

Good Sunday Morning!!!

Tonight, something very special is going to happen.

Under the leadership of [Sam's Club Manager Sylina McCleskey](#), nearly 100 adults and youth will gather at our local [Sam's Club](#).

Over the course of 90 minutes, [Sam's Club](#) employees will share their experiences dealing with discrimination - personally and professionally.

No lectures, no speeches.

Just sharing.

Those doing the sharing represent the very diverse workforce upon which [Sam's Club](#) prides itself.

Those participating represent the very diverse population with which we are richly blessed in [McLean County](#).

The significance of one of the largest corporations in the world, publicly bringing this experiential learning opportunity to life - should be lost on none.

[The McLean County Diversity Project](#) is proud to have played a modest role in the assembly of this event.

I want to recognize [Camille Taylor](#) of [Not In Our School](#) for her assistance and support in bringing this *'pilot initiative'* to fruition as well.

This initiative is intended to become an annual event.

As always, feel free to share any ideas/suggestions you may have. I hope everything is going your way and;

I hope you find something of value and interest in this morning's news offerings.

Jeff

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- OR -*

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Diversity Project Weekly E-Letter - please let us know: peepley@aol.com*

The Pantagraph

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Minister receives community peace prize

- Pantagraph staff

"The award is named for Joseph Grabill and Gerlof Homan, ISU emeritus professors of history who help established the university's peace and conflict resolution studies program."

Personal stories raise awareness of racism

- Edith Brady-Lunny

"The forum that drew about 150 people to the Normal Public Library is "a good first step that has to lead to true dialogue," said Latson."

Mug shots: ISU art student gives away cups of generosity

- Lenore Sobota

"Years from now, if Barreca's dream comes true, two strangers will recognize they are drinking out of the same basic coffee mug - a mug made by Barreca - and start a conversation about how that happened."

AM 1230

WJBC

Mean Tweets Are Not Funny And Hurt Real People (VIDEO)

- Susan Sanders

"People, who in their anonymity online, will creatively criticize in a way that no sane human could ever imagine saying out loud."

**WJBC Forum: I don't like
all the finger-pointing**

- Dan Irvin

***"Unless we're perfect, we should
keep our stones to ourselves."***

**Industrial Workers
Of The World**

The Brief Origins of May Day

- Eric Chase

"Most Americans don't realize that May Day has its origins here in this country and is as "American" as baseball and apple pie ..."

The History Channel

Cinco de Mayo

- TUTORIAL

***"A relatively minor holiday in Mexico, in the United States
Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a celebration of Mexican
culture and heritage, particularly in areas with large
Mexican-American populations."***

Religion Dispatches

**Mayday's Demise And The
Rise Of Our Gloomy Empire**

- Ed Simon

"In most modern contexts May Day is a celebration of working class solidarity, but for pagans it was a celebration of nature, and for radicals a day for our fellow humans."

Kansas City Star

The Confederacy's love of slavery and other American tyrannies

- Charles Hammer

"Some Americans today whose ancestors gallantly fought for the Confederacy (perhaps including my great grandfather) understandably say it was not for slavery. It was for the South's honor and liberty, to defend states rights and oppose an intrusive central government."

Las Vegas Sun

Harriet Tubman more than fits the bill

- Eugene Robinson

"Conservatives should be delighted that Harriet Tubman's likeness will grace the \$20 bill. She was a Republican, after all, and a pious Christian. And she routinely exercised her Second Amendment right to carry a gun, which she was ready to use against anyone who stood in her way ..."

Der Spiegel

Attacking Beer Purity: The Twilight of Germany's Reinheitsgebot

- Nils Klawitter

"Germany's beer purity law celebrates its 500th birthday this weekend."

The strict brewing rules are world-famous, but they also limit experimentation. With a rise of craft brewers and the loss of key legal battles, does the proud tradition have a future?"

The Christian Science Monitor

Are the rich getting richer?
Take our quiz on inequality and incomes

- Mark Trumbull

"This quiz tests how big (or narrow!) your own "gap" is when it comes to knowing the economics and politics of income disparities from the French Revolution to the Great Recession."

Taipei Times

Human rights can be hard
for society to live with

- Nick Cohen

"Many have found a Norwegian court's ruling that mass murderer Anders Breivik was being tortured by his treatment in prison hard to swallow, testing conceptions of human rights."

Denver Post

Try saying that to their faces, gentlemen

- Petula Dvorak

"If you wouldn't say it, don't type it."

AARP **The Magazine**

Springtime for Sally Field

- Taffy Brodesser-Akner

"America's sweetheart for more than 50 years, the two-time Oscar winner is right where she wants to be."

The Indiana Gazette

The 8 a.m. phone call

- Paul Krugman

"Asking how a would-be president might respond to crises is definitely fair game."

Washington Times

Now it's May Day every day

- Thomas V. DiBacco

"In short, labor protests and military demonstrations of old pale in contrast to today's worries."

The Atlantic

Religious-Liberty Laws That Have No Meaning

- Jonathan Merritt

"It defies logic to suggest that violent predators who intend to commit sexual crimes are waiting for city-council bathroom ordinances to do so."

Religion & Ethics

Holocaust Survivor Shabbat

- Bob Abernethy

"Jews around the world will commemorate Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, on May 5th."

Black Voice News

Harriet Tubman's History Continues to Make History and Break Stereotypes

- Dr. Judy White

"I believe she would be pleased to know that her legacy of commitment to human rights and American civil rights is being celebrated more than a century after her death."

Miami Herald

Flint is about how we treat the poor

- Leonard Pitts Jr.

"Dear white people ..."

NPR

Boehner Says He's Never 'Worked With A More Miserable Son Of A Bitch' Than Cruz

- Danielle Kurtzleben

"Former House Speaker John Boehner is a retired politician, so he seems to have retired from being politic."

creators.com

Let's Break From Identity Politics - Together

- Froma Harrop

*"Both parties sort voters by color and gender.
Though there's nothing new about promoting solidarity
on the basis of genetics, it can get old really fast."*

The Seattle Times

**How Donald Trump has trashed
the rules of rhetoric**

- Kathleen Parker

"Let us count the ways."

Reporters Without Borders

**Press freedom violations
recounted in real time January 2016**

- Staff Report

"And its only May."

The Miller Center

The Rise of ISIS - The New Enemy

- Joby Warrick

*"Joby Warrick is a reporter for The Washington
Post and a winner of the Pulitzer Prize."*

Rolling Stone

**Carly Fiorina: The Anti-Women
Ted Cruz Doesn't Need**

- Jeb Lund

"This is Cruz's argument ..."

Union Leader

Conservatives for Trump?

They should sober up

- Thomas Sowell

"Sen. Ted Cruz has a track record that leaves no doubt as to his adherence to conservative principles."

The Smithsonian Magazine

The Priceless Impact Harriet Tubman

Will Have as the Face of the \$20 Bill

- Jackie Mansky

"Curator Nancy Bercaw from the African American History Museum discusses the freedom fighter's ongoing legacy."

Speaking of Faith

Why Is the World

So Beautiful?

- Krista Tippett

"Nobel physicist Frank Wilczek sees beauty as a compass for truth, discovery, and meaning."

BBC

Should we give every homeless

person a home?

- Panel Discussion

"Four experts talk to the BBC World Service Inquiry programme about how and why the approach works and some of its limitations."

Washington Post

What made Lincoln such a great leader

- Lillian Cunningham

"Historians Doris Kearns Goodwin and Michelle Krowl explain how Lincoln used language as a presidential leadership tool."

The New York Times

Race and the Standardized Testing Wars

- Kate Taylor

"While there is little evidence thus far of a major groundswell of nonwhite, urban students opting out of testing, the battle lines are clearly shifting."

The Huffington Post

Titles Don't Make Leaders

- Eric Sheninger

"A title doesn't automatically anoint one as a leader."

The Guardian

Becoming a parent is the greatest identity change we go through

- Tim Lott

***"If identity is about how power plays out inside us,
then having children is the profoundest transformation
a human being can experience."***

Famous Trials

**The Haymarket Riot Trial
(State of Illinois v. Albert Spies, et al.)**

1886

- Douglas O. Linder Ph.D.

***"No place in the nation would play a more pivotal role in the
Great Upheaval than Chicago where, on the national eight-hour
strike day of May 1, as many as 60,000 workers left their jobs."***