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How We Do What We Do: Grilling With Soul

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

The Truth Contributor

Food feeds the soul. To the extent that we all eat food, and we all have souls, food is the single great unifier across cultures.

- Amy Choi



Memorial Day is the unofficial beginning of outdoor cooking season in the African American community. Ever since arriving on the shores of this continent, food has been a means for black people to connect and remain connected. How we prepare it and experience it is very cultural.

We eat it, share it, and take pictures of it. We dance, play cards and drink a variety of non-religious libations. We tell and retell the same old stories that become even more exaggerated with each recital.

Yet, don't get it twisted. African-American outdoor cooking is different.

We don't do cookouts; we do barbecues or grilling. Black heritage cooking is also connected with farming and our agrarian past, according to food scholar William Frank Mitchell, where men performed hunting and fishing duties while women tended gardens. Therefore the "physicality of grilling" comes with gender-based expectations which means that the grill or BBQ pit is a "man's world" where male family members take pride and even brag over their grilling prowess.

While perhaps the most important feature of soul food is that the taste of each of the traditional dishes must be "recognizable," the essence of black heritage food is, for me, a variation of the cultural norms of my urban experience and the blending of African practices with the regional Southern rural culture that my ancestors brought North during the great migration.

To get a sense of how our heritage has shaped the way our family prepares and enjoys food, I queried my wife whose parents grew up in Virginia and, like mine, also migrated to Toledo from Alabama or Georgia.

Perryman: Summertime means the coming of grilling season. For me, it is also a time to 'chill' given the nature of urban ministry and the conflict

that is inherent in that work. It has been nice to at last go through a season of relative peace from a work perspective.

Willetta: Well, love and happiness at work makes finding love and happiness at home much easier.

Donald: When barbecuing, do you like gas or charcoal?

Willetta: I used to prefer charcoal but I like gas also. When grilling good cuts of meat, you don't need the extra flavor of charcoal, especially when you use good rubs or marinades. The charcoal tends to overpower the flavor.

Perryman: And when you do use charcoal, you should use a chimney to start the fire because lighter fluid tends to permeate the taste of the meat?

Willetta: I don't use lighter fluid, personally.

Perryman: Soul food is heritage food and thus is traditional although there are different recipes and techniques used to prepare it. What does it mean to you when we say that the food must be recognizable?

Willetta: To me, that means that the food must be aesthetically pleasing. Visually it must have the right amount of juices; the herbs, spices and ingredients should shine through or be bubbly so that merely looking at it makes you want to eat it. It must also smell good. And most importantly, although soul food dishes contain traditional ingredients, in order to prepare tasty dishes that stand out, you need to be skilled at adding extra ingredients that enhance the flavors but don't change the intent of the recipe.

Perryman: (Laughing)... In other words, you don't add raisins to collard greens or put cranberries in potato salad?

Willetta: (Laughs) ... No, you don't want to add anything 'foreign' to the dish. You want to include ingredients that enhance or are complementary to the existing flavors.

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Community Calendar

May 27

Ebenezer MBC Women's Day: 11 am speaker Elder Teshaua Isaac from Peoples MBC; 4 pm speaker is First Lady Sharon Newsome of Greater Mt. Zion in Cleveland; "Women of God Embracing our Future:" 419-242-2581

May 30/June 28

Main Library Community forum about the ways the renovated Library space can best be used to provide lifelong learning and opportunities: 6 to 8 pm; Huntington Room; Each forum will build on community discussions from preceding forum/s, so attending all three forums will provide you with the broadest understanding of the renovation. However, if you are only able to attend one or two forums, your input will still make a difference! Areas of discussion will include:

- Overview of project and key decision points
- Serving community needs during Main Library's temporary closure
- How to use the new spaces following renovation

Discussions will be interactive, including the Library sharing information and seeking information from participants. The information shared and feedback provided will be shared on the Library's website (LINK) along with a tool for people unable to attend the meetings to submit feedback

June 4-8

Vacation Bible School: "Follow the Leader;" United MBC; 5:50 to 8 pm; Free light dinner served from 5:30 to 6 pm

True or False ... You Decide!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
 Guest Column

Unless you are living in Outer Siberia with noise-blocking headphones and with no cell phone reception, you probably have seen or hear the plethora of incidents in which white people are calling the cops on "you people" as "you people" go about daily living rituals.

We know that in the era of old Jim Crow, black people were under both social pressure and racial animus to smile and grin at white people in order to allay their fears that black people were not conspiring to poison their food or gag them while they slept.

But, now, due to the permission of Herr Trump, the dogs of ugly have been fed and released and now it is seemingly fair game to mentally and emotionally harass any person, brown or black.

It is as almost there is now a latent conspiracy by some white folks to make life for black and brown people as difficult as possible in the hopes that they will act out their frustrations and be arrested by the called cops or they will return and retreat to their "own" spaces and allow white folks to rule the roost.

The following incidents are for you consider as either being hostile or just an "innocent" mistake by some white people who are on edge about seeing anything move that has two arms and two legs and a head and is colored brown or black.

SCENE ONE: A Puerto Rican goes to the local gas company in Boston and presents his ID for purposes of getting gas turned on in his name at his new condo.

The white clerk takes his ID, copies it and goes to the back room. She is gone for about 10 minutes and all the while the applicant waits and wonders and especially so when he sees white applicants come in, apply, get service and they leave. But yet, he is still waiting.

Eventually, two police officers arrive and accost him and ask for a second piece of ID. When he asks what is going on, he is told to shut up and produce the ID or he will be charged with obstructing official business. The applicant, in order to avoid a scene, produces his military ID and the police run a check on it and it is in order.

They give him back his ID and leave in a huff.

He waits for the clerk to come back with his first ID. She returns and looks all sheepish and nervous. When the applicant asks her what was that all about, she says that he looked like a person who was stealing gas services and whose picture was posted on her suspect list.

He asks for her manager so he can see this so-called, "list." The manager comes out and the long and short of it is that there is no such list. The clerk in question called the police because the Puerto Rican looked, "quirky."

SCENE TWO: A black woman goes to a Cadillac car dealer to test drive a brand new car. She is accompanied by her sorority sister. The salesman, a white guy with a nasal problem, asks to copy her license before he can put dealer plates on for the test run.

The lady, who is employed as an software engineer and with a salary hitting past \$150k per year, complies.

Eventually the two black ladies get into the 2018 Cadillac CSW model (retail: \$65K) and drive off the lot. Unknown to them, the salesman gets into his car and follows them at a discreet distance. The two ladies drive the car in both residential and highway traffic. After about 20 minutes of test driving, the salesman calls the police to report a stolen vehicle.

The two ladies are stopped at a busy intersection and, with guns drawn, the police force them out of the car, onto the asphalt pavement and they are handcuffed.

The salesman drives up and identifies the ladies as the two people who took the car.

When pressed for details, the salesman admits that they took the car with his permission but he says that after 10 minutes, he felt uncomfortable with them continuing the test drive and when he tried to call their cell number, no one picked up.

The police take the ladies out of their squad car and allow them to drive the costly car back to the dealership.

When they call corporate, they are told that they have never heard of such a thing as a salesman tailing a test drive!

The ladies file a complaint and the potential Caddy buyer goes to the BMW dealership and purchases a new car.

SCENE THREE: J.J. goes to a local nursery store to get bags of mulch for his large yard.

Upon arriving, he notices a sale is going on for 10 bags of mulch for 15 bucks. He says this is his lucky day! He goes to the register and gets a receipt to pick up 30 bags of mulch.

He notices that similar customers are using a large roller cart to get the mulch and load it up themselves, so he does the same thing.

Almost half way through the loading process, store security surrounds his pickup truck and orders him to halt and to show his receipt.

Puzzled, J.J. says what for? He is told that a clerk (white) is reporting that he is stealing the mulch. However, this clerk is not the same clerk (black) that he paid the monies to but is a clerk passing through and notices his loading up the mulch among the other drivers (all white) who are doing the same thing.

He refuses to show his ID and he is grabbed, thrown against the car cab and handcuffed. The police show up and when they see the receipts, they tell the security cops that there is no case and they tell them to uncuff him and they leave.

J.J. kicks out of his cargo hold the loaded mulch and he does not load the rest of what he paid for.

SCENE FOUR: Carmen bought surprise birthday football tickets for her two teenage sons. They are seats with a great view and close to the action. They arrive at the stadium, show their tickets and find their seats. Just before the game starts, three white males show up and demand that they leave since those are their seats!

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"The common goal is that all of us want to feel safe. Too often we've seen the idea of safety be used by governments to take away peoples' rights, we've seen that time and again," said Emma Keeshin of the ACLU of Ohio. "We're afraid that the National Public Safety Partnership is designed to make only some people feel safe."

During Wednesday's meeting, the organizers asked the attendees to break into groups – six in all – and discuss within the groups, their thoughts on four questions: What does safety look like to you? When have you felt the most safe? What would help you be involved in making Toledo safer? What do you need from (city officials, Toledo police, your neighbors) to feel safe?

While Troendle expressed a view that the program will be basically color blind, the participants expressed concerns that law enforcement officers need to be trained to deal with diverse populations.

The CSRN and ACLU have spoken out about the pitfalls of Toledo's involvement on the partnership, in part, because of their concerns about the impact that the program may have on increasing incarceration rates among

black men. In addition, the organizations' concerns also include the fact that the mandate of the National Public Safety Partnership does not include an evaluation of the violence perpetrated by law enforcement officials against the local population, particularly the black and brown citizens within the local population.



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Carmen shows them their ticket stubs and they match up with her seats. The men do not leave but they start yelling for security and calling Carmen and her boys ticket thieves. The police arrive and ask Carmen for ID and to see her stubs.

She reluctantly complies and lo and behold, the seats for the white men are in Section K and not in her Section B (the better seats). The police tell the men that they are in the wrong and ask them to move on.

No one apologies to Carmen and her two boys. Everyone around her tries to avoid eye contact with her. For her, the game is ruined.

Is this the new America that black and brown people are now living in wherein their very presence sets off police alarms and they have to justify their presence or existence to white people who assume the worse when it involves people of color?

The emotional and mental exhaustion of always trying to justify your rightful presence can take a toll on one's psyche and can scar one's sense of self-worth.

Jim Crow is still flying high in these United States!

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Local Agencies Attack Builder's Negligence, Take to Federal Court

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner's Truth Editor

On Tuesday, May 15, a lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court by The Fair Housing Center, The Ability Center and Brooklyn Park resident Jenny Tillman alleging that Brooklynn Park Villas, a 55 + housing community in Toledo, was falsely marketed as accessible but, upon completion, contains glaring violations of the Fair Housing Act. The suit accuses defendants Moline Builders, Inc., JLJ Development, Inc., Larry Fast and James Moline of discriminating against persons with disabilities by failing to comply with federal design and construction regulations for accessible housing.

The numerous violations in the 92-unit Brooklynn Park Villas compound are said to have been committed after the builders were "fully informed of their lack of compliance." The plaintiffs are represented in the action by in-house counsel Katherine Hunt Thomas from The Ability Center, Christina Rodriguez from The Fair Housing Center and Stephen Dane, Jia Cobb and Sara Pratt from Relman, Dane and Colfax, PLLC, a civil rights law firm based in Washington, D.C. with offices in Ohio and New Mexico.

Moline Builders advertises the Villas as "handicap accessible, including no step entries" along with a host of features that make the interior accessible such as wide doorways to accommodate wheelchairs.

According to information provided by The Fair Housing Center: "The Fair Housing Act requires builders, owners and anyone involved in the design and construction of multi-family housing to ensure properties do not contain architectural barriers that impede access or exclude individuals with disabilities from residing in and visiting the properties and this requirement applies to all newly constructed multi-family housing with four or more units built after 1991."

Resident Tillman, who is approaching her 60th birthday, suffers from multiple sclerosis, and bought her unit "thinking about my future," she said. However, when she moved in, she found a step at her front door that prevents her from entering and exiting from the main entrance and she has injured herself bumping into objects in her bathroom because the area was designed without sufficient space to be navigated by a person with a disability.

A tour of Tillman's home conducted by Rodriguez of The Fair Housing Center pointed out a number of deficiencies that would affect the disabled and are violations of the Fair Housing Act such as: an inaccessible pantry, a thermostat placed in too high a position, an inaccessible garage, inaccessible stove and microwave placements, among other conditions.

"After moving in, I asked the builder many times to make changes, but I was told 'you bought it this way,'" said Tillman. "The bottom line is that I really did buy this place thinking ahead of what was the future for me."

Tillman's difficulties are part of a larger problem, noted Thomas. "[The residents] were promised accessible housing that will enable them to age in place," she said. "Now they are in homes with inaccessible kitchens, inaccessible bathrooms, inaccessible entrances."

The Fair Housing Center had voiced its concerns about the inaccessibility

of the units at Brooklyn Park Villas two years ago and tried to establish "a cooperative relationship with Moline Builders," said Michael Marsh, director of the Center. "He ignored us. The fact that the builders knew about the problem and did nothing to resolve it or prevent it from happening again shows their reckless disregard for creating truly inclusive housing that is accessible to all. They could have prevented all that disaster and that is a violation of people's rights."

Marsh noted that in recent years, as baby boomers age, the number of complaints of violations against the Fair Housing Act by the disabled had overtaken the number of violations based upon racial discrimination.

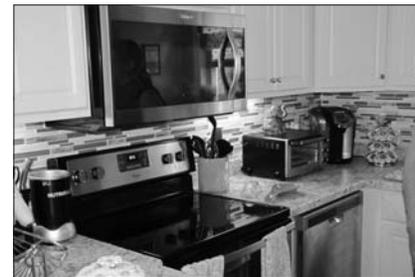
"This is an egregious violation of the Fair Housing Act," Marsh added. "How dare you do that to these people. Take their money and promise them something and don't deliver."

When reached for comment, James Moline told The Truth he had been advised not to comment.

Plaintiffs are demanding a trial by jury, compensatory damages for injuries and losses resulting from discriminatory practice and punitive damages against the defendants for malicious and recklessly indifferent conduct and to deter similar conduct in the future.



The proper entrance of a nearby residence - one of few among the 92 units



Kitchen stove must be centered, microwave too high



Resident Jenny Tillman stands at entrance of her home just over the step which makes entrance inaccessible for some disabled individuals

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Same fun! Same Tutoring! Same lunches (provided by Connecting Kids to Meals)! Just a new location.

This summer the free camps will begin with Vacation Bible School from June 18-22. Students will learn that being on the move means following the leader. The leaders for our Vacation Bible School are Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Jesus and Paul. Campers will follow them for a fun week of learning about the many people God puts into our lives to lead us.

“Keep it Movin” will be the Sports Camps this summer and will feature lots of movement and sports. This camp will partner with Robinson School

for their summer camp and run from June 25 to June 29.

Staying Healthy involves moving about and eating well. During the week of July 9-13 the campers will be “Moving to Stay Healthy” and will learn about healthy food, gardening and exercise.

“Shades and Rhythm” is the theme of the Art and Music Camp which runs from July 16-20. The children will participate in various art projects, visit the Art Museum, learn about glass blowing, and be entertained by local musicians. Budding artists will enjoy the fun of free expression.

The Padua Center will team up with the Metroparks for a Connection Camp from July 23-27. Learning about archery, canoeing, doing crafts and having fun outdoors is the goal of this camp.

For more information call The Padua Center 419-241-6465 or visit our webpage: www.paduacenter.org

These free camps are underwritten by a grant from the Savage Family Foundation.

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Off-Site Summer Camp – ages 6-13

Can’t make it downtown? The science center makes it easy to experience science this summer with off-site camps at Bowling Green State University (June 4-8) and in Findlay (June 11-15). Let’s Build will be the focus for these campers as they transform everyday objects into something extraordinary.

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Summer Opportunities at the Toledo Zoo

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June Events at the Toledo Zoo

Summer fun happens at the Toledo Zoo! June 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 Snooze at the Zoo Spending the night at the Zoo is a wildly good time for families, groups and schools. During the overnight adventure, guests make enrichment for our animals, tour the Zoo, meet animals up close and enjoy delicious meals. Each Snooze lasts from 6:30 p.m. - 10 a.m. the next day. Separate fee, pre-registration required. For more information, including pricing and available dates, visit toledozoo.org/snooze.

Monday, June 4 – Friday, August 17 Summer Safari Camps Go wild this summer vacation at Summer Safari Camps sponsored by Toby & Sue Cardone and the Cardone Financial Group. The Zoo offers wild opportunities for campers ages four through 15. Separate fee, pre-registration required. Member discounts apply. For more information, including schedule, themes and pricing, please visit toledozoo.org/camps.

Friday, June 8 - Wine Tasting Ages 21 & up enjoy a delectable array of wines, hors d'oeuvres, live music and socializing on the Africa! Overlook from 7 – 9 p.m. Advanced tickets are required. Separate fee. Member discounts apply. For more information, please visit toledozoo.org/wine.

Tuesday, June 12 - Garden Tour Series: Come Grow with Us Come – see the best plant combinations and techniques to pack the most punch into a small space. If you have a limited garden area or even just an apartment balcony, this tour of our smaller beds and container gardens will inspire you to see new potential in smaller spaces. Tour meets at Ziem's Conservatory at 10:30 a.m. Separate fee, pre-registration required. Member discounts apply. Tour is rain or shine. Please visit toledozoo.org/gardentours.

Friday, June 15 - PNC ZOOtoDO presented by Skylight Financial Group Party with a purpose at the Zoo's annual black tie and tennis shoes fundraiser! Guests enjoy samples from more than 50 area res-

taurants and catering services and live entertainment throughout Zoo grounds from 6 p.m. - midnight. Tickets can be purchased online at toledozoo.org/zootodo or by calling 419-3855721 ext. 2091.

Sunday, June 17 - Father's Day Celebration and BBQ All dads receive free admission when accompanied by children. Treat Dad to a special day at the Zoo and make your reservations for the Father's Day BBQ (separate fee) by visiting toledozoo.org/fathersday or calling 419-385-5721 ext. 6001.

Sunday, June 24 - Live Nation Concert- Barenaked Ladies For more information, please visit toledozoo.org/summer-concerts.

Tuesday, June 26 - Garden Tour Series: Come Grow with Us If you have ever wanted to know how to grow roses at home, then this is the tour for you. This tour of the Sarah A. Coley Rose Garden will focus on the cultural practices you need to know to keep your hybrid tea roses, climbers and heirlooms vigorous and blooming all season long. Both novice and experienced rose gardeners welcome! Tour meets at Ziem's Conservatory at 10:30 a.m. Separate fee, pre-registration required. Member discounts apply. Tour is rain or shine. Please visit toledozoo.org/gardentours



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 Megan Burmeister
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 Azedean Abdel-Khaliq
 Lindsey Scarberry
 Zachary Sheets
 Isaiah Williams

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 Tyler Huff (Salutatorian)
 Desirae Moore
 Jody Austin
 Rukia Wilburn
 Tre'von Shelmon
 Jevante Austin
 Jumarr Hicks
 Alexandra Robinson

Rogers High School

Janaé Scott (Valedictorian)
 Stephany Rodriguez Lozano (Salutatorian)
 Lauren Smith
 Justin Garcia-Fike
 Myia McLeod
 Jacob Yarger

Jaylan Carter
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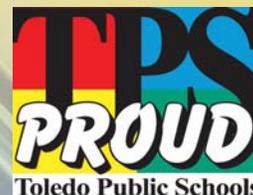
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The Junction's Fun Functions This Summertime!

By Shirley Preston, The Junction Coalition

Guest Column

According to Webster's Dictionary the word Coalition is defined as an "alliance for combined action, especially a temporary alliance of political parties forming a government or of states". With that being said, here is what the "Junction Coalition" has been up to and our schedule of events for the coming months:

The Annual "Pancake Thang" will be held on May 19 at the Frederick Douglass Community Association from 10 am to 1 pm. Tickets are \$10 donation for all you can eat pancakes. Sausage, bacon and eggs are also on the menu. There is a 70's theme and we will provide the following activities spades, bid whist, and dancing in a soul train line. There will also be a pop-up clinic hosted by Linda Barnes and other collaborative partners on health.

We will be wrapping up our Circles and Verses program with a showcase on the 23rd of May. Our students will present highlights of our first year and it begins at 5:00 p.m.

The Junction Coalition is a proud partner with Promedica, Neighborhood Health Association, African American Male Initiative, Minority Health Association and other community health initiatives in bringing "Stand by Your Man" to the Frederick Douglass Community Association. This is a call for our men to be screened for and educated in prostate and colorectal health. There will be screenings and presentations by doctors, survivors and family members affected by prostate cancer. The date for this event is June 30 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Save the date and plan to attend.

The Coalition is also gearing up for our second annual Urban Rib Off. We're planning on building on our success of last year as it was a great event. The Rib Off will be held at Libbey Field on September 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Save the date and come on out to enjoy a family day of food and fun.

A "shout out" to Family Foods and LISC for investing in our neighborhood

grocery store and improving not only the appearance, but the quality of merchandise for sale to our local residents. Let's not forget Officer Donald Scott who is our Community Resource Officer and has information in regards to local crime reports.

We are also very thankful to our Junction Health Mart for providing our pharmacy needs at the Dorr and Junction Plaza. The Junction Health Mart Grand Opening was this past Friday, May 18, 2018 from 11:00 until 2:00 p.m. We are thankful to the our government officials and city partners like Land Bank, City of Toledo Police and Department of Neighborhoods, Guns to Garden and the Healing Our Waters Coalition for their support "What Blooms on Blum", our beautification project.

Issues and concerns related to blighted and vacant property should be brought to the attention of Anique Davis @ 419-408-0998. Street lighting and other safety concerns can be addressed with Kenny Boles at the same number. Beautification and gardening assistance in the community, please reach out to Ms. Rachel McCartney and information regarding health and wellness can be addressed by Shirley Preston @ 419-408-0998. Community meetings are held every third Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the FDCA, come and hear more about YOUR COMMUNITY.

Wine and Cheese Pairing Tips for Summer Entertaining

Special To The Truth

Summer is a time for picnics, festive garden gatherings and poolside parties. For hot days and warm evening entertaining, keep things cool by creating a delicious, yet easy-to-prepare spread of wines, cheeses, fresh fruits and nuts.

Choosing cheeses to go with your favorite wines does not need to be difficult. Start by thinking of each component of the wine and cheese as a complementary or contrasting flavor, considering the texture, sweetness and flavor intensity of each. Experiment by tasting each on its own to get a sense of its characteristics. Then, see how they taste when combined. You can do this on your own while planning your event or make it a fun activity with your guests.

As part of their hospitality program, the culinary team at St. Francis Winery & Vineyards in Sonoma County, CA looks to local cheese producers

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Fencing, and more. The NDA Eagles, fourteen time All-Sports Champs, will host a variety of sport camps that will include general and advanced volleyball, lacrosse, general and elite soccer, basketball, golf, and rowing! A Math and Writing "Tune-Up" Camp will also be offered to seventh and eighth grade students and Study Skills Bootcamp offered to high school students. Visit nda.org to register to view a full listing of NDA Summer Academy camps.

Toledo Library's Brown Bag Summer Concerts Are Back!

A Toledo summer tradition returns as the Toledo Lucas County Public Library announces the Brown Bag Summer Concert series lineup!

As always, the events are FREE!
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for interesting choices to pair with their certified sustainable wines. To help hosts recreate the winery experience at home, here are a few pairing tips for preparing summer spreads that feature some of the best wines and cheeses of Sonoma County:

Pair wines and cheeses of equal flavor intensity. Bold wines can overwhelm some cheeses. One pairing example of balanced flavor intensity is Laura Chenel Goat Brie paired with St. Francis Sonoma County Chardonnay 2016 (SRP \$16.99). The goat brie is delicious for summer, with a light creamy quality that carries notes of grass and nuts and has a clean lemony finish. The Chardonnay has delicate aromas and flavors of green apple, juicy pear and melon. The combination is a bright, crisp wine that nicely matches the cheese's flavors and weight.

Pair bold reds with aged cheeses. Aged cheeses are richer in flavor. This aspect of their character counteracts the tannins of a bold red wine, making for a delicious pairing. Consider serving Vella Dry Monterey Jack, an aged cheese similar to Parmigiano with a sweet flavor reminiscent of butterscotch, with Sonoma Valley Merlot 2015 (SRP \$20.99). The expressive Merlot, with aromas and flavors of red cherry, plum, espresso bean and savory spices, complements the cheese beautifully. The aged Dry Monterey Jack cheese highlights the smooth texture of the Merlot wine.

Add an array of fresh fruits to your spread. After assembling the cheese board, add color and texture with fresh fruits of the summer season. Strawberries, cherries, grapes, raspberries and figs are festive choices. For an added cool factor, put frozen green grapes in your glass of Chardonnay to keep it chilled without diluting the flavor.

With these pairing tips, you are sure to have an entertaining and delicious cheese and wine filled gathering.

Courtesy StatePoint



Brown Bag Summer Concert Series

Main Library North Lawn, Wednesdays, 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

June 6 - Jeff Williams Group (Blues)
June 13 - Kerry Patrick Clark (Folk)
June 20 - Glass City Steel (Caribbean/Steel Drum Band)
June 27 - Maumee Community Band (Concert Band/Patriotic)
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Toledo Choral Society to Honor Toledo-born Jazz Legend Art Tatum with Bernard "Bernie" Sanchez Scholarship Benefit Concert

Special to The Truth

The Toledo Choral Society will be featuring 'Celebration for Art Tatum' by University of Toledo professor Dr David Jex at their 'Tributes' concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 10 at the University of Toledo. 'Celebration for Art Tatum' is a suite of five expressive movements, each based on Langston Hughes poetry.

It starts with the question 'Can you love an eagle, tame or wild,' urges listeners to 'Bring me all of your dreams' and concludes with a rollicking 'Fantasy in purple.' During the concert, the innovative jazz spirit of Art Tatum will be honored by world-renowned guest pianist Alvin Waddles, a Detroit native.

We will also feature traditional American folk songs and gospel music. Proceeds of this concert will benefit the Bernard Sanchez Memorial Scholarship at the University of Toledo. A beloved professor and performer, Sanchez made an impact on the Toledo musical community for over 50 years.

Come enjoy this concert, to be held in Doermann Theater, at 2801 W Bancroft. Tickets are \$20 each and are available from any Choral Society member or by visiting www.ToledoChoralSociety.org. If you wish to contribute to this scholarship, please contact the University of Toledo Foundation at 419-530-7730 or www.utfoundation.org and indicate that you would like to contribute to the Bernard Sanchez Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The Toledo Choral Society is a non-profit organization aimed at contributing to the musical community of Toledo through the performance of significant choral works. TCS is Toledo's oldest continuously performing musical organization, with its 100th Anniversary Celebration to be held during the 2019-2020 concert season.

Richard Napierala is a life-long northwest Ohio resident living in Monclova, Ohio. He holds a Bachelor of Education and Masters in Music Performance from the University of Toledo.

In 2012, he became the fourth musical director of the Toledo Choral Society.

Under his leadership, the Choral Society has performed works such as Faure's *Requiem*, Mozart's *Missa Brevis in C*, John Rutter's *Gloria*, Ola Gjeilo's *Sunrise Mass*, Haydn's *Creation*, Handel's *Messiah*, and many other choral works found in the professional repertoire. Rick has been actively engaged in the membership and musical growth of the Society through collaborative efforts with the

Toledo Symphony Orchestra, the University of Findlay Concert Chorale, and the Alma Drum and Dance Experience. Additionally, he has engaged the ensemble in the commissioning of a large choral work which will commemorate the Centennial Celebration of the Toledo Choral Society in 2019. These efforts have allowed traditional and non-traditional audiences to be exposed to the beauty and excitement of contemporary choral music.



Art Tatum

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Perryman: Some of my friends would like to know what your typical menu for a summer holiday might consist of.

Willetta: You could go ribs. You could also plan a foundation around steak, chicken, Back Yard burgers or bratwurst. You can add something like tri-colored pasta salad with roasted peppers and creamy Italian dressing or potato salad, baked beans and something green. I would top things off with a tropical fruit salad or my aunt Evie Lee's orange pie and iced lemonade for an exciting Memorial Day meal of family, friends and fellowship.

Perryman: Okay. I'm good with ribs. Do you have a preference for the cut?

Willetta: It has to be a good cut like baby backs or St. Louis and, with ribs, I do prefer slow cooking using charcoal and hickory chips.

Perryman: What about chicken?

Willetta: I like the chicken legs and thighs smoked on a charcoal grill but prefer the breasts on a gas grill.

Perryman: Why?

Willetta: The gas grill tends to cook the thighs and legs too fast, and they're going to end up done on the outside, not done on the inside. For breasts, you want a fast cooking grill, because the breast cooks through quicker than the other pieces. I also like brats on a gas grill. They already

have enough flavors and don't need the enhancement of smoke or charcoal.

Perryman: What is the key to your variation on barbecue sauce?

Willetta: The key is you have to have a tomato base and a citrus of some type like lemon, vinegar, orange juice, mustard or something acidic.

Perryman: Then you're not big on rubs?

Willetta: Yes, I always do rubs. I combine salt, paprika, basil, parsley flakes, onion powder, and lemon pepper. I always use that. Now I don't actually rub into it, because that's not necessary, that's just something cute. I sprinkle the herbs and seasonings onto the meat.

Perryman: When we talk about potato salad, that's a classic, a staple for black barbecues, right?

Willetta: Well, people like a variety of types of potato salad. Some people like a "sweet-flavored" potato salad. Others like more of a kind of a dill type of potato salad. Some people like it with eggs, some people don't. Personally, I don't like potato salad that's sweet and I don't like eggs in it. It's just that when you mix Miracle Whip and eggs together, it doesn't agree with me. Some people like peeled Russet potatoes; I prefer redskin potatoes with the skin on.

Perryman: Your mom makes the sweeter potato salad and I love it, however I love yours equally. You do make your baked beans similar to hers. What is the key to making good baked beans?

Willetta: I do a variation of my mom's recipe and the key, for me, is using curry powder and a good quality thick bacon. And of course I also like to use my barbecue sauce and brown sugar in baked beans. Some people use molasses.

Perryman: You also said that a classic barbecue needs something green. What are some options?

Willetta: You can have collard greens; you can have a mixed green salad or green beans. Everybody always seems to do green beans. I like green beans, but I actually like the real thin fresh ones roasted in the oven.

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Well, That Escalated Quickly by Franchesca Ramsey

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

You sat down to check your email. And there you were an hour later, still logged on. Your email was checked but then you watched a newsfeed, four kitten videos, posted three opinions, RSVP'd to two grad parties, and wasted 60 minutes. And judging by the new book *Well, That Escalated Quickly* by Franchesca Ramsey, you got off easy.

The internet was practically a toddler when Franchesca Ramsey posted her first YouTube video, a tutorial on hair. That was in 2006, just a year after YouTube was founded; before then, Ramsey secured her own domain name and had already blogged about her life, so she knew her way around the web and the drama and trolls that go with it.

Six years later, she finally found fame through a video she calls "SWGST-BG," which took advantage of a craze lampooning racism. That millions of people saw her video in a very short time was a surprise – a pleasant one that led Ramsey to look for new ways to make it as an online entertainer.

She was the star of other videos, but they didn't have quite the appeal as SWGSTBG. She won a YouTube contest, and a week-long series of classes-as-prize let her learn from the pros. Another contest allowed her to rub elbows with Hollywood's elite and hone her interviewing skills. By this time, Ramsey had an agent, cash in the bank and a strong online presence.

She also had internet trolls, who hurt her feelings day after day. She says she spent many hours in workplace bathrooms, crying, until literally, Ramsey had the last laugh: after a disastrous SNL try-out, she landed an MTV show and a gig as a writer for a Comedy Central series while she continued to boost her

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presence online. Today, she's a comedy writer, social justice advocate and MTV host and, though she cautions that she's not an expert on the subject, she offers this: there's a way to avoid racist terms, misogynistic words and accidental offense. Trying to get it right is absolutely worth it.

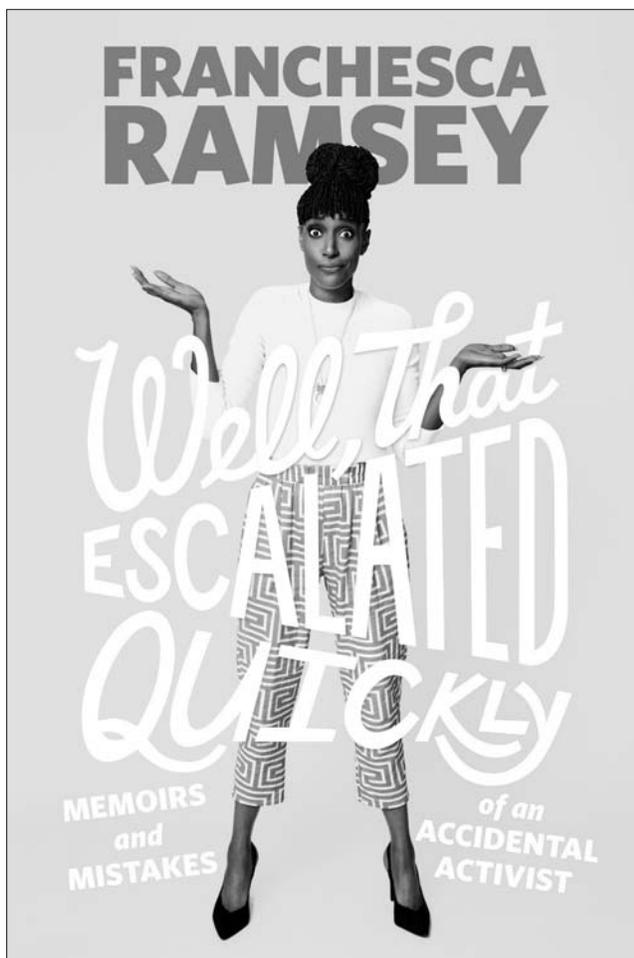
So you're not all that into computers, and social media is a foreign language. That's the first thing you'll want to know about this book: it's steeped in web-ese, so *Well, That Escalated Quickly* may not be for you.

But then again, while internet natives will eat up the memoir and backstory of an online personality they've come to enjoy, the latter part of this book is different: it's more about the social justice, equality, and dealing-with-racism side of author Franchesca Ramsey's life. This is, in fact, where Ramsey does magic, explaining nuances, new meanings, and unintentional hurts from language and attitude. It's where anyone, from any angle, can learn to do no harm.

For Ramsey's millions of fans, this book will be a true delight, and an insight to their favorite star's life. If you're not so versed but still need the social justice aspect of what it so thoroughly teaches, then *Well, That Escalated Quickly* is a book to check out.



Author Franchesca Ramsey; photo courtesy Erin Patrice O'Brien



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Perryman: Haricots Verts or French style green beans?

Willetta: Yes, those are the best. With bacon drippings and just put in a roaster and just let them cook in the oven and they are so delicious. And I also like to use lots of fresh garlic and onions on them. And the collard greens, a different take on that is to fry them. Sauté some bacon, onions and fresh garlic and then toss the greens in and let them cook until slightly crunchy. Fried collard greens don't get real soft, but they don't need to.

Perryman: Finally, I am sure that everyone has his or her own preference for libations. However, what can you recommend for a tasty nonalcoholic beverage?

Willetta: I like to use fresh fruit and mix it in with various fruit juices. Add watermelon and pineapple chunks to Squirr and orange, peach or other fruit juice and you can't go wrong with that kind of punch.

Perryman: What does the Squirr do?

Willetta: The Squirr is a grapefruit-based beverage that balances the sweetness of the fruit. And, for those that drink alcohol, you can take the punch and add champagne to it for great mimosas.

Perryman: And, finally, of course you've gotta have the music playing while you are cooking and/or socializing.

Willetta: Absolutely! It is a must. Old School R and B for me!

Perryman: As long as its Grown Folks Soul music - R and B, Neo-Soul, Jazz or Blues all work for me.

Contact Rev. Donald Perryman, DMin., at drdlperryman@centerofhopebaptist.org



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Please note that there will be a pre-bid meeting for this project for all prospective bidders on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 11:00 AM in the Banquet Room in the Toledo Express Airport terminal building, 11031 Airport Highway, Swanton, OH 43558. Attendance is suggested, but not necessary. Please submit all questions to the Port Authority, Tina Perkins at Projects@toledoport.org by Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 10 AM local time. Attendance is suggested, but not necessary. Additional information can be found at www.toledoport.org

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Bids will be received by Lucas County Department of Job & Family Services (LCDJFS) until **3:00 p.m., May 24, 2018** for the selection of Vendor(s) to provide **Non-Emergency Medicaid and Title XX Transportation Services** for eligible LCDJFS clients. Submitted bid packets must be completed according to the specifications and provisions outlined in the Request for Qualifications. The contract period will be from approximately **October 1, 2018** through **September 30, 2019**.

No bids will be accepted after **3:00 p.m., May 24, 2018**; bids that are submitted via any method other than that described in the RFQ will not be accepted.

The Request for Qualifications will be available on **May 23, 2018**. It will be available in the Lucas County PlanetBids system for potential bidders to download by going to the site: <http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/bids.aspx>.

An electronic Question & Answer period (Q&A) will be from **May 23, 2018** to **May 23, 2018**. **PARTICIPATION IS OPTIONAL, BUT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED.** Questions for the Q&A must be submitted in writing via PlanetBids. The posting of the Q&A will be on **May 18, 2018**. If any changes are made to the RFQ as a result of the Q&A, an addendum to the RFQ will be posted in PlanetBids at the website address (noted above).

This notice is posted, as of **May 23, 2018**, at <http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/bids.aspx>.

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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEMBERS NEEDED

Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz last week asked members of the Toledo community to consider applying to become a member of the newly-created Human Relations Commission.

"Thirteen commission members are needed to serve the community in this very important role," the mayor said.

Anyone interested should submit a resume and a letter of interest to the mayor's office at mayor@toledo.oh.gov.

Membership as defined in the Toledo City Council ordinance creating the commission is as follows:

1. The Commission shall consist of fourteen members. Thirteen members shall be citizens appointed by the mayor and subject to confirmation by council in accordance with the composition requirements set forth herein. The remaining member shall be a member of council who shall sit on the commission in an ex-officio capacity. The council member of the commission shall be the chairman of the council committee with oversight of the commission as determined by the president and members of council. The councilmember of the commission shall be non-voting. Initially the composition of the thirteen citizen members of the commission will include four members appointed to one-year terms, four members appointed to two-year terms, and five members will be appointed to three-year terms.

2. To the greatest extent practicable, the commission shall be comprised of members who represent the racial and ethnic diversity of the men and women of Toledo, and who have demonstrated in their words and actions a sensitivity to the need to end discrimination and ensure equal opportunity for all. In order to ensure representation of a broad range of community perspectives, the commission will include one labor representative, one religious affiliation representative, one education representative, one business or economic development representative, one youth representative, one member of the legal community, one neighborhood representative, one LGBT representative, and five at-large appointments. The at-large appointments include the four members and the board chairman who make up an executive committee. Its mission states: "The Human Relations Commission shall endeavor to support a safe, energetic, and livable city. The commission will support residents working to overcome prejudice and build mutual respect."

AKA's Award Scholarships to Some of the Area's Best and Brightest

Special to The Truth

On Saturday May 12, 2018, several young women and one young man were honored at the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter, Scholarship Reception held at the Kent Branch Library. The awards ranged from \$150 for Legacy Book Scholarships to \$1000 for academic scholarships.

This year's scholarship recipients were Dakari Parish-Baker, Ramona Stephenson, Danielle Thomas and Courtney Draper for \$1000 scholarships; Nikaia Colbert, Nakiya White, and Nonye Williams for \$500 scholarships. Maurice Sturdivant and Cortney Allison were recipients of \$150 Legacy Book Scholarships.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® was founded on the campus of Howard University in 1908. It is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African-American women. The sorority has a legacy of "service to all mankind." The Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter was founded in 1952 and has been awarding scholarships to Toledo area students for many decades. To qualify for the scholarship, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and have been accepted to an accredited college or university for the fall of 2018.

The 2018 Scholarship Committee members are: President Mogannia Dawson, Vice-President Nicole Williams, Chairman Cheryl Slack, Co-Chairman



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The Community Solidarity Response Network Addresses Toledo's Public Safety Partnership

Sojourner's Truth Staff

On Wednesday, May 16, 2018 about four dozen citizens were pulled together by the Community Solidarity Response Network and the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio to voice their concerns about the National Public Safety Partnership and its goal of reducing violent crime.

It's a goal that was treated by skepticism by organizers such as Ruth Leonard who noted that the 1980's War on Drugs "turned into an opportunity to incarcerate black men and women, especially black men, at an exorbitant rate."

Toledo is one of 12 cities around the nation that the Department of Justice selected last year to participate in the partnership which has been implemented on a federal level to assist local law enforcement in fighting violent crime. According to Toledo Police Department Mike Troendle, who was one of about a half dozen TPD officers in attendance at the event, the federal partnership is in the first of three phases, which are spread over three years. The elements of the first phase, which will last until this autumn are a violent crime assessment, a major crime assessment and a technical assessment. Phase one is an examination of where high-crime areas are and whether local police are effective in dealing with that crime.

CSRN and the ACLU have asked Toledo's elected officials to pull out of the partnership, but barring that action, the groups want to keep Toledoans informed of what the partnership entails and make sure that a dialogue between local law enforcement and citizens is maintained.

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The love shown was just too numerous to send individual words of appreciation and gratefulness. Know that Coach Delroy loved you all, as do we!!



Rep. Ashford honors Rogers High School Girls Basketball team

The Lady Rams receive House Resolution for 2018 Division II State Championship title

State Rep. Michael Ashford (D-Toledo) recently honored the Rogers High School girls basketball team with a House Resolution for winning the 2018 championship Division II state championship title in March.

"I'm extremely proud of these young women for all of their tenacity and focus during this basketball season," said Rep. Ashford. "The coaches, staff and players have represented the Toledo community in such a positive light and I can't wait to see what's in store for the seasons to come."

The Rogers High School Lady Rams were crowned the 2018 Division II state champions on March 17 after defeating the Gilmour Academy in Gates, Ohio 51-37, making this the first girls basketball championship title for a Toledo team since 1981.



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