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# The Making of an Example

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

The Truth Contributor

*The fate of millions of people – indeed the future of the Black community itself – may depend on the willingness of those who care about racial justice to re-examine their basic assumptions about the role of the criminal justice system in our society.*

- Michelle Alexander



When I hear the expression “to make an example of,” my ears immediately perk up.

The phrase has a long, fraught history in America, especially for Black communities. Since the early 1600s, when enslaved Africans were brought to these shores, the remark “to make an example” has been a government tool to subjugate, control, and instill fear, humiliation, and intimidation. For me, it represents an utterance signaling Blacks to “stay in your place,” conform, or face severe repercussions.

Over 400 years later, this sentiment appears to persist.

Former council member Yvonne Harper’s recent sentencing by U.S. District Judge Jeffrey Helmick highlights this. While she pleaded guilty to accepting money for a favorable vote in 2019, the punishment must be contextualized.

In determining a sentence, judges weigh numerous factors, including legal precedent, deterrence, public opinion, and advisory statutory guidelines. Additionally, they may adjust their decision based on individual elements in a case. In Harper’s situation, her longstanding dedication to the community and character led Judge Helmick to give her a reduced sentence.

Still, many hoped for house arrest, yet Judge Helmick opted for prison to make Harper “an example” and “deter future misconduct by officials.”

Yet, the context behind Harper’s “misdeed” lies not in personal gain but centered on her gesture of offering tee-shirts to community kids to keep them out of trouble by playing basketball. The community acutely recognizes this.

Moreover, the timing of her arrest and court appearances along with three other African American elected officials, amid nationwide protests sparked by the tragic murder of George Floyd, the tumultuous events of January 6 and the resulting state of divisive politics and contentious national court hearings, and a burgeoning local police reform effort at the time of her arrest raises eyebrows.

Might Helmick have been sensitive to potential outrage and, thus, felt compelled to send a strong message through his ruling due to likely nega-

tive public sentiment or emotion?

This leads to a pertinent question: Was Harper’s sentencing fair? Although Harper held a position of public trust, should the integrity of her office supersede the broader context of her actions?

The U.S. vs. Musgrave case from the 6th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals underscores a need for judges to look beyond traditional prison sentences. Especially for those unlikely to repeat offenses, the case asserts that alternative measures might be more just and effective.

This court case dealt with a banker with a stellar reputation who received a one-day prison sentence for an egregious white-collar crime. The prosecution appealed and the appellate court sent the case back for resentencing. In resentencing, the appeals court told the judge that he could be creative in aligning with the sentencing guidelines and still serve as a deterrent. So, the banker was resented to the original one day in prison with time-served credit, plus home confinement for six months and two years of supervised release.

The people of District 4 were Harper’s heart, and sending her to federal prison serves no useful purpose given her advanced age.

Knowing Harper, as I do, I can’t help but think of the personal hardships she has previously endured, from the painful loss of her son to suicide to the passion she poured into her district. Prison might not serve justice in this case. Harper has already faced a multitude of losses: her job, reputation, and more. Isn’t that punishment enough?

Equally pertinent is that research and lived experience demonstrate that the criminal justice system disproportionately targets Blacks – and Black politicians. A tarnished reputation and loss of public trust would be considered greater punishments than confinement. For Harper, like in the Musgrave case, community control would have sufficed.

Yet, in the federal system, Harper may serve much less time than Helmick’s one-year plus one-day initial sentence due to further possible reductions and transitions. So, the system “pumped the brakes on her pretty hard,” as Harper’s sentencing is comparatively more merciful than she might have

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Yvonne Harper

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### Sept 17

Indiana Avenue MBC 75th Annual Women’s Day: 9 am Sunday School; 10:30 am Morning Service; “Christian Women’s Impact on the Church and Community

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church Annual Women Day Program: 10 am Sunday School with First Lady Linnie Willis; 10:45 am Morning Service; “Women of God Fearless and Courageous because God is in Control;” Deuteronomy 31:6

### Sept 23

Dorr Street Pop Up: The African American Legacy Project; 11 am to 5 pm; Vendors, food, entertainment; DJ Keith Success

### Sept 24

Greater St. Mary’s MBC: Women’s Day celebration; 4 pm; “Walking in Unity;” Guest speaker – Evangelist Natalyn Newsome; Colors – white w/ red accessories or come as you are

### October 10

Toledo Branch NAACP October meeting: 7 pm; Jerusalem Baptist Church

### October 15

Toledo NAACP Youth Council October meeting: 3 pm; Sanger Branch Library



# Been There...Done That...

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

I recently returned to Toledo from a trip outside of the country and had a chance to catch up on some local news. What caught my attention was the meeting at the Mott Library involving the design group, The Collaborative, and residents of the Dorr-Detroit corridor regarding visionary planning and development of certain city owned property sites.

I read with some interest (on a scale of one to 10...it was a three) about how an initial federal grant of \$25,000 could be utilized as "seed money" to generate community interest in residential and economic development in that corridor.

I read the articles about "community involvement" (or lack thereof) in planning this event so that the presentation would reflect the desires and needs of that neglected community. In my mind, I tracked down the stored memory brain cells that said to me, "Been there, done that!" That is when I realized that this tired and repeated discussion of developing the Dorr-Detroit corridor was on its recycled track of telling Black folks to keep hope alive.

The presented visionary planning was commendable but woefully short on community involvement from the start; and of course, it seemingly lacked any firm calendar of future events to flesh out the presented proposals.

My take on this engineered hoopla? Simple: Take two long yawns and call me in the morning.

If you would take a time machine and go back, way back to the 60s and 70s, this erratic concern for the development of Dorr and Detroit is a regurgitated fairy tale of mystery and drama that has no curtain call. It is ongoing and without any star power or theme music to keep the audience enthralled.

And who, mind you, is the audience? Black folks living in Toledo who wish and pine for the good 'ol days of Dorr and Detroit being a hub of Black life, entertainment, shopping and socialization.

This concept of the city doing serious economic development in the "corridor" is old, dried, cooked oatmeal left on the stove for the past 40 years. Who's going to eat it? Back in the day, my family (my father was an Air Force officer, and we were living on Delores Avenue before being transferred to Japan): and we would do business in that corridor and it seemed to be thriving (this was in the early 60s) but when I returned years later to attend the law school at UT, the place was on life support (and that is being kind).

Plans come and go for Black economic development in Toledo. We either bring in or appoint local politicians or city officials to be the "guardians" of ambitious plans to develop the corridor but nothing of any major impact materializes.

Now, here comes the juicy parts of this article. Who should suffer for or who is to blame for this chronic game of "hide and seek" economic development?

Who are the ones that are the most adversely affected by this lack of sustained vision to uplift this corridor out of the economic dump that it is in?

Who are the ones when pushed and shoved, wake up and "short loud but shout short?" about what is missing in their communities?

Yes, you guessed the right answer! It is Black folks! We are our own worst enemy when it comes to fending for and feeding ourselves.

When the pabulum of soft economic development monies is doled out and we get a mere pittance, it is enough to satisfy the initial hunger pains but not enough protein to sustain long term development.

So, what do we collectively do? We mumble and grumble and ascribe our deplorable economic plight to, "The White man!"

And the whole time we spend our discretionary dollars on trinkets and beads and empty economic calories that provide no long-term nourishment. This has been our skeletal diet for decades in Toledo and we are apparently accustomed to it, and we do not demand or, better yet, work for a healthier sustenance.

And what do you say is one of our major impediments in reaching a healthy collective economic environment for the corridor?

It is as simple as the collard greens on your plate. It is a failed collective economics that should have been started in our communities with the many local banks located in our areas.

Those local banks? The myriad of Black churches, which, each week, collect thousands of dollars from their members. Yet do you see your col-

lective tithes and offerings being visibly employed for economic development?

Of course not. Why is that? Simple: We have allowed our local banks (aka: Black churches) to not be held accountable for our economic and group advancement. The members of those churches do not have a written agenda or policy statement indicating that they will, religiously (excuse the pun) donate a fixed and certain percentage of their weekly income to a common fund for that explicit purpose of economic renaissance in Toledo.

The problem is that the Black churches in Toledo are visionless regarding such action and much less willing to share their funds with other Black churches for the betterment of their members.

I have written before that if such a vision caught on in the 60s and 70s and to present date, such a fund would have tens of millions of dollars by which they could come to any city planning table and DEMAND quality development.

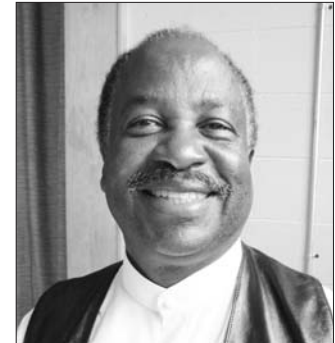
It has not happened because too many pastors and trustees and officers of such churches are either ignorant (lack of knowledge) or simply are distrustful to share their dollars with others, yet they make weekly demands on their members to give money to the church!

Let that sink in for a moment! Hypocrisy anyone?

So, the next time you have a general church meeting, ask your pastor or the trustees about implementing a written policy statement that they will donate 10 percent of the weekly giving to an entity (to be set up and run by professional investors) that will show that your church is also cognizant of the need for their members to have a quality of living that precludes them running to the suburbs for an economic fix.

In the meantime, give me a break about community meetings regarding resurrecting the corridor. That old gray mare, it ain't what it used to be.

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# Op-Ed: President Biden has kept his promise to our community

By Jaime Harrison

From jobs and infrastructure to education and health care, President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris have shown us that government can work for our community — and they're just getting started.

COVID was rough for so many of us. Many in our neighborhoods lost jobs, and homes, and saw prices soar sky-high. Despite it all, President Biden and Vice President Harris have worked hard to turn the page on the failed economic policies of the past and rebuild the economy by empowering working people, investing in our communities, and supporting small businesses.

That's what President Biden means when he says we're rebuilding the economy from the bottom up and middle out — not the top down — and that's exactly what Bidenomics is doing.

Even as Republicans have tried to roll back progress at every turn, President Biden has helped create over 13 million new jobs, the lowest Black unemployment rate, and the highest Black labor force participation rate since 2008.

And thanks to the once-in-a-generation Inflation Reduction Act — which passed without a single Republican vote — we've capped the price of insulin at \$35 per month for seniors and are lowering costs for prescription drugs.

We've also made historic investments in our nation's infrastructure. We're repairing our roads and bridges, and expanding access to high-speed internet because no parent should have to park outside McDonald's so their kid can do their homework.

This progress is all the more remarkable when you remember that Republicans have fought tooth and nail to prevent it. Like they did during the Obama administration, from stalling aid for Black farmers to filibustering the John Lewis Voting Rights legislation, they have stood in the way — but

that hasn't stopped President Biden.

In the last year, we've seen them try to block student loan forgiveness — even as many of them had their PPP loans forgiven. This administration has forgiven over \$116.6 billion for more than 3.4 million borrowers — and President Biden has forgiven more student loan debt than any president in history, despite Republicans' best efforts to hold us back.

Democrats have put Black communities at the center of their agenda. They've appointed more Black judges to the appellate courts than all other presidents — combined. And they confirmed the first Black woman, Ketanji Brown Jackson, to serve as a United States Supreme Court Justice.

When Republicans stalled the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, President Biden used his executive power to ban federal chokeholds, limit no-knock entries, and pardon those convicted of simple federal marijuana possession.

Democrats delivered a historic \$7.3 billion to our HBCUs. They protected our pensions. They've put Black maternal health equity at the forefront of their agenda.

In 2020, Black voters were a critical part of the coalition that elected President Biden and Vice President Harris and we know that their votes are critical to winning a second term.

As a Black man, the husband of a Black woman, and the father of two Black boys, this isn't something that I take lightly. I know what it feels like to have our community taken for granted and only have folks show up for us when they need our vote on Election Day. That's why we're putting the work in early to engage and mobilize Black voters well ahead of next year's election.

On the ground, we are listening to what matters most to voters and sharing our accomplishments. And we will continue to put in the work to make sure that Black voters know what is at stake in 2024. It is a race between hope and fear. Hope must always prevail.

At every turn, these Republicans have tried to use fear to stop progress, but just as President Biden and Vice President Harris never let it stop them, neither will we.

We're going to use hope to build a country where we all have the opportunity to reach our full potential. But to do that, we have to reelect President Biden, and elect Democrats to Congress to give him the support he needs to finish the job.

*Jaime Harrison, an American attorney and politician, is the current chair of the Democratic National Committee, elected in January 2021*



Jaime Harrison

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# Sisters 4 Unity Focused on Community, Love and Support

By Dawn Scotland

The Truth Reporter

Sisters 4 Unity, a Toledo-based group of mothers whose sons have been victims of gun violence, recently held their first march Saturday, August 26 at Smith Park with an overwhelming turnout.

The group first met at the Coalition for Peaceful Toledo Neighborhoods that the four former Toledo mayors organized and decided to form their own group, Sisters 4 Unity, last December. The group includes mothers Aviance Hill, LaShawnda Kinnebrew, Abena Rowland and Yolanda Dawn Tisdale-Waller.

"We don't want our children's legacy to be politics as usual", said Rowland, member of the group, whose son Jo'Von DeDe Porter was murdered March 3, 2021, "We wanted unity. That has been our focus and that will always be our focus. We just wanted it to be about community, love and support." The group led the march of hundreds of political leaders, community supporters and residents including the four mayors of Toledo and current Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz.

The aim of the march last month was to bring awareness to the issue of gun violence to people of all walks of life.

"No one can any longer have a deaf ear or turn a blind eye," said Tisdale-Waller, advocate and liaison of the group. "Violence doesn't have a preference, it comes to whomever it yields itself... we're more alike than we are not alike... it is time for us to get out and do this together."

She stressed the importance of having a united front against the issue. "We need to see the entire community [white and Black] come together to make a community effort to make a change."

The work of these women isn't just confined to four walls. They cite their success in the work they have done as foot soldiers across the city. "Even though we're always in the church, we do street ministry," said Hill, mother of Issac Michael Carpenter who was murdered on July 2, 2022. "We're speaking to their spirits and their souls. We didn't just go to churches, whatever table we were invited to [in the community] we went to... until we built our own table."

"There were a couple of mothers that [told us] that they won't even come out of the house and can't get out of the bed because of losing their children and they got themselves up that morning and joined us," commented Rowland. The group believes that their efforts are the key part in the reduction of gun violence the city has experienced this year.

Sisters 4 Unity has grown into a movement over the last eight months with plans to get the heart of the issue in the community. The group has future projects in the works to tackle the roots of gun violence and aid in continued healing for all those affected. Sisters 4 Unity's next plan is to host an event for children of parents who were slain by gun violence and provide them with workshops and resources.

The women also want to go to the jails to speak with perpetrators of the crimes so they can see the mothers faces.

"I honestly think if we go in there and we talk to them like human beings", commented Kinnebrew, whose son Christopher Kinnebrew was slain July, 3,



The Sisters 4 Unity ready to lead the march



Abena Rowland, LaShawnda Kinnebrew, Yolanda Dawn Tisdale-Waller, Aviance Hill

2021 at the age of 27 and is still unsolved. "And they can see our hearts and the genuineness in our faces... I'm not saying it will change all of them but it will change [a few]."

The four women lead busy lives combating gun violence individually and now have come together to further advocate on behalf of their children, their children's legacies, and the future of the city. The leaders of Sisters 4 Unity are:

**Aviance Hill** is a mother who started at local chapter of the NWO Parents of Murdered Children in honor of her son Issac. She is a City of Toledo Ambassador, on the Utility Appeals Board member, Human Relations Committee City of Toledo, serving as a liaison between the City and the Stop the Violence Committee. Hill is a single mother with five surviving children. Her son, Issac Michael Carpenter was 21 when he was murdered on July 2, 2022. His murder is still unsolved.

**Yolanda Dawn Tisdale-Waller** serves as an advocate and liaison for the group. Two of her sons were shot twice and survived. She also has a 12-year-old son. Tisdale-Waller recently earned her Doctor of Theology and is a motivational and public speaker using her voice in the community. She is a board member of the executive board of Favor One Studio in Maryland. She has family and friends who have lost their children to gun violence.

**LaShawnda Kinnebrew** works at Chrysler and also works in the mental health field. She is in the process of starting a GED program for youth and "Steps to Success for Our Youth" where she works with children whose parents are dealing with substance abuse and teaches the children life-skills. She sells "Community Against Gun Violence" t-shirts that proceeds raise funds to assist with burials costs for victims' families. Her son Christopher Kinnebrew was slain July, 3, 2021 at the age of 27 and is still unsolved. She's a Navy mom, and her surviving son has been in the army for 11 years and she has a daughter that works in healthcare.

**Abena Rowland** is a widow with two surviving children and a stepchild. She is a licensed minister, chemical dependency counselor and CEO and founder of a Unique Impact Mental Health Facility and founder of Uniquely Saving Our Sons that she started prior to her son's murder. The organization helps with trauma and grief surrounding loss. Her son Jo'Von DeDe Porter was murdered March 3, 2021 at the age of 29 and his murder is still unsolved. Her son was an organ donor and is giving life to families.

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# Toledo Opera Welcomes 2023-2024 Resident Artists to Toledo

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Toledo Opera resident artists **Sara Mortensen** (soprano), **Imara Miles** (mezzo soprano), **Jon Suek** (tenor), **Evan Fleming** (baritone), and **Steven Naylor** (pianist) have arrived in Toledo for the 2023-2024 season.

All five will serve as touring artists for the Opera on Wheels program which travels extensively, visiting local educational institutions and bringing live opera to the furthest reaches of the Toledo area. Annually, the program is performed for 20,000 students from Findlay to Ann Arbor and Sandusky to Archbold.

This season, the traveling production will be an adapted children's opera, which sources its music and story from W.A. Mozart's Don Giovanni. Joshua Borths of Virginia Opera adapted the score and wrote the libretto. James M. Norman, Toledo Opera's Co-Artistic Director and Director of Production, will direct the production. "Continuing a decades long tradition, I look forward to working with the next generation of opera artists who will call Toledo Opera home next season. This group is absolutely fantastic," shared Norman.

The five will also perform Toledo Opera's 2023-24 installments of Opera Outdoors. Opera Outdoors is a series of pop-up live performances at outdoor community hubs throughout Toledo. Vocal selections from the classical repertoire, along with musical theater and other American standards will be heard in the fall of 2023 and the spring of 2024.

The Resident Artists will also sing smaller roles in Toledo Opera's mainstage productions of Cinderella, Romeo & Juliet, and Ragtime which are slated for

this season.

Hailed for her expressiveness and lush sound, Imara Miles is a Mezzo-Soprano from the Washington, DC area. With experience in both operatic and musical theater repertoire, Miss Miles has been a featured performer in shows such as *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* (Berta), *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Title Role), *Gianni Schicchi* (Zita), and *Porgy & Bess* (Lily) to name a few. As a graduate of York College of Pennsylvania (B.A.) and Indiana University (M.M.), Imara has been a young artist in programs such as The Glimmerglass Festival, Grant Park Music Festival, Pensacola Opera, Des Moines Metro Opera, and is currently a Resident Artist with Toledo Opera. Her past awards and recognitions include the Mollie Shapiro award at Des Moines Metro Opera, a finalist for the Jette Parker Program with The Royal Opera House, an Encouragement award winner from the Metropolitan Opera's Laffont Competition, and a semi-finalist in the George Shirley Vocal Competition. She last appeared as Olga in *The Merry Widow*.



Imara Miles

For more information about the 2023-2024 Resident Artists and/or Opera on Wheels, please visit [toledoopera.org](http://toledoopera.org). For media access, please contact Rachael Cammam at [rcammam@toledoopera.org](mailto:rcammam@toledoopera.org).

## The Warren Sherman Festival

Warren Sherman had its annual Community Festival on Labor Day Weekend at Inez Nash Park. This is the site for the new Wayman Palmer YMCA and the groundbreaking has been planned for Tuesday, September 12.

Hundreds of Warren Sherman residents enjoyed and supported vendors and service organizations booths, who were Neighborhood works, Mercy Health Care, Jewelry sales, soul food, clothing sales, etc. There was great live music that included Jazz, Motown, and Gospel that people were patting their feet to as well as dancing.

Warren Shermans co-sponsors of the festival were the Toledo Sojourner Truth, Seaway Food Market, and Comfort Adult Day Care Services. The festival would not have happened if it was not for the dedicated hard work of volunteers like Wanda Love and the late Jose Montalvo.



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# Voting Rights Activists Stress Need for Citizen-Driven Redistricting Process

By Dawn Scotland

The Truth Reporter

Wednesday September 6, the APRI (A. Philip Randolph Institute), Ohio Unity Coalition, Ohio NAACP, and the Ohio Organizing Collaborative, a collection of voting rights advocates, hosted a media call urging the need for a citizen-driven redistricting process in the state of Ohio.

Speakers included Petee Tally, founder of the Ohio Unity Coalition; Tom Roberts, president of the Ohio Conference of the NAACP, and Jeniece Brock, Policy & Advocacy director for the Ohio Organizing Collaborative.

Ohio policymakers will resume the map-drawing process on September 13, and the Ohio Organizing Collaborative, the Ohio Unity Fund and the Ohio NAACP are "urging unity maps that reflect community involvement," stated the group.

"On at least three occasions, Ohio's redistricting maps have been ruled unconstitutional. This means that for years, Ohioans have been voting under rigged maps," stated the collective, "The only way to create a fair process is to ensure that an independent, citizen-led body oversees redistricting in Ohio."

"This time, the process of map-drawing must be led by citizens, not politicians," remarked Brock, who is also vice chair of the Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission. "We will not have a thorough and engaging process if redistricting is in the hands of elected officials."

"We are urging the Ohio Redistricting Commission to play by the rules...we know it's possible to follow the rules because Ohio Citizens Redistricting Committee did just that."

The Ohio Citizens Redistricting Committee submitted maps to be a part of the redistricting processes. Brock explained, "The OCRC is a diverse citizen-lead commission that held hearings across every corner of this state and drew maps that were in line with the Ohio constitution and submitted those maps and a full report into the official process.... if we can do it – so can they." (maps can be view at [www.ohioredistrict.org](http://www.ohioredistrict.org))

"All people deserve better than partisan-rigged maps drawn in secrecy and without regard for citizen input," said Petee Tally, also the former secretary treasurer for the Ohio AFL-CIO.

"[These maps] broke up black and brown communities... to give one party and edge." stated Tally. [There have been] several arguments made that communities of color were divided and spread into heavily Republican leaning districts which had the impact of minimizing the ability of black and brown voters to elect legislators of their choice... [these arguments] largely fell on deaf ears."

Talley offered her experience as a voter who was redistricted in Lucas County in the 2022 Primary election. "I personally was caught up in the "packing and cracking" of black voters [into new districts]...roughly 3,800 black voters were shifted from Ohio Senate District 11 into Ohio Senate District 2 ...the voters of central city of Lucas County are now in a district they have very little in common with... and are represented by [politicians] with policies we believe are not in the best interest of black voters."

Tom Roberts, former state Senator, stated, "I'm not optimistic that they



Jeniece Brock



Tom Roberts



Petee Talley

will do anything more than they did the last time... they have no interests in drawing fair maps [and] they have no interest in doing the right thing," regarding the current policy makers.

"Gerrymandering is a decision made by one group to maintain their own political advantage and power. These maps are drawn by politicians and political bosses," he continued. "The NAACP and members of this coalition refuse to go backward, we refuse to flatline our advocacy for fair districts, we refuse to accept the voter suppression that's been put in our laws over the last couple of years. This is why we think the only thing we need to do and the only way we can have fair maps in the state of Ohio is to have a citizens' commission on redistricting."

The call concluded with a Q & A session. To learn more information and view the redistricting maps created by OCRC visit [www.ohioredistrict.org](http://www.ohioredistrict.org).

*Perryman... continued from page 2*

received under other local judges. She has to pay no fines or restitution, and she gets to self-report, which may take a while before going into custody.

Indeed, I do not deny the complexity of judicial sentencing. However, we must reflect on the broader criminal justice system.

Why do Black communities continue to be disproportionately targeted and met with such punitive measures?

Harper's case might not be the harshest. Still, it serves as a poignant reminder of the intricacies and disparities within our criminal justice system.

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On Saturday August 26, 2023, members of the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church sponsored a picnic along with a "Backpack." give-a-way to all of the youth from the church and surrounding area.

The message this year was (YOUTH) "Continue to strive forward " The Youth Department and the Christian Board of Education, led by Sister Yvonne Gayle, Sister Mary Reed, Sister Pamala Clark, J'Vann Winfield, Aufwiedersehen Winfield and Sister Sherando Diggins, pulled the plans together as well as the American Baptist Men prepared the meats. It was a very spirit filled occasion, which our Youth look forward to every year.

This year, the backpacks were sponsored by one of the church members from St. Paul, Sister Valeria Simmons Walston, representing The Universi-

ty of Toledo. The celebration was blessed to have Councilman John Hobbs III who was able to come by and say a few words concerning the district which he serves.

State Senator Paula Hicks Hudson was in attendance along with members of the Buffalo Soldiers, such as Brother Earl Mack. Each year the Church sponsors more than 65-plus backpacks with needed supplies for each student according to grade level.

"Thanks to all of the supportive members, family, community and friends who made this event a very worthwhile occasion. We look forward to more to come," said Pastor Rev. James H. Willis, Sr and First Lady Linnie B. Willis.



Toledo Buffalo Soldiers, Paula Hicks-Hudson and Earl Mack enjoying a bite to eat



Councilman Hobbs and church members



Pastor Willis and State Sen. Paula Hicks-Hudson



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Councilwoman Cerssandra McPherson with family and friends



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events, and our team is looking forward to welcoming thousands of our neighbors for festivities, incredible exhibitions, newly refreshed galleries and art-making activities for the whole family," shared museum CEO Adam Levine.



The Block Party and portions of other exhibits were supported by the Rita Barbour Kern Foundation, the museum's annual program sponsors, Majida Mourad, O-I Glass, Inc., and City of Toledo Human Relations Commission.

The Block Party was hosted on the museum's grounds which is located at 2445 Monroe Street. Admission is always free, but visitors are asked to register at the Information Desk upon entry. The museum is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and open Fridays and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



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# Everything You Need to Know About Student Loans

*Special to The Truth*

More American families are borrowing for college. At the same time, merit aid and the use of personal income and savings is falling.

That's according to an annual College Ave Student Loans survey of college students at four-year universities, conducted with Barnes & Noble College Insights. The survey also found college affordability is top-of-mind for the majority of students (57 percent). Despite financial concerns, 81 percent of students report that a college degree is crucial for their future.

"The mix of methods that families use to pay for college has shifted, however one thing remains consistent: students and families value the investment in higher education," says Angela Colatrisano, chief marketing officer of College Ave.

To borrow smart for college this fall, consider these tips and insights:

## Exhaust All Options

Before turning to private student loans, first exhaust other sources of financial aid. Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid to be considered for grants, scholarships, work-

study programs and federal student loans. If your selected school is one of the 400 institutions that requires the CSS profile, submit that too to qualify for institutional aid. Finally, search for private scholarships offered by companies and non-profit organizations. One easy one to apply for is the College Ave \$1,000 monthly scholarship sweepstakes.

If you do need to borrow, turn to federal student loans in the student's name first, which generally offer the lowest rates and come with additional benefits. They don't depend on credit scores, and offer longer deferments and forbearances, income-driven repayment plans and student loan forgiveness.

## Private Student Loans

Federal student loans have annual and aggregate loan limits. If you find yourself needing to borrow parent or private loans to cover remaining costs, consider these factors:

- **Costs:** Compare costs of different loans by looking at the actual interest rate you'll be charged, not the lowest advertised rate. Understand the difference between variable and fixed interest rates, and be aware of any fees and available discounts, such as those offered for using autopay.
- **Cosigners:** A creditworthy cosigner doesn't just increase the odds of loan approval, even if the student can qualify on their own, cosigning may yield a lower interest rate, reducing the overall cost of the loan.
- **Total Debt:** Borrow only what you need. With private loans, you can usually borrow up to the total cost of attendance. However, borrowing less than the maximum can help you save over time. A simple rule of thumb you can use to determine how much student loan debt you can afford: If total student loan debt at graduation, including federal and private loans, is less than the student's annual starting salary, you can likely repay the loans in 10 years or less.

- **Repayment:** Look for repayment flexibility to match your needs. For example, College Ave Student Loans offers 5-, 8-, 10- and 15-year repayment options, along with the choice of deferring payments until after graduation or beginning payments right away. No matter what option you select, understand the terms.

For more resources, including an online student loan calculator, and to learn more about paying for college, visit [CollegeAve.com](http://CollegeAve.com).

Private loans for college can play an important role in financing your education. By researching your financial aid options, applying for scholarships and comparing private student loan options, you can minimize college costs, so you can better manage your finances after you graduate.

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# Black Americans in Washington DC and Toledo at Opposite Ends of Financial Spectrum

The Truth Staff

LendingTree researchers did an in-depth study of where and how Black Americans fare economically in the 100 largest metropolitan areas. The good news for Washington, DC area residents is that Black families are faring relatively well. Black families in the nation's capital area see the greatest economic prosperity and top the list of the 100 cities.

The bad news for Toledoans is that Black families here fare the worst economically – dead last.

LendingTree examined the Black households in the 100 largest metro areas and analyzed U.S. Census Bureau 2021 American Community Survey data with five-year estimates and used five financial metrics to determine where Black Americans are thriving the most and least. Those five metrics were: median household income; the percentage of African American households with more than \$100,000 income; the percentage of Black individuals, 25 years and older, with college degrees; the homeownership rate and the unemployment rates among those 16 years and older.

Black families in the Washington area were found to be in the top three of five metrics – education, median income and percentage of households earning more than \$100,000.

The median household income in the D.C. area is \$85,045 – 18.9 percent higher than the national median household income of \$69,021. In addition, 40.5 percent of the Black households earn more than \$100,000 and 37.2 percent of Black adults 25 and older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher. As one would expect, given those numbers, the D.C. area Black residents also have a top-10 ranking in homeownership – 51.3 percent of D.C. area black families own their homes.

Significantly, the nation's capital has one of the largest Black populations in the United States at 28 percent and one of the highest percentages of Black-owned business at seven percent.

On the other hand, there is nothing but bad news about Toledo in the LendingTree research.

Black households in the Toledo metro area rank near the bottom in four of the five economic metrics. Black Toledoans are last in household income at \$31,106 annually; third worst in education with only 14.8 percent of individuals 25 years and older possessing a bachelor's degree or better; third worst in percentage of households earning \$100,000 at 8.6 percent and the fourth worst unemployment rate in the nation at 13.6 percent.

The other cities in the bottom three are Syracuse, New York and Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Ohio Black residents in general did not fare well as Cleveland and Akron are both in the bottom 10 of Black households' economic prosperity. In fact, the overall rankings for Ohio cities were: Columbus Black residents' economic prosperity was ranked 63rd out of 100 metro areas; Cincinnati at 77th; Dayton at 85th; Akron at 93rd; Cleveland at 97th and Toledo at 100th.

At the top of the list, following Washington, D.C. were Black residents in Austin, TX in second place and those in Provo, UT in third place.

In the various five categories, San Jose and Oxnard, CA, stand out with the highest medi-

an incomes for Black households at \$85,979 and \$83,873 respectively, compared to the overall national median of \$69,021.

The top five homeownership rates are all Southern cities – Palm Bay, FL; Charleston, SC; Baton Rouge, LA; Jackson, MS and Augusta, GA. The homeownership rates for Black families in those areas ranges from 62.4 to 52.8 percent.

The cities with the lowest unemployment rates are Provo, UT, Ogden, UT; Deltona, FL; Madison, WI and Palm Bay, FL.

Notably the most distressed economically-distressed cities for Black Americans form a cluster in mainly the upper Midwest from Milwaukee to the western counties of Pennsylvania and New York state. The most prosperous cities are on the coasts and in Sunbelt areas such as Texas.

However, the picture is nowhere rosy. Even in the cities where Black Americans fare relatively well, the LendingTree study notes that Black citizens there encounter the same issues as in less well-off cities.

The reasons for that overall lack of prosperity are part of the American historical practices and policies. Recent studies have found that the average household wealth of White families is eight to 10 times more than that of Black Americans.

Black families, in particular, experience lower homeownership rates; less generational wealth and lower educational achievement than their white counterparts.

Homeownership is a primary path to accumulating generational wealth but Black Americans have been historically stymied from buying property due, in large part, to restrictions placed on banks and real estate developers by the federal government. Such practices began in earnest in 1934 by the Federal Housing Administration. The FHA, well into the 1960s, discouraged the banks from lending to prospective Black families.

Such long-term practices limited homeownership and generational wealth among Black families and less wealth meant that for years Black Americans were less able to be in positions to access quality education, even after the Supreme Court opened up equality in public education for all Americans in 1954.

Even recent years have not brought about any significant closing of the prosperity gap. A previous study by LendingTree in 2020 found that after the Great Recession of 2008-09, the American economy saw a period of recovery and growth. Black Americans, however, while buoyed by that post-recession growth, captured a much smaller share of economic gains between 2013 and 2018 than did Americans in general.

"Add it all up, along with myriad other factors, and it becomes clear that Black Americans face a far windier, rockier and more uncertain path toward prosperity than many other Americans," said LendingTree chief credit analyst Matt Schulz.



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# HEAP Summer Crisis Program Ongoing Until End of Month

The Ohio Department of Development and Pathway Inc. is helping income-eligible Ohioans stay cool during the hot summer months. The Home Energy Assistance Summer Crisis Program provides eligible Ohioans assistance paying an electric bill or assistance paying for central air conditioning repairs. The program runs from July 1-Sept. 30, 2023.

To apply for the program, clients are required to schedule an appointment with Pathway Inc. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 567-803-0010.

Clients need to provide copies of the following documents during their appointment:

- Copies of their most recent energy bills.
- A list of all household members and proof of income for the last 30 days or 12 months for each member.
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members.
- Proof of disability (if applicable).
- Physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's health (if there isn't a household member over the age of 60).

Last year, more than 1,800 families in Lucas County were assisted through the Home Energy Assistance Summer Crisis Program.

The Summer Crisis Program assists low-income households with an older household member (60 years or older) who can provide physician

documentation that cooling assistance is needed for their health, have a disconnect notice, have been shut off, are trying to establish new service on their electric bill, or require air conditioning. Conditions can include such things as lung disease, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, or asthma.

Eligible households can receive up to \$500 if they are a customer of a regulated utility, or \$800 if they are a customer of unregulated utilities such as electric cooperatives and municipal utilities. The assistance is applied to their utility bill, or to purchase an air conditioning unit or fan, or pay for central air conditioning repairs. Ohioans must have a gross income at or below 175% of the federal poverty guidelines to qualify for assistance. For a family of four the annual income must be at or below \$52,500.00.

Also, Ohioans enrolled in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP) program who meet the above criteria may be eligible for assistance towards their default PIPP payment, first PIPP payment, central air conditioning repairs, or may receive an air conditioning unit and/or fan.

For more information about the features of the Summer Crisis Program in Lucas County and what is needed to apply visit Pathway's website: [www.PathwayToledo.org](http://www.PathwayToledo.org), and to be connected to your local Energy Assistance provider visit [www.energyhelp.ohio.gov](http://www.energyhelp.ohio.gov) or call (800) 282-0880.

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# Hygiene Product Donation Drive Has Already Started

## The drive supports students at the Jones Leadership Academy of Business

Local organizations are asking for your donations of hygiene products to help students at the Jones Leadership Academy of Business.

"Our goal is to provide daily hygiene products for the students at the school," said Doni Miller, CEO of Neighborhood Health Association (NHA). "Some of the students struggle to have these products in their homes regularly, and this drive helps them arrive to school each day with dignity and ready to succeed."

The donation request list includes basic hygiene products, such as:

- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- dental floss

- mouthwash
- deodorant
- bar soap
- menstrual products
- underwear
- body lotion
- face wash
- textured hair shampoo/conditioner

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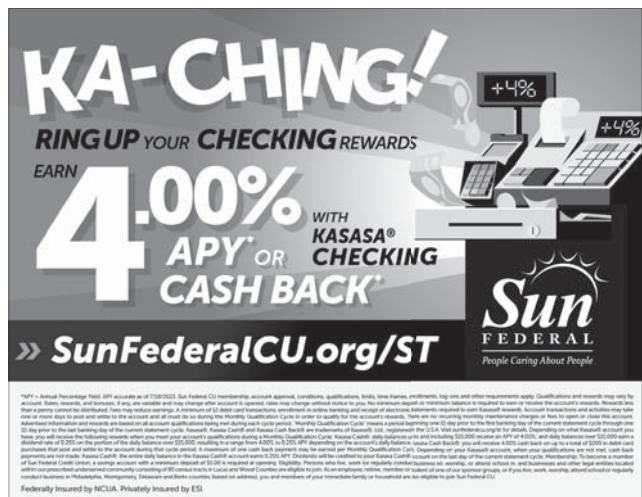
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# One Blood: A Novel by Denene Millner

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

One drop.

That's all they said it took to determine someone's race. Just one drop, the tiniest of amounts, and everything changed: no access, no rights, no cold drink from a fountain on a hot day, no freedoms. No safety. No say in the matter. And in the new novel, **One Blood** by **Denene Millner**, no way to change it, but time.

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The first night Grace saw her Maw Maw catch a baby, she had a mess of feelings: a little sick, scared, but mostly awed at what Maw Maw called a miracle. Grace was small then, but she paid attention. One day, Maw Maw promised, Grace would be the one catching babies.

Just days after her own mother died, though, the sheriff came for Maw Maw, who'd falsified a birth certificate to protect a newborn from a white man not its father. The sheriff beat Maw Maw and dragged her off, and Grace was spirited away north to Brooklyn, to safety, to be cared for by an Auntie who didn't want her.

Hattie made no bones about that.

She treated Grace no better than a common maid, and she warned that a country gal like Grace had no business in Brooklyn society. Hattie didn't want the embarrassment of an illegitimate child around, either, and so when Grace got pregnant, Hattie tricked her into losing her baby to adoption.

Lolo never told Tommy the truth because she knew he wanted children.

She'd been terribly mutilated down there when she was younger, so she let him think he was the cause of their infertility. She didn't want children anyhow, but she became a mother with the adoption of a boy first, then a girl, and she didn't tell either of her children.

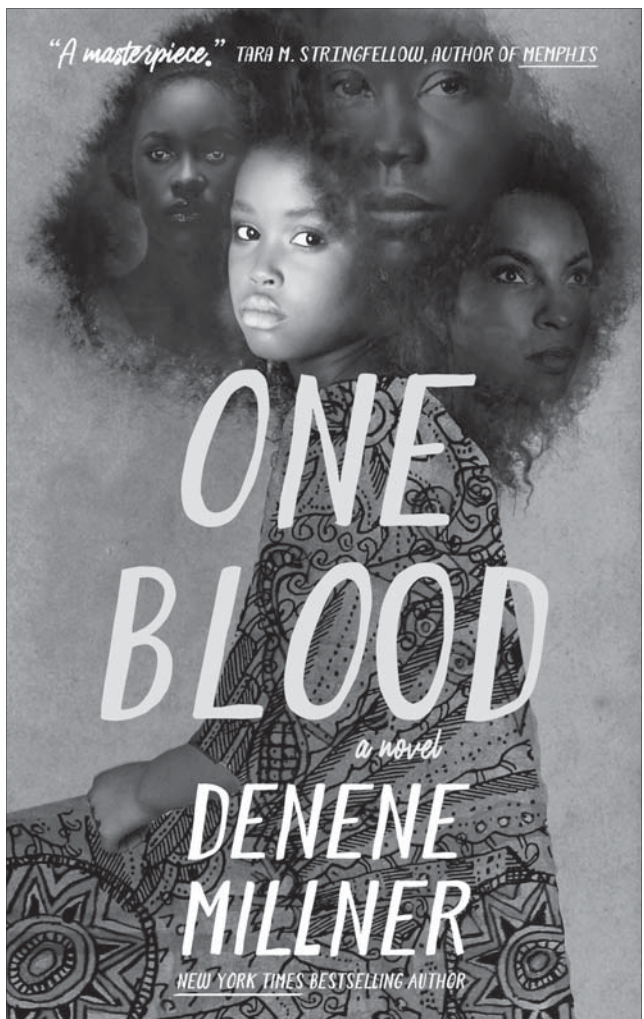
On a sunny day when she was 13, Rae learned a truth about herself, and she kept it close. She loved her mother, she appreciated Lolo's sacrifices and didn't want to hurt her. But as she grew into a woman with the same troubles she'd seen in her mother's life, Rae wondered where her blood came from...

Here's some advice: if you're not completely immersed in *One Blood* by page 10, you might want to get yourself checked out. There could be something wrong with you.

Covering just a matter of decades, author Denene Millner introduces readers to a family of women, each of whom leave an unknown legacy for the next generation. They do it while dealing with the issues of the day, racism, violence, classism, and infidelity, and with a little help from the ethereal connection they share – all of which dip and soar throughout this four-part tale. Millner is a great teller, sharing each woman's story with brutal reality, the kind that can shock you emotionless, but also with a lightness that feels like skipping.

It's a mix you can't miss.

Readers who want a novel that includes a little bit of last-century history and current events will eat this book up. *One Blood* is a book you'll drop everything to read.



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## Stay Cool During The Hot Summer Months!

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For more information or to apply for the Summer Crisis Program please contact your local Community Action Agency in the County you reside to schedule an appointment.

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## NEW BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

Two new requirements for businesses located in Toledo have been implemented following their passage by Toledo City Council.

### Closed Captioning Required

In a move to create a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all residents and visitors, a closed captioning ordinance was passed in December 2022, requiring all places of public accommodation to enable closed captioning on televisions located within their premises. This requirement is currently in effect for all businesses open to the public within the City of Toledo. This includes but is not limited to:

- \* Restaurants and bars
- \* Educational institutions
- \* Hospitals and healthcare facilities
- \* Entertainment venues
- \* Public transportation facilities

Owners, managers, and employees of places of public accommodation are responsible for ensuring that the closed captioning feature is enabled on all televisions within their premises. Violations of the closed captioning ordinance are considered minor misdemeanors. The first offense will result in a warning letter. Subsequent violations may incur fines of up to \$150 per violation.

For more information and resources on complying with the closed captioning ordinance, please visit [toledo.oh.gov/closed-captions](http://toledo.oh.gov/closed-captions) <<https://chat.openai.com/toledo.oh.gov/closed-captions>>.

### Convenience Store License Required

Following the repeal of the special use permit requirement for convenience stores in April 2022, a new business license was established to better address nuisances associated with convenience stores. Council members cited nuisance concerns such as blight, loitering, noise, and illicit activity as the reason to introduce updated oversight of these businesses.

A convenience store is defined as an establishment under 5,000 square feet in size with both a Toledo Lucas County Health Department Retail Food Establishment license and a State of Ohio C class liquor permit or a State of Ohio Tobacco license. Convenience store owners must submit an annual application online before the October 1 deadline or will be assessed a penalty of \$500 per day for operating without the license. The application fee of \$500 may be waived if a business chooses to participate in the Link Toledo camera integration program <<https://linktoledo.org/camera-integration/>> announced earlier this year by Toledo Police Department. Business owners were notified via mail earlier this month. Three help sessions have been scheduled to assist applicants through the application process:

Tuesday, September 19, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Main Library Computer Lab, 325 N Michigan St, Toledo, OH 43604

Wednesday, September 20, 3 to 5 p.m.

East Toledo Family Center, 1020 Varland Ave, Toledo, OH 43605

Thursday, September 21, 6 p.m.

Zoom webinar <[https://toledo-oh-gov.zoom.us/join/register/WN\\_x1aT9LWGSIKtoHDq9OdWDg#/registration](https://toledo-oh-gov.zoom.us/join/register/WN_x1aT9LWGSIKtoHDq9OdWDg#/registration)>

Attendees should bring copies of all required documentation to complete the application onsite. A list of requirements and more information is available on the city's website at [toledo.oh.gov/convenience](http://toledo.oh.gov/convenience) <<https://toledo.oh.gov/convenience>>.

The City of Toledo appreciates the cooperation of all businesses and institutions in making Toledo a safer, more inclusive, and more vibrant place for everyone.

# Toledo Museum of Art welcomes iconic Hip Hop Artist to annual block party

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The Toledo Museum of Art's annual block party was held on Saturday, September 9 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The free community event provided family-friendly activities and featured iconic hip hop artist DJ Spinderella, as the museum celebrated 50 years of hip hop music and culture. Spinderella is a Grammy Award-winning DJ, producer, rapper, writer and honorary member of the black sorority Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

In addition to featuring Spinderella, the block party high-



Dancing to the music

lighted three main stages and various additional. The main stage welcomed: the Scott High School band, DJ Marc Folk, Hector Mendoza with JP Dynasty and DJ Kaj Boogie. The Glass Pavilion Lawn welcomed: Family Center 'On the Move,' face painting by Toledo School for the Arts, Horse-back riding by Freedom Riders, Leo Tecosky was inside the Glass Pavilion Hotspot, and Bird's Eye View Circus.

The Galleries that are located inside the Main Building welcomed: Drawing in the Gallery, and three Toledo Symphony performances.

"The Block Party has become one of Toledo's most cherished

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## AGELESS & ACTIVE SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

**October 12, 2023**  
**11:00AM - 2:00PM**

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Stephenson Roberts Fellowship Hall  
640 Indiana Avenue  
Toledo Ohio 43604

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