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Jayda Duncan and Genesis Newsom win scholarships to Camp Storer

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Blessed Are The Peacemakers

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.

The Truth Contributor

... We defeat oppression with liberty. We cure indifference with compassion. We remedy social injustice with justice. And if our journey embodies these lasting principles, we find peace.

— Patricia Roberts Harris



One of the most critical political contests for Toledo's African-American community in the November 8 general election is the judicial race for Lucas County Court of Common Pleas. Overshadowed, obviously, by the hateful rhetoric of the presidential main event, justice and fairness throughout the criminal justice system may be the most prominent issue in this era of Black Lives Matter, exponential growth of the prison system, aggressive policing and the decline of community well-being coupled with drastic reductions in social services.

I spoke with Lindsay Navarre, the Democratic Party candidate with a high-profile name in this low-key judicial race to discuss her background and views on critical issues that affect the survival of the African-American family and community.

This is part I of our two-part conversation.

Perryman: So will the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas be your first political office?

Navarre: It is. This is my first time as a candidate. I've been pretty involved with our local Democratic party for a while now. I was on the executive committee and training committee and the bylaws committee and I've worked on other campaigns, but this is my first time on the hot seat.

Perryman: What other campaigns have you worked on?

Navarre: I worked on quite a few judicial campaigns. Ian English's campaign, Myron Duhart, and that of Michelle Wagner, in particular. I also spoke quite a bit this last time when Mayor [Paula] Hicks-Hudson ran to keep that seat, so I've been really involved with the party and their endorsed candidates.

Perryman: You also come from good lineage. Want to talk a little bit about your family?

Navarre: Yes, absolutely. So my dad is Mike Navarre and I know that you know him, he speaks very highly of you. I come from a line of law enforcement, so my dad was, of course, and still is a law enforcement officer, so is his brother and so is their father, my grandpa. I have three siblings, and my family has always been in Toledo going back to the 1800s. So I have deep roots in our community which gives me a lot of the motivation I have for being a leader in our community and protecting the interest here of our working families. I have one

son. He just turned one on Easter Sunday. My husband and I have been married, it will be eight years this November. We have a ton of cousins, aunts and uncles and just a great big, loud, loving family that I wouldn't trade.

Perryman: So where did you attend school?

Navarre: I grew up in Point Place, so I went to Shoreland Elemen-

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Community Calendar

April 2-May 14

Braden UMC The Ladies Life Café: A Saturday Bible Study series based on the film War Room; 10 am to noon; to register call 419-386-2700

April 9-23

NODA Building Wealth: Every Saturday from 10:30 am to 1 pm; Learn to achieve financial independence: 419-243-3734 ex 44

April 11 – June 20

Mott Mane Mondays: A 5 –week series providing participants with resources to aid in the care, styling and maintenance of African-American hair; Light refreshments provided at no charge; Mott Branch Library; Register at ToledoLibrary.org; Topics include 04.11 – Films and Forums, 04.25 – DIY Den, 05.23 – Natural Hair Salon, 06.06 – Expressions of Naturalism (poetry), 06.20 – SWAP & Shop: 419-259-5230 or 419-984-0395

April 12-14

Calvary MBC Spring Revival: 7 pm nightly; Tuesday – Pastor Derek Arnold and Bethlehem Baptist; Wednesday – Pastor Talmadge Thomas and City of Zion; Thursday Pastor WL Perryman and Jerusalem MBC

April 13

Beulah Baptist 10th Pastoral Anniversary for Rev. Ronald Taylor: 7 pm; Guest preacher Rev. Stanley Clark

April 14

Beulah Baptist 10th Pastoral Anniversary for Rev. Ronald Taylor: 7 pm; Guest preacher Rev. Scott Isham
West Toledo Community Heroin Event: Heroin: Hope, Help & Healing: 7 – 9pm; St. Catherine of Siena; Stories of hope from those in recovery, a session on and distribution of the heroin overdose drug, Narcan, individual counseling on resources that are available in the community, and art created by women in UMADAOP's SOAR program. This is an event for individuals and families, and children are welcomed: 419-245-1072

April 16

Annual ACT-So Competition: Sponsored by Toledo chapter of NAACP; Toledo School for the Arts; Starts at 10 am; Winners to go to Cincinnati – all expenses paid – for NAACP national competition

April 17

Beulah Baptist 10th Pastoral Anniversary for Rev. Ronald Taylor: Morning guest preacher Rev. Larry Brazzel; Afternoon guest preacher Rev. F.A. Shearers
Open Mic Night: Our Brothers Place; Presented by Hoop Smart; Singing, jokes, poetry; 4 to 7 pm

April 19

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#Black Lives (don't) Matter!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

If you have been watching the news lately, you may have seen the dust up when Black Lives Matter! protested when Bill Clinton was in Philadelphia stumping for his wife Hillary to become President of the USA.

The protesters were giving Bill Clinton the blues about remarks his wife made back in 1996 when she labeled certain black youths as "super predators" regarding their wanton and willful murderous conduct against other people of color.

The term, "super predator" was ostensibly used as a trope by Hillary Clinton to encapsulate the news stories that showed black youth committing crimes on other black people and without any regard to their victim's humanity.

No one should be a victim of crime, much less committed by those who profess to be victimized by a racially-based society but nonetheless they engage in heinous acts against their fellow-oppressed people! Go figure.

That makes no sense and it shows that some people are without conscience or care as to the mayhem that they inflict on others and then they try to blame such hateful conduct on the "system" or as we used to say in the day, "The Man."

It is a far stretch of a fanciful imagination for a black criminal to justify wanton acts of crime against black senior citizens or black youths or the terrorizing of black communities and to do so under the guise that they are oppressed and thus they are acting out their oppression by criminal behavior.

Let's be totally and brutally transparent on this issue. If you are oppressed by the "system" or "The Man," that is not your cue or your right or your justification to sell heroin in the streets or to do drive-by shootings or to pillage central city stores.

Do not make criminal thugs out to be the proverbial Robin Hood who takes from the rich so he can give to the poor.

For those who are truly concerned with the grim realities of the criminal justice system, please read the brilliant book, The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander. It is a rough book to read because of what it says and how it profoundly illustrates how precarious and grim our situation is in America vis a vis the mis aligned criminal justice system.

No one with two working brain cells can "pooh-pooh" the viciousness of many of the killings and shootings of black males by white police officers or the suspect deaths of black people in jails and prisons and with the findings invariably stating: unknown assailant...no probable cause for an indictment.

Those same words were used during times of terror of black people both in the South and in the Up South (North) when "unknown" people took justice into their own hands and black people were lynched or mutilated or mysteriously disappeared under questionable circumstances.

Those circumstances included mobs rushing local jails and absconding with the black prisoner who was later found lynched or drowned or simply disappeared.

Space does not allow for me to even slightly venture into the juvenile court justice system and the public schools wherein black kids are stigmatized from an early age and are put on the conveyor belt to Juvie Court and later to jails and prisons.

I understand the anger and angst regarding the slogan #Black Lives Matter!...but if we are going to have a honest dialogue about lives that matter and which are black, we must allow some embarrassing discussions about: abortions in the black community and any abusive homes out of which some black children must navigate and still hope to emerge half way sane.

What about black abortions you ask? Simple. A life is a life. A black life is a life. Abortion destroys that life in the womb. That life did not have a chance to see the light of day but yet does it not matter?

Be it Planned Parenthood or other facilities that did or may have performed health care services for women, unless you see abortion as a danger to black life, you are not being honest.

Unless you see child abuse and hunger and lack of proper medical care for black kids as being a critical part of the discussion that Black Lives Matter...you are in denial and are focusing only on the media-profiled cases of white cop kills black man.

Unless you can take on the public school systems that fail to teach black kids but rather socially promotes them upward and then outward to a society that they are ill prepared to successfully navigate, black lives do not matter.

Unless you are willing as a mother or as a father to bring black babies

into this world and to love and nurture them in a family unit and to respect them as a person made in the image of God, black lives do not matter.

Unless you are willing to give information so that criminals who are black can be held accountable for their despicable acts towards other people, including people of color aka: black on black crime, black lives do not matter to you.

So, please do not get caught up in the hoopla about #Black Lives Matter! unless and until those who are the movers and shakers behind that slogan are willing to enlarge the circle of discussion to include correcting the above scenarios.

As an attorney who is engaged in the criminal justice system both in the adult and the juvenile courts, it is sad and dispiriting to see so many black men and other people of color coming into the court system and being shipped out to jails and prisons.

Understand that our ancestors who toiled both in abject poverty as slaves and who championed the later civil rights movement did not engage in such nefarious conduct that would cause such harm by us and on us.

There is blame galore to share with and about the "system" and with those who blame the "system" for their every ache and ill so that they fall prey to corrupt thinking and act out their inner rage against fellow black people.

That is wrong. No if's and but's about it because there are times when we are our own worse enemy and I believe that if a person does not respect his or herself and act accordingly, why should others respect you?

#Black Lives Matter! but only if we first matter to ourselves.

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Neighborhood Health Association Partnering with A Renewed Mind to Provide Innovative Care in a Patient-Centered Medical Home

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In efforts to support the expansion of substance abuse services, with a focus on Medication-assisted Treatment (MAT) for those with opioid dependencies, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awarded \$352,000 to Neighborhood Health Association (NHA) to provide innovative and integrated care in the Greater Toledo area.

With the award, NHA will partner with one of the leading substance abuse service providers in the region, A Renewed Mind (ARM), to significantly expand access to high quality substance abuse treatment services under an integrated care model.

Under this awarded project, NHA will continue to provide the full range of required primary care and preventive medical and dental services for the full life cycle, and begin to offer Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for opioid dependency. A Renewed Mind, NHA's partner in this initiative, will deliver care coordination, counseling, in-person and app-driven recovery support and other services.

NHA's 13 health centers located throughout the area will serve as an "on ramp" or entry point for individuals with substance use disorders. In addition, all service delivery sites operated by project partner, A Renewed Mind, will also serve as entry points for individuals with substance use disorders that do not have a primary care home or would otherwise benefit from integrated primary care/behavioral health services.

To date, no other providers in this area that work with this population, offer fully integrated primary care/addiction medicine services that fully incorporate MAT. The model that will be employed by NHA and ARM will be the first such integrated delivery model in the region.

The Health Resources and Services Administration is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. HRSA is the primary Federal agency responsible for improving access to health care services for people who are uninsured, isolated, or medically vulnerable. www.hrsa.gov.

Neighborhood Health Association (NHA) is one of only two Federally Qualified Health Centers in Lucas County and has been serving low-income, uninsured and underinsured individuals and families in our service area without regard to ability to pay for more than 40 years. www.nhainc.org

A Renewed Mind delivers personalized and effective treatment to those in need of mental health and substance abuse services. As a faith-based agency services and programs are centered on individualized client care, serving people as unique individuals. www.arenewed-mindservices.org.

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Toledo Black Lives Matter Organization Honors Young Contributors and Volunteers

Sojourner's Truth Staff

On Sunday, April 17, the Community, Solidarity, Response Network of Toledo, a local group promoting the Black Lives Matter movement, will hold a fundraising dinner at the Frederick Douglass Community Association to honor the young volunteers and contributors who have had an impact on the group and the movement.

The proceeds from the first annual Black Lives Matter Awards dinner will be donated to four local non-profit organizations: MLK Kitchen for the Poor; Ben E. Williams Youth Services; Soul City Boxing, Inc and FAME Studios.

"For the last year or two, the awareness of social injustice has been on the rise and a lot of tactics and approaches have been used, such as rallies and street protests," says Washington Muhammad, a representative of the Network and an organizer of the fundraiser. "And all are tools in our tool kit.

"However, we wanted to take a different approach and honor the young people who have been with us all along," Muhammad continued. "We wanted to address the 40 and unders who have made a difference."

One of the key elements of this approach, said Muhammad, is the decision by the Network to donate to existing groups who have been active in the community. "It's a different approach to social justice – sometimes we don't look at those doing the hard work; sometimes we can assist those in the community already doing that hard work rather



Washington Muhammad

than starting something new."

There are still tickets available for the 5:00 p.m. dinner. Call 419-973-0248 for more information.

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tary and then I moved to Perrysburg, so I went to Perrysburg Junior High and High School and then I went to Butler University in Indianapolis. I graduated from there and came back and attended the University of Toledo's College of Law the rest of my law degree term.

Perryman: Great. Let's talk issues starting with the U.S. Supreme Court vacancy. Your thoughts?

Navarre: Well, I have so many so I'll try to pare them down as much as possible. My thoughts on Judge Garland himself are, I think it would be hard to find a more liked and well-respected and qualified individual for our highest court. Valedictorian of his undergraduate class at Harvard, a graduate of Harvard Law School, he has worked in all different sectors, public and private as an attorney. He's been a corporate lawyer, he was a federal prosecutor, sat on the D.C. Court of Appeals and is a mentor of judges in D.C. Really, everyone across the board, Republican or Democrat, has only praise for him.

So, I'm confounded by the continued determination of members of the GOP to do nothing with this nomination and it's disconcerting. I feel awful for Judge Garland that he has received, what I can only imagine is, one the greatest honors of his life to be nominated to the Supreme Court and it almost seems to be dead on arrival because they're refusing to do anything with it in this awful and hostile political environment we find ourselves, so I'm just disgusted. And I

understand kind of why so many voters are looking at this election and thinking that they want something different and they want someone who's not part of the establishment because this is kind of a perfect example of why the establishment seems to be broken. We can't even get this right.

Perryman: Well, let's shift from a dysfunctional political system to what many consider to be a dysfunctional criminal justice system. Let's talk about the broken criminal justice system in general, and then let's talk more specifically about Lucas County and Toledo. What are the problems and how do we fix them?

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United Way of Greater Toledo Invests in Y Programs: Live Well Greater Toledo, Schools as Hubs and the Community

Special to The Truth

The YMCA of Greater Toledo has announced an investment of \$165,000 from United Way of Greater Toledo. \$85,000 was awarded to the Live Well Greater Toledo program, and \$80,000 was awarded to Schools As Hubs. Both initiatives align with United Way's Live United 2020 goals, centered on advancing education, income, and health in Lucas, Wood and Ottawa counties.

"United Way of Greater Toledo is proud to make an investment in the YMCA of Greater Toledo because they deliver results that create lasting change in the areas of education, income and health in our community," said Karen Mathison, president and CEO of United Way of Greater Toledo. "It's a pleasure and privilege to partner with the Y and deliver results that change lives of people in our community."

As the lead partner for Live Well Greater Toledo (LWGT), the YMCA is engaged with a diverse collaboration of community leaders and organizations working together to promote policy, systems and environmental change for a healthier community.

The efforts of LWGT offer opportunities to individuals in underserved areas of our community to increase physical activity and improve eating habits, leading to improved health and well-being. Through the collaborative work of LWGT partners, 10 corner stores joined the "Eat Fresh, Live Well" healthy corner store program, increasing access to fresh produce for more than 100,000 individuals living in Toledo.

The Y is involved in Schools As Community Hubs (SACH), an initiative that makes schools not only a place of learning, but also a set of partnerships between the school and other community resources. Its integrated focus on academics, services, supports and opportunities leads to improved student learning, stronger families, and healthier communities.

SACH serves as an anchor for a community and neighborhood, with a strategy of organizing the resources of the community around the student. This organization of resources leads to extended school hours, and new relationships, in which needed services are acquired and directed to students and/or neighborhoods.

SACH helps weave a community together. A neighborhood of people having their needs met while building community with each other is a neighborhood that ultimately takes care of one another.

Because of SACH, Toledo Public School Leverette Elementary attained Value Added status during the 2013-2014 Academic Year, which was the year the school had the most academic successes and largest growth of Partnerships; the 2014-2015 After School Programming that was comprehensive and robust, featuring 10 Partners that included 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Learning Club, Unison, Boy/Girl Scouts, Young Women Of Excellence/Young Men Of Excellence, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and GED; and the PUSH Program, which saw Safe School Violations of youth decrease to 0 for both the 2013-2014; and the 2014-2015 academic school year, down from 263 violations eight years ago.

"The YMCA is proud to facilitate these initiatives, and we're grateful to United Way Of Greater Toledo for their investment," said Brad Toft, president and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Toledo.

"Live Well Greater Toledo and Schools As Community Hubs align themselves to our mission, with focus on youth development, nurturing the potential of every child and teen; healthy living, improving the health and well-being in our community; and social responsibility, giving back and providing support to our neighbors. We're looking forward to making a positive impact on the people who live in our community," Toft said.

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Students: Great Tips for Finding a Scholarship

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Millions of scholarships, worth billions of dollars are awarded annually. Beyond in-house scholarships offered by the institutions themselves, a number of federations and organizations offer money to students with particular aptitudes, achievements and aspirations.

“Scholarships can make a significant dent in out-of-pocket college spending, but finding and applying for them requires an upfront investment of effort,” says Martha Holler, senior vice president, Sallie Mae.

The college financing experts at Sallie Mae are offering scholarship application tips:

- Applying is worth the time and effort. Even if the award is small, take the time to apply to every scholarship for which you are eligible. It is money that doesn't have to be paid back, and it can be used for textbooks, supplies or other college-related expenses.
- Deadlines and details matter. In the highly competitive scholarship arena, missing a deadline or overlooking application requirements will likely disqualify an applicant. Stay organized with a spreadsheet that includes due dates and other important information.
- Apply each year. Approximately half of available scholarships are for students already enrolled in college. Take the time to apply annually to ease the year-to-year tuition burden.
- Impress the judges. Something seemingly as small as a thank you note can have a disproportionately large effect on how an ap-

plication is regarded. Be courteous and thoughtful throughout the process.

- Shop around. Go deep. There are scholarships for students who want to study subjects as diverse as candy making, potato growing and welding technology. Additionally, scholarships are available for particular circumstances, such as community college students transferring to four-year institutions, or students who are the first in their family to attend college.

- Don't spend. The goal is to save money, not spend it. Guidance counselors and school financial aid offices can recommend free, reputable scholarship search sites, such as Scholarship Search by Sallie Mae, which just added two million scholarships to its database, offering access to more than five million scholarships worth nearly \$24 billion. Those who register are automatically eligible to win the Plan for College Sweepstakes, which awards \$1,000 each month to a winner selected at random.

- Continue to save and plan. Landing a scholarship is just one component of being prepared for college. Continue to set aside savings. Free college planning tools are available online in Sallie Mae's College Planning Toolbox.

For more tips on how to get started finding free money for college and for information on saving, planning and paying for college, visit www.SallieMae.com.

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The 2016 YMCA Storer Camp Scholarship Awarded to Two Third Graders

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The 2016 Lesley Harper Sr. Memorial YMCA Storer Camp Scholarship was awarded to two third graders at Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls on March 23, 2016. Jayda Duncan and Genesis Newsom will each receive a scholarship for one week of summer camp with horseback riding lessons at YMCA Storer Camps in Jackson, Michigan.

The annual scholarship was founded by Paul Thomas in 2004 in memory of Lesley Harper Sr. Harper was a local general contractor who employed, trained and mentored many young men and women from the central city area of Toledo, many of them went on to become very successful in business and construction.

Thomas was one of those lucky individuals that Harper trained and mentored. Thomas has been a member of the Carpenters Union for 30 years and is currently a retired senior representative from the Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters. Thomas sits on the Board of Directors for YMCA Storer Camps and is also a member of the YMCA Storer Camps Scholarship Committee.

Thomas chose Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls because he attended Ella P. Stewart before it became an all-girls school. He chose third graders because he felt it is a great entry age for summer camp at Storer and his first experience at Storer was as a third grader.

The selection was made based on academics, citizenship, attendance and an essay contest. Jayda wrote that she wants to attend Storer because of her hard work and how much she wants to have such an experience in her life; Genesis wrote that she hopes the week at Storer will enable her to meet new friends.

Just how much of a good time the girls can expect was explained by Stewart fourth grader Kamara Sylvester who, as a 2015 recipient, also wrote an essay about her experience at Storer last summer. Kamara, one of two winners last year, wrote that she enjoyed the horseback riding, the food, the lake and the games.

The sponsors of the YMCA Storer Camp Scholarship are Laborers' Local 500, Lucas County Sheriff John Tharp, the Northwest Ohio Building and Construction Trades Council, William E. Allen, the Ella P. Stewart Alumni Association, Howard's - N - Co and the Perry Burroughs Democratic Women's Club



(Back Row): Sheriff John Tharp, Freddie Jackson, Davida Jackson, Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson, Robert Newsom, Tiffany Butts, Paul Thomas
(Front Row): Teacher Maegan Hudson, Jayda Duncan, Genesis Newsom, Teacher Jackie Morris

Minority Health Month 2016 **Heart Healthy Tips** from The Toledo (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, as we seek to raise awareness about the seriousness of heart disease as the number one killer of women and to motivate women to take action toward lowering and/or controlling related risk factors.

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- ♥ Be Heart Smart: Keep Your Cholesterol in Check
- ♥ Embrace Your Health! Aim for a Healthy Weight
- ♥ Protect Your Heart: Take Good Care of Your Diabetes for Life
- ♥ Eat in a Heart Healthy Way, Even When Time or Money Is Tight
- ♥ Take Control of Your Health: Enjoy Living Smoke Free

Citation: "With Every Heartbeat Is Life," a heart health manual created for African American communities by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health.



Robert Newsom, Genesis Newsom, Tiffany Butts



Freddie Jackson, Jayda Duncan, Davida Jackson

Education Section • Education Section

YMCA Holds Quiz Bowl for TPS Elementary Schools

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Do you know who the 43rd president of the United States was?
Are you smarter than a third grader? Or fourth, fifth or sixth grader?

Take your time to answer because, be advised, these kids are really smart and during the YMCA-sponsored Quiz Bowl competitions, Toledo Public School elementary students had the opportunity to display could be accomplished through study and hard work.

The Quiz Bowl started in March and wraps up this week with the final regular season competition at Spring Elementary on Friday. Seven elementary schools – Spring, Rosa Parks, Leverette, Sherman, Chase, MLK and Riverside – took turns hosting the dual matches.

The students received the questions in advance and had the opportunity to study them and memorize the answers in order to be prepared for the competitions.

The Quiz Bowl is the brainchild of Eric Williams, director of the Wayman Palmer YMCA, and the administration of TPS. "We want to do a lot more in the community," says Williams who assumed the top job at the Wayman Palmer last fall.

"We're crossing neighborhoods and crossing schools," he adds, noting that the original idea was to hold



4th grade teacher Yolanda Sholl looks on as her students practice

the competitions at the Y but eventually determined that visiting other schools was beneficial for the students. "Kids are getting to know each other and showing sportsmanship."

The season will culminate at the Wayman Palmer with a Quiz Bowl Super Bowl in May.



Rosa Parks (foreground) and Riverside students get settled in for Quiz Bowl/students practice



Rosa Parks students cheer on their Quiz Bowl team



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Quality Time Child Care Expands Its Early Learning Initiative to Include Financial Literacy

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Quality Time Child Care, located at 2315 Dorr Street, has expanded its early learning initiative to include financial literacy through a partnership with the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union. This unique partnership provides opportunities for children enrolled at the center to gain a basic understanding of banking and savings.

The childcare center deposited \$5.00 into a savings account for every child enrolled if their parents attended a brief orientation held on Wednesday April 6, 2016. The youth will not have access to the account until they turn 18 years old and once the accounts reach \$100.00 they will begin to earn interest.

Students can earn money through allowances, fundraisers and other community-supported activities. Accounts will be opened for all youth who enroll in the center once their parents attend an orientation. The next orientation will be held in September.

Quality Time Child care is a founding member of the Early Learning Coalition which is made up of community partners and child care centers with a three star or higher "Step Up to Quality" rating. The mission of the coalition is to provide access to quality child care centers to children and families in the surrounding areas.



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Library Event Celebrates Jazz

On Saturday, April 30, the Toledo Lucas County Public Library (TL-CPL) will host its annual JAM (Jazz Appreciation Month) celebration. This year's event, **The JAM Session with Josh Silver & Friends**, runs from 1 – 5 p.m. and features an open mic for local jazz players, voter registration, children's activities and a snack bar.

In 2002, the Smithsonian Museum established Jazz Appreciation Month as a way to encourage people of all ages to participate in jazz - to study the music, attend concerts, listen to it on the radio and on recordings, read books about it, and more! Locally, JAM concerts – produced by the late pianist Charles McDaniel for several years beginning in 2008 – were held at Main Library before moving in 2012 to Kent Branch, home of the Art Tatum African American Resource Center.

The national JAM 2016 will explore how jazz can be a form of democracy – as both a singular or group form of communication as well as an equalizer of opportunity. Legendary musician Benny Carter is also being honored during this year's JAM. Carter was a musician, composer, arranger, and bandleader who made major contributions to the development of jazz, helped define the role of the alto saxophone, and whose work helped break down boundaries in the music and entertainment industries.

TL-CPL's JAM event is presented by the Tatum Center with generous support from the Library Legacy Foundation. The event is FREE and open to the public. For more information call Kent Branch at 419.259.5340.

Why Music Education is Vital

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At a time when budget cuts are reducing the quantity and quality of arts education, experts stress that teaching music in school is still vital. Beyond the cultural value of music education, research has shown that both listening to music and playing music stimulates the brain and can increase memory, problem-solving and language skills, as well as help develop social skills.

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Navarre: Well, I certainly don't have all of the answers, but I do think that on a positive note, we are at a very exciting time in the criminal justice system because people are finally starting to realize that it's broken and that the true definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again for decades and expecting different results.

So finally we are at a point, we're actually it seems like on both sides of the aisle, both Democrats and Republicans realize that something has to change, we have to do something differently, we have to think outside of the box. The declaration of the war on drugs by President Nixon in 1969 was one of the most detrimental things to ever happen to our country's system of criminal justice because it has systemically led to mass incarceration of minorities and people of lower socioeconomic status. It has broken families but it has not done anything at all to reduce drug usage or problems. It has changed our prison population in the United States by eight-fold. So, I'm glad we're now getting to a point where we're looking at this differently. In the 70s and 80s and 90s was all about punishing drug users and drug traffickers and focused on getting rid of the supply rather than the demand.

But I think if we look at it from an economic standpoint we will instead start to focus more on getting rid of the demand and then the supply will follow. As we've seen, you can put one dealer in prison for 10 years but that supply is always going to be there, so why don't we start focusing and spending more of our resources on prevention, education and treatment, instead of on prisons and let's start getting rid of the demand, because then there won't be a need for dealers and there won't be a need for the supply.

I have so much admiration for Sherriff John Tharp because he has been on the forefront, not just in our state, but really nationwide on thinking outside of the box and really focusing on education, prevention and treatment instead of just locking up low-level drug users and repeating the cycle over and over again, trying to break that cycle of addiction.

Perryman: What are your thoughts on the school to prison pipeline and juvenile justice?

Navarre: Well, I did begin my career in juvenile court, so I was able to kind of see this firsthand, and before there was really a name for it, we were talking about it and kind of what to do about it. There was a theme throughout the courthouse that so many things were being criminalized now that were just kids being kids when we were in school and trying to find themselves and grow up and figure things out for their own, and now they're being charged with misdemeanors for these things?

It just didn't seem right, so we've kind of been talking about this for a while and getting back to education, I think we need to start educating educators about what's happening because I really think that...and I'm not sure, to give them the benefit of the doubt, I think partially it's a response to school violence and just kind of living in this constant state of fear that the school is going to be the next one where there's going to be some kind of shooting or there's going to be some kind of violence. So, while there is maybe, a feeling of security by having those school officers there for that protection, I think they do need to be educated to the fact that they are now criminalizing things that shouldn't be criminal, and by having these police officers there patrolling the hallways, it's starting so many at risk youths down a path that it's really hard to break.

So I think once we get to that point where educators realize and really appreciate that this is happening and see the data, because there's so much we have on our end to prove that kids with special needs or kids who need that extra help and aren't getting it, are starting down this path. I think if educators in public schools want to continue to have school resource officers, then they should be less of police officers and more there for the kids to help figure these things out.

I think it needs to be less about arresting and punishing them and more about exporting those resources into counseling them and giving them that added boost and extra attention that might lift them up instead of keeping them down. Something's happening, if children are not present in school. Is it because they need some extra attention? They might have a learning disability. Is it because their home life isn't great? Is it because they're coming to school hungry? Is it because they just don't like being there? Maybe they need some counseling because there's an anger management problem or there's some kind of social anxiety. Just at the very beginning, instead of putting all these resources to build detention centers and having police officers patrolling everyone, invest more of these resources into our kids.

I will say, however, I think our juvenile court here does a pretty good job of getting it and understanding that kids should be treated differently than adults, and that kids need to be able to exit from an environment where they've made mistakes because you learn from mistakes,

you grow from mistakes. Every time a kid makes a mistake it shouldn't be charged as a safe school violation.

So I do think that the juvenile court here understands that and really tries to work with these kids. The bad thing is, is by the time juvenile courts, judges, magistrates and probation officers sees them, that means that they're already in the criminal justice system. So, I think that there needs to be some prevention efforts before that to prevent youth from even getting to the juvenile court in the first place.

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We Love You, Charlie Freeman by Kaitlyn Greenidge

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
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Anything's worth a try.

Never done it before? Then give it a whirl, you have nothing to lose. You might actually like it. You might grow to love it. And then again – as in the new book *We Love You, Charlie Freeman* by Kaitlyn Greenidge, the experiment might go horribly awry.

The shiny new car just didn't seem right.

Nothing did, really. Leaving their home, moving to another state, having to make new friends, Charlotte Freeman hated it all. And this experiment her parents had gotten them into, well, no.

Her mother, Laurel, sure was excited about it, though. Ever since she was young, Laurel had been fascinated with sign language, and she taught both her daughters to sign as soon as they were old enough to understand the motions. But a chimpanzee? A chimp the Freemans would raise as a child, while they taught it sign language?

Charlotte couldn't ever imagine spending the rest of her teenage years pretending that a chimpanzee was her brother. She was leery of the "doctor" who ran the program, and of the ancient woman who'd founded the whole thing. They were white, the Freemans were black and Charlotte suspected that race had something to do with why The Toneybee Institute had hired her mother, but it didn't matter.

What mattered was that Charlotte and her little sister seemed to be losing their mother's love to a chimpanzee.

Nobody had called Ellen Jericho by her real name in years. They all called her by her Star of the Morning name, Nymphadora, which was a name that made her proud, and which was the name she'd given Dr. Gardner when they first met.

They made their acquaintance because he'd been bothering the town's children with his obsessive sketching. Her Star sisters asked her to ask him to stop, which Nymphadora did – brokering a deal with him to sketch her instead, in poses that he chose.



Author Kaitlyn Greenidge, photo courtesy Syreeta McFadden

She didn't expect to fall in love with him, nor was she prepared to stumble upon the horrible reason why Gardner wanted her to pose unclothed. And more than 70 years later, Charlotte was equally surprised at what she discovered...

For sure, *We Love You, Charlie Freeman* is sharp as an axe.

Author Kaitlyn Greenidge doesn't just touch upon the issue of race, she tackles it and knocks it to the ground. This, while we squirm over what we see happening to the people in the story, and what we think is coming.

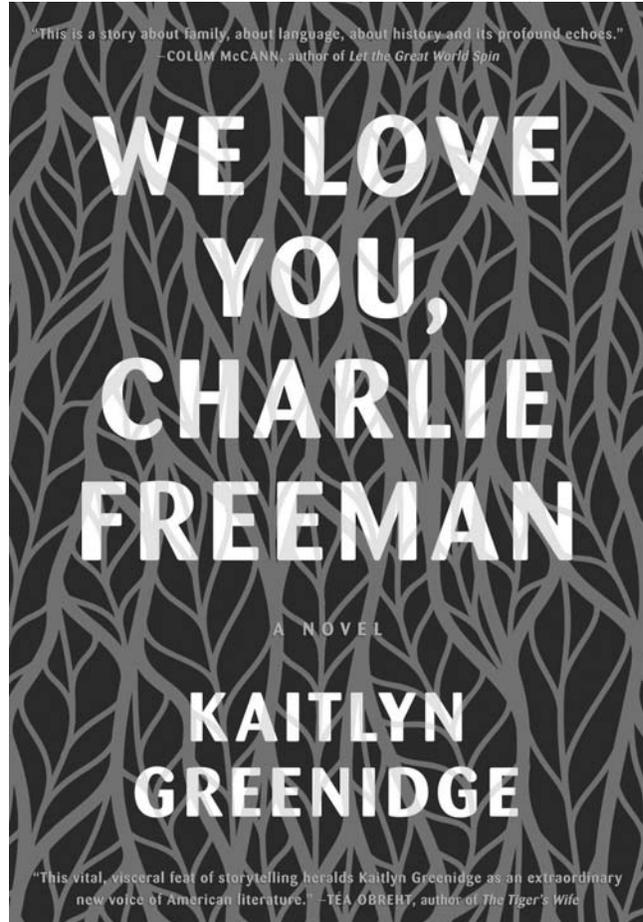
Yep, Greenidge is good at making

readers uneasy.

That dis-ease, however, fully extends to the character, Nymphadora, who's introduced with her Star of the Morning lineage in a way that made me wonder if this was a time-travel novel. It's not – but it took me a good long while to understand so.

Knowing that will make less of a struggle in reading this novel, and it'll help you to love it as much as I did. For a book with edginess, unrest, and just enough weirdness, *We Love You, Charlie Freeman* is worth a try.

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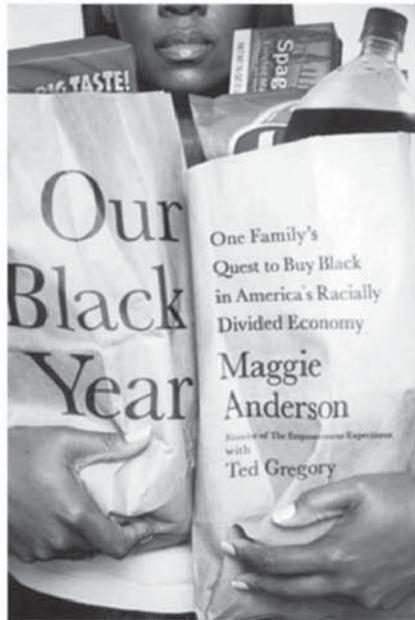
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Dr. Mitchell is a board-certified dermatologist with 20 years of experience in general, pediatric, surgical and cosmetic dermatology. She specializes in skin cancer screenings and treatment, mole removals, acne, rosacea, eczema, hair loss, cosmetic injectables and skin rejuvenation treatments. At Mitchell Dermatology, excellence in dermatologic skin care is the number-one priority.

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Dr. Hope Mitchell

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