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Christmas Is For the Archousai

Richard Jackson, Jr, Ebonie Jackson, Yolanda Jackson, Richard Jackson attend the Alpha Phi Boule Christmas Party

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Silent Protest at Sylvania Township Trustee Meeting

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Toledo and Sylvania Township residents filled the monthly township trustee meeting on Tuesday, December 18 to stage a silent protest on the decision of the trustees to deny the TARTA proposal to shift its local funding source. Sylvania Township Trustees John Jennewine, John Crandall and Neal Mahoney along with fiscal officer David Simko were in attendance.

TARTA's proposal needed to be approved and placed on the general election ballot for area voters. Sylvania Township Trustees, alone amongst the member communities that utilize TARTA's services, nixed the idea of letting voters approve the plan, even though polling had shown that most voters in the township would have approved.

As a result, TARTA announced a decision to reduce services at the start of the new year. A large chunk of TARTA's funding – 46 percent – comes from local property taxes. Thus, funding has been greatly reduced over the years – by \$6 million between 1987 and 2010. TARTA teamed with a local marketing firm and a multinational engineering firm to create a new plan that would essentially replace property tax funding with an area sales tax.

The silent protest recruited three dozen individuals who sat and stood during the entire meeting until selected public speakers were permitted to address the Sylvania Township Trustees during the non-agenda portion of the meeting.

"I've been taking the bus for over 60 years," began Mary Stapleton, Toledo-area resident. "I rely on TARTA because I don't drive, and cab services are too expensive. We need to change from property tax to sales tax."

The second testimonial was delivered by Paula Mathis. "No one can transport me, because my chair is too large and weighs 200 pounds. I'm actually close to tears right now." Mathis pointed to her wheelchair and continued to address the trustees. "I pray you find it in your heart to continue services. TARTA services are the only way to get around the area for \$5 roundtrip. If you're not in this situation, it's really hard to understand."

The protest was organized by Shelly Papenfuse of Disability Rights Advocate, and Rev. Cedric Brock, pastor of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church and president of Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance .

Immediately following the last testimony, Sylvania Township Trustees Jennewine and Mahoney addressed the protesters in attendance.

"There are some new faces here. We said TARTA is the right service and we're sticking to our guns. Since the levy didn't pass, I've

been asked to join the new transit board," said Mahoney. "I don't want you to think we're bad people. We wanted TARTA, I feel like we've been mis-represented by the media. My heart is in a good place, and will I communicate on this process with the transit board, but I'm not the only one who raised concerns about TARTA. The Toledo Blade and County Commissioners have raised concern about TARTA and leadership. I wanted to be crystal clear."

"All of these cuts and loss of services came at a surprise," stated Trustee Jennewine. "The cuts are being blamed on us and these cuts weren't mentioned to us. I hope we can come up with a good idea. Saying that we are preventing this is furthest from the truth. I'm fo-

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Trustee Neal Mahoney addressing Shelly Papenfuse and TARTA supporters



Mary Stapleton and Paula Mathis



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Community Calendar

December 26

Blood Drive: 10 am to 3 pm; ProMedica Toledo Hospital; Coxton Room

December 26 – 29

Kwanzaa! – Presented by the Toledo Kwanzaa House: Frederick Douglas Community Association; Doors open at 5; Programs start at 6; Activities for adult and children; Vendors, informational tables

December 27

Padua Center Open House: 4 to 6 pm; A holiday celebration

January 1

Happy New Year!

Disability Community Rallies to Raise Awareness of Proposed TARTA Cuts

By Fletcher Word

Sojourner's Truth Editor

The Toledo area disability community held a rally at the Toledo Lucas County King Road Branch Library of Friday, December 20 in order to raise awareness about the negative impact the proposed public transit service cuts will have on that group of residents. Dozens of attendees, many with disabilities, gathered at the library branch located in Sylvania Township, to voice their displeasure at the proposed cuts.

The speakers at the rally spoke of the importance of the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) to those with disabilities in their efforts to go to work, to shop, to attend church services and to get to recreational activities.

"Public transportation is about ensuring the needs of all people," said moderator Jim Ferris in his opening remarks. Ferris, chairman of the Disabilities Studies Program at the University of Toledo and member of the Toledo Lucas County Commission on Disabilities (TLCCOD) told his listeners that "[public transit] ensures the blessings of opportunities for each."

Angie Goodnight, also a commission member, said "without TARTA, I would not have a job." She explained that her income from her job supports her family and without transportation, she has no way to get to work.

"What are we going to do? I do not have the opportunity to get in a car and drive to work. We are not that fortunate. We depend on public transportation."

Jo Rita Fox, a member of the Community Advocates Transportation Rights (CATR) also spoke of the need those with disabilities have for public transportation in virtually every aspect of their lives. "TARTA and TARPS help people with disabilities feel independent and like they are contributing members of society."

Fox asked audience members to appeal to local elected officials to help pass a sales tax in order to increase local funding "and help TARTA serve all of Lucas County."

The location of the rally in Sylvania Township was selected to impress upon township voters and trustees the need for support of the TARTA proposal to shift its local funding from a property tax to a sales tax. It's a proposal that township trustees have not placed on a ballot and allowed their residents to vote on the matter. That funding shift requires unanimous approval from all of TARTA's member communities.

Lauren Notestine, a self advocate, also addressed her family's dependence on TARPS for work and to get to other activities. Both Notestine and her husband are disabled and unable to drive. If the TARTA proposed elimination of service on Sundays goes into effect, devoted church attendees such as Notestine and her husband would be unable to get to their place of worship.

"I have found my voice by speaking to you today," said Notestine. "Silence is not an option."

A 2017 study conducted by the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council found that obtaining safe, reliable transportation is already very difficult for Ohioans with disabilities. The study found that existing transportation options do not operate at the times and in the locations needed; the transportation options do not serve the diversity of disabilities present in the community; there are long wait times for rides and riders cannot make flexible or spontaneous travel decisions.

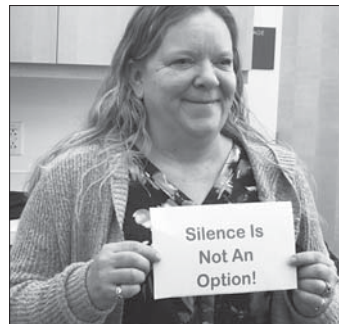
A large part of the problem in Ohio is that the per capita transit spending by the state ranks near the bottom of the nation, between Montana and Mississippi. Ohio's per capita transit funding is \$.63 compared to Michigan's \$26.78; Pennsylvania's \$128.83 and Illinois' \$200.59.

Toledo, one of the few large cities in the nation that depends on property taxes for local funding has seen that funding decrease by about \$6 million (30 percent of its funding) in recent years.

A TARTA proposal to change its funding structure from a property tax to a sales tax was stymied by two Sylvania Township trustees who would not allow the township voters to approve such a ballot measure. Without the approval of all its member communities, TARTA cannot move the needle on its funding issues.

The disability community, said Ferris in his closing remarks, is proposing that TARTA delay its service cut until the commission established by the Lucas County Commissioners have an opportunity to suggest alternatives; that state representatives support consequential funding alternatives and that members of the community speak with their representatives.

"Public transportation is not an extra," said Ferris. "It is an essential part of who we are."



Angie Goodnight



Lauren Notestine

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FSU Researcher: Unfair Treatment by Police Linked to Physiological Impacts Among Black Men

Special to The Truth

Advocates of proactive policing argue that stopping and searching law-abiding citizens is a minor inconvenience. However, researchers from Florida State University have found it might actually be getting under the skin of black men — literally.

In a new study published in the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, FSU researchers found a strong link between unfair treatment by police and telomere length, a biological indicator of psychological stress.

Michael McFarland, assistant professor of sociology, and his team surveyed 262 black men and 252 white men in Nashville and found black men were significantly more likely than white men to report unfair treatment by police toward themselves or others.

After controlling for a number of factors, 51.2 percent of black men reported personal or vicarious unfair treatment by police compared to 22 percent of white men.

Researchers also took blood samples from participants to get a measure of average telomere length. Telomeres are found on the end of chromosomes and protect DNA integrity. The length of telomeres reflects psychological stress, with shorter telomeres being an indication of higher levels of stress.

The study found telomeres were shorter for those reporting unfair treatment, and the link was more pronounced in black men. Previous research has suggested that telomere shortening contributes to cardiovascular diseases.

“Our study shows there may be collateral consequences for men of color that should be considered when evaluating the impacts of proactive policing practices,” McFarland said. “Perceived unfair treatment by police represents a structurally rooted stressor that disproportionately harms black men and may contribute to racial disparities in health and mortality more broadly.”

The study measured perceived unfair treatment by police through questions about whether the men personally experienced or knew of a loved one who had been stopped, searched, questioned, physically threatened or abused by law enforcement.

Black drivers in Nashville were 1.6 times more likely to be stopped than white drivers and were five times more likely to be stopped multiple times than whites, according to data collected by the Metro Nashville Police Department. Traffic stops disproportionately occurred in low income and black neighborhoods, and officers conducted probable cause and consent searches among blacks at twice the rate they did among whites.

Moreover, the rate at which incriminating evidence was found during searches was higher among whites than blacks, suggesting that the bar at which a search was conducted was lower for blacks. This means that thousands of drivers were stopped and potentially searched needlessly, and that black men were disproportionately the targets of these stops.

“Perhaps because of a historical, collective experience of past abuses by police, black men are effectively viewing it as a threat,” McFarland said. “There’s been some evidence that when white men receive unfair treatment by police they view it as a ‘bad apple phenomena,’ where someone is just a jerk or having a bad day.”

The team’s research reveals the potential physiological damage incurred by the “stress burden” of unfair treatment by police and confirms that this stress burden is not limited to those directly exposed but extends to those who vicariously experienced unfair treatment.

“More people in the population may be affected by knowing a victim of discriminatory policing than by being victims themselves,” McFarland said. “Because our study suggests that unfair treatment has physiological consequences, it seems likely that more insidious forms of police maltreatment will have detrimental consequences as well for the broader population.”

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Legal Restrictions on Formerly Incarcerated Ohioans Close Pathways to 1.3 Million Jobs

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An estimated 1.3 million Ohio jobs are either completely or partially off limits to Ohioans with previous criminal convictions. That is one in four of the state's jobs, according to a new report from Policy Matters Ohio, in collaboration with the Ohio Justice and Policy Center and the Fund for Our Economic Future.

Some 850 state laws and administrative rules – known as collateral sanctions – limit job opportunities for Ohioans with convictions who have already served their time, including for most government jobs, jobs in healthcare and even some janitorial or food service jobs, according to the report. An estimated one in 11 Ohio adults is living with a felony conviction. As many as one in three has a criminal record of some kind. The barriers to work they face contributed to at least \$3.34 billion in foregone wages last year.

Many extend to jobs that pose no special risk and ensnare people whose convictions do not indicate that they pose any danger – including for minor drug possession charges. The 1.3 million restricted jobs pay \$4,700 more on average than unaffected positions and are growing at twice the rate of other jobs.

"It doesn't help working people, employers, or the Ohio economy to lock people out of so many jobs that could help them contribute to their families and the economy," said Michael Shields, researcher at Policy Matters and the report's lead author.

The typical Ohioan out of work after serving time for a felony conviction lost \$36,479 in wages in 2017, according to the report. These sanctions can also prevent formerly-incarcerated Ohioans from pursuing higher education.

"This research illuminates the magnitude of the limits posed by crimi-

nal backgrounds and the economic cost of this barrier to employment," said Peter Truog, director of civic innovation and insight at the Fund for Our Economic Future, which helped underwrite the research. "We hope it helps employers, policymakers and the broader civic community understand these economic consequences and what's needed to advance meaningful improvements."

The report recommends that:

- The state legislature eliminate excessive, arbitrary and confusing collateral sanctions against licensing and hiring.
- The Certificate of Qualification for Employment process be made both better understood and more widely available.
- Prosecutors and criminal defense attorneys account for collateral sanctions in reaching plea deals, and defense attorneys fully advise clients.
- Hiring managers use Equal Employment Opportunity guidelines to weigh all relevant factors when a prospective employee has a criminal conviction.
- The legislature ban the box for all Ohio jobs while allowing managers to consider convictions later in the process.
- Licensing boards track the number and cause of criminal records-based denials.

"By restricting access to so many jobs for people who have already paid the penalty for a crime, we can actually make Ohio less safe, because we leave open few lawful paths to a decent livelihood," said Pam Thurston, attorney at the Ohio Justice and Policy Center, and report co-author. "Giving people the chance to qualify for responsible jobs will reduce recidivism, reduce public expense, and make Ohio a fairer place to live."

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cused on TARTA leadership and why they didn't mention this earlier."

Most Sylvania Township residents would support the new Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority proposal to expand its service area and hours and implement a sales tax to pay for the expanded service according to the results of a telephone survey conducted by Odesky and Associates of 300 likely voters in the township.

According to the survey, 46.3 percent supported the TARTA proposal, 21 percent were against it and 32.7 percent were undecided; 58 percent favored a sales tax and only 5.7 percent supported a property tax.

The protesters organizers outlined their next steps towards ensuring the TARTA proposal is on the 2020 General Election ballot in

front of supporters before leaving the Sylvania Township meeting.

"Our focus still remains the same, we need to change how we fund our regional transit services because there isn't any money. I don't care what task force is formed, it doesn't change the real issue, that we do not fund TARTA properly," Papenfuss began. "TARTA cannot sustain itself by continuously being underfunded. This group will continue to work on addressing that issue to move transportation for all county-wide."

"This doesn't end, we're here on behalf of the people that we represent," said Brock. It was a major disappoint to hear the comments that were given by the Trustees. We're not trying to make this a war, because they (the Sylvania Township Trustees) do a great job at what they do by managing the township well. We are here to speak on behalf of our community, that's it. We still plan to meet with the Lucas County Commissioners and also Representative Marcy Kaptur. We want to push them to meet with us."



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Kwanzaa has seven core principles: Umoja – Unity; Kujichagulia – Self-Determination; Ujima – Collective work and Responsibility; Ujamaa – Cooperative Economics; Nia – Purpose; Kuumba – Creativity; and Imani – Faith. Africa House Global LLC has adopted these principles!

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The economies of Africa and the Caribbean are entering a golden age. Economic growth across both regions is above the world average, and private foreign direct investment into Africa is at record levels. With a population nearly equal to China and India COMBINED, corporations are waking up to the huge spending power of Africa's new middle class. People of color in America are likewise prospering. If African Americans were our own country, we would be the 15th richest country in the world.

So, what is the problem? Hundreds of millions of people of color are being completely left behind. Multinationals are making huge profits in Africa, while millions of people there still have no safe drinking water, hundreds of thousands are dying from water-borne illnesses, and 40 billion hours are wasted every year collecting water. Here in America, the richest country history has ever known, an entire generation of young black men is being channeled straight from high school to prison by a system that has utterly failed them. If record prosperity across the world hasn't helped those left behind, and hasn't given them hope, what will?

We have nothing against the giant corporations like Amazon and Alibaba, which seem to be going so large, they are like governments. But I promise you, they are only about profits. They won't stick out their necks to help our people.

If we are to have a future, we must do what black people have always done; we must stick together. Africa House Global is a group of committed individuals, entrepreneurs and businesses committed to pouring back a very large portion of AHG's profits into projects that serve disadvantaged people of color around the world. When you see the AHG logo, you know you're dealing with a business with a higher purpose, one commit-

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Four Reasons to Start Your New Year's Resolution Early

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Chances are, if you're contemplating a New Year's resolution, shedding those extra pounds is at the top of your list, according to a Marist Poll.

But the best time to make a weight loss commitment is sooner rather than later, according to Pamela Peeke, PhD, chairman of the Jenny Craig Science Advisory Board, who is sharing four good reasons to make a pre-New Year's resolution.

Here are her insights to consider, and, if you add the help of Jenny Craig's Rapid Results, you can lose up to 16 pounds in the first four weeks (average weight loss was 11.6 pounds for those who completed the studies), making it a great way to start an early weight loss resolution.

1: You'll Love Your Holiday Photos. Whether work party snapshots or the chronicling of special moments spent with family and friends, the holidays are loaded with photo ops. But how often have you avoided pictures because you didn't feel good about being in front of the camera?

"A common refrain we hear from members is that they avoided having pictures taken of themselves because they weren't happy with their weight," says Carrie Elkins, division manager for Jenny Craig Anywhere.

By making a commitment now, you can feel healthier and more confident during the holidays -- and have the photos to remember those moments.

2: You'll Be More Proactive and Procrastinate Less. Let's face it: If you know you want to lose weight but are waiting until January to start, you may just be delaying the inevitable. Waiting can set you up for procrastination, and procrastination can actually be harmful, according to the Association for Psychological Science, causing people higher levels of stress and lower well-being. Resolve to start losing weight now before the holiday madness begins and while you have the drive.

"Motivation is key when it comes to preparing the psyche for any important behavior change," says Peeke.

3. Starting Now Means a Different Resolution in January. Beginning your weight loss journey now can give you the confidence to tackle a different resolution in January. So, make a new New Year's resolution! Use the motivation gained by following through on your weight loss goal to fuel your next challenge.

4. The Time is Right. For many Americans, the holiday season starts with Halloween. That's three months of potential overindulgence. In fact, the average American starts to gain weight around Thanksgiving, with weight gain peaking around the December holidays or the New Year and it can take up to five months to lose it, according to Cornell University's Food & Brand Lab. If you can adopt healthy habits before the holidays, you may just counteract these effects to gain less or even maintain your weight during the holidays.

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Girl Friends Hold Their Annual Christmas

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Host Paul Hubbard, Chapter President Marie Bush - front - and the Girl Friends and boyfriends



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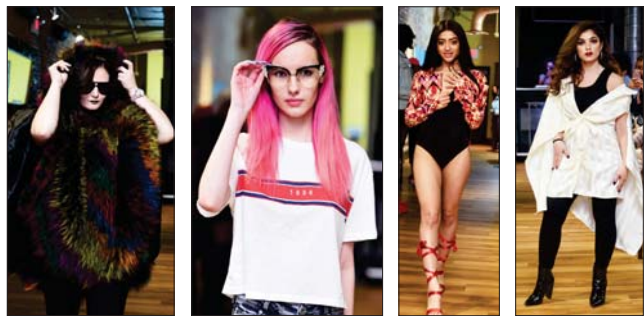
The Fourth Annual Midwest Beauty & Fashion Expo

The 4th Annual Midwest Beauty & Fashion Expo was held in November at M'Osteria Lounge in downtown Toledo. The high profile fashion affair was organized and hosted by Pozativ ProMotions,

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Monique Ward of Pozativ ProMotions and Joe Habib



The Showcase: The First Inked Truth

"We would like to thank everyone that came out to show support for the Showcase," said Jodie Summers, the event's host.

"This was truly a magical night and more successful than we could have ever imagined."

Not only was this the first showing of Inked Truth, but for many artists, authors and poets, it was the first time taking the stage. The theme

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passed away in 2018.

The evening opened with a welcome from the Sire Archon, Dr. Mallory Williams. After the welcome, Richard Jackson spoke of those no longer with the group.

"During 2018, our local Boule chapter, Alpha Phi Boule, lost three great Archons," said Jackson. "During the past six months, Archon John C. Moore passed on July 20, 2018; Archon Calvin Lawshe passed on September 5, 2018 and Archon Charles J. Doneghy passed on October 9, 2018. These three deaths were a substantial loss to our community and our local and national Boule."

Moore, retired banker and college administrator, was an accomplished author and served the community with his participation on numerous boards and with many organizations.

Lawshe, a retired University of Toledo educator and City of Toledo administrator, was also very involved in the community during his lifetime with his service in so many ways.

Judge Doneghy was elected to office four decades ago and was a mentor to many younger elected officials, aspiring candidates and those in the legal profession.

"These three outstanding Archons will truly be missed. Farewell Archons, good and faithful servant to the mission of Boule," said

Jackson.

After Judge Myron Duhart led a celebration of the Archousai and a champagne toast offered by Williams, Judge C. Allen McConnell gave the invocation and dinner was served – followed by dancing and fellowship.



Judge Myron and Nicole Duhart



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The Soulcial Scene

Blue Gill Fishing Club's Christmas Party

The members of the Blue Gill Fishing Club held their annual Christmas Party on December 22 at their clubhouse on Junction Avenue and the 14 members hosted greeted guests and raised funds to donate money to a worthy community organization.

On hand to receive the donation of \$500 was Tonia Pace, newly appointed executive director of the Family House.

Blue Gill Fishing Club was organized in 1992 by five community men. "It was first a social club, we would take fishing trips together at least once a year. We still fish once a year, but we've grown in the services we provide to the community. We provide hot dogs for youth during the summer at the nearby park," said Al Chapman one of the original club members.



Seated: Shon Logan, Tonia Pace, Jerri Jones Standing: Rhonda Coates, Gloria Chapman, Monica Riley, Janice Rishardson



Seated: Nate Blackshear and Tonia Pace Standing: John Chapman, Dale Richardson Bey, Perry Helms, Al Chapman

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The Expo featured local and regional fashion designers, who all came together, for a charitable cause. Over 500 clothing items, including scarves, gloves and hats along with toiletries were collected to donate to St. Paul's Community Center which is a shelter that serves the greater Toledo area.

The manager of St. Paul's, Joe Habib, attended as a special guest speaker and thanked everyone in the audience for helping the homeless with their generous contributions. Juanita White Couture, Sanise

Damone, Fly Junkie Universe, Fab by India Ashley, Mona Sadeeh, Cleodii Vijeem, Eye Envy and Henry's Furs & Jewelry, all showcased their unique designs.

Models from QM•IT Agency, Ltd. walked the runway to sounds by DJ Dynasty. The fashion event also featured performances by True, Dro Lamont & YB Huncho.



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Ed. Note: In Toledo, Kwanzaa is being celebrated at the Frederick Douglass Community Association starting Wednesday, December 26 at 5 pm nightly.

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of the evening was the number 3! Three poets, three visual artists, three authors!

During the first hour, everyone was able to talk to the poets, artists, authors, and buy merchandise; while the collection was being placed on the walls and pillars.

The night opened with Summers giving an introduction to his art collection and explaining the concept for creating the Showcase.

He set the stage with a poem called "Simple Man" followed by the poetic performances from Kay Renee, Paula Blocker (Stormi) and Hunter Prey. All of the poets were able to explain why they write, what they're currently doing and how to get in touch with them.

There was a brief intermission and then the night was opened back up with another poem from Jodie Summers called "Ink Spill."

All of the artists were then invited up to tell their stories of why they create art and what they are currently working on.

Darius Simpson started off the introductions of his creations followed by Chastidy Morrow (Black Rose).

Alfred Frank was unable to make it due to unforeseen circumstances, but Summers spoke on his behalf.

After another brief intermission Summers open the stage with the poem called "Final Stroke," a part of the Inked Truth collection.

The authors, Tishina Jackson, Laura Hinkle and Teea Lynn, then took the stage and gave readings of their works.

Directly afterwards the special guest, Neal McCastle (Mac Nova), gave an a capella performance of two of his songs.

The night ended with an open mic and everyone in attendance getting their gift bags.

Summers thanked the audience that came out, bought merchandise from the creators and enjoyed the showcase; they would not have had a show without them, he added.

Special thanks to The Truth Gallery, he said, for allowing them to use the space to create the night, and thanks to the Arts Commission for putting the show on the website.

For more information on upcoming shows or how to be a part of one contact Jodie Summers:

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If You Ask Me: Essential Advice from Eleanor Roosevelt by Eleanor Roosevelt, edited by Mary Jo Binker

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

What should you do?

When relationships break down, what then? Or you lose your job and your bank account is depleted, your home is in foreclosure, you're a victim of discrimination, what do you do? You ask yourself "What next?" and then you reach for help, and with the new book *If You Ask Me* by Eleanor Roosevelt, edited by Mary Jo Binker, the advice you get might be decades old.

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245 pages

Arguments on immigration, world issues, patriotism, and messy politics. Minority issues, equal pay, family problems, and Constitutional matters. Though these things may seem to be problems strictly of the modern age, from 1921 until 1962, Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of our 32nd president, also tackled these same topics in her books and magazine articles. In those forty-one years, she ultimately penned more than 600 pieces.

People from every walk of life consulted Mrs. Roosevelt for advice: politicians asked her and women sought her out. Men looked toward her wisdom and, says Binker, she had a particular affection for teenagers (and vice versa). Though she wrote the words in this

book generations ago, her advice is still relevant, even when contemporary viewpoints are taken into consideration.

"She genuinely cared about people and their problems," says Binker, consulting editor for the Eleanor Roosevelt Papers Project and editor of this book.

Mrs. Roosevelt's words were comforting, but she did not suffer fools.

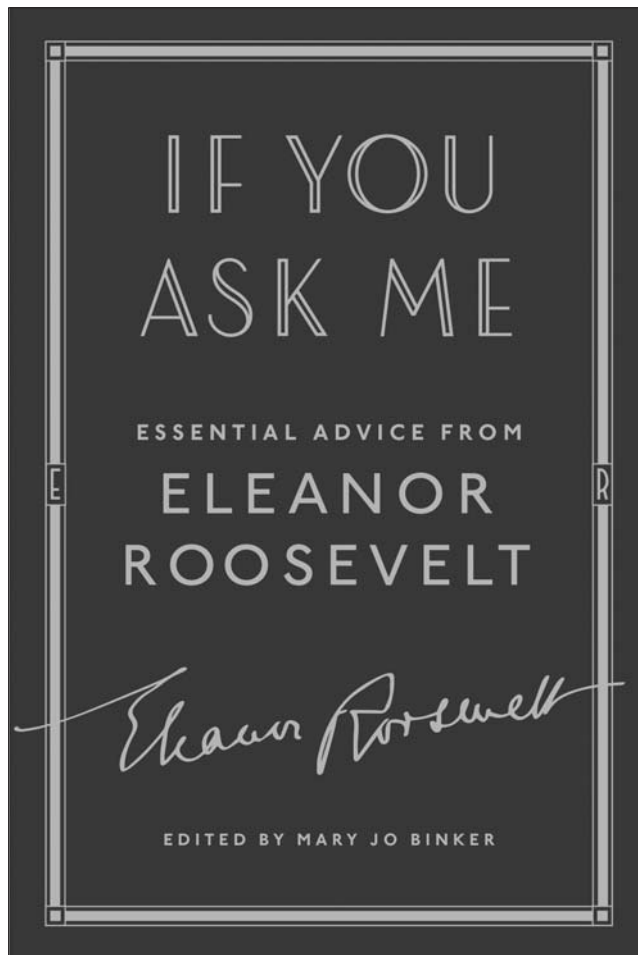
In 1944, she wrote that she believed women should receive equal pay for doing "men's jobs." She was a big proponent of organized labor, as she stated later that same year, and she was famously, vociferously pro-racial equality and against anti-Semitism. Politically, Roosevelt used her experiences as First Lady to back up her beliefs on democracy, the office of President, eliminating the electoral college, and on dealing with political rifts within families. She hoped that national health-care would become a reality. She called for calm in times of trouble. She firmly favored birth control, and believed that the future would turn out alright.

The surprise inside *If You Ask Me* is twofold: in reading the words that editor Mary Jo Binker collected, one is reminded by their shiny relevance that everything old is new again. Seventy-five years have passed and the same old issues have returned like sharks to chum, giving readers a dreadful, treading-water feeling. So what's changed?

In a word, us: in the other half of the surprise is a quaint, sweetly amusing look at a time when good girls weren't "necking," businesswomen in "taverns" was worrisome, and the First Lady believed that "rock 'n' roll" was a "fad [that] will probably pass," and that parents "needn't take it too seriously." The amusement also comes from Roosevelt's wit and her ladylike rebukes that could be delivered on razor blades.

Yes, she "cared about people"... but she could cut, too.

This book is obviously perfect for historians but anyone can enjoy what's inside these mostly-still-applicable words. It's easy to browse and fun, too, so read *If You Ask Me*. That's what you should do.



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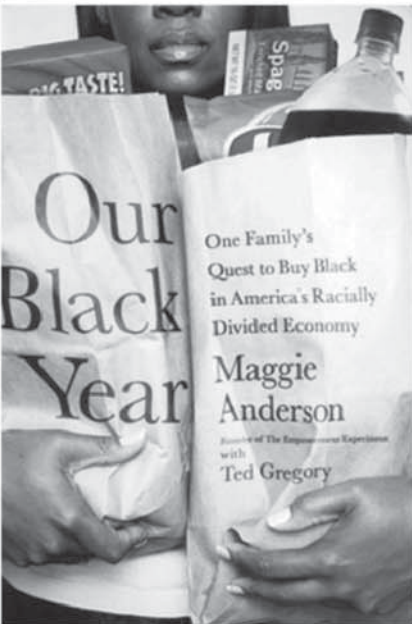
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TOLEDO ZOO VOLUNTEER PROGRAM LAUDED

Leaders influence others first by who they are and then by what they do. Toledo Zoo's volunteer program is considered a leader and model for Zoo's around the world and recently received several prominent awards for their efforts.

The ZOOTEENS program as a whole was also honored as volunteer(s) of the year by the Ohio Provider Resource Association or OPRA, a statewide association of service providers for Ohioans with developmental disabilities. The ZOOTEENS program was nominated by Josina Lott Residential and Community Services, a local organization the program has supported for over a decade. The teenage volunteer corps were honored for their compassion and service to area organizations and individuals with disabilities.

"The Zoo is extremely proud of our volunteer program, that is made up of nearly 900 individuals, ages 13 - 92 who give over 67,000 of hours of service to the Zoo and our community each year. They help make the quality guest experience our visitors have come to know and love through their personal interactions and extensive knowledge of our animals. They are the face of our Zoo and help drive our mission forward in the community," said Shayla Bell Moriarty, Toledo Zoo's director of communications.

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NOTICE OF APPLICANT'S PUBLIC MEETING HOFFMAN ROAD LANDFILL

Permit to Install Application for Permit Modification Activities

The City of Toledo is seeking a Permit to Install (PTI) from Ohio EPA for permit modification of the existing Hoffman Road Landfill at 3962 Hoffman Road, Toledo, Ohio 43611. A public meeting will be held Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the Toledo-Lucas County Police Athletic League Gym, 1111 E. Manhattan Blvd., Toledo, Ohio. This meeting is intended to inform local citizens of the PTI application contents, explain the Ohio EPA PTI application process, and to receive and respond to comments and questions about the PTI application. The PTI application is available for review at the Lagrange Branch Library, 3422 Lagrange Street, and the Point Place Branch Library, 2727 117th Street during their regular business hours.

Please contact Paul Rasmusson, Director of the City of Toledo's Department of Public Service, (419) 245-1835, for more information about this meeting, the PTI application, or project plans.

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