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Honoree Calvin Powell and Maria Powell

"SilenceNess"

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.
The Truth Contributor

The answer to injustice is not to silence the critic, but to end the injustice.

— Richard Wright



The application of the old folk saying that we "shout on style and get quiet on substance" is not limited to the institutional black church. Other than a proliferation of crickets at One Government Center, we also have heard nothing from Toledo City Council when it comes to substantive issues that affect the black community.

Mayor D. Michael Collins' decision ordering the police department to charge suspected criminals under the Ohio Revised Code rather than the Toledo Municipal Code has sent shockwaves throughout the criminal justice system and the community. Framed by Collins as a "City of Toledo" \$4 million savings to taxpayers, the move is much more than a budget line item. The sudden change in policing reflects a policy decision that is myopic at best. Possibly, however, the move could also be a self-centered strategy designed to partially pay for \$41 million in impossible-to-keep campaign promises made a year ago.

What we do know is, running Lucas County's criminal justice system comes with a price tag of approximately \$37 million. This includes costs for running the Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio, electric monitoring, work release, pretrials, probation, etc.

While Toledo's usage of the system is approximately 70 percent of the total, the City has been paying only about \$9 million or just under 25 percent for its share of the operations.

The injustice is that Collins, with a mere 10 days notice, now wants to shift the cost to the other partners rather than pay for the City's use. While the mayor often makes the point that other large Ohio municipalities charge offending citizens under the state code, he neglects to mention that these cities also have cost-sharing arrangements or, like Columbus, have raised the city income tax rate to cover expenses.

While many municipalities view criminal justice from a systems perspective, Collins has refused to come to the table for negotiations saying, "Toledo is out of the jail business" and that criminal justice is "the county's responsibility."

Yet, the cost of criminal justice doesn't go away because one of the entities quits paying for it. With a dilapidated county jail under a court order to relieve overcrowding, other agencies with their already cash-strapped budgets, such as judges and prosecutors, will have to make decisions that can potentially have a negative impact on public safety by releasing criminals back on the streets.

The sad thing is that no one on City Council is saying anything despite Emperor Collins, described by a political adversary, as being "only able to see what's in front of him rather than the whole show," appears to "have no clothes." Privately, insiders also say that Collins' chainsaw rather than scalpel approach to problem solving causes collateral damage and problems for a lot of innocent others.

Here are a few questions that Council should have anticipated and provided answers.

Q: What about the mayor refusing to pay Toledo's fair share for the criminal justice system in the midst of a heroin and opiate epidemic with the possibility that many persons released due to jail overcrowding will populate the black community?

City Council Response: Silenceness.

Q: Former Toledo Mayor Bell left a \$5 million dollar surplus just 11 months ago. Where is it?

Response: Silenceness

Q: The mayor says that the City is broke and cannot afford to pay its criminal justice fair share but is buying up property all over town. How do account for the discrepancy?

Answer: Silenceness.

Q: Council, the previous mayor SOLD property, bringing in revenues of \$3.7 million for the marina property and \$2.6 million for the sale of the Docks. You criticized him. The present mayor is BUYING property all over town "without a plan," taking money FROM the City's coffers. Why the contradiction?

Answer: Silenceness

There are, however, times when silence is appropriate. As a faith leader and contributor to The Truth, criticism of my opinions and editorials comes with the territory. I understand that. And, although I am a grown a\$\$ man, its always been my policy not to respond to the noise of empty discarded tin cans rolling down trash-strewn alleys. Bern Williams, perhaps, said it better: "Unsolicited advice is the junk mail of life."

However, I am going to break my own rule just this once to comment briefly on the criticism of my November 5, 2014 article Small Minds and Big Progress, which discussed the Toledo City Council's "silenceness" in supporting the Toledo Public Schools Issue One levy request.

My response?

- I have been accused of being negative, yet I made nothing but positive comments about the progress being made at Toledo Public Schools

- If people care about our children ("the best commodities in life") then they should be prepared to put aside their own grievances when the children's welfare is at stake, as with Issue 1. That

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November 26

Ebenezer Baptist MBC Free Annual Need to Feed Thanksgiving Dinner:
Noon to 2 pm: 419-729-1466

November 27

Thomas Temple Church of God in Christ 11th Annual Free Thanksgiving
Dinner: 1 to 3 pm

December 4-5

Christian Community Church Winter Empowerment Revival: 7 pm; Prophet
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December 7

Bethlehem Baptist Church 97th Anniversary: 9 am service; Guests Rev.
Aaron Brown and the Unity MBC: 419-241-9360
St. Stephen's COGIC Jubilee of Praise: 4 pm; Toledo Gospel Artists Musical
Celebration
New Prospect Baptist Church Annual Candlelight Service: 4 pm; Guests are
ev. Lyons and Greater St. Mary's Baptist Church

December 9

Toledo Unit NAACP General Membership Meeting: 1326 Collingwood; 7
pm

The Rev. Donald Perryman Comments

“Small Minds and Big Progress”

Donald Perryman, in the aftermath, are you ashamed of what was written on November 5, 2014?

Anyone who read the column entitled: “Small Minds and Big Progress” should know the comments made by Donald Perryman against the named persons are unfounded and unwarranted. The Honorable City Councilman, Larry Sykes, and Councilwoman, Lindsay Webb and Theresa M. Gabriel were fundamentally good in their judgment concerning the Toledo Public Schools’ levy request.

The City Council members had a duty and responsibility to know and understand why they should endorse a levy for Toledo Public Schools. And tabling a levy endorsement a couple weeks to get answers is more than a reasonable action. Webb didn’t flip flop on the agenda, she acted smartly to know what she was voting on and why. That’s better than casting a vote at a beacon call. The Toledo Council members should be applauded for invoking good common sense to get answers that can be explained if questioned.

Initially I was in disbelief that Donald Perryman would say such comments about our elected officials. Negative comments about any person are wrong when undeserved. I have heard and ignored negative comments about Donald Perryman. Although Donald Perryman labeled me a “community curmudgeon”, I am not offended. Donald Perryman just wrongfully characterized me. I have assumed Donald Perryman just made a mistake in judgment.

I would like to offer Donald Perryman some positive advice on writing and quoting in his column. My positive advice is try to use properly the prose of proper grammar, subject verb content, writing organization, and the proper usage of citations when quoting a person or source of material. The manual from the American Psychological Association (APA) or Modern Language Association (MLA) should be consulted.

Another concern to me and others is why did Donald Perryman single out innocent Head Start workers formerly employed at the Equal Opportunity Planning Association of Greater Toledo, Inc. (EOPA)? Such former employees of EOPA/CDI had nothing to do with the Toledo Board of Education levy vote by Council members.

Head Start workers are not political pawns. Head Start workers are outstand-

ing caregivers for our children the best commodities in life. Perryman said that nearly 80 percent of the former Head Start employees didn’t possess the credentials that the federal government requires. Those remarks, in my opinion, are wholly unfounded and unsubstantiated to be factual.

What’s important to understand is how did Donald Perryman know that? The EOPA/CDI once employed, until July 1, 2014, around 310 workers. Donald Perryman is saying that 240 such employees he personally knows their names, he reviewed their personnel file folders, and he reviewed their performance evaluations?

Donald Perryman indicated he was quoting. If that is a fact, when quoting someone else or another source the source must be identified. That did not happen.

The former Head Start administrators, supervisors, teachers, teacher aides, bus drivers, mechanics, and others were outstanding employees with proper credentials mandated by the federal government. These wonderful, former employees lost their job and became unemployed because of EOPA board members largely being the problem that could not be reconciled satisfactorily or timely. Donald Perryman was a Board Member and Board Chair of EOPA.

Allow me to explain more concisely and more aptly about EOPA and Head Start before the loss of the federal grant. In 2013, Donald Perryman was EOPA Board Chairman. I was hired in the same year as a paid consultant to help EOPA remain the federal grantee. After I was hired, it was learned firsthand from personal interviews conducted by me that Donald Perryman was not well respected by the EOPA and Head Start administration. Shortly within my working relationship with Perryman, I

did not respect Perryman’s ability to chair the Board of Directors or work with the administration because I became increasingly aware of his attitude and behavior that was allegedly not in the best interest of the EOPA Agency or employees.

To this end, I sent to Donald Perryman emails that questioned why certain attitudinal and behavioral acts he committed were done that clearly, in my opinion and consultant capacity, was damaging to the survival of the agency beyond the year 2013. The Toledo Public School District was awarded the federal grant away from EOPA. That action against EOPA losing the grant account was possibly avoidable.

The Toledo Board of Education is now the federal grantee of Head Start. Romulus Durant, Ed.D, superintendent, is a smart administrator of the school district and is expected to do the right things administratively for all concerned.

I resigned my contractual agreement early from the paid consultant to EOPA administration and working with Donald Perryman. I considered Donald Perryman’s leadership ineffectual. Accordingly, the EOPA history between us was not marginally good.

I am not friendly with Donald Perryman and possibly never will be friendly with him. But I do want Donald Perryman to be successful in life in whatever he endeavors to accomplish so long as it is not detrimental to others who have a right to survive in life. Therefore, I respectfully ask that Donald Perryman try to articulate his writing and speaking positively about individuals whose mission is to do good and what is best for all concerned.

Earl Murry, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus

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To learn more about Medicare prescription drug coverage, visit Medicare.gov, or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

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There will be approximately 444 parcels for sale and the bidding begins (per O.R.C. sec 5721.16) at the lesser of (1) fair market value, or (2) the total amount of taxes owed, per parcel. A successful bidder must have a deposit of 50 percent or \$300, whichever is greater. If a bid is \$300 or less, the purchase price must be paid in full. All bids or sales will be required to pay additional fees of \$74.00 which will be due on the day of sale. A list of parcels, regulations, and procedures governing the sale may be downloaded from our website or

obtained in the:

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The parcels of real estate being sold are tax delinquent, and have been offered for sale twice by the County Sheriff. Lopez urges anyone interested in purchasing property at the Forfeited Land Sale to research the property being sold. The County Auditor's Office provides no guarantees regarding title, possession or any other matter.

Preliminary research, including a list of properties being sold at auction, is available on-line at the Auditor's website at <http://co.lucas.oh.us/index.aspx?nid=385>; by visiting the Auditor's Office located at Suite 770, One Government Center.

WGTE Public Media's Day of Giving Is Set for Thursday, December 11, 2014

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WGTE Public Media is holding a 24-hour, online fundraiser on Thursday, December 11, 2014. From 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. on December 11, every online donation made at www.wgte.org will be matched, dollar-for-dollar, by the Clement O. Miniger Memorial Foundation.

WGTE President and CEO Marlon Kiser says "We hope fans of public television and public radio will save the date and plan to

participate. Every donation, no matter the amount, will help support WGTE's extraordinary programs and educational services. Day of Giving donors will double their contribution, thanks to the generous matching support from the Clement O. Miniger Memorial Foundation."

Day of Giving donations, like all other contributions to WGTE Public Media, are 100 percent tax-deductible, as permitted by law.

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is the action for which I was critical of City Council.

- No one gets a free pass merely because they are black in today's era, which calls for black excellence and results as opposed to noise. Political officials, of whatever race or gender, can and SHOULD be held accountable for their actions – or lack of action – on the issues before them. They are open to criticism from private citizens, even if someone is in disbelief when it happens.

- The COMMUNITY rallied around TPS and supported a new tax levy that will help Romules Durant, Ed.D, continue to transform the Toledo school district, a vital action for all the children (and adults) in this City.

- I greatly admire and respect Councilpersons Sykes, Webb and Gabriel. However, noticeably absent from this important issue was

their timely support and that of the Toledo City Council, and people have a right to ask why.

At the end of the day, Small Minds and Big Progress was a discussion of the need for Toledo City Council, the representatives of our city, not doing justice in providing support for TPS, the school system responsible for educating the majority of the youth that live in the city of Toledo.

In the face of injustice, our silence amounts to what James Washington described as "overt complicity in maintaining the status quo" in the struggle of oppression. Our community cannot afford to be divided, for we have already endured injustice too much for too long.

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Moore, retired banker; Michael Mori of The Blade; Calvin Powell of Powell's Beauty & Barber Supply; Henrietta Powell, longtime TUFCU member and volunteer; Mary Hawkins, longtime member and volunteer; Tyrone Tyson, longtime member and volunteer; Barb and Rodney Williamson, members and volunteers and Lynn Zeitler of Yark Automotive Group.

The evening's mistress of ceremony was Doni Miller, CEO of Neighborhood Health Association, Bishop Brehon Hall offered the opening prayer, Amanda Clark provided musical solos and Rev. Cedric Brock delivered the invocation.

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The Charms Host a Western Dance to Promote Their Community Good Works

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The Toledo Chapter of The Charms held a western-style dance on Saturday, November 15, that will allow the organization to continue their endowment fund at The University of Toledo. The fund has provided many African-American students with a scholarship over the years.

The Charms and their guests dressed in western attire, dined on a delectable western meal and danced the night away at The Premiere on Heatherdowns. More than 200 guests came out to support the biennial event.

The Charms were originally named the Midnighters in 1952 by LaVera Heard of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It later evolved from a social network to Squaws, Inc, which served the needs of their community. To ensure political correctness, the name was later

changed to Charms, Inc in 1996 at the 15th Biennial Conclave in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Currently, the organization encompasses chapters in 11 states, the District of Columbia.

The Toledo chapter has been in existence for 42 years and continues to forge ahead under the leadership of President Sandra Goodwin

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not only through their members but also through the help of their spouses or companions (Charmers) and children (Gems).

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Lorean Whitaker's 80th Birthday Celebration

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Traditionally, birthdays are times of celebration and acknowledge ... family and friends of Lorean Whitaker gathered to pay homage on her birthday on Saturday, November 22, 2014 at the Gesu banquet hall.

Whitaker was born on November 21, 1934 to parents Lovie May and Robert Quinn Sr. Then became a mother of four sons: Bruce, Courtney, Kim and Joe. She is also a grandmother and great-grandmother. Whitaker is an avid Scott High School Alumni Association member and has held different professional and volunteer positions in the social service field.

Festivities opened with music and dinner, memorial PowerPoint presentations, poetry and closing remarks.

"Bruce and I shared our birthdays, and this party was planned due to untimely deaths in our family," said Lorean during closing remarks. "We rented the hall, hired catering, created the guest list, printed in invitations, and then Bruce's health declined. He was hospitalized for weeks and passed in September 2014. We weren't sure if the party should continue. I thank my family and friends for their support and remembering Bruce."

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Guest of honor, Lorean Whitaker (standing right), and her sisters

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Charms Officers (l to r): Patti Nobles, Mai Mendes, Kathy Nail, Clara Petty, President Sandra Goodwin, Deborah Washington, Cerue Carroll, Juanita Stephens, Yvonne Gayle



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Battle Kings Basket Ball – “We Work Hard!”

By Carla Yvette

The Battle Kings Basketball Camp was held October 25 at St. Francis de Sales High School. Founders Jimmy King, graduate of Rogers High School where he played basketball for four years and Christian Battle, a varsity point guard for three years and graduate of Start High School, started the camp on the premise that children should be given the opportunity to develop the skills that will help them become better prepared to compete when trying out for basketball teams.

Said King, “We started Battle Kings four years ago to give area kids an opportunity to learn and practice the fundamentals of basketball and to offer specialized training.”

King, an Ohio high school basketball official with over 25 years coaching experience, along with Battle, St. Francis freshman basketball coach, focused on ball handling, shooting, foot work and basketball terms and taught on the importance of stretching and conditioning.

King said he hopes the skills learned at

their camp such as follow through, balance, goals and positioning will be applied in the youth's everyday life.

The camp is open to boys and girls ages seven to 14. Battle Kings also have several AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) teams that play during the summer.

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Unretirement: How Baby Boomers Are Changing the Way We Think about Work, Community, and the Good Life by Chris Farrell

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

For much of your employed life, you dreamed about not having to work.

Retirement would be great. It would stretch out for years, a horizon with no alarm clock and no deadlines. What will you do with it?

Chances are, says author **Chris Farrell**, believe it or not, you'll go to work. And in his new book *Unretirement*, he says you'll do it because you want to, not because you have to.

It's a statistic that has some politicians very worried: within the next 15 years, say demographers, the 65-plus population of America will be nearly equivalent to the current population of New York, California and Texas com-

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bined. That's a lot of retirees and a fortune paid out in benefits.

For quite some time, though, economists and pessimists have expressed doubts that Social Security will even be around then. Others bemoan the amount of retirement savings that many Baby Boomers (the age group retired or soon retiring) don't have. According to Farrell, however, these fears ignore the fact that most Boomers are re-thinking the way retirement will work for them.

He says that Boomers' "last third of life is being reimagined and reinvented into 'unretirement.'" They are, for instance, looking at Social Security as a supplement, rather than a sole income – and even then, they're putting off collecting it. That's the way it should

be, says Farrell: Social Security is sound – it only needs "some tweaks to shore up its finances for the long haul" – but because of longer lifespans and better health, retirees should be encouraged to file later, unless they absolutely can't wait.

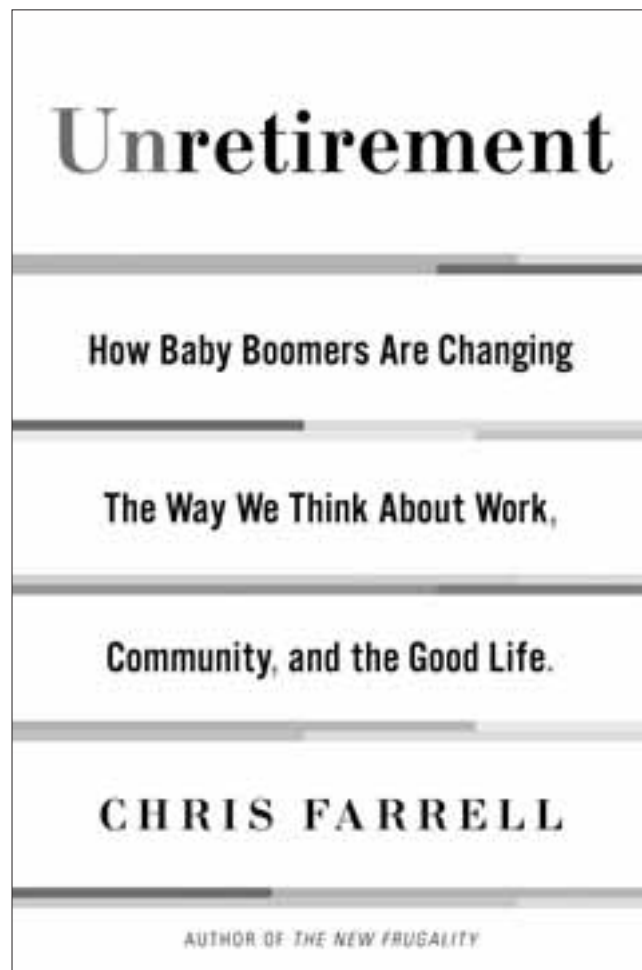
And those late filers? They're seeing work in a whole different way: the rate of senior entrepreneurship is up, and so is gradual retirement. They're staying on the job longer, are finding second (or even third) careers, or are volunteering. And despite that age discrimination can be a real issue, many workplaces have finally recognized the experience and reliability of older workers who are, in many cases, perfectly happy with part-time jobs. In

short, Boomers have been "behind many changes in the workplace over the past four decades," and they're definitely not done.

Your IRA is fat and you like it that way. But how, when the time comes, will you use it? Read "Unretirement," and you might have a different answer to that question.


With intriguing statistics and a thoughtful tone, author Chris Farrell pooh-poohs pundits who decry the viability of Social Security and avow the belief that retirement-resistant seniors take jobs from younger workers by showing that doom-and-gloom prophecies and myths aren't warranted or true. Along the way, he examines healthcare and the ACA, aging, home ownership, mentorship with (and from) younger workers, the history of retirement itself, and how other countries perceive their "gray revolution."

While I'd say that this book is absolutely for Boomers, it's also, surprisingly, something that Gen X'ers should check out, too. If you've already retired, are about to, or have worked all your life so you don't have to work someday, *Unretirement* is unmissable.



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for bidding on **Providence Metropark Canal Lock Gate Replacement** will be received; opened; and read aloud at the Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area, Fallen Timbers Field Office, 6101 Fallen Timbers Lane, Maumee, Ohio 43537 **Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.** local time.

THE SCOPE OF WORK consists of construction of two (2) pair new wood timber frame canal lock gates, removal of existing gates and installation of the new gates. Bidders may obtain copies of plans, specifications, contract documents and plan-holder's list through Newfax Corporation, 333 West Woodruff, Toledo, Ohio 43604 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (check made payable to Newfax Corporation) or via the Newfax Digital Plan Room at www.newfaxcorp.com. Newfax can be contacted at 419-241-5157 or 800-877-5157. A non-refundable fee of \$15 is required for each set of documents obtained. For additional information, please contact Marty Overholt @ 419-467-8414, marty.overholt@metroparkstoledo.com.

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THE SCOPE OF WORK consists of exterior restoration of an existing residence. General construction includes select demolition, asphalt roofing, aluminum gutters & downspouts, fiber cement siding & trims, fiberglass shutters, window & door replacement, electrical service, and misc. carpentry & masonry. Bidders may obtain copies of plans, specifications, contract documents and plan-holder's list through Newfax Corporation, 333 West Woodruff, Toledo, Ohio 43604 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (check made payable to Newfax Corporation) or via the Newfax Digital Plan Room at www.newfaxcorp.com. Newfax can be contacted at 419-241-5157 or 800-877-5157. A non-refundable fee of \$15 is required for each set of documents obtained. For additional information, please contact Jon Zvanovec @ 419-360-9184, jon.zvanovec@metroparkstoledo.com.

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Over 400 guests joined the staff and the board of directors at the annual Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union's Appreciation Banquet at The Pinnacle in that celebration.

And what an event it was! Dinner, commemorative gifts, acknowledgements and, as a special treat, listening and dancing to the music of The Dramatics.

Suzette Cowell, CEO and treasurer of the credit union for all of these 18 years, and her staff acknowledged the efforts and assistance of honorees Laurie Cantrell of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority; Russell Chapman, longtime TUFCU member and volunteer, Shanda Gore, Ed.D., of The University of Toledo; Patricia Hogue, Ph.D., of UT; John



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