



A black and white illustration featuring a hand gripping a lightning bolt that splits a tree in half. The scene is framed by a circular border containing the words "Ohio", "Canton", "Rockwood", and "Youngstown" in a stylized, gothic font, with stars at the corners.

LOCATION: GREEN SPACE ON THE CORNER

OF WALNUT AND 6TH ST NE

SUMMER HOURS: SATURDAYS 1:00-5:30PM

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WHO WE ARE

We are a Pan-Left group
that believes food is a right
not a privilege
We are a non-profit grass-
roots organization

We believe in solidarity
not charity. We require no
beliefs, backgrounds, or
acceptance of any of our
beliefs

Come as you are.

Our goal is to feed hungry
people. We require
absolutely nothing from our
friends that come to eat with
us

You will find the following
at our serves:

- Vegetarian meals
- Beverages
- Toiletries/medication/etc.
- Harm reduction

that Officer Casto be fired. At the time of writing, Officer Casto has been fired from the CPD, however, most people do not simply lose their job for assaulting another person with a dog. This man that was victimized by the police ought to hold the department and this officer truly accountable for his criminal actions.

In the second case, the man's name is Frank Tyson. He had spent 24 years in our country's inhumane and immoral prison system that further breaks vulnerable people and had only 13 days of freedom before dying by the already bloodied hands of the Canton Police Department. While the community continues to wait for autopsy results, keep in mind that, regardless of the results, CPD left an old and battered man lying on the ground, unresponsive for several minutes as they cracked jokes instead of helping.

When evaluating police interactions, we should first ask: did the police or really anyone need to intervene in what a member of our community was doing? Was someone hurt or in danger? If no, then this interaction should not have happened and we are all worse off because of it. If yes, then let's ask what the issue was and think: are the police the only ones with the skills to handle it? We need to ask this because every police interaction comes with the possibility of state sanctioned murder and/or a life-altering arrest. If the situation does not call for potential murder- and the vast majority of situations don't- then we ought not involve the police at all. At the end of it, the only consistent pattern of the Canton Police Department is unaccountable violence; and that concerns this concerned citizen.



THE CANTON COPWATCH

by a concerned citizen

While most doubted the Canton Police Department's ability to sink to new levels, they have managed to lower our expectations. Due to a "shoot first, ask questions later" approach when dealing with the public, the last several years in Canton have included the murders of Zachary Fornash, Darryl Ross, and James Williams, among others murdered or brutalized, to remind us of this. Even more recently, CPD has continued to add to their list of shame.

Within almost 1 month (April~May, 2024) CPD has let their "peace keeper" mask slip twice on camera. Officer Nicholas Casto has been caught on camera 1) not just allowing but encouraging their K9 to ruthlessly maul a compliant Black man lying on the ground with his hands behind his back. Additionally, two CPD officers were seen on camera 2) ignoring the pleas of help from an older Black man that they had just violently arrested, his last words being "I can't breathe" before he went unresponsive and unattended for several minutes and ultimately died in CPD custody.

In the first case, the event took place on 1100 block of 16th Street NW. The arrested man was not the reason the police came to this scene (the police were present to deal with a young person that did not properly signal before parking their car in front of their house-only the most dangerous for Canton's Finest, folks). There is minimal information about this currently, however, you can easily find the video evidence online. Upon reviewing the damning body camera video, even Canton Police Chief, John Gabbard, has recommended

GENOCIDE BY ANY OTHER NAME IS STILL FUCKING AWFUL

by Russell

2024 may well be known as the year that the people of the world started seeing through the masks of our politicians and corporate overlords. The genocide in Gaza is what, I believe, was the catalyst for this awakening. Thanks to social media (in particular TikTok), the world was able to see what was actually happening on the ground in Gaza. We were able to see the horrors perpetrated by the Zionists on the innocent children and other Palestinian civilians. The evils of genocide were laid bare for all the world to see.

This awakening has made me consider the history of our own country as it relates to genocide. The first European colonizers that sailed to "the new world" came with genocide on their minds and in their hearts thanks to the papal decree in 1493 called the Doctrine of Discovery. This decree essentially stated that the Catholic Church gave Christian European countries the right to travel anywhere in the world and take the land of non Christian people and subject the inhabitants to whatever oppressions they chose to bring them to the faith.

Due to different varying goals and attitudes the colonizers in South America were able to essentially enslave the indigenous inhabitants, take their resources, land and otherwise destroy their cultures. They found the indigenous people of Turtle Island (North America) not as easy to enslave and

otherwise oppress. Instead, they embarked on a slow rolling campaign of fear, disingenuous treaties and murderous raids to slowly strip them of their land, culture and dignity.

Comparing the genocide that is happening in Palestine right now and for the past 75+ years, to the slow genocide that is still happening to the indigenous cultures of this country, I wonder why the world is not as shocked and vocally protesting the American genocide. Our government has committed the very same atrocities against the great nations of Turtle Island as the Zionists have against the Palestinians. This genocide has taken place over the past 600 years or so but that doesn't change the reality of what it is. From calling the natives 'merciless Indian savages' in the Declaration of Independence, to raids on native villages, to the Trail of Tears, to Manifest Destiny, to Indian boarding schools, and MMIW; it all adds up to genocide.

The remedy for this genocide is indigenous self determination, Land Back, and honoring all treaties as they are written. We European Americans benefit greatly from this genocide. We have inherited this land from our brutal ancestors. When they arrived, this continent was a conglomeration of hundreds of indigenous tribes and nations that lived in harmony with nature. A person could drink from every river and lake on the whole continent.

They had their problems like everyone does but were living while nurturing nature. The early colonizers slowly destroyed the balance and beauty of Turtle Island and sent the original inhabitants to reservations while slowly starving them and demanding that they adopt colonizer customs and beliefs.

Moreover, companion planting can enhance **soil quality**. Some plants, like legumes, have nitrogen-fixing abilities, meaning they can draw nitrogen from the air and convert it into a form that other plants can use. By interplanting nitrogen-fixing plants like beans or peas with nitrogen-loving crops like corn or squash, gardeners can naturally improve soil fertility, reducing the need for synthetic fertilizers.

Another benefit of companion planting is **improved pollination** and increased yields. Certain flowers, such as borage or lavender, attract pollinators like bees and butterflies, which are essential for most vegetables and fruits. By strategically planting these flowers throughout the garden, gardeners can ensure better pollination and, consequently, higher yields.

Furthermore, companion planting can help in **space utilization**, or maximizing garden space. By growing tall plants like corn or sunflowers alongside low-growing crops like squash, gardeners can optimize space by utilizing vertical and horizontal growing space effectively. This intercropping technique not only maximizes yields but also creates a more diverse and visually appealing garden.

In addition to practical benefits, companion planting also adds diversity and complexity to garden ecosystems.

In a world where nothing is free, and profit is made on the food people need to survive, gardening is an act of revolution. Let's get out there and do something ancient, something natural, and something revolutionary.

Happy gardening!

THE GUERRILLA GARDENER

by Dogwood

Plants, just like us people, are not designed or evolved for a neat-and-tidy life. Also like people, plants came out of a history of complex, interconnected systems, which (although capitalist systems like big agriculture would tell us otherwise) is exactly where they thrive. Indigenous peoples had learned this long before colonization using various methods collectively known as companion planting.

For Canton's new community garden, and any other radical gardening operations the reader would like to engage in, this is a short primer on companion planting.

By mimicking natural plant communities, companion planting can help create balanced ecosystems that are more resilient to pests, diseases, and environmental stresses. This approach promotes biodiversity and creates a more harmonious garden environment.

Companion planting is a gardening technique where different plants are grown close to each other to benefit one another in various ways. This ancient practice isn't just about aesthetics; it's about fostering healthier, more productive gardens.

One common goal of companion planting is **pest control**. For example, planting Marigolds alongside Tomatoes can help repel nematodes and other harmful insects, reducing the need for chemical pesticides.

Admittedly, the chances of implementing the remedy are almost non-existent with our current colonizer minded government. Direct action and mutual aid will help lessen the effects of this oppression and should be carried out in solidarity with the indigenous people. However and whenever this remedy is implemented, it will drastically change what this country looks like and where everyone potentially lives. It will, however, be a new era for Turtle Island; an era of healing and a re-engagement with the land and the spirit.

Anyone with an ounce of empathy and a sense of justice should be supporting the remedy for the American genocide as much as we support justice for the oppressed everywhere.



JULY 4TH HOLIDAY SPECIAL

AN EXCERPT FROM “WHAT TO THE SLAVE IS THE FOURTH OF JULY?”

By Frederick Douglass, July 5, 1852

“What, then, remains to be argued? Is it that slavery is not divine; that God did not establish it; that our doctors of divinity are mistaken? There is blasphemy in the thought. That which is inhuman, cannot be divine! Who can reason on such a proposition? They that can, may; I cannot. The time for such argument is passed.

At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. O! had I the ability, and could I reach the nation’s ear, I would, today, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke. For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder. We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake. The feeling of the nation must be quickened; the conscience of the nation must be roused; the propriety of the nation must be startled; the hypocrisy of the nation must be exposed; and its crimes against God and man must be proclaimed and denounced.

What, to the American slave, is your 4th of July? I answer: a day that reveals to him, more than all other days in the year, the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is the constant victim. To him, your celebration is a sham; your boasted liberty, an unholy license; your national greatness, swelling vanity; your sounds of rejoicing are empty and heartless; your denunciations of tyrants, brass fronted impudence; your shouts of liberty and equality, hollow mockery; your prayers and

solemnity, are, to him, mere bombast, fraud, deception, impiety, and hypocrisy—a thin veil to cover up crimes which would disgrace a nation of savages. There is not a nation on the earth guilty of practices, more shocking and bloody, than are the people of these United States, at this very hour. . . .”

FULL TEXT from The Internet Archive: <https://archive.org/details/What2Slave4thofJuly/>

THE REVOLUTION WILL NOT BE TELEVISED

The revolution will not be right back

After a message about a white tornado, white lightning or white people

You will not have to worry about a dove in your bedroom
The tiger in your tank or the giant in your toilet bowl

The revolution will not go better with Coke
The revolution will not fight germs that may cause bad breath

The revolution will put you in the driver’s seat
The revolution will not be televised, will not be televised
Will not be televised, will not be televised
The revolution will be no re-run, brothers

The revolution will be live

-From “The Revolution will not be Televised” by Gill Scott-Heron, 1971