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# Words Hurt and Policies Do Too

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

The Truth Contributor

*Unjust systems and structures remain in place because people do not demand a better world.*

— Lisa Sharon Harper



Racism is a tool used to maintain a system of social, political and economic control. Sometimes racism is explicit. At other times, this ignoble apparatus of manipulation is embedded in the camouflage of anti-black structures in order to accomplish its goals more subtly. The truth is, that whether explicit or implicit, racism hurts and requires us to seek our own healing.

I am deeply concerned and troubled by Toledo City Councilman Tom Waniewski's recent reprehensible comments in which he compared the African-American patrons of a bar to cockroaches. The portrayal of minorities in non-human terms has, historically, been effectively used to manipulate public opinion in order to justify the exploitation and mistreatment of blacks, Hispanics and Native Americans.

Think of the concepts and terms associated with the word cockroach and how they send a message as to how blacks are to be perceived and therefore be treated: teeming, pester, swarm, overrun, undesirable, unacceptable, troublesome, to name a few. Or, nasty, filth, scourge, or contamination. And, the most troubling, perhaps, exterminate.

Waniewski is a political leader who has previously expressed anti-black sentiment and his most recent comment is in keeping with a worsening racist climate that has become more overt than it has been in previous decades. This kind of rhetoric, when coming from political leaders, tends to embolden and exacerbate racial animus and thus lead to increased occurrences of hate crimes.

Where are those capable of leading us into a better world?

The lack of response from elected officials is most disheartening to me because it is an indication of where our leaders truly stand on the issue of race.

Where were comments condemning these hateful remarks by Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz, the three Lucas County Commissioners and from Democratic Party Chair Kurt Young? Or, in particular, from Waniewski's potential successors - District 5 candidates Sam Melden, Connor Kelley or Republican candidate Tom Names?

And, why didn't we hear from current City Council members, including those of color such as Tyrone Riley, Larry Sykes, Yvonne Harper, Cecelia Adams or Gary Johnson.

For certain, words do hurt and silence emboldens the inflicting of even more pain.

I'd like to think that the issue of race - the institution that "broke

America at its foundations," would be enough on its own to generate an emphatic response from our leaders that says 'We cannot and will not accept it here in this City.'

On the other hand, if dehumanizing rhetoric is an indicator of anti-black sentiment, it is the "normative, seemingly civilized racism that is the racial monster we must work hard to defeat," says scholar Eduardo Bonilla-Silva.

By civilized, Bonilla-Silva is referring to seemingly non-racial market dynamics, structures and policies which "justify the contemporary racial order of things that keeps minorities disadvantaged and explains black and brown poverty, high unemployment and higher incarceration rates."

## Civilized Racism Hurts Too

Several months ago, a few of us in the community came together to call attention to TARTA's weekend service cuts, which were enacted without proper public input and lacked an appropriate assessment of the impact on disadvantaged communities. These cuts have caused disproportionate damage to the lives of those who could afford it the least.

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## Community Calendar

### July 22-26

Glass City Church Vacation Bible School: 6 to 8:30 pm nightly; Parents, children, relatives and friends welcome; An adult class also; Kickoff event on Sunday July 21 in church parking lot

### July 27

Ottawa Park Free Summer Concert Series: 6 to 8 pm: Boffo

### July 26

Toledo Museum of Art's Visiting Artist Series: Featuring Kay Weprin - oil pastel, mixed-media and handmade paper; 6 pm; Offers families an opportunity to hear directly from local artists and musicians

### August 2

YWCA Health Fair: 11 am to 2 pm; Free hearing and vision tests, blood pressure and bone density tests, HIV education information, breasts tests: 419-241-3235

### August 3

Ottawa Park Free Summer Concert Series: 6 to 8 pm: The Good, The Bad & The Blues

Warren A.M.E. Church Care Enough FREE Community Event: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sponsored by Women of Faith; Free Clothes, Commodities, Food Baskets, Food, Praise Dancing, Games, Music, Fun & More

### August 10

Rosford First Baptist Church Health Fair: 11 am to 4 pm; Blood sugar checks, blood pressure checks, Kidney Foundation, Helping Hands; Check out your sickness for your wellness: 419-481-6922

Ottawa Park Free Summer Concert Series: 6 to 8 pm: Dezire

### August 17

Ottawa Park Free Summer Concert Series: 6 to 8 pm: Nu-Tones  
Lincoln School Community Coalition 3rd Annual Neighborhood Picnic: 11 am to 3 pm - corner of Lincoln and Detroit; Food, fun activities, ABC health services, music: 419-350-0421

### August 24

Ottawa Park Free Summer Concert Series: 6 to 8 pm: The 25's

### October 23

UT's "Tricks Treats & Dunks:" 6 to 8 pm; Savage Arena; Trick or treat for kids from 6 to 7 pm; Costume contest at 7; Rockets players at various games

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# Toledo Resident Shanda L. Gore, EdD, Is Changing Jobs

President Karen Schuster Webb, Ph.D., has announced the appointment of Shanda L. Gore, Ed.D., as the first Vice President of Institutional Innovation and Economic Development at Union Institute & University. Gore will work with the leadership team to develop long-term revenue strategies for enrollment growth, new market access and targeted funding sources.

Gore has held numerous roles in higher education including associate vice president, chief diversity officer, and an executive director for nearly 15 years at the former Medical College of Ohio Foundation and the University of Toledo (UT).

A seasoned fundraiser, she has raised funds through events, donor relations, and grants totaling more than \$2 million in the last six years. She has also taught at undergraduate and graduate levels and served on dissertation committees. As an administrator, she created and directed the regional UT Minority Business Development Center and was recently awarded additional funding to enhance its virtual capabilities worldwide.

In the private sector, Gore has been a trainer, marketing coordinator and specialist for regional and national firms and is the president and founder of Mays and Associates, LTD, a strategic planning and consulting company serving clients across the United States. She has served as the president of the Ohio Diversity Officers Collaborative, State of Ohio Coordinator of the American Association of Access, Equity, and Diversity, and currently serves as State co-chair and executive board member for the American Council of Education (ACE) Women's Ohio Network.

She has published and presented at competitive conferences, including the Higher Learning Commission, the Association of American Medical Colleges, the National Diversity Council Leadership Conference, and the Annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education. Recognized as an African American Legacy Emerging Leader of Excellence, she is the recipient of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union Community Appreciation Award. She recently completed workshops for Big 10, MAC, and Mid Atlantic NFL officials on team building strategies.

Gore is a graduate of Bowling Green State University from which she earned three degrees: a Bachelor of Communications degree, a Master's of Communication with a study emphasis on minority communities in the Greater Toledo Ohio area, and a Doctor of Education in Leadership Studies. Her research area was involvement behaviors and minority medical student retention.

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Shanda Gore

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Today, that situation has still not changed. The cuts continue, the damage to lives continues as TARTA's leadership continues to leave disadvantaged and people of color out at the curb, defaulting on its core mission to transport people to and from places like work, grocery stores and church.

With no public transportation, TARTA also threatens the 1200 new Amazon jobs coming to Rossford, or at least leaves poor and communities of color out of the mix, the result which not only perpetuates poverty, but chokes economic and workforce development.

Now, TARTA will tell you that they were left with no choice but to eliminate access for many of its most vulnerable clients because of its inability to change its antiquated system and tax structure.

Despite placing minorities out front to cape hard for them, however, the truth is that TARTA's policy decisions have appeared to be anti-people of color; anti-people who use mobility aids; anti-people who are poor; and anti-economic and workforce development.

Moreover, leadership has failed to garner the support to change their

antiquated structure. Yet, the transit authority remains stuck at a standstill.

What is needed to move forward equitably and responsibly?

First, TARTA needs leadership that will listen to the entire community — in board rooms, community centers and church basements — and revitalize the IDEA of equitable contemporary public transportation in this community.

Second, TARTA needs leadership that is competent to build a consensus from central city to suburb to township on how TARTA can serve EVERYONE in this community.

Third, TARTA needs leadership that can galvanize public support for mass transit in this community, not mime while it withers away.

So, if you've been listening to the things that are being said or paying attention to the things being done (or not done), the results are clear:

It's time for a change.

We need new leadership.

Both at Toledo City Council and at TARTA.

Contact Rev. Donald Perryman, PhD, at [drdperryman@enterofhopedebaptist.org](mailto:drdperryman@enterofhopedebaptist.org)

## Five Simple Ways to Make Healthy Choices at Summer BBQs

*Special to The Truth*

While fun, all those barbecues and cookouts of summer can present a challenge when you're trying to lose weight and stay healthy. However, there's no need to ditch these fun get-togethers for fear of derailing your healthy lifestyle. Instead, you can employ some simple tricks to help you stay on track.

According to Courtney McCormick, manager of clinical research and nutrition at Nutrisystem, here are several ways to keep winning at weight loss without missing out on the fun.

- Volunteer to Bring the Appetizers: If you don't want your only snacking

choice to be chips and high-calorie onion dip or a cheese and meat tray, offer to bring a chopped veggie plate along with low-fat dip, or baked chips with salsa or hummus.

"I'm a big fan of making my own chips to bring to barbecues. I'll make kale chips or apple chips -- they're always a crowd-pleaser," says Genie Francis, soap opera television star and Nutrisystem ambassador.

- Take a Small Scoop of Coleslaw: Even if it's made with high-fat mayonnaise, one serving (around three ounces) is only about 172 calories and has two grams of fiber (thank you cabbage!), according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Better yet, make your own and bring it with you -- just swap in low-calorie mayo for the regular variety or do a vinegar-based dressing to cut the calories by as much as two-thirds.

- Enjoy Those Baked Beans (in Moderation): We all love baked beans at a BBQ. Feel free to eat them, just try to stick to half a cup or less, as one cup could have more than 300 calories, depending on the brand. The good news is that this side is also high in hunger-satisfying fiber -- half a cup has about five grams.

- Load Up on Green Salad: Produce is abundant this time of year. Bring a green salad to the party. Don't forget to add lots of low-calorie veggies and pair it with a bottle of low-calorie dressing. Or, opt for grilled veggie kebabs, which are full of fiber and flavor and light on calories.

- For Dessert, Think Fresh or Frozen: End your meal with a slice of watermelon, a scoop of fruit salad or fruity sorbet, or a healthful frozen fruit bar. You'll be able to indulge without all the guilt, and your taste buds will thank you.

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# The NAACP 110th National Convention – Detroit, MI USA - July 20th thru July 24th, 2019

By Annette Wright

Special to the Truth

Last week, from July 20th – July 24th, 2019 all roads led to COBO Hall in Detroit, Michigan for the 110th NAACP National Convention. With a host of very impressive workshops, galas and presentations, this year's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Convention was most likely one of its most important events, due in large part to the extremely challenging political environment that African-Americans are living under presently.

The NAACP's Presidential Candidate Forum, undoubtedly, was largely responsible for the onslaught of global media presence. The NAACP tradition of inviting the current sitting president continued during this year's convention with an invitation to President Trump. Trump declined his invitation.

On July 23, 2019, in the midst of the convention, the NAACP passed a resolution supporting the impeachment of President Trump. Nonetheless, nine Democratic Presidential hopefuls made their way into Detroit for the Presidential Candidate forum hosted by CNN Political Analyst and White House Correspondent, April Ryan.

Each candidate spent about 10 minutes each in a one-on-one chat with the well-known Ryan, who garnered headlines in January 2018 when she asked President Donald Trump if he was a racist. Ryan presented each candidate with a unique set of questions primarily focusing on issues of concern to African American voters.

Former Vice-President Joe Biden, Senator Kamala Harris, Senator Cory Booker, Senator Amy Klobuchar, Senator Bernie Sanders, Senator Elizabeth Warren, South Bend, IN Mayor Pete Buttigieg, former HUD Secretary Julian Castro and former Massachusetts Governor Bill Welds, the lone Republican candidate in attendance, all presented their plans and stated their positions on issues regarding racism, education, police and criminal justice reform, poverty, environmental matters (particularly lead in our water systems), civil rights for LGBTQ citizens, Russian election interference, housing and student loan debt.

Of particular interest, during the forum, was when Ryan posed the question of reparations to Sanders, who is on record as being against reparations. Sanders responded: "Here's my fear about reparations, and I understand the issue, and I'm on board the legislation that will study the issue... Here's my fear: The Congress gives the African American community a \$20,000 check, and says, 'Thank you, that took care of slavery, we don't have to worry about anything more.' I think that's wrong. I want to build, rebuild the distressed communities in America."

Many of the more than 1,000 people in attendance applauded Senator Sanders' response. Another well received response came from Weld when he shared his view on the current status of the Republican Party, stating that "Unless the Republican Party in Washington expressly rejects the racism of Donald Trump, they are going to come to be universally viewed as the party of racism in America."

In addition to the Presidential Candidate Forum, House Speaker Nancy Pe-

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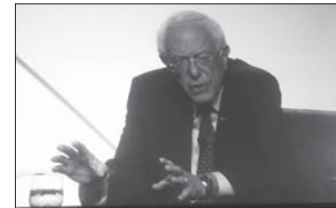
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**Black Comics Are Taking Flight in Toledo**

By Megan Davis

*The Truth Contributor*

In the last 10 years, Marvel Comics has dominated movie screens bringing to life the stories of Iron Man, The Incredible Hulk, Thor, Spiderman, The Avengers and the beloved Black Panther. This franchise is top notch when it comes to developing the story, presenting the characters with their multi-layered backgrounds, and the personal challenges they have had to face in order to maximize their super abilities.

What's more is that Marvel has had the gift to bring these story lines to the theaters in larger-than-life fashion, leaving an impact on audiences, who become a family, experiencing a barrage of emotions after becoming attached to the characters. Just say "Wakanda Forever" and most people will greet you with the appropriate sign.

This family of sorts is what is being established on a local level in the arts community. Artist Imani Lateef is the creator of Peep Game Comix, a digital platform for black comic book creators, illustrators, publishers and writers.

Through this platform, he offers over 200 black-created titles from kids free offerings to adult graphic novels. Because of the organic connections he has made with creators from coast to coast, he founded the Glass City Black Comic Fest, now in its third year in existence.



Imani Lateef



Nicholas.

In 2018, Lateef began hosting comic book workshops for an after school program at Jones Leadership Academy and then applied to be an art facilitator at the Art Supply Depot downtown. Having been accepted, he has hosted three month-long Saturday classes, and two week-long summer camps as well as Cartoons and Cosplay drawing with a live model during the third Thursday Art Walks. Additionally, he hosted a Summer Comic Workshop at Owens Community College.

During the classes, the young creators are learning how to make comic books using a variety of techniques and approaches, from doing Jam Comics, where the artists collaborate on drawing or painting one single comic to spending time on developing characters, drawing out panels, creating backgrounds and penciling and inking.

The members of the most recent class, which ended Friday, July 26, were able to take home completed comic books that they developed from start to finish during the intense, but productive Summer Camp.

Earlier this year, Lateef published his first full comic book, Joon Bug Comics, which introduces young readers to a tiny hero who uses a super suit to perform heroic acts. Joon Bugs World is dedicated to this new hero and targets parents and young children who enjoy seeing super-heroes that look like them, with identifiable issues and relatable tales. A variety of items to encourage junior comic enthusiasts like coloring books, book marks and activity packets are also available on the site and locally at Sean's Anime and Comics as well as the Art Supply Depot.

"I enjoy the conversation with the students when they share their stories, characters, pop culture references and memes," stated Lateef. "I

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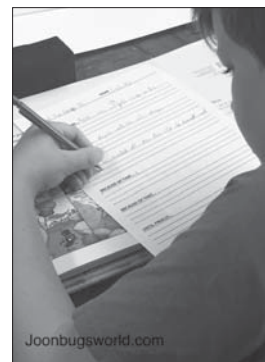
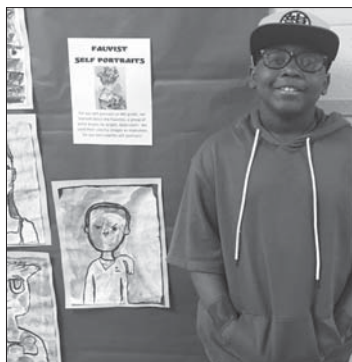
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## The Soulcial Scene

# A Few of Our Everyday Heroes

By Carla Thomas

In these sometimes difficult times, the news rarely brings us reports of those things, those good things, our everyday heroes do for the community. We hear about conflict, violence, confrontations and increasingly, racial strife, especially considering our current political situation.

We've taken an old adage "driving while black" and adapted it to fit the current series of confrontations. One can barely turn on the news or scroll social media without finding a story of a black person being detained and questioned by police for

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### Brandon Harrison, Police Detective

Ever since I was a teenager in high school, I knew I wanted to enter some type of law enforcement career. So after I graduated from high school I enlisted in the Army hoping that would be a path to be-

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### Emory Whittington, Real Estate Broker

I have been in the real estate industry for 28 years and five months. When I started in March of 1991 I was going to University of Toledo pursuing my bachelor's degree in business and taking real estate class-

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### David Hitt, Fire Fighter

Thirty-five years ago, on May 11, 1984, I began my career as a Toledo fire fighter.

Shortly after graduating from Macomber Vocational High School in 1982 I spent two at The University of To-

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### Dr. Michael Stubblefield, Dentist

I am a native son of the city of Toledo – a 1994 honors graduate of St. Francis de Sales High School – before attending The Ohio State University where I earned my bachelor of

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Photos by Carla Thomas



### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual African American Conference

NAMI Greater Toledo is hosting our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual African American Conference on August 2, 2019 at the Glenwood Lutheran Church, located 2545 Monroe St. Toledo, Ohio. We are very excited about this year's conference "Our Children's Minds Matter" which deal with helping our youth in the African American community live happy and healthier lives. NAMI will do this by educating and supporting all whose lives are affected by mental health in the community. Mental illness does not discriminate. This conference is a way for NAMI to educate the African American community on mental health and to help them understand it is ok to seek help and treatment works.

This year's conference will have resource tables from our local community mental health agencies and NAMI's Creative Expressions Support Group for ages 7-17. Coffee and lunch will be provided!

NAMI's main goal is to fill in the gaps and correct misunderstandings of our youth by parents, teachers, counselors, caregivers and peers on why African Americans are not seeking help for mental health treatment and missing the signs of mental illness.

We hope to educate our African American Community and let them know that NAMI is a great place to start if they need help finding services/resources.

This year our keynote speaker is Dr. Romules Durant, Superintendent of Toledo Public Schools and an amazing panel of experts who will address sensitive issues that affect our African American youth in today's schools. Both Dr. Durant and the panel will be speaking on *Our Children's Minds Matter*, the theme of this year's conference. For more information please call Sonya Quinn at 419-243-1119 ext. 207.

This event is open to the public at no cost to participate. CEUs are available at \$15 and you can register on [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). ALL ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER

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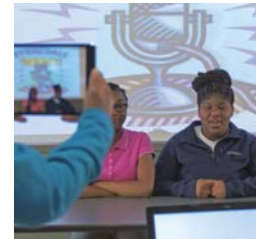
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#### Jones Leadership Academy of Business

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#### Rogers

Wednesday, August 28, from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

#### Scott

Friday, August 30, from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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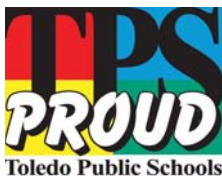
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## The Soulcial Scene

### Everyday Heroes... continued from page 8

barbequing "while black," selling lemonade "while black," or simply cutting their own d@#n grass "while black."

Undaunted, most of our citizens continue to live productive lives "while black." Here are a few of our everyday heroes who use their skills and training to make a positive impact on their communities. Meet Battalion Chief David Hitt; Dr. Michael Stubblefield; Real Estate Broker Emory Whittington, III and Detective Brandon Harrison who, in their professional capacities, are working, thriving, serving, and giving "while black."

### Brandon Harrison... continued from page 8

coming a military police officer. Unfortunately, at the time of my enlistment, all of the military police jobs were full so I enlisted in as a combat medic.

After my military service, I still wanted to pursue a career in law enforcement. So as I worked a job in a hospital using the training I had obtained in the military, I continued to seek opportunities in various law enforcement agencies.

However, when those opportunities opened up I was faced with a different set of challenges when an agency informed me that my eyesight was not good enough and therefore they could not continue with their hiring process. But instead of giving up on my dream, I had eye surgery to correct my vision and gave it another try with that agency.

Unfortunately, things still did not work out for me during their process.



Detective Brandon Harrison

Over the next couple of years, opportunities with other agencies were not available and, at times, it appeared that I might never reach my goal. However, I was still committed to my goal and when the opportunity presented itself for me to apply with the Toledo Police Department I did, was hired on, and have been with the department for eight years.

What I would tell anyone who has set a goal for themselves is to stay committed to that goal even if it appears that you may not achieve it at that time.

*Brandon Harrison is a detective with the Toledo Police Department*

### Emory Whittington... continued from page 8

es in the evening.

At the time I thought it would be something "fun" to do, I wasn't thinking 29 years down the road. I passed the real estate test and off I went into the business at the age of 19 and having no contacts at all. No one my age was buying homes and hardly anyone in my family outside of my grandparents and my Mom and Dad owned a house. We had a LOT of renters in my own family. 28 years later I have sold homes to many family members and our mindsets are a lot different.

I worked with Coldwell Banker and Century 21 franchises at the beginning because I was told the training and support would be key to my success. I did get some training, but I quickly realized that I would work in a community in which no one really specialized. I quickly became known as "The Name You Know" because I was working "eight to faint" to get my name out there. I decided to get my real estate broker license in 1995 and I went off on my own – the Whittington Group Realty – in 1997.

Even though my previous broker told me that no one would ever buy a home from a "ma and pa" real estate firm, I am still in business today, more than two decades later. I am glad I had the support from family, friends and the community to continue to give me the opportunity.

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### David Hitt... continued from page 8

ledo before joining the Toledo Fire and Rescue Department. The Fire Class of 1984 was historic for the TFRD; it consisted of the largest number of African-American fire fighters in a class and included the first female fire fighters ever hired by the City of Toledo.

The TFRD has provided me with many challenges and opportunities. One of my biggest challenges was working my way through the ranks from private to battalion chief considering the many obstacles I faced as an African American.

However, I was determined to overcome these obstacles to move through the ranks to level the playing field for future African-American fire fighters.

Serving the citizens of Toledo has been one of my most rewarding and satisfying achievements



David Hitt, Battalion Chief, Ret. 1



## The Soulcial Scene

# Toledo Museum of Art Master Series to Highlight Green Book Project Thursday, Sept. 5 in Peristyle Theater

*Event is part of Life Is a Highway: Art and American Car Culture programming*

Journalist Alvin Hall and photographer Jonathan Calm will discuss their 2016 BBC Radio 4 documentary project *The Green Book* at the Toledo Museum of Art (TMA) Thursday, Sept. 5 at 6 p.m. in the Peristyle. The event is free to the public.

Published annually between 1936 and 1967, *The Negro Motorist Green Book* helped black travelers find safe and welcoming businesses during an era of virulent racism and segregation.

Inspired by this guide, Hall and Calm undertook a road trip from Tallahassee, Florida (near Hall's hometown) to Ferguson, Missouri, recording in both photographs and sounds the histories and experiences of black Americans as they navigated the cultural, political, and physical landscape of the American South.

Calm continues to make work related to this project. Several of his photographs documenting *Green Book* sites are included in the special exhibition *Life Is a Highway: Art and American Car Culture*, which is on view at TMA through Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019.

"Many may have seen the Oscar-winning movie but we are fortunate to have Alvin Hall and Jonathan Calm in-person to share the stories they documented from those who used the *Green Book* as a guide when they traveled," said Scott Boberg, TMA's manager of programming.

Since 2011, the TMA Masters Series has brought world-renowned artists, scholars, musicians and others who are invited to share their knowledge and talents in the Museum's Peristyle. The series is sponsored by the TMA Ambassadors.

*David Hitt... continued from page 10*

as a fire fighter. Having been born and raised in Toledo, I've always been a proud member of this community. Having the opportunity to give back and serve the citizens has been an honor and one of my proudest accomplishments. As a recent retiree I would like to say thank you, Toledo!

*Battalion Chief David Hitt has been with the Toledo Fire Department for 35 years*

*Michael Stubblefield... continued from page 8*

science degree, magna cum laude, in 1998.


Following college, I continued my education at the University of Maryland, receiving my Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 2002. I then returned to Toledo to begin my career and serve in the community that raised me.

For 16 years, I practiced at the Dental Clinic of the Toledo-Lucas County

Health Department, where I most recently served as dental director. While there, I provided comprehensive dental care both there in the clinic and also through an outreach program in many of the local elementary schools meeting the dental needs of tens of thousands over the years.

Last year, I transitioned from public service to private practice and am now in practice providing family dentistry with Namay Dentistry at the Northwood office.

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The Total Wellness Health Fair is where the whole family can come and learn about resources that are available to establish, maintain and improve their health care. Wellness includes the mind, body and soul making the goal of informing and inspiring individuals for improving their healthcare plan and regimen a priority.

Screenings for diabetes, blood pressure, prostate cancer and other health checks will be available along with breakout sessions, education about nutrition, under-

standing insurance, CPR, cyber and fire safety. Physicians, Nurses, and professional community partners will be on hand to answer healthcare questions.

Healthful snacks and refreshments will be available from community partners as guests spend the day learning with family and friends. Community organizations are welcome to contact the church if interested in participating in the health fair by calling 419-386-2700.

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"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers" -3 John 1:2

## NAACP... continued from page 5

loisi also visited Detroit for the NAACP Convention. Pelosi has been under pressure from many in the Democratic Party to proceed with Impeachment against Trump. However, Pelosi expressed patience as Congress continues to investigate other areas of potential criminal activities by Trump and his administration.

The timing of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's testimony before the House Judiciary Committee, which took place in the midst of the Convention, only seemed to have fueled the calls by many delegates and attendees for the impeachment of Trump.

More celebratory events also took place during the convention. During the Spingarn Freedom Fund Awards Dinner Celebration, where Patrick Gaspard delivered the keynote, many gifted, talented and inspiring youths were celebrated and acknowledged.

As stated by the NAACP, The Spingarn Medal is the NAACP highest honor, given annually to an individual of African descent and American citizenship for outstanding achievement. First instituted in 1914 by the late J.E. Spingarn—then NAACP Chairman of the Board of Directors—the gold medal is to be awarded for the highest or noblest achievement by an American Negro during the preceding year or years.

A complete list of all honorees, to date, are available on the NAACP's web site.

A notable moment during this year's Spingarn Awards dinner occurred when the disc jockey for the event began to play a popular song by legally embattled R&B Singer R. Kelly. Within seconds of recognizing the music the young crowd began to chant "no, no, no!" And with that, the DJ immedi-

ately stopped playing the tune and quickly put on more satisfactory musical selections.

Other very well attended workshops and forums included: A Welcome Concert by the Detroit Branch; WIN (Women in the NAACP) Empowerment Brunch; ACT-SO Awards Ceremony; Public Mass Meeting, hosted by Chairman Leon W. Russell; The Clarence Mitchell Memorial Luncheon, which featured Stacey Abrams; The Roy Wilkins Luncheon; A Health Luncheon, presented by U.S. Surgeon General and Vice Admiral Dr. Adams; Federal Legislative Workshop; Federal Judicial Nominations Workshop; Youth & College Public Mass Meeting ; Black Presidential Staff of 2020 Fireside Chat; CEO Roundtable; A presentation by Michael Bloomberg.

Already, next year's 111th NAACP Convention planning is underway, slated for Boston, Massachusetts.

## Michael Stubblefield... continued from page 11

Choosing a career path in dentistry definitely presents a unique set of challenges. First, it is not a career choice that many people even consider. Few people get into the profession, and even fewer are African-American.

To even be considered, you have to have excellent grades through college, keeping at least a 3.6 grade point average. The coursework is intense and rigorous, just as in medical school.

Good people skills are necessary, both in school and beyond into your career. The work can be stressful, as you are working in a very small space and performing very exacting procedures, while dealing with a patient who may be fearful or not very cooperative. And also unfortunately, even though it is 2019, people are going to question and doubt your competency, your skill and your knowledge based upon how you look. You just have to put your best foot forward and be your absolute best every day.

If anyone were to consider a career path in dentistry or any of the health professions, it would be wise to do as much research as possible, as soon as possible. See exactly what is involved and what sort of tasks would be expected of you. Be open-minded and flexible. You just may learn that you find something interesting that you had not even considered.

Take school seriously. How you perform now can literally impact you for the rest of your life. Find a support-system of like-minded people who are on a similar career track. You can help each other out to achieve your

goals. Reach out and find someone to mentor you. Others have come before you and will be more than willing to help you and give advice along your journey. And finally, BELIEVE IN YOURSELF. YOU CAN DO IT!!

Dr. Michael Stubblefield, is in private practice with Namay Dentistry, Northwood, OH



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# Becoming a Private Investigator (Masters at Work series) by Howie Kahn

By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
The Truth Contributor

You need to pick up one of those magnifying glasses.

Oh, and a trench coat. You want to close cold cases and fight crime, so those must be mandatory, right? Trench coat, magnifying glass, catch killers, solve crimes, and that's what it takes to be a P.I. Or you need to read *Becoming a Private Investigator* by Howie Kahn.

No big surprise: your favorite TV detective show has everything wrong.

On television, the P.I. is usually looking for a murderer; in reality, says Kahn, private investigators deal with a variety of issues that need deeper research than perhaps most people are able to do. On television, P.I.s are always broke; in reality, they make up to \$500,000 on bigger jobs. TV crimes are solved in an hour, minus commercials; in real life, a private investigator might work on a case for years.

If you think it's a career for a person with patience, you're right: private investigators are research experts and can unravel the most knotted facts, they're flexible, and they know how to read people. They're also good at "disrupting" stalled investigations, a talent that police sometimes hate. P.I.s are able to think sideways to spot clues, and they have the tenacity of ten terriers.

As for the industry itself, Kahn cites the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which states that "projected occupational growth rate" is 11 percent, which is much higher than for other jobs. Three years ago, the U.S. boasted more than 40,000 working private investigators, all of which, presumably, are licensed, since the majority of America's states have strict requirements on licensure.

To give readers an idea of what it's like to work as a private investigator, Kahn followed two P.I.s, one in Tennessee and one in Texas. The for-

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mer became a private eye after helping to solve the murder of her former roommate; she wanted to quit when it was over until she realized that her expertise was still needed. The Texas P.I. gained his skills while in the military, and he shares with Kahn a case that still dogs him...

Readers who come to this book for career advice will be quite surprised at "Becoming a Private Investigator," for two big reasons.

While this series of guidebooks is generally meant for high school students and adults looking for career changes, *this* one focuses almost entirely on the latter. Indeed, both of author Howie Kahn's profiled P.I.s are older adults who started their respective careers well past their high-school years. Yes, teens will glean information here but adults will benefit more.

The other truly pleasant surprise is in the true-crime elements in which this book is so deeply steeped. Kahn's investigators and their case studies will call to mystery mavens and armchair detectives alike, perhaps aiming crime solvers toward fascinating second careers later in life.

Even if you're not career-swapping, this different kind of business book is pure fun to read. If you're thinking of a new job, however, and need help launching, get *Becoming a Private Investigator* and magnify your options.

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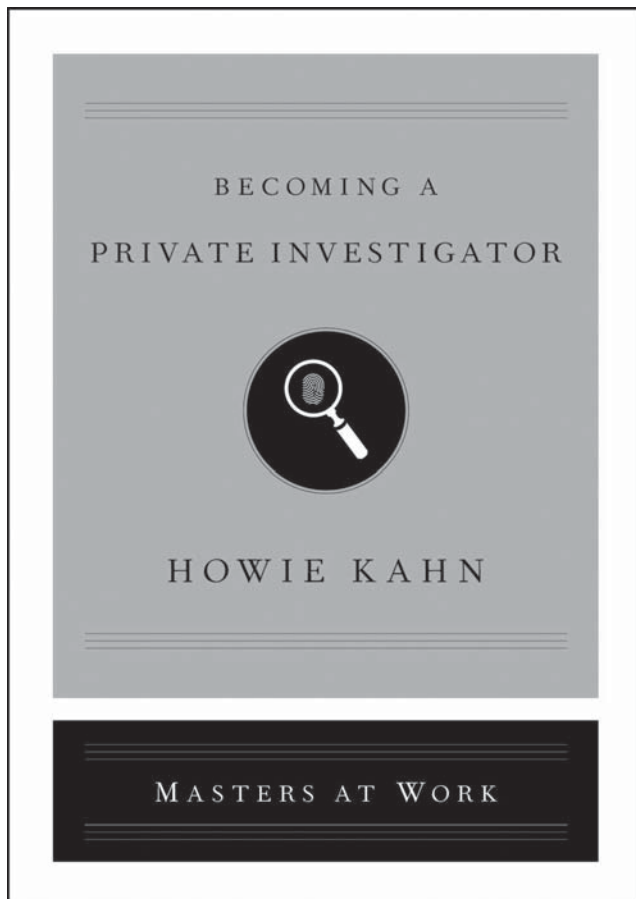
get the opportunity to inspire young artists," he continued.

The local comic scene is growing and is being sewn into the fabric of the arts and culture community here in Toledo with the increase of businesses that bring together gaming and comics, traditional books, podcasts and cons such as The Glass City Con, held earlier this month and GCBC, held annually-typically during Black History Month.

Malcolm Davis, a 10-year-old illustrator and creator said of the classes, "It gives me a chance to meet other people my age who like art like me."

This movement of sorts, is stirring up artists young and old in Toledo, giving them an outlet to create, learn, and make new friends while doing something they enjoy. Every class or camp has been sold out, with waiting lists for the next classes at the Art Supply Depot who has a second location in Bowling Green.

The next event Lateef is hosting will be another Cartoons and Co-splay live drawing event during September's Art Walk at the Art Supply Depot. To learn more about these classes and workshops, please visit [Joonbugsworld.com](http://Joonbugsworld.com).



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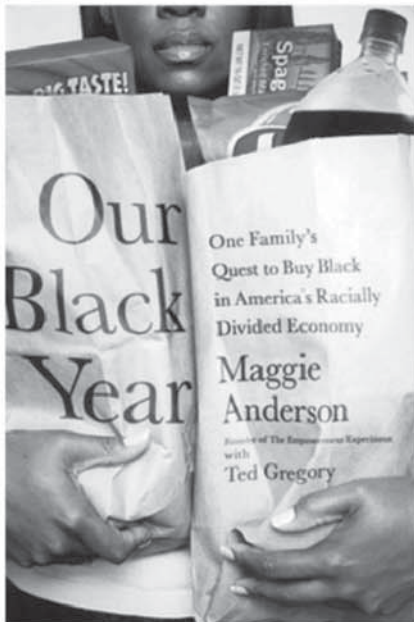
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## NOTICE TO APPLICABLE AGENCIES

Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board will release and review applications for FY 2019 Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Competitive Grant Program.

Training will be held on Thursday, August 8th, 2019 in 4th Floor Conference Room B at 1946 N. 13th Street, Toledo, OH (Toledo Business Technology Center).

RENEWAL project applicants will meet at 9 am.

NEW project applicants will meet at noon.

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY FOR ALL APPLICANTS.

More details at [www.tlchb.org](http://www.tlchb.org). Contact Danni Stinson at [dstinson@tlchb.org](mailto:dstinson@tlchb.org) to register.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO AIR QUALITY TECHNICIAN 2 - (1) POSITION

Please complete the online application at:  
**Req 786:**  
<https://utoledo.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/6/home/requisition/786?c=utoledo>

### General Summary

This position is responsible for daily maintenance and repair of campus HVAC and refrigeration equipment including related preventive maintenance. Performance of HVAC and refrigeration maintenance activities support the department's mission to ensure buildings and equipment operate as true assets in support of University and individual career goals. The incumbent is responsible for meeting work schedules and service requests, by providing effective and efficient maintenance workmanship and leadership.

### Impact on the Organization.

1. Directly impacts patient, customer, student and visitor satisfaction by delivering a safe environment to work, study and visit.

### Qualifications/Knowledge, Skills & Abilities (Indicate minimum required to qualify or perform this job.)

- HS Diploma or GED
- Requires three years' experience in the repair and maintenance of HVAC systems and refrigeration equipment, including large centrifugal and reciprocating compressors, high and low pressure boilers, and all associated auxiliary equipment.
- Maintains a valid driver's license and must be insurable under UT driving policies.
- Ability to interpret blueprints and use this information to analyze and diagnose system problems.
- Possess the ability to work independently and function as a team member in a dynamic facility maintenance environment.
- Must possess the ability to develop shop work schedules and complete cost estimates for construction projects.
- Ability to lift, climb, kneel, stretch, stand for periods of time, sit for periods of time

### Working Conditions

May work nights and weekends, exposed to high and low temperatures, dirt, hazardous materials, fumes, moving equipment, confined areas and perform work on scaffolding and/or ladders. May require heavy lifting.

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### To Apply:

Please email resume and cover letter to Heather Henson ([hhenson@partnerstoledo.org](mailto:hhenson@partnerstoledo.org)). Questions? Call 419-242-2122

**Notice to Bidders:** Inquiry # FY 20-06, (Project # 0051-19-218) for North Engineering North High Bay Roof Renovation Project for the University of Toledo. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations, Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 13, 2019. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 2:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-385-5305 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$75.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Rick Craig of Integrity Moisture Solutions, LLC at 419-376-2236. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000, at the University of Toledo, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, Toledo, OH 43606. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 15%. Project Estimate: \$ 625,000.00; Breakdown: General Const: \$625,000.00.

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## THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO GROUNDSKEEPER 1 - (1) POSITION

Please complete the online application at:  
**Reg 781:** <https://utoledo.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/6/home/requisition/791?c=utoledo>

### General Summary

Actively participates in keeping the University of Toledo safe, clean, attractive, and maintained. Performs grounds maintenance duties including: plant, weed, and clean flower beds, fertilize, mow, trim and edge lawns. Applies insecticides to lawns, shrubs and trees. Performs routine grounds maintenance and general labor e.g., removes snow and applies salt to ice; maintains parking lots & streets; assists with minor building construction.

### Impact on the Organization

This position contributes to the safety and aesthetics of the exterior grounds for student, visitors, and staff at Main Campus. The Care of Grounds Department supports other departments in obtaining their goals (i.e. Athletics-setup and cleanup for sporting events, Campus Police-barricade placement and accident cleanup, Residence Life-cleanup after move in and move out, help with student activities, event setup, and Maintenance Trades-assist with equipment operator for trenching and hauling material, etc.). The grounds appearance is a contributor to recruitment of prospective students and this position supports this.

### Qualifications (Indicate minimum required to qualify or perform this job.)

- Ability to comprehend and follow oral and written instructions.
- Ability to apply mathematical functions to calculate area, volume, ratios and application rates.
- Ability to work alone, with minimal supervision. • Ability to plan, layout, select appropriate tools and perform groundskeeping tasks in an efficient manner.
- Ability and willingness to work overtime.
- Ability to pass required health and safety tests as required by the University of Toledo such as respirator fit, heart stress for pesticide screening, administered after hire on an annual basis.
- Must possess and maintain a valid Ohio Pesticide Applicator's license. If license is held in state that receives reciprocity, Ohio license must be approved before start date.

**Reporting Relationships** In addition to the direct supervisor (above), indicate the titles of other positions—both within the organizational unit (department, college or division), as well as outside the unit—which provide work direction to this position. Also, indicate which positions report directly to this position, as well as other positions that receive work direction from this position. (Use more space if needed.)

### Working Conditions

Ability to work at heights, work outside in extreme weather conditions, safely work with potentially dangerous equipment and chemicals. May work rotating shift or hours. Ability to pass required health and safety tests as required by the University of Toledo (such as respirator fit, heart stress, pesticide screening, depth perception, night vision, etc.). Expected to work overtime.

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## The Soulcial Scene

# Otswania – The Arts Arrangement Hosts Artists Guests

Lametria White, a/k/a Neecheb, gathered artists, models, vendors and guests together on Sunday July 28 for a gala event at The Truth Art Gallery, providing “artists who need to express themselves,” she said, with an opportunity to interact with students and customers. Otswania, White’s group, held the event that also featured body painting that produced video for social media.

This was the third event produced by White’s group – she was both an artist and a model – and assisting with the chores was Jodie Summers, an artist, spoken word performer, community activist, who served as the master of ceremonies.

A number of vendors – all black owned business – offered jewelry, books, art and a range of services to the prospective visitors.

For information on upcoming Otswania events, follow El Mb on Facebook.



# Buffalo Soldiers Celebrate with Community Event at Wilson Park

The Toledo Buffalo Soldiers celebrated National Buffalo Soldier day this past Saturday with a special event at Wilson Park 3251 Otto St. Toledo, OH. This celebration marked the 27th anniversary of the proclamation declaring July 28 National Buffalo Soldier Day signed by President George H.W. Bush in 1992.

The Toledo Buffalo Soldiers adopted Wilson Park a number of years ago and through partnerships with private sector and government had made it possible for the pool to be opened, and the shelter house to once again be accessible to the park advisory board and the public.

Off The Rails food truck was on hand providing burgers and brats for the celebration, and TBS will make a check presentation to the Wilson Park Advisory Board. Festivities were from Noon-3pm.



Ms. Mel, Councilman Larry Sykes, Earl Mack



TPD Chief George Kral and Earl Mack

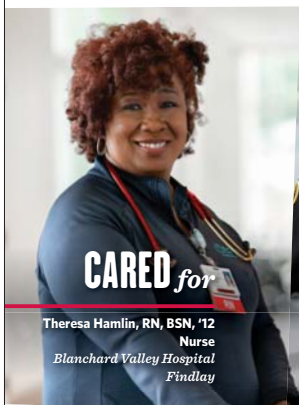


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