

NEXUS Grand Opening



Randy Runyon, Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson, Doni Miller, Harry Brown, Sr, Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur

NAACP Grand Gala



Micheal Alexander, Jane Moore, Bishop Robert Culp, Suzette Cowell, Doni Miller, Ray Wood Photo Courtesy Albert Earl

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City of Toledo
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ISSUE 20
Lucas County
 Children's Services

When Shaken to the Core

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.
The Truth Contributor



I write for those women who do not speak, for those who do not have a voice because they were so terrified, because we are taught to respect fear more than ourselves. We've been taught that silence would save us, but it won't.

- Audre Lorde

From: Sexual Assault: A Violation of God's Body by Rev. Linda Thomas, PhD
This has been a difficult week for me. I noticed a distinct change in my mood after the presidential debate. I knew that something was very wrong with what I witnessed. I knew it intellectually and the clearest signal that something was extraordinarily out of alignment was when my body began to "speak." Memories flooded my mind.

I have been ordained for 35 years and in that time, whether it was during the time I worked with youth, single young adults, or married women, the fact is that assault – sexual, verbal, physical, emotional – was a significant part of a narrative I heard and responded to pastorally. It was also a narrative to which I could speak personally.

So, when I heard my friend Michelle Obama say, "(This has) shaken me to my core in a way that I couldn't have predicted," during her impassioned speech, I felt a congruence with that statement. Michelle said what I knew but did not yet have words for.

Something within me asked, "Who will speak to what has happened from a perspective of faith?"

When it comes to asking that sort of question, like Moses, I did not and do not want to speak to "this" issue of sexual assault but I feel called to say a FEW words, as much as my introvert self would like to eschew that responsibility. Pain compels me to speak.

First, people of faith – whether rostered or lay – need to be culturally competent around issues of sexual assault. Sexual assault breeds a culture that normalizes

women being objectified, demeaned, and unsafe at the pleasure of men. It is a violation beyond imagination that ruptures if not shatters a woman's body and spirit.

Depending on the person's constitution and the power dynamics between the victim and the abuser, one may be forced to cut off a part of herself or himself in order to function. This is much more than splitting oneself. It is a survival mechanism that numbs one's spirit and may interfere and/or block one's potential. In sum, sexual assault as well as other assaults is similar to cutting off a part of one's being while that person still has to function, but with a sense of loss that deadens emotional nerves. Needless to say, it can also dramatically inhibit or damage someone's ability to enjoy the good gifts of sexuality as God's good creation.

Because "good people often minimize these experiences" one learns to suppress feelings which, in turn, often causes an ongoing disorienting trauma; yet, the victim must press on with day-to-day living. So, when Trump's words from the Howard Stern tape as well as the "Access Hollywood" video were played repeatedly for many women, children, and men [or people who may or may not identify with these identities], may have felt something that had been dormant begin to stir within. I wrote elsewhere, "What the mind forgets, the body remembers," and for many those memories stored in the deep freezer of our bodies begins to thaw.

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Community Calendar

October 26

The Blade Fall Job & Education Fair: 10 am to 3 pm; Parkway Place; Nearly 50 employers on hand: 419-727-7429

October 29

Calvary MBC 87th Church Anniversary: Gospel musical: 6 pm
Healthy Relationships Conference: Zablocki Center; 11 am to 3 pm; Parents encouraged to attend and bring children ages 10-15; Offices represented – Health Department, UT College of Education, LC Prosecutors, Toledo Youth Commission: 419-245-3334
Garden of Prayer Church "Angels Night:" Games, food, candy; Come in or out of costume; Children up to 14 years old
Phillips Temple CME Kingdom Festival: 2 to 4 pm; Free gently used items giveaway and Trunk or Treat

October 30

Calvary MBC 87th Church Anniversary: NWA Moderator Elect B. Lamont Monford of Phillippians MBC of Lima; 4 pm
Indiana Avenue MBC Fall Harvest Trunk or Treat: Ages 3 to 12; 4 to 6 pm; Horse rides, carnival games, face painting, food and fun
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St. Martin de Porres: Social justice principles for Catholic social teachings regarding responsibility to vote; Deacon Alfredo Diaz and "People on the Margin;" 10:30 am
Indiana Avenue MBC Trunk or Treat Festival: "Jesus Is The Way;" 4 to 6 pm; Children ages 3 to 12; Horseback rides, carnival games, face painting, the Toledo Zoo, Chuck E Cheese and more

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Kwanzaa Park Neighbors Meeting: 6 pm; The Padua Center; Featured speaker Anthony Patten, PhD and students of UT Pharmacy Department: 419-241-6465

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Community Leaders Stand Up For Gerken

Sojourner's Truth Staff

A number of community leaders gathered at Ruby's Kitchen on Reynolds Road on Wednesday, October 19, to express their support for the re-election of Lucas County Commissioner Pete Gerken. Gerken, a Democrat, is running for his fourth term. His opponent is former Toledo Mayor Mike Bell, a Republican.

Baldemar Velasquez, the founder of the Farm Laborers Organizing Committee (FLOC), explained that he is a long-time friend of the candidate and has been impressed over the years with the commissioner's commitment to the local community. "Pete's involvement in the community is unsurpassed," said Velasquez.

Rev. Randall Parker III, pastor of Canaan Manifested Word Church and a former candidate for the Toledo Board of Education, spoke of the counsel he received from Gerken during his campaign and how he became aware of how much Gerken "cares for people." Gerken, Parker said, "is consistent in everything he does; people in our neighborhood honor and respect all he does."

Rev. D.L. Perryman, pastor of Center of Hope Community Baptist Church, said of Gerken – "he makes things happen, he has been phenomenal in setting an agenda for the central city." Perryman noted that Gerken, and his fellow commissioners Tina Skeldon Wozniak and Carol Contrada, had ensured that Lucas County projects, such as the construction phase of the Huntington Center, included a sizable commitment to minority inclusion.

Ruby Butler, owner of Ruby's Kitchen, also spoke of her support for the commissioner whom she has known for over 30 years. Butler, a former auto worker, retired from the factory to become an entrepreneur. She praised Gerken for the support he has extended to small businesses during his term in office.



Ruby Butler, Karen Mayfield, Rev. DL Perryman, Rev. Randall Parker III, Baldemar Velasquez, Pete Gerken

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That's what happened to me, and it became worse as the week progressed. I was a wreck—not being able to focus or process clearly, having my sleep interrupted. Sometimes I would just contemplate in utter disbelief of what Donald Trump's words unleashed in our public discourse. It was evil and vile. I wanted to close my daughter's ears as well as my own. I was angry, absolutely livid—the one emotion that my superego keeps "under control" lest people experience me as an "angry black woman" and call the police, which as we all know can result in my being put in jail, or shot.

Intersectionality creeps in and I don't know which one to process. All I know is that I cannot get angry, but God damn it (and I mean that quite literally and in full awareness of the theological implications) I am outraged, because sexual assault is violating God's body and that's what Donald Trump did and boasted about. God help this man, yes, this child of God who in my mind has no functioning superego

and is mostly id gone wild. Even with all of this craziness, I return to the promises of my faith, "God cannot be trumped." I, along with others, may flourish given time and safe space.

What are ministerial leaders called to do in such a time as this?

First we need to listen to Narratives, understanding the macro-narratives that are dominant in our culture and society because of power. Check in with yourself—what is your narrative? Do you hold a story that someone told you about being sexually or otherwise assaulted? Did you witness the violation of a loved one as a child? (I did).

Second, — notice what's going on around you. Most importantly, read the emotional landscape. That is, read the culture to which you are most closely connected at home, at church, at work, in your daily comings and goings.

Third, consider being involved in Congregationally Based Community Organizing that deals with deeply embedded layers that support racism, sexism, classism and are lodged in institutions that are patriarchal and often fully misogynistic.

We witnessed a candidate for the presidency of the United States of America on a public stage attempt to humiliate the first woman nominated for the presidency of the US. We also witnessed this woman have to answer for her husband's behavior, be called "the devil," be threatened to be imprisoned, and be told that she should be ashamed of herself for her actions towards three women who committed adultery with her husband. This was shameless and, yes, it was the assault of a woman on a global stage.

Things will change when we organize. Don't think that Donald Trump's behavior is normative – call it out for what it is. But recognize too that, while it might not be normal, it does reflect deeply embedded patterns of patriarchy and systems in our country. As Lutheran theologian Robert Saler puts it, "He is the lump that signals the cancer in the body politic that the collective mind of that body would prefer to deny." Support women who are telling their stories from 35 years ago. Offer them the gift of listening and think of ways you can join others to serve the interests of the vulnerable.

Finally, know that forgiveness is the last step.

Yes, that is what I said.

Let yourself and help others to work through feelings. Give yourself and others the space to get through actions that occurred decades ago. And know that intersectionality "complexifies" things for women of color who are the descendants of enslaved people, or historically dominated people as well as marginalized folks who do not identify with their birth-gender. These children of God are violated often and brutally. Support people in getting help for themselves and, most importantly, be loving toward yourself and those with rekindled painful memories. Presence is sometimes more important than offering words that may be more harmful than helpful.

Linda E. Thomas studies, researches, writes, speaks and teaches about the intersection and mutual influence of culture and religion. An ordained Methodist pastor for 35 years with a Ph.D. in Anthropology from The American University in Washington D.C.

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Neighborhood Health Association Nexus Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Neighborhood Health Association held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, October 18, and officially opened Nexus Health Care at the corner of Jefferson and 14th streets in Toledo's UpTown neighborhood. A variety of local officials joined the NHA board members and CEO Doni Miller to dedicate the new 43,000 square-foot facility.

Board member Cheryl Wilson served as mistress of ceremonies and remarks were offered by U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur; Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson; Luann Cooke, a representative from Ohio Gov. John Kasich's office; Ann Longworth-Orr, a representative from U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown's office; Randy Runyon, president of the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers and Clifford Brown, who spoke about the dedication of the Harry Brown, Sr. After Hours Clinic.

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David Fleetwood, Doni Miller, Richard Mitchell, Councilman Larry Sykes

Toledo NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet Celebrating 101 Years of Service

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner Truth's Reporter

The NAACP Toledo Branch celebrated 101 years of service to the community at the annual Freedom Fund Banquet as over 400 members and supporters joined the festivities on Saturday, October 22 at Stranahan Great Hall.

"As we celebrate yet another anniversary of our Freedom Fund Dinner, we humbly and gratefully thank you for your encouragement and support. 2016 has been busy and eventful in Toledo and across the nation. Our national NAACP theme this year is "Our Lives Matter, Our Votes Count," said Ray Wood, president of the Toledo NAACP chapter. "Emphasizing that our lives matter, not more than any others, but just as

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The Soulcial Scene

Fashion & Fros: Black Hair Matters

By Megan Davis

The Truth Contributor

In August of 2011, A Toledo Central Catholic High School Senior was in the registration line when she was pulled away because of her hairstyle. She was informed that her Sisterlocks, a hairlocking system that creates miniature individual locks that resemble loose strands of hair, was not only unacceptable, but that it was also against the school dress code and appearance policy.

The policy read: "For general hairstyles: dreadlocks or "twisty" hairstyles are not acceptable. Hair carvings are not permitted. Hair color is to be one of the original colors. No hairstyle is to call attention to itself. Spikes and Mohawks are strictly forbidden. No exaggerated hairstyles. The AP/Dean will make the final ruling on hairstyles and colors. Further along, for Gentlemen it read: 6) Hair is to be neat, clean, properly combed, does not extend beyond the bottom of the collar or in some way obscures a student's face. (No dreadlocks)."

Once people received word of this taking place, through Facebook, they rallied behind the student and her family. A protest was organized and people wrote into the school to express their disagreement with the policy. After these events occurred, the policy was changed slightly, and the student was permitted to keep her hairstyle. She attended the school and also graduated at the top of her class. In other policies that have been shared on various media outlets, the language also has read that "Afros, twisties, braids and beads" are all unacceptable hairstyles in schools.

Earlier this fall, the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against a lawsuit filed by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission against a company in Mobile, Alabama that refused to hire someone because of his "dreadlocks." While the EEOC argued that this ruling was against the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Title VII citing dreadlocks as a "racial characteristic", the court rebutted with the argument that a hairstyle can be changed, but skin color cannot.

This is an argument that seems to be unsupported because it is most often spe-

cific to African Americans. While Caucasians may wear dreadlocks, the cases of the hairstyle being banned or inappropriate for school, work and in some cases, leisure, typically pertain to African Americans.

This argument is on-the-other-hand silenced with regard to gender equality and same-sex marriage. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 gets thrown into this social battle, even though individuals can choose their partners and now can change their gender. If the court can uphold a decision for people who make those choices, then people who choose to wear locks as their hairstyle should also be given the same rights. This is not an act or statement against the equality movement, just like Black Lives Matter is not against police.

Indirect racism has been taking place in schools and workplaces for many years, and it doesn't get the same response from people as the overt racism being imposed on African Americans by police and politicians.

Bans on hairstyles most often worn by African Americans has become more of an obstacle in recent years as more people are wearing natural hairstyles which include locks. From students in schools around the world, to adults in the workplace, there has been a war waged against Black Identity while lobbyists, courts and organizations fight for equality in gender identity.

The frontline has become so wide that it seems impossible to penetrate or go around. The war against Black Identity was waged during slavery, when slaves were shaved or prohibited from grooming, then their hair was called "dreadful." Then it was upheld after the Civil Rights Act was passed because those who wore natural hairstyles were considered militant and rebellious.

When cosmetology began, it was only being taught in small private schools. Its curriculum was only established to cater to the European woman. The curriculum has not changed much in the last 90 years and yet African Americans make up a huge portion of professionals and consumers in the forty-billion dollar hair care industry.

According to the American Association of Cosmetology Schools, 12 percent of individuals in personal appearance occupations are African American and 21 percent of businesses in the salon industry are black owned.

A 2013 Nielsen report concluded that, "With a current buying power of \$1 trillion that is forecasted to reach \$1.3 trillion by the year 2017, the importance of connecting with African-American consumers is more important than ever." It further states that 46 percent of purchases made by African-American households are to beauty supply stores for hair care products and tools.

These statistics show that African Americans do have the power to fight the war against racial identity. It isn't just about boycotting companies that want black dollars or putting money in black-owned banks, it is about making changes in the foundation of the beauty industry.

The state of Ohio has some of the harshest regulations for cosmetologists and natural hair stylists, yet Black students still enrolled in large numbers, knowing that the curriculum doesn't support the complex hair care needs of the African-American consumer.

There are books published for black hair care that are never used in cosmetology schools because it is not a requirement in any state in order to receive a license to practice. The black hair care book is outdated and a natural hair care book was published in 2013, yet there are few schools who are accredited by states, that offer the state required curriculum in order for individuals to become licensed in natural hair care. These are barriers that can be broken with the right bills and laws in place to require the cosmetology industry to make changes to accommodate African-American hair care practices.

This is important because if black hair care had been a part of the normal cosmetology curriculum, it would be less of an issue when it comes to what is acceptable to employers and other establishments. Gender equality is less of an issue in 2016 than in 2014 because bills were created and laws were passed to accommodate the growing LGBT community.

It is more acceptable now to see a gender-neutral bathroom or a same-sex marriage than it is to see an African-American woman wearing locks to her job.

It is a fact that the more African Americans refuse to assimilate to the European standard of beauty, the greater the problem it is for others to accept us. This has to change, so that the discrimination against Black Identity decreases. #BlackHairMatters



Megan Davis



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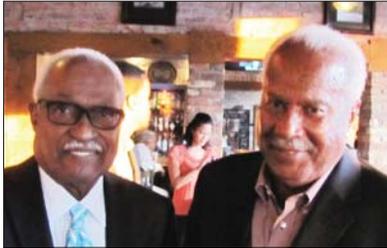
The Soulcial Scene

Tommy James Celebrates 80th with Family and Friends

Manhattan's was the place to be on Tuesday, October 4 as Tommy Jams celebrated his 80th birthday with numerous family members and friends. Donna Moore-James, Tommy's wife, organized the gala at the restaurant on Adams Street and invitees enjoyed a sumptuous meal along with the company of long-time friends and acquaintances.



Donna and Tommy James, seated, along with family and friends



Loron James, Donna Moore-James, Pamela James, Patrice James, Louis James, Lesa James, Tommy James



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Falling Back Into the 70's, 80's and 90's

By Donnetta Carter

Guest Column

Members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc®, Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter held their "Fall Back to the 70's 80's and 90's Fall Fundraiser Party" on Saturday, October 15 at the Garden Lake Hall. The proceeds will benefit scholarship and community service projects in the local community.

The event was well attended with guests from near and far, including those celebrating the University of Toledo Homecoming weekend events.

Clara Conner-Petty, fundraising chairman; Felicia Dunston, president; Morgannia Dawson, vice president; Donnetta Carter, public relations and photographer.



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Local Greek Organizations Celebrate UT Homecoming

The members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., joined together in celebration of the University of Toledo's Homecoming game on Saturday, October 19, by treating the public to a Southern-styled fried catfish dinner, with all the trimmings.

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The Soulcial Scene

The 53rd Annual Commandress Ball

The 53rd annual Commandress Ball honoring Dr. Lena M. Davis, illustrious Commandress, on October 8 at the Radisson Hotel at the University of Toledo Medical Center commemorated the many years of the organization's existence, charity and benevolence.



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Miller also spoke about what the building will mean for the community. "I'm really excited to have this kind of facility in our community that is designed to serve absolutely everybody," said Miller.

Nexus's services will include pediatrics, dental, women's health, vision and primary care. The Mildred Bayer Homeless Health Care clinic will be part of the facility as will an after-hours clinic.

The building will also have a pharmacy, a café, meeting space and a branch of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union.

Nexus Health Care, as the building is named, is the latest chapter in the success story of NHA, a story authored by CEO Doni Miller who assumed the reins of the non-profit community health organization in 1993.

As NHA has expanded over the years during Miller's tenure, some facilities have become old and outmoded, not responding well to newer technologies and not particularly user friendly for clients and patients.

This expansion during Miller's years at the helm is a dramatic turn of events considering what transpired at the agency during its first 20 years of existence. NHA experienced enough difficulties over its first two decades that its very existence had been threatened on more than one occasion.

The agency came about through the extraordinary efforts of its founder, Cordelia Martin, and the funds provided by the Model Cities Program of the late 1960's.

Martin, a community activist who was involved in a number of organizations such as the NAACP and the Lucas County Democratic Party, was passionate about a number of causes – in particular helping the poor, especially helping the poor obtain health care.

In 1969, Martin, then a supervisor of community workers for the Expanded Family Planning Project of the Planned Parenthood League of Toledo, Inc and chairman of the Health Functional Committee, gathered around her a group of like-minded individuals who were equally concerned about the lack of proper health care that was available to

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Zeta Xi Zeta was joined by members of Alpha Pi (UT's undergraduate chapter), and Psi Epsilon (BGSU's undergraduate chapter), and more than 100 sorority and fraternity members from chapter across the state, region or US.

"It was wonderful bonding with our fellow Pan Hellenic Council members, in friendship and festivity, exchanging great food," remarked Basileus Jasmine Aaron, "A truly Blue-tiful day, and we look forward to next year."

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority is a nonprofit, 501c3 and was founded in 1920 on the campus of Howard University. The sorority's platform is: Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood and Finerwomanhood.

The Soulcial Scene

Jamaican Social Club of Toledo to Celebrate 40th Anniversary

Special to The Truth

On November 5, 2016, the Jamaican Social Club of Toledo, a Non-profit (501) (C-3) Multi-Cultural Organization, will be celebrate its 40th Anniversary Dinner/Dance and Awards Presentation, at its Social & Cultural Center, servicing northwest Ohio and southern Michigan since 1976.

The organization was organized exclusively for charity, education, social and scientific purposes. Its main focus is to encourage a better understanding and cooperation among all cultures and citizens residing in Toledo and northwest Ohio. All services and time provided by board members are 100 percent voluntary.

It is funded by membership dues, donations, fundraising programs, sponsorships and charitable contributions from individuals and businesses.

Among the many services offered by the Organization are scholarships to High School students in Toledo area for excellent achievements. Sponsorship of a "Dreams for Teens" TV talent show designed to enhance students with exceptional ability to perform competitively. Winners of this talent competition are offered prizes and scholarships. Computers, athletic equipments, stationery and pencils are donated to schools in Jamaica. Assist in devastating situations, such as hurricane disasters in Jamaica. Periodic donations are made to Toledo's homeless.

The Jamaican Social Club offers assistance to newly-arrived Americans to get adjusted to the community as well as serving as a liaison between the citizens of Toledo and its authorities and the people and government of Jamaica. Additionally, the organization hosted several Jamaican diplomats as well as many other guests from Jamaica; To-

ronto, Canada; Baltimore, MD; New York, NY; and Indianapolis. IN to the city of Toledo.

In recognition of its many services to our community, the Jamaican Social Club has received several award and proclamation recognitions from our mayors and congresspersons servicing our region.

The Jamaica Social Club is extending an invitation to all its past and current members to join us in celebrating this significant milestone in our history on November 5, 2016.

We, also, extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to our members and supporters who have supported our programs for the past 40 years. Your continued support will be greatly appreciated.

For more information on our 40th Anniversary Celebration Awards Presentation and Dinner/Dance:

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much as others and when we vote those votes absolutely count and can make the difference.”

Waite High School's Young Men of Excellence served as ushers and greeters. WTVG's Kristian Brown served as mistress of ceremonies, Rev. Michael Key of People's Missionary Baptist Church delivered the invocation and ACT-SO competition winner Jamaia McKinley-Riven sang the Negro National Anthem.

The featured speaker was television chef Jeff Henderson, best-selling author and Food Network television star.

The 2016 Freedom Fund honorees were: Suzette Cowell, Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union CEO; Rev. Robert Culp, First Church of God pastor; Doni Miller, Neighborhood Health Association CEO; and Jane Moore, United Way of Greater Toledo Executive VP of Community Impact.

Guests dined while competition winner presented their art forms. A poem by Keyara Edwards, a song by Jamaia McKinley-Riven, a dance by Courtney Draper, drumming by Arthur Bishop, dramatics by Jenasis Savage and drawing by Lyricka Robinson-Smith.

“I just want to thank everyone for their support, this would not be possible without you. It's truly a blessing when I walk into a grocery store or bank and hear such positivity about our NAACP. We have the greatest all volunteer board in Toledo, in the world. I appreciate each and every one of them,” shared Ray Wood.



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Nexus Ribbon Cutting... *continued from page 10*

those less fortunate in the greater Toledo area.

The group, with Martin in the lead, was determined “to make sure that people in the neighborhood have a place to go where color wouldn't matter,” says Miller. “They decided to open a health center because so many of their neighbors and friends were dying from causes that they could have been saved from.”



Within a year, federal funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development had been obtained and the Cordelia Martin Interim Health Center was opened in its original location at 1636 W. Bancroft Street.

During those early days the clinic was only open a few days a week based upon the availability of the volunteers who staffed the operation.

Federal funding to continue the work of that staff, the board and volunteers was never a given. Model Cities funds ended in 1974 and obtaining continuing federal funds was an ongoing challenge.

In 1975, Daisy Smith, RN, who had been with the Center from the beginning and for whom one of the NHA facilities is now named, brought together 14 women to organize themselves as the Cordelia Martin Health Center Auxiliary in order to augment the organization and to help fulfill a range of needs – chief among those needs was raising funds.

The Auxiliary organized bake sales, rummage sales and charity bazaars along with sponsoring the cleaning of inside facilities and yard work. The woman of the Auxiliary provided valuable supplemental funds for the Center over the next decade and a half, nevertheless, financially, NHA was never out of the woods.

By 1978, the Center had 25 people on staff, had increased patient visits to 600 per month and had added an Adolescent Health Care Program through a grant from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

By 2002, nine years into Miller's arrival, NHA had nine clinics under its wings, a 120-member staff and an \$8 million budget.

“We added a number of clinics over the years,” said Miller this past summer she was contemplating the completion of Nexus. “We now manage 16 facilities such as a clinic for the homeless [Mildred Bayer], a women's health clinic [Huron Street] and the dental clinics. We've developed a number of specialty services over the past 20 years.”

The \$11 million Nexus Health Care clinic came about as the result of a collaboration between a number of government and non-government entities.

The Lucas County Land Bank, administered by the Lucas County Treasurer's Office, acquired the land and spent \$45,000 to clean up the site.

The federal government provided a grant of \$5 million through the Department of Health and Human Services for construction costs and the Local Initiatives Support Corp (LISC) financed the balance of \$6 million through tax credits.

Nexus was opened to the public for general services on Wednesday, October 19.

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We Gon' Be Alright by Jeff Chang

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

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193 pages

You had hope that things might be better. We elected a black man as president, and there was a minute where you could almost see a bit of racial optimism. And then: Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, #BlackLives-Matter, and are we back to where we started? Did we ever really make any progress at all?

In the new book *We Gon' Be Alright* by Jeff Chang, the answer is maybe – and it's fixable.

The last four years have been rough.

Every time you turn on the TV or grab a newspaper, it seems as though another black life has been lost and “the list never seems to cease,” says Chang. It’s a trend that’s escalated to the point that it’s now “blown into white America as well,” which *should* coalesce us but which actually seems to divide us all the more. We seem, as Chang says, to have “slid back toward segregation.”

The current political climate isn't helping.

Over the past 12 months, whites who felt “undone” by wage gaps and who had “fears of falling” flocked to a candidate that understood how to gain their support by pointing accusing fingers at Mexicans, the Chinese and Muslims. When demonstrations were held to protest this, violence broke out, which only fueled the fires.

Diversity, says Chang, has become a “buzzword.” Schools strive for it but often do it wrong. Hollywood is still “overwhelmingly white,” as are the C-Suites of most major corporations. Colleges struggle with issues of affirmative action, while black students make the same demands of their administrations that they’ve been making “for three decades now.”

And then there's housing.

Chang uses San Francisco as an example: as the tech industry grows, formerly-black neighborhoods with affordable rents have been taken over by new, elite, mostly-white residents. Overall, “cities are becoming wealthier and whiter,” they’re becoming divided largely by income, and housing projects are being torn down, bringing us full-circle back to resegregation.

“The revolution is never complete,” Chang says. “But redemption is out there for us if we are always in the process of finding love and grace.”

So what can be done?

I didn't think author Jeff Chang had many concrete solutions here,

but in *We Gon' Be Alright*, he offers an ocean of hope.

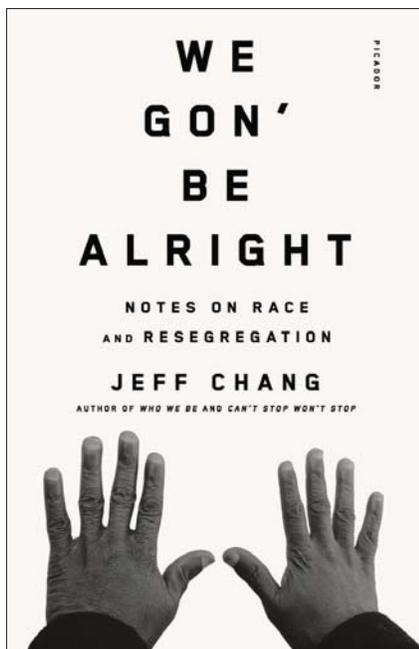
In the meantime – long before you get to that – Chang's provocative essays are wide and quite discouraging. Here, he writes of all that's wrong in an effort to show how we might feel like we've made occasional progress but that nothing's really changed. Through resegregation, our “progress” is just a problem, rearranged. Most assuredly, that doesn't make this an eager read.

And yet, there's grace inside Chang's observations – grace, which is exactly what

he advocates in the end, in a stunning chapter that brings this whole book to a pinnacle.

I wondered if perhaps this book is pocket-sized on purpose: it seems like something you might want to tuck away close and consume in short bursts, in order to ponder. With *We Gon' Be Alright*, that kind of reading might be better.

This block contains a collage of promotional graphics for several radio shows. At the top, there's a graphic for '93.1 FM Jam Packed Magazine' with the text 'Welcome to Toledo's Hottest Urban Alternative Community Station' and 'The New 93.1 FM WXJP Jam Packed Radio'. Below that, there's a graphic for 'The Jam Packed Magazine Radio Show' hosted by De'Ann Lewis, with the text 'Nobody Does It Better... 93.1 FM WXJP Toledo's Hottest Urban Alternative Community Station!'. Other graphics include 'The Bianca Burwell Morning Show', 'Harlem Lanes Radio.com', 'On The Edge Talk/Radio Show', and 'The Praise Break'.



This is an advertisement for social media training. The main text reads 'HOW TO MULTIPLY YOUR MESSAGE & GROW YOUR REACH WITH SOCIAL MEDIA'. It offers 'a FREE 30min consultation for ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES, PUBLIC FIGURES, BUSINESS OWNERS & CORPORATIONS'. The name 'REGINA WHITTINGTON' and her title 'CEO of REGWHITT.COM' are prominently displayed. There is a small portrait of Regina Whittington. At the bottom, it says 'CALL 567-703-6272 TODAY!' and 'www.regwhitt.com'. Social media icons for YouTube, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Snapchat, and Facebook are also present.

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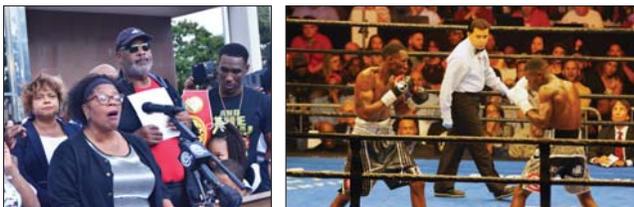
Toledo Gives Favorite Son a Key to the City

"When I'm in that ring, I'm fighting for everybody in this city," said Robert Easter, Jr. as he gazed upon the crowd of well-wishers who gathered at One Government Center to thank him for bringing glory to his hometown.

The mutual love-fest followed a parade in the champ's honor through the city's downtown streets and city officials, led by Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson, came together to present Easter with a key to the city. The IBF lightweight champion, who captured the title with a split decision on September 9 in Reading, PA, with a split decision over previously undefeated Richard Commey of Ghana, trained for his bout at the Glass City Gym and did his roadwork on Toledo streets.

A 2010 graduate of Bowsher High School, Easter improved his career record to 18-0.

"We are so proud to call him ours," said Hicks-Hudson. "He belongs to us and we belong to him."



Photos Courtesy Albert Earl

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causes.

Sewell is the chairman of the Toledo Children's Hospital Foundation Board and, for more than 10 years, she has worked for the Toledo Lucas County Public Library. Sewell is Library Manager of External and Governmental Affairs.

The October 15 event, with some 200 attendee donors, was held in The Secor Building ballroom and a bourbon sampling room titled After Burst was held in the adjoining River House Arts gallery. Registry Bistro owner Chef Erika Rapp provided the New Orleans & Harlem Renaissance-inspired hors d'oeuvres, and Erika Garza provided the miniature cupcakes which were served with champagne for Rhonda's birthday toast.

Chico's at Franklin Park Mall provided Sewell's three outfit changes throughout the evening. Makeup was done by Dina Jarouche, and the birthday girl's upsweep hairstyle by Alina Dunbar, owner of Salon Onyx.

Music provided by JP Dynasty (the Peterson brothers and father), who performed African master drumming outside as guests arrived (Coming to America style!). Norris Finley was the DJ for the event and jazz combo Damen Cook (drums) and Mike Lorenz (keyboards) played in the bourbon room.

Sewell's friends pulled out all of the stops for the Purpose event: Melonny Banks, Sharon Mitchell (Melonny's mother who flew in from South Carolina to provide her decor and event expertise), and Alina Dunbar styled and provided decor and backdrops for the entire two party rooms.

Diana Patton and Gretchen DeBacker served as event coordinators. Tonya Rider and Kerry Emery greeted all donor partygoers. Amber Miller-Bryd was the official event photographer, Diana Clayton of Swatch PhotoBooth donated and ran the fun party PhotoBooth, Major Designs provided swanky white leather furniture for the bourbon lounge.

Alexis Means served as event MC. Sewell's family provided remarks - Richard and Iris Sewell (Chicago), Henry and Billie Johnson (Ann Arbor), and Rhonda's twin daughters Savannah and Sarah, age 16. Representing the receiving charities with remarks were Kathryn Fell of The Library Legacy Foundation, and Frankie Doria, of ProMedica. Columbus friends Jala Anderson and Phil Alloy surprised Rhonda with their presence. Out of town guests included Kim Sturdivant (Novi, MI), Michael Barringer (Xenia, OH), and Tiffany Mitchell-Brewer (Detroit). Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks Hudson and Toledo City Councilman Tyrone Riley were among the guests.



The Soulcial Scene

Rhonda Sewell Celebrates 50th with a Party with a Purpose

Special to The Truth

Community leader Rhonda Sewell hosted an epic party with a purpose to celebrate her signature 50th birthday while bringing attention to vulnerable children in the community. The word Purpose was also the title of the party.

She invited guests to donate funds online for two campaigns: The Library Legacy Foundation Early Literacy Campaign, to prepare children to enter kindergarten, and ProMedica Toledo Children's Hospital Foundation NICU Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome unit for babies born addicted to drugs. Her event netted \$7,500 in donations for these two

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Alexis Means, Jala Anderson McKee, Rhonda Sewell, Kristian Brown



Clyde Kynard, Jr., Jason Daniels, Craig Teamer



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