maximize
resources directly for our stu-
dents." When discussing the
lack of appropriate public edu-
cation funding, Outley called
the threats to education fund-
ing both "unconscionable" and
"illogical."

Looking toward the future,
Outley detailed a vibrant vision
for a "sustainable pipeline" of
skilled talent, preparing stu-
dents for diverse opportunities,
including high-skilled careers,
post-secondary education, mili-
tary service, and entrepreneur-
ship.

"Akron Public Schools em-
braces the challenge of being a
primary workforce pipeline
builder for general industry,"

Outley declared. "By aligning
our curriculum directly with the
needs of local employers, we are
ensuring our graduates have
immediate, high-quality oppor-
tunities in college, career,
workforce, and military right
here in Akron, strengthening
our local economy for genera-
tions to come."

The Superintendent high-
lighted the tangible results of
this workforce focus:

- 2,800 students earned indus-
try credentials (an increase of
123.6% since 2018).
- 758 students participated in
more than 119,000 Work-Based
Learning Hours.
- 54 College and Career Path-
ways supported by 247 unique
partners.

As a direct result of these ef-
forts, Superintendent Outley
celebrated the immense success
of the graduating class, an-
nouncing that APS students
were awarded \$17,863,000 in
college scholarships during the
2024-2025 school year.

In a stirring finale, Outley
brought the crowd to their feet,
uniting the room—literally and
figuratively—in a shared mis-
sion for the next generation. She
challenged every leader in at-
tendance to activate their
power, influence, networks, and
resources to fuel a brilliant fu-
ture for our children.

Outley's rallying cry was
clear: we must stand together
to ignite a passion for literacy,
boost classroom attendance,
fight for public school funding,
and serve as proud ambassa-
dors for our district. She urged

everyone in attendance to join
the charge and seize the moment
to make a lasting impact that
champions Akron Public
Schools.

The event was hosted by the
Akron Press Club, which has
served as a vital forum for
public discourse since 1971. The
"State of the Schools" is a sig-
nature annual event, fostering
a direct connection between the
district's leadership and the
community.

**Sojourner Truth
Legacy Scholarship**
Proceeds from the luncheon
fund a \$5,000 scholarship for a
graduating high school senior
(Spring 2026).

About Akron Public Schools:
Akron Public Schools (APS)
enrolls more than 19,000 stu-
dents and employs 4,300 teach-
ing and non-teaching profes-
sionals in Northeastern Ohio.
As the fifth largest and one of
the most diverse districts in the
state, APS covers 62 square
miles within a city of 189,000
residents. The district's mission
is to serve every student by
enriching their talents and in-
terests and developing them
into well-rounded young people
through strong, innovative pro-
grams. APS aims to stimulate
curiosity and appeal to stu-
dents' passions for life and
learning. Additionally, the dis-
trict is committed to ensuring
all students are college, career,
and life-ready by providing in-
novative educational experi-
ences. For more information
about Akron Public Schools,
visit AkronSchools.com.

The White Privilege Predicament

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niable. But the language we use
to describe it sometimes pushes
away the very people who need
to be part of the solution.

Rev. Jesse Jackson under-
stood this better than anyone.
His Rainbow Coalition was built
on a simple insight: racism has
long been the oldest political
wedge in America. Divide work-
ing people by race and those in
power stay secure. But if work-
ing people across racial lines

ever truly unite, the coalition
would be powerful enough to
transform the country.

The opposite of racism isn't
just tolerance. It's solidarity. Our
history shows both possibili-
ties. At times we have been di-
vided by race so completely that
we could barely see our shared
interests. At other moments—
Reconstruction, the labor move-
ment, the civil rights era—we
have glimpsed what multiracial
democracy can look like.

That history should give us
hope. Because if racism was
built to divide us, it can also be
dismantled.

Rev. Jesse Jackson spent a life-
time trying to show us what
comes next. When working
people finally refuse the
wedge—when we stand to-
gether from union halls to
houses of worship, from big cit-
ies to small towns—the coal-
ition that emerges will be stron-
ger than the politics that have
kept us apart for generations.

Ben Jealous is a professor of prac-
tice at the University of Pennsylva-
nia and former president and CEO of
the NAACP.

Black History: Ohio Arts Council



By Professor Sterling Haynes

The Ohio Arts Council is a
state agency that funds and
supports quality arts
experiences to strengthen Ohio
communities culturally,
educationally, and
economically. Created in 1965 to
foster and encourage the
development of the arts and
assist the preservation of
Ohio's cultural heritage. With
funds from the Ohio Legislature
and the National Endowment
for the Arts, they provide
financial assistance to artists
and arts organizations.

Emerging Artist Award

I was awarded the Emerging
Artist award for fiscal year
2026. This is a competitive
process based on Program
Quality, Community
Engagement, Defining and
Measuring Success, and
Resource Management. The
goal is to provide funding to
develop an artistic practice.

Winning felt like validation of
creating cartoons and articles
that have cultural significance.

My cartoon characters are
from New Haynesburg. A small
fictional city. They embody
community, diversity, inclusion,
teamwork, business, family, and
fun times. The black history
articles honor the contributions
of Africans, African Americans
and allies.

As a young professional it's
important to have an interest in
your roots. Learning how others
navigated life's challenges.
Applying wisdom from the
ancestors.

For those who are interested
in pursuing the arts. Learn your
craft well. Keep creating when

progression seems unclear.
Study a wide range of artistic
influences and genres.
Continue to look for
opportunities online and in
person. If an opportunity does
not exist pitch a project to an
organization.

Resources for Artists

The Ohio Arts Council's
website has many resources for
individual artists, non-profit
organizations, arts educators,
and the public. Individual
artists are welcome to create a
free listing on the Ohio Artist
Registry to share their work and
connect with others in the
artistic community. Individual
Artist Opportunities contains
listings for employment, calls,
exhibitions, grants, and much
more. Folk and traditional artists
can find a hub of information
on grant and fellowship
opportunities and more.

The Ohio Arts Council also
has the Riffe Gallery. Showcasing
the work of Ohio
artists and the collections of the
state's museums and galleries.
Established on March 17, 1989,
Admission is always free and
open to the public. The Riffe
Gallery is located at 77 S. High
Street, on the first floor of the
Vern Riffe Center for the
Government and the Arts,
across from the Statehouse, in
downtown Columbus. To learn
more about Ohio Arts Council
programs and initiatives. Visit
oac.ohio.gov.

Cartoon characters created
by Sterling Haynes. To learn
more about my cartoon
characters. Visit
sterlinghaynes.com

Rep. Sykes Hosts "Housing Together" Roundtable On Housing Affordability

AKRON, OH — U.S. Repre-
sentative Emilia Sykes (OH-13)
hosted a "Housing Together"
roundtable Saturday at the East
Akron Neighborhood Develop-
ment Corporation, bringing to-
gether housing advocates, local
leaders, and community
stakeholders to discuss rising
housing costs and ways to pro-
tect homeowners in Ohio's 13th
Congressional District.

The discussion focused on
expanding affordable housing,
increasing homeownership,
and strengthening consumer
protections. Participants also
highlighted barriers to owner-
ship, housing shortages, and
the need to fight discrimination
in the housing market.

"The cost of housing contin-
ues to rise, and families across
Northeast Ohio are feeling the
pressure," said Rep. Sykes.
"Bringing together advocates
and community leaders helps
us identify practical, bipartisan
solutions that expand access to

safe, affordable housing."
Panelists shared insights
from their work and emphasized
the role of federal, state, and
local partnerships in lowering
costs and increasing housing
supply.

"EANDC was happy to co-
host this event with Congress-
woman Sykes' office to wel-
come local leaders in the com-
munity to learn how the
Congresswoman's office can
help us increase job opportuni-
ties and housing options in
Summit and Stark Counties,"
said Cheryl Stephens, CEO of
the East Akron Neighborhood
Development Corporation.

"Affordable housing is a crit-
ical issue here in Northeast
Ohio. We appreciate Congress-
woman Sykes' leadership and
bringing together a broad range
of perspectives so every angle
on affordable housing can be
addressed. The roundtable cov-
ered critical challenges to af-

fordable housing such as home
prices, construction costs, ac-
cess to financing, insurance
costs, property taxes, and out-
of-state investors acquiring
substantial amounts of prop-
erty here in Northeast Ohio. The
Summit County Fiscal Office
appreciates the opportunity to
be a part of these conversations
and I felt encouraged after such
a productive dialogue at this
event," said Mike Migden,
Chief of Staff for the Summit
County Fiscal Office.

"I appreciate Congress-
woman Sykes bringing together
housing and community lead-
ers from across the district to
discuss affordability challenges
and solutions. At the Akron
Cleveland Association of RE-
ALTORs (ACAR), we believe
homeownership remains a cor-
nerstone of the American
Dream, and conversations like
this are essential to ensuring
more families have the oppor-

tunity to achieve it," said Jamie
McMillen Vice President of
Advocacy Akron Cleveland
Association of REALTORs.

"I appreciate Congress-
woman Sykes inviting me to the
panel and highlighting the crit-
ical challenges to affordable
housing. From reducing regu-
latory costs and streamlining
approvals to increasing devel-
opment density, these are prac-
tical steps that can make hous-
ing more accessible. Workforce
development is another area
where we can support
affordability, and I look forward
to continuing these important
conversations," said Richard
Bancroft, Executive Officer of
the Building Industry Associa-
tion of Northeast Ohio.

Rep. Sykes said discussions
like this will inform her work in
Congress to expand access to
safe, affordable housing and
protect homeowners across
Ohio's 13th District.

Governor Awards Summit County Sheriff's Office State's Top Law Enforcement Accreditation

COLUMBUS, OH — On
Wednesday, February 25, Ohio
Governor Mike DeWine an-
nounced that the Summit
County Sheriff's Office is
among fourteen law enforce-
ment agencies in Ohio to
achieve accreditation through
the Ohio Collaborative Law En-
forcement Accreditation Pro-
gram (OCLEAP).

Led by the Ohio Collaborative
Community-Police Advisory
Board, the accreditation program
was established to recognize
law enforcement agencies that
meet or exceed state standards
of professional excellence and
meet responsibilities such as
professional conduct, crisis in-
tervention, bias-free policing,
community engagement, career
development, use of force, and
more.

"Attaining accreditation
through this program is a pre-
stigious achievement," said
Governor DeWine. "Those liv-
ing in communities served by an
accredited department can be
confident that the local law
enforcement agency demon-
strates exceptional profession-
alism and meets Ohio's high ex-
pectations for excellence in pub-
lic safety services."

The goal of the accreditation
program is to create and uphold

meaningful standards for law
enforcement agencies across
Ohio, as well as to evaluate their
continued performance, and in-
crease public trust in law en-
forcement.

"We're incredibly proud to re-
ceive this accreditation," said
Sheriff Kandy Fatheree. "It
shows that the Summit County
Sheriff's Office is not only ex-
ecuting and training on the best
practices and policies in the law
enforcement field, but that we're
also helping to shape those
practices and set the standard
statewide. It's a testament to the
hard work and professionalism
of the men and women of the
Summit County Sheriff's Of-
fice."

To date, only 24 of the more
than 900 law enforcement agen-

cies in the State of Ohio have
achieved OCLEAP accredita-
tion.

To maintain accredited status,
agencies must provide annual
documentation of continued
compliance, and undergo an on-
site checkup visit every two

years and an onsite assessment
every four years.

You can visit the OCLEAP
website to learn more about the
accreditation program.

Follow Your
Dreams!