

Faith & Family

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Playtime

SCIENCE CONNECTS

Knox County schools are out for the summer, and you're probably still doing those dances for joy and sleeping later. But don't let the kids' brain cells cool off. The Muse Knoxville (once upon a time the East Tennessee Discovery Center) hosts a "Science Saturday Connection" 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. today. The event is for children ages 5 to 12, and the theme is genetics. The Muse is at 516 N. Beaman St. in Chilhowee Park. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children ages 2 and older or senior citizens. Children under 2 get in free.

"A child educated only at school is an uneducated child."

George Santayana, philosopher/poet

MEMORIAL MUSIC

Monday, May 26, is Memorial Day. The Oak Ridge Community Band performs its Memorial Day concert at 7 p.m. Monday. The music plays at Oak Ridge's A.K. Bissell Park, 1401 Oak Ridge Turnpike. The concert is free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets.

HISTORY WEEKEND

June 1 is the 218th anniversary of Tennessee becoming the 16th state. Area historic locations celebrate with some free events. Marble Springs State Historic Site, 1220 W. Gov. John Sevier Highway, hosts a living history weekend 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, May 25. Historic interpreters in 18th-century clothing will portray life on the frontier. Children can participate in a militia drill and play with period toys. Blacksmithing, weaving and open-hearth cooking will be demonstrated. The event, as well as admission to Marble Springs, is free but donations would be appreciated. Marble Springs is the farm homestead of John Sevier, Tennessee's first governor.

MORE HISTORY

In addition to Marble Springs, several of Knox County's historic homes are marking Tennessee Statehood Day with free admission. The 1834 Crescent Bend House & Gardens, 2728 Kingston Pike, has free admission 9 a.m.-noon today. The 1797 Ramsey House, 2614 Thegrove Pike, offers free admission noon-2 p.m. today. Historic Westwood, 3425 Kingston Pike, opens 1-4 p.m. today to celebrate Statehood Day. Next weekend, Blount Mansion, James White's Fort and Mabry-Hazen, celebrate. Blount Mansion, 200 W. Hill Ave., opens for free tours 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 31. James White's Fort, 205 E. Hill Ave., has free admission 11 a.m.-3 p.m. May 31. Mabry-Hazen House, 1711 Dandridge Ave., has free admission 10 a.m.-3 p.m. May 31.

FIELD TRIP

Let the summer field trips begin. Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area in Elizabethton hosts its Native American Festival 10 a.m.-8 p.m. May 31 and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. June 1. Most events are at Fort Watauga and include Native American art, song and dance, storytelling and language workshops. Daily admission is \$4 for adults, \$1 for children. The site is at 1651 W. Elk Ave. in Elizabethton.

By Amy McRary, mcrarya@knoxnews.com

A sobering drama

Play aims to raise awareness of sex trafficking in Knoxville

The posters for the new play "Princess Cut" seem normal enough. Look more closely, however, at the subtitle: "A young girl's reality inside a Knoxville sex ring. Based on a true story."

A sex trafficking ring in Knoxville? I had lunch recently with Danielle Roos, Kerri Koczen and Kelsey Broyles, the three young women who wrote "Princess Cut," to learn more about the story behind the play, which is 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 30, at The

Square Room at Cafe 4. A panel discussion will follow.

Roos moved here from Iowa in 2011 after realizing Knoxville was a city that might be receptive to innovative theater.

After an acting stint in Manhattan, Koczen teamed up with Roos, and the two women founded Yellow Rose Productions in 2013 with a vision for using thought-provoking drama to create awareness for social justice issues. Soon after Broyles joined them, and the three women began exploring ways to portray the crisis of sex trafficking on stage.

Roos is reluctant to share many details about how they met "Sarah," the woman whose story is the basis for "Princess Cut," other than that she agreed in the summer of 2013 to tell them her story. "She still lives in Knoxville," Roos explains. "Most people who know her would never know her story. We want her to be able to go public when she chooses to. It's sad, but people treat you very differently when they learn these things about you."

Here is Sarah's story: Sarah was 5 when domestic abuse began in her West Knoxville home. A family member who had been asked by her parents to babysit Sarah brought her into a sex-trafficking ring. Broyles explains that in this type of ring, a trafficker arranges for the victim to be brought to a vacant house for sale and made to have sex with the "customer." Sarah was abused in this way intermittently from ages 5 to 13. She began to see a counselor in her 20s. Slowly, she found the courage to tell the story that would eventually become "Princess Cut."

The three women met several evenings a week from October to March in Roos' apartment and worked on a script based on Sarah's experience. "It's a little different than a typical play," Koczen explains. "It's more of a performance piece. We integrate music, movement and monologues to tell the story."

How do they handle a subject as painful as sexual abuse? "There is no nudity, but the monologues are tough and honest," she explains. "I'd say the play is for 13-year-olds and older."

What about the "true story" part? Are there legitimate reasons to believe that sex trafficking really takes place in West Knoxville? If you search online "West Knoxville sex ring," you won't find much. According to David Kitts, program



Some members of the "Princess Cut" cast rehearse while others look over their lines. Danielle Roos, left, directs the group.



DOUG BANISTER



The writers of "Princess Cut" are Kelsey Broyles, Kerri Koczen and Danielle Roos.

manager of the Family Crimes Unit for the Knoxville Police Department, only two cases of sex trafficking have been reported in Knoxville in the past two years.

However, a Tennessee Bureau of Investigation report found more than 100 sex trafficking cases reported in Knox County in 2011. Why are the numbers of reported sex trafficking cases so different? Kitts explains that the FBI surveyed social service agencies across the county and asked them how many people were involved in trafficking. The largest number were the juvenile runaways whom the workers assumed had sex in return for food, safety or other basic needs. The KPD, on the other hand, only records cases in which victims cooperate in bringing charges against a perpetrator. This rarely happens.

Is Kitts surprised to hear Sarah's story? "Nothing surprises me anymore," he sighs. "Atlanta is the hotbed of sex trafficking in the southeast. There's a huge machine there, sending girls on circuits throughout Georgia, North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee." The officer

GET HELP

Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking: info@ccaht.org

End Slavery TN: www.endslaveryTN.org; 615-806-6899

Court Appointed Special Advocates: 865-329-3399

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Safe Haven Crisis and Recovery Center: www.safehaven.org

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adds, "We're not Atlanta, but sex trafficking is going on here at a lower level."

Why do victims remain silent? Roos hopes to explore the psychology of trafficking victims in "Princess Cut."

"Everyone wants to know why the victims don't just get out," she says with an air of frustration. "But the psychology is complicated. In some cases, the abuser

See PLAY, 2D

Hunt for a hobby ends with a party

Do you have hobbies? I stumbled on an Oprah Winfrey blog the other day that compared men and women in regard to their hobbies. The essay wasn't so much about what types of hobbies men and women have as the way they approach them.

The bottom line was that women are more likely to have hobbies that put them into either social situations or that have utilitarian purposes while men gravitate to whatever brings them the most pleasure.

That makes sense to me because I have a hard time with hobbies. Or, maybe what I have a hard time with is what society wants me to label a hobby. I am that strange person who never completely got the old joke, "No one ever



SHERRI GARDNER HOWELL

wrote on their tombstone I wish I had spent more time at the office." I laugh and understand that the joke is about priorities, but deep down I always thought, "I really like my office."

Even now, when my office is a corner of my family room, I like it. I especially like it when it is time to sit and write or when it is time to organize a project that includes writing. Because I am a writer by profession, however, somehow that doesn't count as a hobby.

I think the problem for

those who worry that I have no hobbies (adult children can be a pain sometimes!) is twofold. One is that writing is "my job," so it isn't really done in leisure time. The second is that writing is a hard hobby to share. The end result can be shared, but the process is a solitary one.

All this talk of hobbies is being fueled by my husband's talk of retirement. He has several hobbies that he enjoys, so no one is really worried about how he will spend his days. As an extension, and no matter how often I say that his retirement schedule is not mine, I look hobby-less.

All this conversation and a recent birthday put me on the path to thinking there may be some wisdom in the concern. Other than

reading — again, hard to share — I do have to search for things to do in leisure moments.

So my quest for hobbies begins. Unfortunately, it is a little disheartening. First off the list is anything sports related, a huge relief to my golf-playing husband. Second off the list is anything crafty because I am terrible at knitting, crocheting, painting, etc. Third off the list is building anything because I have no patience. Fourth off the list is anything outdoors. I hate bugs and dirt and sweat.

I went back to Oprah to see if there was a quiz that would unlock my hidden hobby desires, but there wasn't. In her self-help advice, however, was something that rang true. She quoted a study that found

that women have an easier time enjoying leisure activities that let them be relational. If that also serves a utilitarian purpose, it seems to be the Holy Grail.

So, I'm thinking cooking. While I am not an adventurous cook by nature, perhaps that is something that would be fun to discover. If I really get into it, I am sure I have friends who would enjoy sharing what I learn, and what fun that would be!

When I shared my revelation with a practical friend, she said, "So instead of training for a half-marathon or putting in a flower garden, your hobby is going to be throwing parties."

Hmmm. Yes.

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FAITH & FAMILY

British rabbi defends America's first freedom

When Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks arrived in America recently, representatives of the United States government did not greet him with a demand that Great Britain's former chief rabbi remove his yarmulke while in public.

"That's a good thing. But there are places — France leaps to mind — where this would not be the case. In fact, religious liberty is under siege in many corners of Europe," said Sacks, a member of the House of Lords.

"In Britain we have seen a worker banned from wearing a small crucifix at work," he said, after receiving the Becket Fund's 2014 Canterbury Medal for his work defending religious freedom. "A nurse was censured for offering to utter a prayer on behalf of one of her patients." Catholic adoption agencies were forced to close because they were unwilling to place children to same-sex parents.

Elsewhere, Denmark has banned "shechita," the kosher method of slaughtering animals by slitting their throats. A German court has banned infant circumcision. France has banned — in public places — Christians from wearing crucifixes, Jews from wearing yarmulkes and Muslim women from wearing hijabs.

"This is, for me, the empirical proof that ...

TERRY MATTINGLY

the secular societies of Europe are much less tolerant than the religions that they accuse of intolerance," he said.

While praising America's strategic support for global religious liberty, the rabbi noted the many church-state fights here linked to same-sex marriage and other issues. Another group saluted in the black-tie dinner at the Pierre Hotel in New York City was the Little Sisters of the Poor, a Catholic order that — with Becket lawyers — is resisting the Health and Human Services mandate requiring most religious institutions to offer employee health plans covering sterilizations and FDA-approved contraceptives, including "morning-after pills."

The Little Sisters merely want to serve the poor with "dignity and respect" while following Catholic teachings, said Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York.

"They don't need any interference from the government, they don't need people to come in and tell them what to do, because they're doing God's work," he told the audience. In America, freedoms "don't come from government. They come from who we are, they come from a mighty

God and governments and courts are supposed to defend them and stand up for them and not take them away. ... This is a civil rights issue; this is a human rights issue."

When surveying the landscape of global conflicts — from battles in Western courts to terror in the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere — Sacks argued that it's crucial for world leaders to realize that arguments in favor of "freedom of conscience" emerged from religious and secular thinkers alike.

Nevertheless, the rabbi insisted that there must be a power higher than the state calling for the "priority of right over might," for "humility in the exercise of power" and, most importantly, for "moral limits" on government power.

Instead of fearing faith, world leaders must understand that the only true response to hatred rooted in religion is love and tolerance rooted in religion, as opposed to regimes built on secularism.

"Rarely does history offer us a controlled experiment," but the impact of the four great upheavals that produced the modern world comes close, Sacks said, referring to the English, American, French and Russian revolutions.

Two of these revolutions were based on the Bible and two on

explicitly secular philosophies, he said. In the first approach, a Divine Power grants citizens inalienable rights, while in the other, all rights are bestowed through the "generosity of the state." How has that second option turned out in practice?

It is especially important for government leaders to fiercely defend the rights of religious believers to dissent from official dogmas, in word and deed, he said. Jewish tradition teaches that when one side of a debate is silenced, freedom and justice are compromised for all.

"It is that willingness to listen respectfully to those with whom we disagree that is being lost in the Internet," argued Sacks. "It's being lost in the media, it's being lost on university campuses, it's being lost in the Internet, where we can choose to listen only to the people we agree with. Broadcasting has gone. 'Newscasting' has taken its place. ..."

"The result is that society has been fragmented into sects of the likeminded and we all thereby suffer."

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Events

All Saints Catholic Parish: Celebrate Mass in Spanish with Father Miguel Velaz and the Hispanic Community at All Saints, 7 p.m. Saturdays, 620 N. Cedar Bluff Road. Info: 865-531-0770 or http://allsaintsknoxville.org.

Concord A. M. E. Zion Church: Homecoming celebrating 142 years, with fellowship meal following, 11 a.m. Sunday, May 25, 713 Loop Road, Concord/Farragut. The Rev. Dr. John D. Howell will speak, 3 p.m. Info: 865-288-7719.

Unity of Knoxville: "Forgiveness: Releasing Guilt," 11 a.m. Sunday, May 25, 141 N. Martinwood Road. Info: 865-992-0185.

Asbury United Methodist Church: Homecoming with dinner following, 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 25, 405 W. Broad St., Clinton. With painter and former Pastor Alan M. Jones, Concord Original Church of God and Homecoming Choir.

Mattie E. Coleman Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church: Pastor Appreciation Day for the Rev. Anthony Ware, led by the Revs. Charles Concorde and Anderson, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 25, 2537 Selma Ave. Male choruses anniversary, joined by male choruses from area churches, 3 p.m. Sunday, June 1. Info: 865-524-0681.

Children of God Ministries Church of God in Christ: Anniversary, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 25, 309 Deaderick Ave. Special guests Pastor Fred B. Smith and the New Friendship Baptist Church. Info: 865-544-1730.

Eusebia Presbyterian Church: Health Fair, 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 31, 1701 Burnett Station Road, Seymour. East Tennessee Medical Group will provide blood pressure checks, body mass index (BMI) profiles, blood tests, info and referrals. Free. Info: 865-384-3864 or www.eusebiachurch.com.

St. James Episcopal Church: Holy Eucharist on the lawn, 5 p.m. Sundays, 1101 N. Broadway. Bring picnic, pets, noisy children. Info: 865-523-3686 or www.stjamesknox.org.

Day Aghou Lighthouse: Outreach meeting with "He Laughs at Fear" by Patty Johnson, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 3, New Covenant Fellowship Church, 6328 Central Avenue Pike. Bring covered dish. Child care provided. Info: 865-687-3687.

Second Baptist Church: The McKameys' Hometown Singing with the Inspirations, 7:30 p.m. Friday; and with the Rochester's, 6 p.m. Saturday, June 6-7, 777 Public Safety Lane, Clinton. Tickets: \$13-\$15. Info: 865-457-3678.

Powell Presbyterian Church: Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry, 7:30 a.m. Saturday, June 7, 2910 W. Emory Road, Powell. Parking at will open 6 a.m. Anyone can receive food. Volunteers needed, 6:30-10. Info: 865-938-8311 or www.powellpcusa.org.

Bookwalter United Methodist Church: Community yard sale, 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 7, 4218 Central Avenue Pike. Setup at 7. Bring table. No fee. Info: 865-689-3349.

Cornerstone Church: With Compassion Ministries and Norwood Elementary will host Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry food distribution, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 7, Norwood Elementary School, 809 E. Tri-County Blvd., Oliver Springs. No income requirements. All who need food are welcome.

Patented Methodist Church: "Movie on the Lawn" showing "Despicable Me 2" in honor of Father's Day, 8:45 p.m. (dusk), Friday, June 13, 4014 Garden Drive. Hot dogs, popcorn, etc. will be served. Bring chairs or blankets.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Batley Baptist Church: "Weird Animals" VBS, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 5:30-7:30 Saturday, May 27-31, 670 Batley Road, Clinton. All ages. Info or bus ride: 865-435-2400 or email batleychurchoffice@comcast.net.

Belmont Heights Baptist Church: "Agency D3" VBS, 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Friday, June 5-25, 2510 Belmont Heights Ave. For children age 5-12 and adults. Info: 865-523-9701.

Episcopal Church of the Ascension: "God's Backyard Bible Camp" VBS, 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Thursday, June 2-5, 800 Northshore Drive. Register or volunteer: email amyk@knoxvilleascension.org. Info: 865-588-0589 or www.knoxvilleascension.org.

Central Baptist Church of Fountain City: "Have U Herd" VBS, 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday, June 9-13, 5364 N. Broadway. For children age three years-fifth grade. Info or register: 865-688-2421 or www.cbccf.org.

PLAY from ID

tells them how special they are. Later, when they realize that what happened was not normal, they are so ashamed that they don't want to tell their story. Sometimes there is even a traumatic bond with the abuser."

Kitts says that abusers make it very hard for victims to go to the police. "The abusers mentally beat down the victim," he says. "They say, 'The

police will never believe you. If you talk, your story will be on the front page. And if you ever do report this, I'll deny it."

Roos hopes "Princess Court" opens up discussion about the problem of sex trafficking in the community. "Theater is a great medium for talking about issues that society is not comfortable talking about," she says. "We want to open people's eyes to the reality that this is happening. And we want to help victims get help."

Kitts is thankful the

women are raising awareness of sex trafficking. "If we can save one little girl next year from this, I'd be happy." What can a victim do to get help? "Call 215-6810," Kitts quickly responds. "That's the Family Crimes Unit. We're embedded in the Knoxville Family Justice Center, where many agencies working on this problem are together in one building. We want to help." The Family Justice Center is at 400 Harriet Tubman Street.

There will be a panel discussion after the play where

the audience can ask questions about sex trafficking. Panelists will include Tiffany Short, a Victim Specialist for the FBI who specializes in sex trafficking, and Jerry Redman, Managing Senior Partner with Second Life Chattanooga, an organization focusing on ending human trafficking in East Tennessee. Tickets are \$10 at www.thesquare900.com

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We tend to discriminate by favoring familiar

By Jerry Large
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Anthony Greenwald is known for digging out people's unconscious biases. Now the University of Washington psychology professor is exploring unintentional discrimination by people who are being selectively helpful. You don't have to be a bad person to discriminate.

Of late, the news has focused on jerks making statements most people condemn, whether it's applying a nasty name to the president or recollaring at a football draft pick's celebratory kiss.

Cases like those grab attention, but they don't affect lives the way everyday discrimination does, and a lot of that discrimination is done unaware. There has been an explosion in recent years of understanding of the degree to which people's actions and reactions are on autopilot.

That revolution includes a tool Greenwald developed with fellow researchers, the Implicit Association Test, which measures unconscious bias. When we spoke at his office this week, Greenwald said people whose tests result turn up biases are always protesting that they are good people and not prejudiced.

That prompted him to review the research on discrimination, and what he found was that nearly all of it was focused on hostility toward the

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Anthony Greenwald, University of Washington psychology professor

object of discrimination. But the culture and laws in the United States have changed greatly.

Most people and institutions today reject overt hostility toward historically disadvantaged groups, and yet, statistics and studies find ongoing discrimination in many areas of life.

Some of that discrimination happens when people act on stereotypes or out of hostility, but not all of it.

Greenwald looked more deeply at research on discrimination that happens without negative intent. In an article just published in the American Psychologist online, he and Thomas F. Pettigrew, a psychologist at the University of California, Santa Cruz, posit that discrimination without malice is by far the most common kind in the U.S. today. Everyone knows about in-group favoritism. People tend to prefer and be nicer to people they believe to be like themselves. People in the same profession, the same gender, the same race. The categories are limitless. Greenwald says it is this leaning that leads to a kind

of discrimination that helps tie in-group with not wanting to harm anyone else — except that it does do harm. It harms individuals and it perpetuates inequality when it is practiced by a dominant group.

He noted studies of helping behavior, in which whites and blacks were set up to be in need of help. White test subjects, who didn't know they were being studied, more often helped when the person in distress was white.

Studies of home-buying, apartment-hunting and job searches consistently find discrimination, especially against black and Hispanic people. Greenwald thinks much of that happens not because the people doing the hiring, selling or leasing are hostile toward blacks or Hispanics, but because they are more favorable to white people. He mentioned studies of tipping that found white taxi drivers and white waiters get bigger tips than black ones. "This is something anybody can do, and do without thinking about it," he said.

It's an identity bond in

action, he said. When we feel that identity bond, he said, we're just more ready to help, whether it's someone who went to the same school, or someone who lives in our neighborhood. And he said segregation by race in neighborhoods, schools and workplaces magnifies the in-group effect. He said doctors have been found to give extra treatment above standard care to people they have some connection to. They're not depriving anyone of help, just going a bit further for some, he said, and those patients tend

to be white because the doctors and their social circles are mostly white.

Greenwald and his co-author conclude the most effective way to reduce unintentional discrimination would be to adopt policies that directly help "out groups." That's not easily done.

They wrote that while American attitudes have turned away from hostile discrimination, studies show white people also reject policies that directly help minority or immigrant groups. That's not because of hostility, usually, but strong favoritism

toward white people. Greenwald told me: "I think these things will eventually change, but it will be a long, slow process."

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