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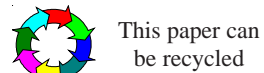
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RAPPIN' Thomas Wyatt

CONSEQUENCES AND LEGACIES

Happy **Black History Month**, Villigians! We are finishing week two of the new **Trump** administration. And man, to be honest, I can't knock Trump's hustle. **Chaos** is the name of his game. And Trump does that well. I also must make an admission to you good people. For, if I don't, I won't be able to sleep at night.

Trump's current acting Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), **Thomas Douglas Homan**, a.k.a. "**The Border Czar**", is my favorite member of his cabinet.

In fact, he's my favorite person in politics. Dude doesn't mince words. And just like **'Tony Montana'**, he always tells the truth; even when he lies.

And even though we're on opposite sides of the political spectrum, *at times*, we agree on more things than not.

For instance, I've always said **undocumented migrants** know what they're getting into before they cross the **US border**. If they come here – illegally – then they know the potential **consequences** thereafter. Period! Homan concurs.

So, when actress **Selena Gomez** cries crocodile tears about "*her* [Mexican] people getting **attacked**", I say, "Hold up, yo! There are illegal immigrants from 208 nations. No one is "attacking" *your* **Mexicans**. **Haitians** and **Africans** are in the mix, too. But do you see me *crying*?"

You see, this is the kind of stuff that costs like-minded people as Gomez, sympathy.

No one wants to see families busted up by **ICE** with their **warrantless** raids.

We aren't heartless people.

However, when I'm paying **\$20,000** worth of income taxes, but can't see my own doctor because the lobby is packed with illegal immigrants awaiting their 'free care', I get **hot**.

Furthermore, *unlike* Gomez's grandparents, my ancestors **didn't come here** seeking a better life for them or their children; *while* breaking the law. They were **stolen** from their homeland, *sold* and *bought*, to live the rest of their lives as **slaves**.

And when my ancestors were **caught** trying to '**escape**' bondages, maltreatments and oppressions, their consequences were **far** greater than Gomez's '**deported peoples**'.

You see, from my perspective, this is why **BHM** matters! It's recommended to *know our laws*. But it's **mandatory** to *comprehend our legacies*!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Committee

The Original Austin Chapter's Black History Program

You're Invited!!!

THE COMMITTEE - THE ORIGINAL AUSTIN CHAPTER
Black History Program

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TCTOAC
Community Networking
Think Diversely!

Presents
**African Americans and Labor:
Railroads to Robots**

Honoring...



Stacy Dukes Rhone
Chief Executive Officer
BiGAUSTIN



Aaron Demerson
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Texas Economic Development Corporation



Quita Culpepper
News Anchor
KVUE Austin

Freedom Home Missionary Baptist Church
3405 Oak Springs Dr. | Austin, Texas 78721
SUN 23rd FEBRUARY, 2025 3:00 PM
Dessert Reception to follow
the community is invited!!

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by **Barbara Foreman, Chair,**
African Americans and Labor: Railroads to Robots

(AUSTIN, TX) - Sunday, February 23rd, The Committee, The Original Austin Chapter (TCTOAC), will celebrate Black History Month by showcasing: "**African Americans and Labor: Railroads to Robots.**"

The Committee's purpose is to mentor and support youth by providing academic scholarships to deserving, graduating seniors in the surrounding communities. The Committee also inspires and mentors minority-owned businesses via event recognition; social media; business card exchanges; and seminars. Through its annual "All White Affaire Scholarship Fundraiser." The Committee has awarded nearly \$40,000.00 in scholarships, and dis-

EVENT TO BE HELD AT Freedom Home Baptist Church 3405 Oak Springs Dr, Austin, TX 78721

tributed hundreds of backpacks filled with school supplies to support teachers and students.

Additionally, The Committee supports Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated; Freedom Home Missionary Baptist Church; Roger Hughes' Lodge #624 Youth Program; CHEOPS Temple #200 -Toys for Tots; and the Arabic Order Noble Mystic Shrine Youth Organization.

This year's celebration will honor three (3) Austin Legends: Aaron Demerson, President & Chief Executive Officer, Texas Economic Development Corporation; Stacy Rhone; Chief Executive Officer, Big AUSTIN; and Quita Culpepper, Anchor, KVUE Austin.

These individuals have demonstrated a long-term commitment to economic development, jobs creation, entrepreneurship, and reported on our everyday quest to build a better quality of life. The afternoon will be filled with music, dance and poetry. Special performers include: Spirit of the Drum; Imani Aanu; Levi Randolph; G Garlow; the amazing Buffalo Soldiers with their traveling museum; and the award-winning STEM Club from Manor Early College High School.

A dessert reception will conclude the celebration. The celebration is FREE to the public. The Committee is a non-profit, 501 (c) 3 organization. For more information go to: www.tctoac.com or email: leopardprintmedia@gmail.com.

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